

# GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Meles Zenawi passed away on August 20, 2012. He was the Prime Minister of which of the following African countries from 1995 until his death in 2012?  
1) Somalia      2) Ethiopia      3) Eritrea      4) Djibouti      5) Sudan
2. Which Chinese woman shooter won the first gold medal of the London Olympics on July 28, 2012?  
1) Yi Siling    2) Yu Dan            3) Ye Shiwen    4) Wang Mingjuan    5) Li Xuerui
3. What is the full form of BIFR?  
1) Board for Investigation and Formal Reconstruction  
2) Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction  
3) Bureau for Industrial and Financial Rehabilitation  
4) Board for Institutional Finance and Rehabilitation  
5) None of these
4. The National Security Guard (NSG) is primarily utilized for counter-terrorism activities. It operates under the Ministry of?  
1) Defense                      2) Home Affairs            3) External Affairs  
4) Parliamentary Affairs    5) None of these
5. Who was ranked the most powerful woman in the world for the second year in a row by Forbes magazine on August 23, 2012?  
1) Angela Merkel (Germany)            2) Hillary Clinton (USA)  
3) Dilma Rousseff (Brazil)            4) Melinda Gates (USA)    5) Jill Abramson (USA)
6. Who among the following never functioned as a judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ)?  
1) Sir Benegal Rau                      2) Dr. Nagendra Singh            3) Justice R.S.Pathak  
4) Justice Dalveer Bhandari            5) Justice Y.V.Chandrachud

7. Joe Dawes has been appointed as the bowling coach of the Indian cricket team. To which country does he belong?
- 1) England    2) Australia    3) West Indies    4) South Africa    5) New Zealand
8. Who became the new President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) on July 3, 2012?
- 1) Suma Chakrabarti    2) Thomas Mirow    3) Anshu Jain  
4) Meera Sanyal    5) Horst Kohler
9. 'Target 3 Billion' is a book that highlights the issues prevailing in rural India and suggests measures to improve standards of living. It is co-authored by Srijan Pal Singh and?
- 1) Jairam Ramesh    2) Aruna Roy    3) Abdul Kalam  
4) P. Sainath    5) Pranab Mukherjee
10. Which country won the 2012 Thomas Cup badminton championship in May 2012?
- 1) China    2) South Korea    3) Indonesia    4) Malaysia    5) Japan
11. Which of the following state assemblies celebrated platinum jubilee on April 7, 2012?
- 1) Orissa    2) Assam    3) Bihar    4) Maharashtra    5) Andhra Pradesh
12. India launched which of the following satellites that will boost its remote sensing capabilities and facilitate agriculture and disaster management on April 26, 2012?
- 1) Jugnu    2) RISAT-1    3) GSAT-12    4) GSAT-8    5) YOUTHSAT
13. India's first and only defense university Indian National Defense University (INDU) will come up in which of the following states?
- 1) Maharashtra    2) Uttarakhand    3) Haryana  
4) Rajasthan    5) Kerala
14. Who among the following Bollywood actors was appointed brand ambassador to spread awareness about sanitation and cleanliness in India?
- 1) Priyanka Chopra    2) Aamir Khan    3) Shah Rukh Khan  
4) Vidya Balan    5) Amitabh Bachchan

15. The National Film Awards ceremony is held on May 3 every year to commemorate the release date of which of the following movies?
- 1) Alam Ara                      2) Kisan Kanya                      3) Raja Harishchandra  
4) Kalidas                      5) Bhakta Prahlada
16. Which of the following days is celebrated as the International Nurses Day? (It is the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale)
- 1) May 12      2) May 11                      3) May 13                      4) May 21                      5) May 17
17. A 500 MW solar power park, Asia's largest, was launched in April 2012 in Patan district of which of the following states?
- 1) Rajasthan                      2) Gujarat                      3) Karnataka  
4) Maharashtra                      5) Madhya Pradesh
18. What does the term 'Depreciation' mean?
- 1) Loss incurred during a year due to plant breakdown  
2) Closure of an industry due to lock out  
3) Reduction in the value of an asset as a result of wear and tear  
4) High repair expenses incurred by the manufacturing unit  
5) None of these
19. What is the present band approved by the Reserve Bank of India between Repo and Reverse Repo rates?
- 1) 0.25%                      2) 0.5%                      3) 0.75%                      4) 1%                      5) 1.5%
20. Which of the following is the regulator of the credit rating agencies in India?
- 1) RBI                      2) IBA                      3) IRDA                      4) SBI                      5) None of these
21. What is the full form of IRAC as used in financial sector?
- 1) Investment Rating and Asset Classification  
2) Income Recognition Asset Classification  
3) Industrial Restructuring and Accounting Codes  
4) India Revenue and Accounting Codes  
5) None of these

22. CRR is maintained in the form of?

- 1) Cash balances with RBI
- 2) Cash balances with banks
- 3) Cash balances with both RBI and banks
- 4) Cash balances with IMF
- 5) Cash balances with World Bank

23. What is the minimum capital required for opening new banks in the private sector according to the new guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India?

- 1) Rs.200 crore
- 2) Rs.250 crore
- 3) Rs.300 crore
- 4) Rs.500 crore
- 5) Rs.1000 crore

24. Insurance that is purchased by an insurance company from another insurance company as a means of risk management is called?

- 1) Reassurance
- 2) Reinsurance
- 3) Bancassurance
- 4) Solvency
- 5) Insolvency

25. What is the full form of BPLR?

- 1) Below Poverty Line Rate
- 2) Benchmark Prime Lending Rate
- 3) Below Poverty Line Register
- 4) Basic Priority Lending Rate
- 5) None of these

26. USA has asked India to reduce its dependence on crude oil supply from which of the following OPEC countries?

- 1) Nigeria
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Iran
- 4) Kuwait
- 5) Saudi Arabia

27. Who among the following is the President of a country at present?

- 1) Julia Gillard
- 2) Stephen Harper
- 3) David Cameron
- 4) Francois Hollande
- 5) Yoshihiko Noda

28. Which country will host the Commonwealth Games in 2018?

- 1) Canada
- 2) Scotland
- 3) Australia
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) South Africa

29. France has agreed to supply 'Rafale' to India, which are?

- 1) Nuclear submarines
- 2) Fighter aircraft
- 3) Advanced helicopters
- 4) Warships
- 5) Nuclear reactors



39. Exxon Mobil is the biggest American corporation in the Fortune magazine's list of top 500 US companies. It is a giant in which of the following sectors?

- 1) Retail      2) Banking      3) Oil      4) Software      5) Telecom

40. The European Bank for Reconst-ruction and Development (EBR D) is an internation- al financial institution that supports projects in 29 countries from central Europe to cen- tral Asia. Where is its headquarters located?

- 1) Frankfurt   2) London      3) Berlin   4) Moscow      5) Rome

41. Who was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Yahoo!, an American internet cor- poration, in July 2012?

- 1) Jerry Yang                      2) Carol Bartz                      3) Marissa Mayer  
4) Scott Thompson              5) Terry Semel

42. The Uber Cup is a badminton co-mpetition contested by women's national badminton teams. Whi-ch team won this in May 2012?

- 1) USA      2) Indonesia      3) Japan      4) China      5) South Korea

## Key

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| 9) 3  | 10) 1 | 11) 2 | 12) 2 | 13) 3 | 14) 4 | 15) 3 | 16) 1 |
| 17) 2 | 18) 3 | 19) 4 | 20) 5 | 21) 2 | 22) 1 | 23) 4 | 24) 2 |
| 25) 2 | 26) 3 | 27) 4 | 28) 3 | 29) 2 | 30) 1 | 31) 2 | 32) 3 |
| 33) 4 | 34) 5 | 35) 2 | 36) 4 | 37) 1 | 38) 2 | 39) 3 | 40) 2 |
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