

# GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Barack Obama was re-elected as US President defeating Republican Party candidate Mitt Romney on November 6, 2012. From 2003 to 2007, Romney served as the Governor of which of the following states?

- 1) Ohio            2) Virginia            3) Nevada            4) Colorado            5) Massachusetts

2. Stephen Harper visited India in November 2012. He is the Prime Minister of?

- 1) Australia            2) Canada            3) Ireland            4) France            5) New Zealand

3. Who has taken over as Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of Bank of India (BoI) with effect from November 5, 2012?

- 1) Archana Bhargava            2) Shubhalaxmi Panse            3) Vijayalakshmi Iyer  
4) Nupur Mitra            5) Shikha Sharma

4. The meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of G20 countries was held in November 2012 in which of the following cities? (Finance Minister P.Chidambaram and RBI Governor D.Subba Rao attended this meeting)

- 1) Moscow            2) Toronto            3) Brisbane            4) Mexico City            5) Buenos Aires

5. Which of the following statements about Justice Ranganath Misra is not correct?

- 1) Ranganath Misra passed away on September 13, 2012 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.  
2) He was the 21st Chief Justice of India.  
3) He was the first Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).  
4) Ranganath Misra Commission dealt with the issues related to Linguistic and Religious minorities in India.  
5) The Commission recommended 20 percent seats for minorities in educational institutions and government services.

6. Sundaresh Menon, an Indian-origin judge was sworn in as the Chief Justice of which of the following countries on November 7, 2012?

- 1) Singapore            2) Mauritius            3) Maldives            4) Suriname            5) Fiji

7. Which city will host the 18th Asian Games in 2019?

- 1) Surabaya (Indonesia)            2) Hanoi (Vietnam)            3) Dubai (UAE)

4) Incheon (South Korea)                      5) Nanjing (China)

8. The 9th World Hindi Conference was held in which of the following cities in September 2012?

- 1) Port Louis (Mauritius)                      2) Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago)  
3) Paramaribo (Suriname)                      4) Johannesburg (South Africa)  
5) New York (USA)

9. Brajesh Mishra passed away on September 28, 2012. He was India's first?

- 1) Foreign Secretary                      2) National Security Adviser  
3) Director of IB                      4) Director General of NIA                      5) Director of RAW

10. The President of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) visited India in September 2012. Name him?

- 1) Mahmoud Abbas                      2) Rauhi Fattouh                      3) Yitzhak Shamir  
4) Shimon Peres                      5) None of these

11. Jose Pacheco visited India in September 2012 and sought India's help to develop tea industry in his country. He is the Agriculture Minister of which of the following African countries?

- 1) Eritrea                      2) Namibia                      3) Morocco                      4) Mozambique                      5) Ghana

12. General Liang Guanglie visited India in September 2012. He is the Defense Minister of?

- 1) Singapore                      2) North Korea                      3) China                      4) South Korea                      5) Vietnam

13. What is the name of the official match ball of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Football which will be held in Brazil?

- 1) Bossa Nova                      2) Tango                      3) Brazuca                      4) Carnavalesca                      5) Azteca

14. Which two Spanish footballers received the Prince of Asturias Award for Sport on October 26, 2012?

- 1) David Villa & Xabi Alonso                      2) Iker Casillas & Xavi Hernandez  
3) Andres Iniesta & Javier Martinez                      4) Fernando Torres & David Silva  
5) Cesc Fabregas & Carles Puyol

15. Indian-American woman Nikki Haley has been named among the 12 'Power Women' to watch out for in 2013 by Forbes magazine. Nikki Haley is the current Governor of which of the following states in USA?

- 1) North Dakota
- 2) North Carolina
- 3) South Carolina
- 4) South Dakota
- 5) New Mexico

16. "Lasting Peace through Joint Global Governance" is the motto of which of the following Summits held in 2012?

- 1) BRICS
- 2) G8
- 3) G20
- 4) NAM
- 5) APEC

17. George Dockrell has been named the ICC Associate and Affiliate Player of the Year. He plays international cricket for?

- 1) Canada
- 2) Ireland
- 3) Scotland
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) Kenya

18. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on August 21, 2012?

- 1) Shanti Sundaram
- 2) Poonam Saxena
- 3) Praveen Mahajan
- 4) Shiela Sangwan
- 5) Sreela Ghosh

19. The Castrol awards for cricketing excellence for 2011 were given in Bangalore on August 29, 2012. Identify the mismatched pair?

- 1) Cricketer of the Year - M.S.Dhoni
- 2) Batsman of the Year - Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Bowler of the Year - Ravichandran Ashwin
- 4) Junior Cricketer of the Year - Unmukt Chand
- 5) Lifetime Achievement - Sunil Gavaskar

20. Nicol David of Malaysia is currently ranked world number 1 in women's?

- 1) Squash
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Table Tennis
- 5) Golf

21. Which country has test fired Dongfeng-41, a new generation inter continental ballistic missile (ICBM) with a range of 14,000km?

- 1) North Korea
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) China
- 4) Iran
- 5) Russia

22. The Union Cabinet has cleared a proposal to completely ban employment of children below the age of 14 years in all occupations & processes. Any violation of this will attract a maximum jail term of?

- 1) 1 year            2) 2 years            3) 3 years            4) 4 years            5) None of these

23. Which of the following countries abolished direct censorship of the media in August 2012? (The censorship laws had been in place for the last 50 years)

- 1) China            2) Iran            3) Fiji            4) Myanmar            5) North Korea

24. Which of the following statements about Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) is not correct?

- 1) RRBs are sponsored by commercial banks.
- 2) They were set up to develop rural economy.
- 3) The area of RRBs is limited to a specific region comprising one or more districts.
- 4) The first RRB was established in 1982.
- 5) NABARD regulates all RRBs.

25. Who among the following Indian Americans is a famous author?

- 1) Bobby Jindal            2) Vikram Pandit            3) Indra Nooyi  
4) Manoj Night Shyamalan    5) Siddhartha Mukherjee

26. Which of the following full forms is not correct?

- 1) ECB - External Commercial Borrowings
- 2) PPP - Purchasing Power Parity
- 3) ASBA - Application Supported by Blocked Amount
- 4) FDI - Foreign Direct Investment
- 5) CBS - Core Banking Solution

27. The name of the particle 'Boson' is associated with the name of?

- 1) Isaac Newton            2) Jagadish Chandra Bose            3) Satyendra Nath Bose  
4) Albert Einstein            5) C.R.Hagen

28. Which one of the following groups of countries is part of ASEAN bloc?

- 1) China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines
- 2) Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam
- 3) India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh

- 4) China, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives
- 5) Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Vietnam

29. Which of the following is not a plantation crop?

- 1) Tea
- 2) Coffee
- 3) Rubber
- 4) Oil Palm
- 5) Wheat

30. Which of the following books is not written by Gurcharan Das?

- 1) India Unbound
- 2) The Difficulty of Being Good
- 3) India Grows at Night
- 4) The Elephant Paradigm
- 5) Unleashing India

31. The International Energy Agency (IEA) is based in?

- 1) Paris
- 2) London
- 3) Berlin
- 4) Vienna
- 5) Geneva

32. "Saina Nehwal-An Inspirational Biography" was written by?

- 1) Harsha Bhogle
- 2) T.S.Sudhir
- 3) Harvir Singh
- 4) P.Gopichand
- 5) Nirmal Shekhar

33. Identify the mismatched pair?

- 1) World Bank President - Jim Yong Kim
- 2) IMF Managing Director - Christine Lagarde
- 3) US Secretary of State - Hillary Clinton
- 4) Japan Prime Minister - Yoshihiko Noda
- 5) IAEA Director General - Haruhiko Kuroda

34. Which of the following terms is used in the game of Cricket?

- 1) Penalty Stroke
- 2) Love
- 3) Half Nelson
- 4) Back Hand Drive
- 5) None of these

35. Who is the author of the book 'Beyond Survival: Emerging Dimensions of Indian Economy'?

- 1) P.Chidambaram
- 2) D.Subba Rao
- 3) Pranab Mukherjee
- 4) Y.V.Reddy
- 5) Manmohan Singh

36. Who among the following was never Finance Minister of India?

- 1) Manmohan Singh
- 2) Yashwant Sinha
- 3) Kamal Nath
- 4) Morarji Desai
- 5) C.D.Deshmukh

37. Yuan is the currency of which of the following countries?

- 1) Japan            2) Myanmar            3) Malaysia            4) Indonesia            5) China

38. Which of the following is not a public sector unit?

- 1) HAL            2) SAIL            3) HPCL            4) Yes Bank            5) IDBI Bank

39. Which of the following is not a foreign bank working in India?

- 1) HSBC            2) Barclays            3) Citibank  
4) Standard Chartered Bank            5) Federal Bank

40. Which of the following is considered an informal method of getting credit/finance?

- 1) Branch visits            2) Tele Banking            3) Internet Banking  
4) Going to money lenders            5) None of these

41. Which of the following is not a component of Bharat Nirman?

- 1) Rural Roads            2) Irrigation            3) Rural Housing  
4) Rural Water supply            5) Rural Employment

42. Which of the following does not represent the name of a bank working in India?

- 1) HDFC            2) Axis            3) IndusInd            4) Kotak Mahindra            5) Tata

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