

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. The former Prime Minister of Bangladesh Begum Khaleda Zia visited India in November 2012. She is currently Leader of the Opposition and Chairperson of which of the following political parties?

- 1) Awami League
- 2) Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami
- 3) Bangladesh Nationalist Party
- 4) Bangladesh Jatiya Party
- 5) Communist Party of Bangladesh

2. Fed Cup is the premier team competition in women's tennis. Which country won the 2012 Fed Cup on November 4, 2012?

- 1) Czech Republic
- 2) Serbia
- 3) Germany
- 4) Russia
- 5) Spain

3. 'Playing to Win' is written by which of the following sportspersons?

- 1) Sania Mirza
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Saina Nehwal
- 4) Anil Kumble
- 5) Vishwanathan Anand

4. Who was conferred the 27th Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration on October 31, 2012, the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi?

- 1) A.R.Rahman
- 2) Shyam Benegal
- 3) Javed Akhtar
- 4) Gulzar
- 5) Lata Mangeshkar

5. Which of the following statements about Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is not correct?

- 1) APEC is a forum for 21 Pacific Rim countries that seeks to promote free trade and economic cooperation throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
- 2) Its headquarters is in Jakarta.
- 3) The 24th APEC summit was held in Vladivostok, Russia in September 2012.
- 4) The 25th APEC summit will be held in Bali, Indonesia in October 2013.
- 5) India is not a member of APEC.

6. Venu Srinivasan received the Ishikawa-Kano Award in Hong Kong in August 2012. He is the Chairman of which of the following companies?

- 1) Videocon
- 2) TVS Motors
- 3) Future Group
- 4) Ashok Leyland
- 5) Kinetic Group

7. The Tagore University for Liberal Arts is the first of the proposed 'innovation universities'. It will come up in which of the following cities?
- 1) Pune 2) Kolkata 3) Nalanda 4) Hyderabad 5) Kharagpur
8. Nadzeya Ostapchuk was stripped of her gold medal that she won in the women's shot put in the London Olympics for testing positive for an anabolic steroid. She belongs to?
- 1) Poland 2) Belarus 3) Czech Republic 4) Slovakia 5) Slovenia
9. On August 1, 2012, the Indian government allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from which of the following countries? (It is the only country from which India did not permit any FDI inflows)
- 1) Bangladesh 2) Sri Lanka 3) Pakistan 4) Afghanistan 5) Myanmar
10. Which of the following organizations releases World Investment Report?
- 1) UNO 2) IMF 3) WTO 4) UNCTAD 5) World Bank
11. UNESCO has put Timbuktu on its list of endangered world heritage sites. Timbuktu is a town in which of the following African countries?
- 1) Niger 2) Mali 3) Morocco 4) Somalia 5) Ghana
12. Who is the first recipient of the new Norman Borlaug Award for Field Research and Application?
- 1) Daniel Hillel 2) Aditi Mukherji 3) M.S.Swaminathan
4) Tapas Kumar Kundu 5) None of these
13. Former Union Minister Kashiram Rana passed away recently. He was Textiles Minister in which of the following govern-ments?
- 1) Rajiv Gandhi 2) Deve Gowda 3) Chandrasekhar
4) A.B.Vajpayee 5) P.V.Narasimha Rao
14. Badminton legend Punch Gunalan passed away in August 2012. He belonged to?
- 1) Indonesia 2) Singapore 3) Malaysia 4) Thailand 5) Philippines
15. Who received the 2012 Gruber Cosmology Prize at the 28th conference of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in Beijing in August 2012?
- 1) Charles L. Bennett 2) Simon White 3) Carlos Frenk

4) Marc Davis 5) Wendy Freedman

16. Bill Moggridge of UK died in September 2012. He created the world's first?

- 1) Personal computer 2) Laptop 3) Calculator
4) Super computer 5) None of these

17. Andy Roddick retired from Lawn Tennis in September 2012. He belongs to?

- 1) Great Britain 2) USA 3) Canada 4) Argentina 5) Australia

18. Which Commission/Committee recommended 15 per cent seats for minorities in educational institutions and government services?

- 1) Sachar Committee 2) Sri Krishna Committee 3) Kelkar Committee
4) Shah Commission 5) Ranganath Misra Commission

19. Maria van der Hoeven of Netherlands visited India in September 2012. She is the Executive Director of?

- 1) UNICEF 2) WHO 3) IEA 4) IAEA 5) UNESCO

20. Who was elected President of the Indian Newspaper Society for 2012-13 in September 2012?

- 1) K.N.Tilak Kumar (Deccan Herald) 2) Ravindra Kumar (The Statesman)
3) Ashish Bagga (India Today) 4) Sanjay Gupta (Dainik Jagran)
5) None of these

21. Who has been appointed India's governor on the board of governors of the African Development Bank?

- 1) Arvind Mayaram 2) R.Gopalan 3) P.Chidambaram
4) R.S.Gujral 5) Kaushik Basu

22. Who has/have been given the Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Awards?

- 1) Priya Dutt 2) Sanjana Jon 3) Daler Mehendi
4) Both 1 and 2 5) All 1, 2 and 3

23. Which of the following banks opened India's first ever financial supermarket, aimed at cross-selling non-traditional banking products like insurance, credit cards and mutual funds, in Jaipur on August 8, 2012?

- 1) State Bank of India 2) Punjab National Bank 3) Punjab and Sind Bank
4) State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur 5) None of these

24. United Bank Limited (UBL) is awaiting approval from the Reserve Bank of India to start banking operations in India. It belongs to?

- 1) Pakistan 2) China 3) Indonesia 4) Iran 5) South Korea

25. Maoists are against the proposed Rowghat iron ore mine which is located in Kanker district of?

- 1) Jharkhand 2) Bihar 3) Odisha 4) Chhattisgarh 5) Madhya Pradesh

26. Which of the following is the central bank of Pakistan with its headquarters in Karachi?

- 1) National Bank of Pakistan 2) State Bank of Pakistan
3) Bank of Khyber 4) Bank of Punjab 5) Habib Bank Limited

27. The battle for Aleppo is an ongoing military confrontation in Aleppo between the rebels and government forces. Aleppo is the largest city in which of the following countries?

- 1) Lebanon 2) Jordan 3) Syria 4) Yemen 5) Egypt

28. Maya Kodnani has been convicted and sentenced to 28 years in prison in the Naroda Patia massacre case. She is a former Minister of which of the following states?

- 1) Maharashtra 2) Bihar 3) Karnataka 4) Gujarat 5) Uttar Pradesh

29. Department of Economic Affairs is part of which of the following Ministries?

- 1) Home Affairs 2) Rural Development 3) Planning
4) Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises 5) Finance

30. Union Budget which is presented by the Finance Minister every year is also known as?

- 1) Common Budget 2) Annual Budget 3) General Budget
4) Finance Report 5) Statement of Allocation of Funds

31. Which of the following terms is not used in Banking/Finance?

- 1) Letter of Credit 2) Discount Rate 3) General Ledger
4) Law of Motion 5) Cheque Clearing

32. Banks recover term loans from the parties in EMIs. The letter 'E' represents?
- 1) Easy 2) Essential 3) Equated 4) Effective 5) Economical
33. Which of the following organizations/agencies is not associated with Banking/ Finance?
- 1) SEBI 2) AMFI 3) ECGC 4) IBRD 5) SPCA
34. What does the letter 'P' denote in the term 'PAN' issued by the Income Tax Department?
- 1) Provisional 2) Public 3) Private 4) Permanent 5) Personal
35. 'India Grows at Night' is the latest book of?
- 1) Jeffrey Archer 2) Gurcharan Das 3) C.P. Thakur
4) William Dalrymple 5) V.S. Naipaul
36. India defeated which of the following countries in the final to defend the Nehru Cup football title at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi on September 2, 2012?
- 1) Cameroon 2) Syria 3) Maldives 4) Nepal 5) Pakistan
37. Who among the following Bolly-wood actors featured on the cover of TIME magazine recently?
- 1) Ajay Devgan 2) Salman Khan 3) Aamir Khan
4) Shah Rukh Khan 5) Akshay Kumar
38. Which of the following states was previously known as the North-East Frontier Agency (NEFA)?
- 1) Assam 2) Manipur 3) Mizoram 4) Nagaland 5) Arunachal Pradesh
39. The impact of Green Revolution in India was felt most in case of?
- 1) Oilseeds 2) Pulses 3) Jute 4) Maize 5) Wheat
40. What is Google+?
- 1) A search engine 2) A social networking site 3) An online encyclopedia
4) A whistleblower website 5) None of these
41. Renault is a car manufacturer based in?
- 1) Italy 2) Germany 3) USA 4) UK 5) France

42. Which country became a full member of Mercosur, a South American trade bloc, on July 31, 2012?

- 1) Paraguay 2) Argentina 3) Brazil 4) Uruguay 5) Venezuela

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