

GENERAL AWARENESS

1. What is the gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the second quarter (July-September) of 2012-13?
1) 5.5 % 2) 6.7 % 3) 5.3% 4) 7.5% 5) 6.5%
2. The General Assembly granted which of the following states non-member observer State status in the United Nations on November 29, 2012?
1) Tuvalu 2) Palestine 3) Israel 4) Switzerland 5) Montenegro
3. Who was sworn in as President of Mexico for a six-year term on December 1, 2012?
1) Felipe Calderon 2) Josefina Vazquez Mota 3) Enrique Pena-Nieto
4) Santiago Creel 5) None of these
4. Who became the eighth batsman and first Indian to score three triple centuries in first class cricket in December 2012?
1) Wasim Jaffer 2) VVS Laxman 3) Virender Sehwag
4) Ravindra Jadeja 5) Virat Kohli
5. Identify the incorrect statement?
1) Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) PSLV-C21 rocket blasted off into space on its 100th mission on September 9, 2012.
2) It was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.
3) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C21 (PSLV-C21) carried two foreign satellites-the French SPOT-6 remote sensing satellite and the Japanese PROITERES micro-satellites.
4) Aryabhata, India's first satellite, was launched by the Soviet Union on April 19, 1975.
5) The PSLV-C21 launch was witnessed by the President Pranab Mukherjee.
6. Who became the fastest player to score 3000 runs in one day internationals on August 29, 2012? (He reached the landmark in 57 innings compared to Vivian Richards' 69)
1) Virat Kohli (India) 2) Hashim Amla (South Africa)
3) Kevin Pietersen (England) 4) David Warner (Australia) 5) None of these

7. Which of the following statements about FDI is not true?

- 1) The government has allowed 100% FDI in single brand retail and 51% in multi-brand retail.
- 2) In civil aviation it is 49%.
- 3) In broadcasting sector the limit increased from 49% to 74%.
- 4) FDI in insurance sector will be hiked to 49% from the existing 26%.
- 5) The FDI cap on pension would be 74%.

8. BHEL has signed an agreement with which of the following countries for setting up a 100 MW hydro-electric power project on the Zeravshan river?

- 1) Tajikistan
- 2) Russia
- 3) Kazakhstan
- 4) Ukraine
- 5) Kyrgyzstan

9. The government has proposed to set up a National Investment Board(NIB) to monitor and advise ministries on expediting projects entailing investments in excess of Rs. 1000 crore. It will be chaired by the?

- 1) Finance Minister
- 2) Agriculture Minister
- 3) Prime Minister
- 4) UPA Chairperson
- 5) Commerce Minister

10. The Justice Shah Commission has indicted Digambar Kamat for allowing illegal mining. He was the Chief Minister of which of the following states between 2007 and 2012?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Goa
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) Chhattisgarh

11. The ability of an asset to be converted into cash quickly is called?

- 1) Credit
- 2) Cash crunch
- 3) Liquidity
- 4) Marketability
- 5) None of these

12. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are established to?

- 1) Promote exports of goods and services
- 2) Promote investment from domestic and foreign sources
- 3) Create employment opportunities
- 4) Develop infrastructure facilities
- 5) All the above

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

- 1) Call Option
- 2) Blue Chip
- 3) Dividend
- 4) Jacksonian Seizure
- 5) Bid Price

14. Who represented India in Miss Earth 2012 beauty pageant that was held in Philippines on November 24, 2012?

- 1) Vanya Mishra
- 2) Nikita Dutta
- 3) Prachi Mishra
- 4) Priyanka Verma
- 5) Rochelle Maria Rao

15. The Agricultural Census is conducted?

- 1) Every year
- 2) Once in ten years
- 3) Once in five years
- 4) Once in two years
- 5) No fixed term

16. Vyas Samman is given for excellence in which of the following fields?

- 1) Music
- 2) Films
- 3) Literature
- 4) Sports
- 5) Journalism

17. Which one of the following pairs of books and authors is not matched correctly?

- 1) The White Tiger - Aravind Adiga
- 2) Imagining India - Nandan Nilekani
- 3) Half a Life - V.S.Naipaul
- 4) The Inheritance of Loss - Arundhati Roy
- 5) Development as Freedom - Amartya Sen

18. The National Development Council (NDC) approved the 12th Plan document on December 27, 2012 after scaling down the average annual growth target to?

- 1) 7.5 per cent
- 2) 7.6 per cent
- 3) 8 per cent
- 4) 8.1 per cent
- 5) 7.9 per cent

19. Ratan Tata retired as the Chairman of the Tata Group on December 28, 2012. Who is the new Chairman of this \$100 billion business conglomerate?

- 1) Noel Tata
- 2) B.Muthuraman
- 3) N.Chandrasekaran
- 4) Cyrus Mistry
- 5) None of these

20. Who was selected for India's most coveted literary honor, the Jnanpith Award, for the year 2011 on December 27, 2012?

- 1) Amar Kant (Hindi)
- 2) Mahasweta Devi (Bengali)
- 3) Pratibha Ray (Odia)

4) Chandrasekhar Kambar (Kannada) 5) Sitakant Mahapatra (Odia)

21. Joaquim Barbosa took the oath of office as the first black President of the Supreme Court of which of the following countries in November 2012?

1) Nigeria 2) Argentina 3) USA 4) Brazil 5) South Africa

22. The Hoover Medal was established by the USA in 1930 to recognize great, unselfish, non-technical services by engineers to humanity. Who received this honor in October 2012?

1) James Carter 2) Richard Stanley 3) Kris Gopalakrishnan
4) APJ Abdul Kalam 5) N.R.Narayana Murthy

23. India finished runners-up in Sultan of Johor Cup hockey tournament that was held in Johor Baru, Malaysia in November 2012. Which country defeated India 3-2 in the final?

1) Germany 2) Malaysia 3) Australia 4) Pakistan 5) New Zealand

24. Which of the following norms/ practices is launched to prevent banks from being used by criminal elements for money laundering activities?

1) Financial Inclusion 2) Core Banking Solution 3) Know Your Customer
4) Branchless Banking 5) None of these

25. If the RBI increases CRR, what immediate impact will it have on the functioning of banks?

1) Banks will have to give more funds to priority sector.
2) Banks will have to give less funds to corporate sector.
3) Banks will have to raise their capital base by taking money from the government.
4) Banks will have to lock some additional funds with the RBI.
5) None of these

26. Which of the following is not a food grain crop?

1) Bajra 2) Jowar 3) Paddy 4) Jatropha 5) Wheat

27. Which of the following is the abbreviated name of a company that produces fertilizers in India?

1) BHEL 2) FICCI 3) IFFCO 4) FERA 5) ICAR

28. What is the full form of NAV?

- 1) New Asset Venture
- 2) Net Asset Value
- 3) Net Accounting Venture
- 4) Nil Accounting Variation
- 5) None of these

29. Which of the following is not a missile?

- 1) Nag
- 2) Agni
- 3) Shaurya
- 4) Pinaka
- 5) BrahMos

30. Moortidevi Award is given for excellence in?

- 1) Social Service
- 2) Literature
- 3) Films
- 4) Classical dance
- 5) Classical music

31. The artificial application of water to the land to assist in the growing of agricultural crops is known as?

- 1) Irrigation
- 2) Percolation
- 3) Water harvesting
- 4) Crop harvesting
- 5) Weeding

32. Which of the following terms is not associated with Hockey?

- 1) Bully
- 2) Goal
- 3) Short corner
- 4) Bouncer
- 5) Penalty corner

33. Amnesty International is a non-governmental organization associated with which of the following?

- 1) To protect the world from nuclear war
- 2) To promote inclusive growth
- 3) To protect human rights
- 4) To promote free trade
- 5) To protect human life and health

34. Which of the following factors is/are taken into consideration while appraising the credit worthiness of a loan applicant?

- 1) Age
- 2) Income
- 3) Nature of employment
- 4) Repayment capacity
- 5) All the above

35. Polymer notes were first introduced in which of the following countries to safeguard against counterfeiting of currency?

- 1) Romania
- 2) Australia
- 3) Brunei
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) New Zealand

36. 'Anti Tobacco Day' is observed on which of the following days?

- 1) November 14 2) May 13 3) March 17 4) May 31 5) May 17

37. Which of the following cups/trophies is not related to Cricket?

- 1) Deodhar Trophy 2) Duleep Trophy 3) Irani Trophy
4) Bombay Gold Cup 5) Vizzy Trophy

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