

# GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Saina Nehwal won the Denmark Open Super Series Premier badminton title by defeating which of the following players in the final in Odense, Denmark on October 21, 2012?
  - 1) Wang Yihan (China)
  - 2) Jiang Yanjao (China)
  - 3) Juliane Schenk (Germany)
  - 4) Li Xuerui (China)
  - 5) Tine Baun (Denmark)
2. Indian-American Vikram Pandit resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Citigroup in October 2012. Who replaced him?
  - 1) John Havens
  - 2) Steve Ballmer
  - 3) Michael Corbat
  - 4) Michael O'Neill
  - 5) Jim O'Neill
3. Sachin Tendulkar will become the first Indian sportsperson to be conferred with the Membership of the Order of Australia. He will become only the second Indian after which of the following persons to get the honor?
  - 1) Raj Kapoor
  - 2) S.H.Kapadia
  - 3) Satyajit Ray
  - 4) Soli Sorabjee
  - 5) Amitabh Bachchan
4. Who won the 2012 Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine?
  - 1) Bruce Beutler & Ralph Steinmann (USA)
  - 2) Elizabeth Blackburn & Carol Greider (USA)
  - 3) Barry Marshall & Robin Warren (Australia)
  - 4) John Gurdon (UK) & Shinya Yamanaka (Japan)
  - 5) None of these
5. Which of the following statements about the 2012 Man Booker literary prize is not true?
  - 1) British writer Hilary Mantel won this prestigious prize for a second time for her novel 'Bring up the Bodies' on October 16, 2012.
  - 2) She won in 2009 also for 'Wolf Hall'.
  - 3) She is the first British author and the first woman to achieve a Booker double.
  - 4) Hilary Mantel joins Peter Carey of Australia and J.M.Coetzee of South Africa as a two-time winner of the prize.

- 5) Salman Rushdie's 'Joseph Anton' was one of the six short listed books for this year's Booker prize.
6. Mohamed Magarief was elected as the President of the national assembly of which of the following countries on August 9, 2012? (In this role, he is de facto head of state)
- 1) Iraq            2) Iran            3) Libya            4) Syria            5) Jordan
7. Who was named the new Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group in August 2012?
- 1) Jin-Yong Cai            2) Jim Yong Kim            3) Kaushik Basu  
4) Justin Lin            5) Martin Ravallion
8. Who was appointed as the new United Nations-Arab League peace envoy to Syria on August 17, 2012?
- 1) Bill Clinton (USA)            2) Lakhdar Brahimi (Algeria)            3) Gordon Brown (UK)  
4) Kofi Annan (Ghana)            5) Vitaly Churkin (Russia)
9. Hamid Ansari has become the second Vice-President to get a second consecutive term after Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. In the Vice-Presidential elections he defeated which of the following National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidates in August 2012?
- 1) P.A.Sangma            2) Ram Jethmalani            3) Jaswant Singh  
4) Yashwant Sinha            5) Sharad Yadav
10. Who was appointed as an Election Commissioner by the President Pranab Mukherjee on August 7, 2012?
- 1) S.Y.Quraishi            2) R.Gopalan            3) Srikumar Banerjee  
4) Syed Nasim Ahmad Zaidi            5) None of these
11. The Clearing Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) has been set up for providing exclusive clearing and settlement for transactions in the Money, Government Securities and Foreign Exchange markets. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of CCIL on August 1, 2012?
- 1) Shilpa Kumar            2) Usha Thorat            3) Shikha Sharma  
4) Nainalal Kidwai            5) Shyamala Gopinath

12. Vilasrao Deshmukh passed away in Chennai on August 14, 2012. At the time of his death he was the Union Minister of?
- 1) Power
  - 2) Coal
  - 3) Science and Technology
  - 4) Health and Family Welfare
  - 5) Urban Development
13. 26 people have been named by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as members of a high-level panel to advise the world body on the global development agenda beyond 2015, the target date for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Which Indian economist is in this panel?
- 1) Abhijit Banerjee
  - 2) Y.V.Reddy
  - 3) D.Subbarao
  - 4) C.Rangarajan
  - 5) Raghuram Rajan
14. Ashok Mehta passed away on August 15, 2012. He was a famous?
- 1) Lyricist
  - 2) Music director
  - 3) Film director
  - 4) Cinematographer
  - 5) Hindi film actor
15. Vempati Chinna Satyam passed away on July 29, 2012. He was a renowned exponent of which of the following dance forms?
- 1) Kathak
  - 2) Odissi
  - 3) Kuchipudi
  - 4) Bharata Natyam
  - 5) Mohiniyattam
16. B.I. Fernandez of Cuba became the first foreign coach to win the Dronacharya Award in August 2012. He is a coach in which of the following sports?
- 1) Athletics
  - 2) Wrestling
  - 3) Hockey
  - 4) Boxing
  - 5) Table Tennis
17. Identify the mismatched pair with regard to Arjuna Award winners for the year 2012?
- 1) Sudha Singh-Athletics
  - 2) Ashwini Ponnappa-Badminton
  - 3) Deepika Kumari-Archery
  - 4) Deepika Pallikal-Squash
  - 5) Geeta Phogat-Weightlifting
18. Who has launched "Oceans Compact", an initiative to protect oceans from pollution, excessive fishing and global warming?
- 1) Irina Bokova
  - 2) Ban Ki-moon
  - 3) Barack Obama
  - 4) Manmohan Singh
  - 5) Vladimir Putin

19. The ownership of Dokdo/ Takeshima islands has been disputed for decades. Which two countries claim the islands?
- 1) Japan& South Korea                      2) Japan& Philippines                      3) Philippines& China  
4) China& Japan                              5) None
20. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) suspended which of the following countries at a summit in Mecca, Saudi Arabia on August 15, 2012 citing violent suppression of the revolt?
- 1) Iran                      2) Syria                      3) Jordan                      4) Libya                      5) Algeria
21. Who received the first Fundamental Physics Prize for his contribution to the "String Theory" on August 3, 2012? (This award was started by Russian entrepreneur Yuri Milner)
- 1) Anil Kakodkar                      2) S.Chandrasekhar                      3) Ashoke Sen  
4) Harish Chandra                      5) Sam Pitroda
22. D.R. Mehta is the founder of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), a charitable organization based in Jaipur that provides artificial legs to the poor (Jaipur Foot). He was given which of the following awards on August 20, 2012?
- 1) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award  
2) Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award  
3) Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration  
4) Mahatma Gandhi International Peace Award  
5) None of these
23. Indian cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni was appointed as brand ambassador of which of the following cricket associations to promote and develop cricket in that country?
- 1) Bhutan                      2) Burma                      3) Nepal                      4) Singapore                      5) Malaysia
24. The Reserve Bank of India has constituted a committee to review the existing short term cooperative credit structure (STCCS). The committee is headed by?
- 1) Prakash Bakshi                      2) Umesh Kumar                      3) Mona Sharma  
4) V.Ramakrishna Rao                      5) Y.H.Malegam

25. Who is the author of the book "Many Lives, Many Masters"?

- 1) V.S. Naipaul
- 2) Mark Tully
- 3) Brian Weiss
- 4) Robin Cook
- 5) Robin Sharma

26. Which of the following terms is not used in the game of Football?

- 1) Back Heel
- 2) Toe Poke
- 3) Offside
- 4) Far Post
- 5) Spike

27. Generating power by the energy of the heat of the earth is known as?

- 1) Solar energy
- 2) Wind energy
- 3) Hydro thermal energy
- 4) Geothermal energy
- 5) Tidal energy

28. Which of the following is not the name of a chemical fertilizer?

- 1) Urea
- 2) Muriate of Potash
- 3) Ammonium Sulphate
- 4) Diammonium Phosphate
- 5) Sodium Sulphate

29. Which of the following countries recently launched Kobalt-M, a spy satellite?

- 1) China
- 2) USA
- 3) Russia
- 4) Japan
- 5) North Korea

30. Who is the author of the book "Where Shall We Go This Summer"?

- 1) Kamala Das
- 2) Shobha De
- 3) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 4) Anita Desai
- 5) None of these

31. Which of the following statements is not correct?

- 1) Members of the Lok Sabha are elected for a period of 5 years.
- 2) Two members are nominated by the President of India from the Anglo-Indian community to the Lok Sabha.
- 3) Members of the Rajya Sabha are elected for a period of 6 years.
- 4) 12 members are nominated by the President to the Rajya Sabha.
- 5) The President is the ex-officio chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

32. IAEA stands for?

- 1) Indian Atomic Energy Agency
- 2) Indian Atomic Energy Association
- 3) International Atomic Energy Association
- 4) International Atomic Energy Agency
- 5) None

**33. Which of the following is a correct statement?**

- 1) RBI decides inflation rate.
- 2) Axis Bank is a public sector undertaking.
- 3) France is a member of OPEC.
- 4) Mustard is one of the major food grain crops grown in India.
- 5) RTE Act ensures that every child gets school education.

**34. Identify the mismatched pair?**

<b>GAMES</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
1) Commonwealth Games	– 2014 Glasgow
2) Commonwealth Games	– 2018 Gold Coast
3) Olympics	– 2016 Rio de Janeiro
4) World Cup Football	– 2014 Russia
5) Euro Football	– 2016 France

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| 1) 3  | 2) 3  | 3) 4  | 4) 4  | 5) 5  | 6) 3  | 7) 1  | 8) 2  |
| 9) 3  | 10) 4 | 11) 5 | 12) 3 | 13) 1 | 14) 4 | 15) 3 | 16) 4 |
| 17) 5 | 18) 2 | 19) 1 | 20) 2 | 21) 3 | 22) 2 | 23) 3 | 24) 1 |
| 25) 3 | 26) 5 | 27) 4 | 28) 5 | 29) 3 | 30) 4 | 31) 5 | 32) 4 |
| 33) 5 | 34) 4 |       |       |       |       |       |       |