

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. The Reserve Bank of India in its quarterly monetary policy review on October 30, 2012 cut the cash reserve ratio (CRR) for banks. What is the CRR with effect from November 3, 2012? (CRR is the portion of deposits banks have to park with RBI)
1) 4.75% 2) 5% 3) 4.25% 4) 4% 5) 5.25%
2. Hugo Chavez defeated Henrique Capriles to win a third consecutive six-year term on October 7, 2012 as the President of which of the following countries?
1) Bolivia 2) Venezuela 3) Cuba 4) Ecuador 5) Mexico
3. Who replaced S.M. Krishna as the new External Affairs Minister on October 28, 2012?
1) Anand Sharma 2) Ashwani Kumar 3) Salman Khurshid
4) Kamal Nath 5) Kapil Sibal
4. Who defeated Saina Nehwal in the women's singles final of the French Open Super Series badminton tournament in Paris on October 28, 2012?
1) Juliane Schenk (Germany) 2) Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
3) Eriko Hirose (Japan) 4) Minatsu Mitani (Japan)
5) Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Thailand)
5. Which of the following statements is not correct with regard to the missiles testfired by India recently?
1) Agni II, a surface to surface missile, has a range of 2,000 km.
2) The range of Agni III is 3,000 km.
3) India flight-tested Agni IV missile for its full range of 4,000 km.
4) The surface to surface nuclear capable Prithvi II is capable of attacking targets at ranges up to 350 km.
5) BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile with a range of 2000 km.
6. Who retained the Formula One Indian Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida on October 28, 2012?
1) Fernando Alonso (Spain) 2) Mark Webber (Australia)
3) Lewis Hamilton (Great Britain) 4) Sebastian Vettel (Germany)
5) Jenson Button (Great Britain)

7. Padma Bhushan winner A.K. Hangal passed away on August 25, 2012. He was a famous?
- 1) Lyricist
 - 2) Singer
 - 3) Film actor
 - 4) Cinematographer
 - 5) Film Director
8. Who became the 29th Chess Grand Master of India in August 2012?
- 1) N.Srinath
 - 2) Sahaj Grover
 - 3) Aditya Udeshi
 - 4) Debashish Das
 - 5) Vidit Gujarathi
9. In which of the following cities over 3.5 lakh poor families will get free LPG cylinders and gas stoves to end the use of kerosene? (This city will soon become the first kerosene-free city in India)
- 1) Kolkata
 - 2) Mumbai
 - 3) Delhi
 - 4) Chennai
 - 5) Hyderabad
10. Which of the following states aims to go fully organic by 2015?
- 1) Punjab
 - 2) Haryana
 - 3) Assam
 - 4) Sikkim
 - 5) Himachal Pradesh
11. Keshubhai Patel, the former Chief Minister of Gujarat, resigned from the Bharatiya Janata Party in August 2012 and launched a new political party named?
- 1) Gujarat Janata Party
 - 2) Mahagujarat Janata Party
 - 3) Gujarat Parivartan Party
 - 4) Gujarat Congress Party
 - 5) None of these
12. In which of the following states a new Greenfield airport will be constructed at Holongi at a cost of Rs.650 crore?
- 1) Karnataka
 - 2) Assam
 - 3) Arunachal Pradesh
 - 4) Himachal Pradesh
 - 5) West Bengal
13. Gujarat Governor has given sanction for the prosecution of Purshottam Solanki, the Minister of State for Fisheries, for his alleged involvement in a scam. Name the Governor?
- 1) Urmila Singh
 - 2) Kamla Beniwal
 - 3) Margaret Alva
 - 4) Aziz Qureshi
 - 5) M.K. Narayanan

14. Which state government has cancelled four major Special Economic Zones (SEZs) propo-sed by large business houses-Mahindra, Videocon and India Bulls- after having failed to acquire land for the multi-purpose projects?

- 1) Gujarat 2) Rajasthan 3) Maharashtra 4) Karnataka 5) Andhra Pradesh

15. A group of researchers in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh has claimed to have found traces of an extinct 'paleo-river', nearly 65 million years old. Paleo-river is an inactive river buried under sediment. This ancient river flowed parallel to which of the following rivers?

- 1) Godavari 2) Narmada 3) Tapti 4) Luni 5) Chambal

16. Which state has recently launched a scheme aimed at making the young Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) familiar with the culture and traditions of the state?

- 1) Rajasthan 2) Gujarat 3) Bihar 4) Punjab 5) Odisha

17. The Rajya Sabha has accepted a notice from veteran journalist and nominated member H.K. Dua for introduction of a Constitution Amendment Bill for making changes in Articles 124 and 217, which deal with the removal of the?

- 1) UPSC Chairman 2) Chief Election Commissioner
3) Comptroller and Auditor General 4) Supreme Court and High Court judges
5) None of these

18. John Keegan, a British military historian, passed away on August 2, 2012. He is the author of which of the following books?

- 1) The Lost Battles 2) My Early Life 3) The Face of Battle
4) A Rumor of War 5) The Forgotten Soldier

19. Didier Reynders visited India in August 2012. He is the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of which of the following European countries?

- 1) Denmark 2) France 3) Belgium 4) Sweden 5) Croatia

20. Laisenia Qarase has been sentenced to 12 months in jail after being found guilty of corruption. He was a former Prime Minister of?

- 1) Jamaica 2) Philippines 3) Cuba 4) Fiji 5) Papua New Guinea

21. Katchatheevu Island is in the news recently. The island was gifted to Sri Lanka by the Indian Government in which of the following years?
- 1) 1991 2) 1984 3) 1974 4) 1979 5) None of these
22. Azad Maidan was in the news recently because of riots. It is in?
- 1) Kolkata 2) Mumbai 3) Lucknow 4) New Delhi 5) Ahmedabad
23. The 13-year-old swimmer Adzo Kpossi was the youngest competitor at the London 2012 Olympics. She belongs to which of the following African countries?
- 1) Lesotho 2) Niger 3) Nigeria 4) Togo 5) Benin
24. Who among the following coaches won the 2012 Dronacharya Award for Wrestling?
- 1) Yashvir Singh 2) Harendra Singh 3) Satyapal Singh
4) Bhawani Mukherjee 5) Sunil Debas
25. Identify the mismatched pair with regard to Arjuna Award winners for 2012?
- 1) Bombayla Devi -Archery 2) Kavita Raut -Athletics
3) Parupalli Kashyap-Badminton 4) Aditya Mehta -Billiards
5) Vikas Krishnan -Shooting
26. Which city hosted the 34th Inter-national Geological Congress (IGC) in August 2012?
(IGC is held once every four years)
- 1) Brisbane (Australia)
2) Cape Town (South Africa)
3) Vancouver (Canada)
4) Wellington (New Zealand)
5) Johannesburg (South Africa)
27. International Jazz Day is organized by UNESCO every year on? (Jazz is a unique musical style)
- 1) May 13 2) November 11 3) May 31 4) October 20 5) April 30
28. Which of the following is not a nationalized bank?
- 1) Indian Bank 2) Syndicate Bank 3) Yes Bank
4) Dena Bank 5) Union Bank of India

29. Shubhalaxmi Panse took charge as the Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of which of the following banks on October 1, 2012?
- 1) Vijaya Bank 2) Allahabad Bank 3) Canara Bank
4) UCO Bank 5) United Bank of India
30. Which of the following is not a scheduled commercial bank?
- 1) IDBI Bank 2) Axis Bank 3) HDFC Bank
4) NABARD 5) Kotak Mahindra Bank
31. Which of the following is an effort in the direction of Financial Inclusion?
- 1) Anywhere Banking 2) Internet Banking
3) Foreign Currency Accounts 4) No-Frills Accounts
5) None of these
32. How many banks were nationalized on July 19, 1969?
- 1) 19 2) 20 3) 6 4) 16 5) 14
33. Which of the following is called as the Bankers' Bank in India?
- 1) State Bank of India 2) Federal Reserve 3) Reserve Bank of India
4) Central Bank of India 5) NABARD
34. Where is the Head Office of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) located?
- 1) Mumbai 2) Bangalore 3) New Delhi 4) Chennai 5) Kolkata
35. RBI stopped circulation of the coin of which of the following denominations from June 2011?
- 1) 50 Paise 2) Rs.1 3) Rs.2 4) Rs.5 5) None of these
36. ANZ is a foreign bank based in?
- 1) Argentina 2) Austria 3) Australia 4) Angola 5) Andorra
37. Julia Gillard visited India in October 2012. She is the first woman Prime Minister of which of the following countries?
- 1) Canada 2) Denmark 3) Ireland 4) Iceland 5) Australia

38. Which of the following stock exchanges has become the world's largest bourse in terms of the number of trades in equity segment for the first six months of 2012?

- 1) NSE 2) NYSE Euronext 3) NASDAQ OMX
4) BSE 5) Hong Kong

39. Which of the following banks' head office is located in Pune?

- 1) Union Bank of India 2) Oriental Bank of Commerce
3) Bank of Baroda 4) State Bank of India
5) None of these

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