

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Who won the Nobel Prize in Physics for the year 2012 for their work with light and matter at the most fundamental level?

- 1) Adam Reiss and Brian Schmidt
- 2) Adam Reiss and Saul Perlmutter
- 3) Serge Haroche and David J. Wineland
- 4) Charles K. Kao and Willard S. Boyle
- 5) Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov

2. Who was conferred with the prestigious Lata Mangeshkar Award by the Maharashtra government in September 2012?

- 1) Khayyam
- 2) Udit Narayan
- 3) Anandji Shah
- 4) Suman Kalyanpur
- 5) None

3. Vanuatu joined as the 157th member of which of the following organizations on August 24, 2012?

- 1) IMF
- 2) World Bank
- 3) WTO
- 4) ILO
- 5) UNESCO

4. World Bank has appointed Onno Ruhl as the Country Director for India. He belongs to?

- 1) Moldova
- 2) Armenia
- 3) Nigeria
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) Germany

5. Which of the following statements about the 2012 ICC World Twenty20 is not true?

- 1) The fourth ICC World Twenty20 competition was held in Sri Lanka, first time in an Asian country, from September 18 to October 7, 2012.
- 2) West Indies won the trophy for the first time defeating Sri Lanka in the final by 36 runs that was played in R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo.
- 3) Sri Lanka have now lost four World Cup finals (two 50 overs and two T20s)
- 4) Marlon Samuels of the West Indies was declared the Man of the Match in the final.
- 5) Player of the Tournament is Chris Gayle of the West Indies.

6. The Mercosur trade bloc has suspended which of the following countries over the impeachment of President Fernando Lugo?

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Uruguay
- 4) Paraguay
- 5) None of these

7. Which country has inaugurated a "mini capital" Sejong City designed to act as a new government hub?

1) North Korea 2) South Korea 3) China 4) Vietnam 5) Malaysia

8. The Supreme Court has banned all commercial and tourism activities within a five km radius of the Jarawa Tribal Reserve in?

1) Daman & Diu 2) Lakshadweep 3) Puducherry
4) Andaman and Nicobar 5) Jharkhand

9. The 11th Shangri-La Dialogue was held in Singapore in June 2012. This annual meeting is also known as?

1) Asia Security Summit 2) Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 3) APEC
4) ASEAN 5) NSS

10. Which of the following organizations has decided to open its full-fledged office in India, only the fourth outside Geneva? (At present it has offices in New York, Beijing and Tokyo)

1) WHO 2) WEF 3) WTO 4) ILO 5) None of these

11. Who was conferred the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle in June 2012?

1) R.K. Pachauri 2) Satish Gujral 3) Sam Pitroda
4) M.S. Swaminathan 5) None of these

12. US President Barack Obama declared which of the following countries as "major non-NATO ally" of the USA on July 6, 2012?

1) Iran 2) Iraq 3) Cuba 4) Afghanistan 5) North Korea

13. Which city will host the ninth G20 Summit in November 2014?

1) Brisbane 2) Washington 3) London 4) Toronto 5) Seoul

14. The area surrounding the 11th century Preah Vihear Temple is a dispute between Cambodia and?

1) Laos 2) Thailand 3) Vietnam 4) Myanmar 5) Indonesia

15. Which state has launched the Samajik Mukti Card for people in the unorganized sector that provides social security?

1) Punjab 2) Haryana 3) Odisha
4) West Bengal 5) Himachal Pradesh

16. Union Human Resource Development Minister Kapil Sibal announced the setting up of two Central Universities in Motihari and Gaya in which of the following states?
- 1) Jharkhand 2) Bihar 3) Odisha 4) West Bengal 5) Uttar Pradesh
17. As per the 4th advance estimates, India has produced how many million tons of food grains during 2011-12?
- 1) 244.78 MTs 2) 252.55 MTs 3) 257.44 MTs 4) 251.78 MTs 5) None of these
18. The three-day World Economic Forum on India Summit will be held in which of the following cities in November 2012?
- 1) Panaji 2) Gurgaon 3) Mumbai 4) Kolkata 5) Hyderabad
19. The World Health Organization (WHO) has conferred WHO-South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) Award-2012 to which of the following states for its outstanding achievements in Anti Tobacco Campaign?
- 1) Haryana 2) Punjab 3) Rajasthan
4) Andhra Pradesh 5) Himachal Pradesh
20. Which state government has changed the names of eight districts which had been renamed by the previous regime?
- 1) Maharashtra 2) Goa 3) Gujarat 4) Uttarakhand 5) Uttar Pradesh
21. The objective of which of the following programs is to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and underemployed by encouraging them to set up self-employment ventures?
- 1) MGNREGP 2) PURA 3) IAY 4) SJSRY 5) RAY
22. The first American woman to go to space died on July 23, 2012. Name her?
- 1) Judith Resnik 2) Mary L. Cleave 3) Sally Ride 4) Ellen S. Baker
5) Wendy Lawrence
23. P.N. Dhar died recently. He was an eminent?
- 1) Singer 2) Painter 3) Scientist 4) Economist 5) Politician
24. Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) of same sponsor banks within a state were amalgamated between 2005 and 2007 and the number of RRBs has been reduced from 196 to?

- 1) 106 2)82 3) 142 4) 96 5) 100

25. India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGCC) is India's first mortgage guarantee company. It is a joint venture between International Finance Corporation (IFC), Asian Development Bank (ADB), US based financial security firm Genworth and?

- 1) SBI 2) RBI 3) SIDBI 4) NHB 5) NABARD

26. Which of the following has launched 'Maa Thota' scheme in Andhra Pradesh to improve the lot of tribal families?

- 1) SBI 2) SBH 3) Andhra Bank 4) NABARD 5) None of these

27. Which of the following banks has launched 'Yuva' branch in Hyderabad targeted at young professionals?

- 1) SBI 2) SBH 3) Andhra Bank 4) Bank of India 5) ICICI Bank

28. As per the Coinage Act, 1906 Coins can be issued up to the denomination of?

- 1) Rs.10 2) Rs.100 3) Rs.50 4) Rs.500 5) Rs.1000

29. Who was given the David Shepherd Trophy for ICC Umpire of the Year Award in September 2012?

- 1) Billy Bowden 2) Aleem Dar 3) Simon Taufel 4) Rod Tucker
5) Kumar Dharmasena

30. Fred Spofforth, the first bowler to take a Test match hat trick in 1879, was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in June 2012. He played 18 Tests for which of the following countries?

- 1) England 2) Australia 3) South Africa 4) New Zealand 5) West Indies

31. Who became the third cricketer from India, after Mohammed Azharuddin and Ajay Sharma in 2000, to suffer a life ban for bringing the game into disrepute recently?

- 1) Mohnish Mishra 2) Amit Yadav 3) T.Sudhindra
4) Abhinav Bali 5) Shalabh Srivastava

32. Mark Ramprakash retired from cricket recently. He played for?

- 1) West Indies 2) Sri Lanka 3) Australia 4) England 5) New Zealand

33. Who was crowned the Miss World 2012 on August 18, 2012 in Ordos, China?

- 1) Ivian Sarcos (Venezuela) 2) Sophie Moulds (Wales) 3) Vanya Mishra (India)
4) Wen Xia Yu (China) 5) Jessica Kahawaty (Australia)

34. 'Lucknow Boy' is the autobiography of which of the following eminent journalists?

- 1) Vinod Mehta 2) N.Ram 3) Vir Sanghavi 4) Pritish Nandi 5) M.J.Akbar

35. Which of the following is not a Kharif crop?

- 1) Cotton 2) Maize 3) Jowar 4) Mustard 5) Bajra

36. What is the correct sequence of the following countries in terms of area in descending order?

- 1) Brazil, Argentina, India, Australia 2) India, Brazil, Argentina, Australia
3) Argentina, India, Australia, Brazil 4) Brazil, Australia, India, Argentina
5) None of these

37. Who elects the Vice President of India?

- 1) Members of Lok Sabha 2) Members of Rajya Sabha
3) Members of Legislative Assemblies 4) Both 1 and 2 5) All 1, 2 and 3

38. Who appoints the Governors of States?

- 1) Prime Minister 2) Lok Sabha Speaker 3) Vice President
4) Chief Justice of Supreme Court 5) President

39. The Panchayat Raj system was first introduced in which of the following states on October 2, 1959?

- 1) Bihar 2) Gujarat 3) Punjab 4) Andhra Pradesh 5) Rajasthan

40. Which of the following is not a Green House Gas (GHG)?

- 1) Carbon dioxide 2) Methane 3) Nitrous Oxide 4) Water vapor 5) Nitrogen

41. Where is the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) located?

- 1) Lucknow 2) Hyderabad 3) Chennai
4) Coimbatore 5) Nagpur

42. The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Curiosity rover landed on which of the following planets on August 6, 2012?

- 1) Venus 2) Mercury 3) Uranus 4) Neptune 5) Mars

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