

# GENERAL AWARENESS

1. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved disinvestment of what per cent government equity in the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), out of its holding of 84.50 per cent on November 22, 2012? (It will fetch about Rs.13, 000 crore)
  - 1) 8%
  - 2) 8.5%
  - 3) 9%
  - 4) 9.5%
  - 5) 10%
2. Who became the first batsman in the history of Test Cricket to make four 200-plus scores in a calendar year in November 2012?
  - 1) Jacques Kallis (South Africa)
  - 2) Graeme Smith (South Africa)
  - 3) Alastair Cook (England)
  - 4) Ricky Ponting (Australia)
  - 5) Michael Clarke (Australia)
3. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was honored with the 2010 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development in New Delhi on November 22, 2012. He is former President of which of the following countries? (The prize carries Rupees 25 lakhs and a citation)
  - 1) Mexico
  - 2) Portugal
  - 3) Brazil
  - 4) Argentina
  - 5) Peru
4. Who among the following Ramon Magsaysay awardees is the founder of an NGO Integrated Village Development Project (IVDP)?
  - 1) Neelima Mishra
  - 2) Harish Hande
  - 3) Arvind Kejriwal
  - 4) Kulandei Francis
  - 5) Sandeep Pandey
5. RBI Governor D.Subbarao declared which of the following as the first district in the country to achieve total and meaningful financial inclusion on November 22, 2012? (This district with a population of 32 lakh, has 37 lakh savings bank accounts)
  - 1) Anand (Gujarat)
  - 2) Nalgonda (Andhra Pradesh)
  - 3) Krishnagiri (Tamil Nadu)
  - 4) Viluppuram (Tamil Nadu)
  - 5) Ernakulam (Kerala)
6. The Govt. of India extended the term of Subir Gokarn till December 31, 2012. He is?
  - 1) SBI Chairman
  - 2) Finance Secretary
  - 3) Deputy Governor of RBI
  - 4) Chief Economic Advisor
  - 5) None of these

7. Who won the third straight Formula One World Championship title on November 25, 2012? (He is F1's youngest three-time champion at age 25)
- 1) Sebastian Vettel (Red Bull)
  - 2) Fernando Alonso (Ferrari)
  - 3) Jenson Button (McLaren)
  - 4) Felipe Massa (Ferrari)
  - 5) Mark Webber (Red Bull)
8. Which city hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit (EAS) on November 20, 2012?
- 1) Bangkok (Thailand)
  - 2) Hanoi (Vietnam)
  - 3) Jakarta (Indonesia)
  - 4) Phnom Penh (Cambodia)
  - 5) Yangon (Myanmar)
9. The Centre will set up an Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology at a cost of Rs.287.50 crore at which of the following places?
- 1) New Delhi
  - 2) Ranchi
  - 3) Hassan
  - 4) Mysore
  - 5) Hyderabad
10. The Government has notified what per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) in multi-brand retail?
- 1) 49
  - 2) 74
  - 3) 51
  - 4) 100
  - 5) 26
11. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Miss Earth 2012 pageant was held in Muntinlupa city, Philippines on November 24, 2012. Who won the title?
- 1) Tereza Fajksova (Czech Republic)
  - 2) Stephany Stefanowitz (Philippines)
  - 3) Osmariel Villalobos (Venezuela)
  - 4) Camila Brant (Brazil)
  - 5) Prachi Mishra (India)
12. Who is the author of the book 'Patriots and Partisans'?
- 1) Pankaj Mishra
  - 2) Mihir Bose
  - 3) Ramachandra Guha
  - 4) Ram Sharan Sharma
  - 5) Romila Thapar
13. Which of the following full forms is not correct?
- 1) KYC-Know Your Customer
  - 2) SEBI-Securities and Exchange Board of India
  - 3) RTGS-Real Time Gross Settlement
  - 4) SEZ-Special Economic Zone
  - 5) ILO-International Legal Organization

14. Which of the following statements is not correct?

- 1) India is the largest producer of milk in the world.
- 2) Karnataka is the major producer of mulberry silk in India.
- 3) Golden Revolution refers to the development of horticultural products.
- 4) M.S.Swaminathan is known as the 'Father of Green Revolution in India'.
- 5) Wheat is the most important Kharif crop in India.

15. The terms Bulls and Bears are used in?

- 1) Commodity Market
- 2) Stock Market
- 3) Bullion Market
- 4) Banking Sector
- 5) Insurance Sector

16. Which of the following is a cash crop?

- 1) Paddy
- 2) Jowar
- 3) Bajra
- 4) Sugarcane
- 5) Finger millet

17. What is the currency of Iran?

- 1) Dinar
- 2) Krona
- 3) Rial
- 4) Pound
- 5) Somoni

18. 'UDAAN' is a special industry initiative of the Centre aimed at imparting skills to youth from Jammu and Kashmir to help them with their careers. Which is the first public sector undertaking to implement UDAAN?

- 1) NTPC
- 2) BHEL
- 3) NMDC
- 4) ONGC
- 5) SAIL

19. Who replaced Amar Pratap Singh as the CBI Director on November 30, 2012?

- 1) S.C.Sinha
- 2) Ranjit Sinha
- 3) Sanjeev Tripathi
- 4) Syed Asif Ibrahim
- 5) Nehchal Sandhu

20. Francois du Plessis scored a century on his Test debut in November 2012. He plays for?

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

21. Miss Universe 2012 pageant will be held on December 19, 2012 in which of the following cities?

- 1) Manila (Philippines)
- 2) Las Vegas (USA)
- 3) Beijing (China)
- 4) London (UK)
- 5) Nicosia (Cyprus)

22. Le Luong Minh has been appointed ASEAN Secretary General for the next 5-year

term. He is the Deputy Foreign Minister of? (He will take office on January 1, 2013)

- 1) Vietnam      2) Cambodia      3) Thailand      4) Laos      5) Philippines

23. The Government of India will implement the direct cash transfer scheme in how many districts from January 1, 2013?

- 1) 200      2) 66      3) 51      4) 74      5) 100

24. Which country has terminated a contract given by the previous government to GMR Group for developing Ibrahim Nasir International Airport (INIA) at its capital city?

- 1) Indonesia      2) Pakistan      3) Afghanistan      4) Maldives      5) Iran

25. Joseph Murray of USA died on November 26, 2012. In 1954 he performed the first successful human? (He was awarded the 1990 Nobel Prize in Medicine)

- 1) Liver transplant      2) Heart transplant      3) Kidney transplant  
4) Bone-marrow transplant      5) Pancreas transplant

26. Stockholm Water Prize recognizes outstanding achievements in water related activities. The 2012 prize was awarded to the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), a non-profit research organization with headquarters in?

- 1) Colombo (Sri Lanka)      2) Tehran (Iran)      3) Jakarta (Indonesia)  
4) Jerusalem (Israel)      5) Cairo (Egypt)

27. Which of the following banks acquired Centurion Bank of Punjab in 2008?

- 1) ICICI Bank      2) HDFC Bank      3) Axis Bank      4) OBC      5) IDBI Bank

28. Which of the following is not the name of a foreign bank?

- 1) HSBC      2) BNP Paribas      3) Barclays      4) JP Morgan Chase      5) Cathay Pacific

29. Which of the following terms is not related to banking?

- 1) Overdraft      2) SME Finance      3) Drawing power  
4) Equinox      5) Sanctioning authority

30. Which country will maintain a military base in Kant in Kyrgyzstan for 15 years starting 2017?

- 1) Russia      2) USA      3) China      4) UK      5) France

31. Kelkar Committee cautioned that in absence of corrective measures, the fiscal deficit of the government could shoot up to what per cent of the GDP in the current financial year?(The budget estimate of fiscal deficit is 5.1 per cent)

- 1) 6.1                      2) 5.5                      3) 6.5                      4) 7.5                      5) 6.7

32. RBI carries out open market operations (OMO), which means?

- 1) Issuance of different types of bonds  
2) Sale or purchase of government securities                      3) Auction of gold  
4) Issue of currency notes                      5) None of these

33. Which of the following statements is not correct?

- 1) The objective of Financial Inclusion is connecting every Indian to the country's banking system.  
2) RRBs have limited area of operation and have access to refinance from NABARD.  
3) Money laundering refers to conversion of illegally obtained money into accountable money.  
4) SARFAESI Act was launched to facilitate banks in recovery of bad loans.  
5) One who is not earning regularly cannot open an account in any bank in India.

34. "Sub-prime" refers to?

- 1) Lending done by banks at rates below PLR  
2) Lending to the people who are high value customers  
3) Lending to those who are not regular customers of a bank  
4) Lending done by banks to customers not meeting with normally required credit appraisal standards                      5) None of these

35. Inflation in India is measured on which of the following indexes/ indicators?

- 1) Consumer Price Index    2) Gross Domestic Product    3) Gross National Product  
4) Cost of Living Index    5) Wholesale Price Index

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