

# GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Pauline Marois became the first female Premier of which of the following provinces of Canada in September 2012?

- 1) Alberta      2) Nova Scotia      3) Quebec      4) British Columbia      5) Ontario

2. The Central Government appointed Y.C. Deveshwar as a director on the central board of directors of the Reserve Bank of India in September 2012. He is the chairman of which of the following companies?

- 1) Bombay Dyeing      2) ITC      3) Murugappa Group  
4) Future Group      5) Essar Group

3. Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajewda of Karnataka won a silver medal in which of the following sports at the London Paralympic Games in September 2012?

- 1) Javelin      2) Shot Put      3) Shooting      4) High Jump      5) Long Jump

4. Syed Mustafa Siraj passed away on September 4, 2012. He won Sahitya Akademi Award in 1994 in which of the following languages?

- 1) Hindi      2) Urdu      3) Marathi      4) Bengali      5) Rajasthani

5. Which of the following statements about the London Olympics is not true?

- 1) The 30th Summer Olympic Games were organized in London, UK, from July 27 to August 12, 2012.  
2) London became the first city to host the Olympics three times. It previously hosted in 1908 and 1948.  
3) More than 10,500 athletes from 204 nations took part in 26 sports and 302 events.  
4) The top three spots in the medals tally were taken by USA (46 Gold Medals), China (38) and Great Britain (29).  
5) With 2 silver and 4 bronze medals India finished 45th in the medal standing.

6. Pranab Mukherjee was sworn in as India's 13th President on July 25, 2012. In the presidential polls he defeated P.A.Sangma, the former Chief Minister of?

- 1) Tripura      2) Nagaland      3) Meghalaya      4) Manipur      5) Arunachal Pradesh

7. John Dramani Mahama took office as President of which of the following African countries on July 24, 2012 following the death of his predecessor, John Atta Mills?
- 1) Togo            2) Ghana            3) Uganda            4) Sierra Leone            5) Burkina Faso
8. As per data released by the World Health Organization (WHO) on July 8, 2012, India accounts for what per cent of global drug trials carried out on humans?
- 1) 4.5            2) 1.5            3) 3.5            4) 5.5            5) 10.5
9. Which city hosted the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Summit in July 2012?
- 1) Hanoi (Vietnam)            2) Jakarta (Indonesia)            3) Phnom Penh (Cambodia)  
4) Vientiane (Laos)            5) Manila (Philippines)
10. Which of the following countries completed its first year of independence on July 9, 2012?
- 1) Vanuatu            2) Montenegro            3) Tuvalu  
4) Bosnia Herzegovina            5) South Sudan
11. Who has been appointed the first chancellor of the proposed Nalanda University (NU) in Nalanda, Bihar? (He is also the Chairman of the NU governing board)
- 1) Sugata Bose            2) George Yeo            3) N.K. Singh  
4) Amartya Sen            5) Meghnad Desai
12. Jagdish Shettar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of which of the following states on July 12, 2012?
- 1) Maharashtra            2) Odisha            3) Kerala            4) Karnataka            5) Chhattisgarh
13. Gordon Brown was appointed the United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education in July 2012. He is the former Prime Minister of?
- 1) Canada            2) Australia            3) UK            4) France            5) New Zealand
14. Rajkeshwur Purryag became the fifth President of which of the following countries on July 21, 2012?
- 1) Guyana            2) Singapore            3) Madagascar            4) Mauritius            5) Maldives
15. On August 2, 2012, who became the youngest Prime Minister in Egypt's history?
- 1) Mohamed Morsy            2) Hesham Kandil            3) Kamal Ganzouri  
4) Essam Sharaf            5) None of these

16. Who has been chosen for this year's Fukuoka Prize, a prestigious award being bestowed by Fukuoka city government in Japan on people who contribute to academia, arts and culture in Asia?

- 1) Romila Thapar                      2) Ashis Nandy                      3) Vandana Shiva  
4) Pandit Ravi Shankar              5) Padma Subrahmanyam

17. Singapore Prime Minister visited India during July 10-12, 2012. Name him?

- 1) Thein Sein                              2) Hun Sen                              3) Nguyen Tan Dung  
4) Lee Hsien Loong                      5) S.R. Nathan

18. Scarborough Shoal is located in the South China Sea. It is a disputed territory claimed by China, Taiwan and which of the following ASEAN countries?

- 1) Cambodia                              2) Brunei                              3) Malaysia                              4) Vietnam                              5) Philippines

19. Which state created a new Limca record by holding the largest guitar ensemble of the country in which 5,406 guitarists paid tribute to legendary singer Bhupen Hazarika in June 2012?

- 1) Meghalaya                              2) Assam                              3) Odisha                              4) Manipur                              5) Tripura

20. Which state has emerged as the fastest growing state clocking 13.1% growth in 2011-12?

- 1) Gujarat                              2) Punjab                              3) Bihar                              4) Delhi                              5) Chhattisgarh

21. Twelve-year-old Kevin John sang in the choir at the thanksgiving service to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at St. Paul's Cathedral, London in June 2012. This boy is from?

- 1) Goa                                      2) Karnataka                              3) Tamil Nadu  
4) Kerala                                      5) Andhra Pradesh

22. Pakistan Supreme Court suspended Rehman Malik's membership of Senate on grounds of dual nationality in June 2012. Rehman Malik is Pakistan's?

- 1) Foreign Minister                      2) Interior Minister                      3) Defense Minister  
4) Law Minister                              5) Communication Minister

23. Wim Koevrmans was appointed as Indian football coach for a two-year term in June 2012. He belongs to?

- 1) Germany                              2) Spain                              3) Netherlands                              4) Portugal                              5) Sweden

24. Who has been awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the prestigious Rockefeller Foundation, USA, for innovation in philanthropy?
- 1) Mukesh Ambani                      2) Sunil Mittal                      3) Ratan Tata  
4) Kumar Mangalam Birla              5) None of these
25. How many branches does State Bank of India have?
- 1) 14,000              2) 19,000              3) 10,000              4) 25,000              5) 20,000
26. Which of the following awards/ prizes is given only to Asians?
- 1) Man Booker Prize              2) Ondaatje Prize              3) Right Livelihood Award  
4) Templeton Prize              5) Ramon Magsaysay Award
27. Which city will host the 11th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) from 7 to 9 January, 2013?
- 1) Jaipur              2) Cochin              3) Hyderabad              4) Bangalore              5) Kolkata
28. Who won the Wimbledon women's singles tennis title on July 7, 2012?
- 1) Venus Williams              2) Serena Williams              3) Maria Sharapova  
4) Samanta Stosur              5) Agnieszka Radwanska
29. Radha Vinod Raju passed away recently. He was the founder Director General of?
- 1) RAW              2) NSG              3) NIA              4) CRPF              5) CISF
30. Kokrajhar was in the news recently because of violence. It is a district in?
- 1) Assam              2) Tripura              3) Manipur              4) Sikkim              5) West Bengal
31. An Expert Committee on General Anti Avoidance Rules (GAAR) was constituted in July 2012. Who is its Chairman?
- 1) Parthasarathi Shome              2) N. Rangachary              3) Ajay Shah  
4) Sunil Gupta              5) None of these
32. Who were given Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in August 2012?
- 1) Vijay Kumar & Susheel Kumar              2) Vijay Kumar & Vijender Singh  
3) Vikas Krishnan & Yuvraj Singh              4) Rahul Dravid & Saina Nehwal  
5) Yogeshwar Dutt & Vijay Kumar
33. International Literacy Day is observed on which of the following days?
- 1) September 16              2) September 8              3) September 18              4) March 18              5) March 8

34. Which of the following organizations/agencies has launched an online complaint redressal system known as "SCORES"?
- 1) RBI            2) SEBI            3) SBI            4) IBA            5) NABARD
35. An economic system combining private sector and public sector is called?
- 1) Open economy            2) Closed economy            3) Mixed economy  
4) Free trade economy            5) None of these
36. Which of the following is not decided by the Reserve Bank of India?
- 1) Repo rate            2) Reverse repo rate            3) Bank rate  
4) Rate of Dearness Allowance to Government employees            5) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
37. Robert Rock of England is associated with which of the following sports?
- 1) Chess            2) Badminton            3) Golf            4) Table Tennis            5) Lawn Tennis
38. Which of the following currencies is used in Brazil?
- 1) Dollar            2) Real            3) Peso            4) Rand            5) Kuna
39. Which of the following awards is given for contribution in the area of science & technology?
- 1) Kalidas Samman            2) Arjuna Award            3) Phalke Ratna Award  
4) Vyas Samman            5) Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award
40. Which of the following terms is not used in banking/finance?
- 1) Public Debt            2) Joint Venture            3) Treasury Bill            4) Recession            5) Plasma
41. Which of the following terms is used in the field of Economics?
- 1) Ampere            2) Joule            3) Relative Density            4) Newton            5) None of these
42. Billy Doctrove, who served as an international cricket umpire for 14 years, retired in June 2012. He is from?
- 1) Australia            2) England            3) South Africa            4) New Zealand            5) West Indies

### Key

- 1) 3            2) 2            3) 4            4) 4            5) 5            6) 3            7) 2            8) 2  
9) 3            10) 5            11) 4            12) 4            13) 3            14) 4            15) 2            16) 3  
17) 4            18) 5            19) 2            20) 3            21) 4            22) 2            23) 3            24) 3  
25) 1            26) 5            27) 2            28) 2            29) 3            30) 1            31) 1            32) 5  
33) 2            34) 2            35) 3            36) 4            37) 3            38) 2            39) 5            40) 5  
41) 5            42) 5