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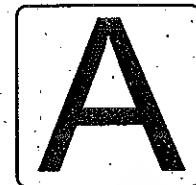
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**TEST  
BOOKLET**

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1. Who is the Director General of WTO ?  
(A) Roberto Azevedo  
(B) Gabriel Duque  
(C) Harald Neple  
(D) Stephen Karau

2. Who was the first Odia to sail overseas ?  
(A) Sarangadhar Das  
(B) Gopabandhu Das  
(C) Madhusudan Das  
(D) Biswanath Das

3. Who is the President of South Africa ?  
(A) Jacob Zuma  
(B) Hailemariam Dessalegn  
(C) Navtej Sarna  
(D) None of the above

4. Who is the author of the book, 'Dreaming Big : A Journey to Connect India' ?  
(A) Chetan Bhagat  
(B) Sashi Tharoor  
(C) Sam Pitroda  
(D) Meghnad Shah

5. Who is Kaushik Basu ?  
(A) Film Director  
(B) Finance Minister of West Bengal

(C) The World Bank Chief Economist  
(D) None of the above

6. Who is the first Woman President of Nepal ?  
(A) Onsari Gharti  
(B) Bidhya Devi Bhandari  
(C) Ram Kumari Jhakri  
(D) Hisila Yami

7. National Institution for Transforming India Aayog was formed on :  
(A) 26th January, 2015  
(B) 30th January, 2015  
(C) 1st April, 2015  
(D) 1st January, 2015

8. Suresh D. Tendulkar is known for :  
(A) Report on Estimation of Poverty  
(B) Contribution to Cricket  
(C) Economic Reforms  
(D) Tax Reform

9. Who is the President of the United Nations General Assembly ?  
(A) Mogens Lykketoft  
(B) Courtenay Rattray  
(C) Sylvie Lucas  
(D) None of the above

10. Who is the author of 'The Blue Economy : 10 years – 100 innovations – 100 million jobs' ?

(A) Amartya Sen  
(B) Gunter Pauli  
(C) Peter Garrett  
(D) Hunter Lovins

11. The World Bank expects that in 2015-16 Indian economy will grow at the rate of :

(A) 8.0%  
(B) 7.75%  
(C) 7.0%  
(D) 7.5%

12. AGMARK is :

(A) An agricultural co-operative society  
(B) A certification mark employed on agricultural products in India  
(C) A market for animal products  
(D) A regulated agricultural market

13. The 7th BRICS Summit was held in the city of :

(A) Ufa  
(B) Uren  
(C) Ukhta  
(D) Uray

14. Which of the following statements is not true about NATO ?

(A) It is a military alliance.  
(B) Its headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.  
(C) Its official languages are English and German.  
(D) It was formed on 4th April, 1949.

15. Marrakesh Agreement signed on 15th April, 1994 gave birth to :

(A) WTO  
(B) GATT  
(C) SAARC  
(D) BRICS

16. When was Reserve Bank of India nationalised ?

(A) January, 1950  
(B) August, 1947  
(C) January, 1949  
(D) April, 1935

17. 'Skill India' Programme aims to train over 40 crore people in different skills by :

(A) 2020  
(B) 2025  
(C) 2030  
(D) 2022

18. On which date the 'Make in India' Programme was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ?

- (A) 25th September, 2014
- (B) 15th August, 2014
- (C) 1st January, 2015
- (D) 26th January, 2015

19. Which of the following has been empowered to inspect the books of accounts of financial intermediaries in India ?

- (A) BSE
- (B) Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- (C) SEBI
- (D) Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India

20. A Controlling Ownership in a business enterprise in one country by an entity in another country is called :

- (A) Foreign Portfolio Investment
- (B) External Capital
- (C) Foreign Direct Investment
- (D) None of the above

21. Which of the following Acts was passed in 1999 by the Parliament of India to consolidate and amend the law relating to foreign exchange ?

- (A) Prevention of Money Laundering Act

(B) Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act

(C) Foreign Exchange Regulation Act

(D) Foreign Exchange Management Act

22. The first Union Budget of Independent India was presented by :

- (A) R. K. Shanmukham Chetty
- (B) Morarji Desai
- (C) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (D) T. T. Krishnamachari

23. What is the amount of central assistance under the 'Smart City' Programme for each smart city ?

- (A) One time grant of Rs. 100 crore
- (B) Rs. 100 crore per annum for five years
- (C) Rs. 100 crore per annum for three years
- (D) None of the above

24. If Sensex goes up, it means that :

- (A) Prices of stocks of most of the major companies on the BSE have gone up
- (B) Prices of stocks of most of the major companies on the NSE have gone up
- (C) Prices of stocks of most of the major companies on the BSE and NSE have gone up
- (D) None of the above

25. Who is known as India's Waterman ?  
(A) Medha Patkar  
(B) Baba Amte  
(C) Ramesh Sharma  
(D) Rajendra Singh

26. Who is the recipient of Geeta Chopra Award, 2015 ?  
(A) Riya Choudhury  
(B) Gunjan Sharma  
(C) Reshma Fatma  
(D) Monika Choudhury

27. The National Bravery Awards given to children between the ages of :  
(A) 6 to 18  
(B) 5 to 18  
(C) 6 to 20  
(D) 5 to 21

28. How many children received National Bravery Awards in 2015 ?  
(A) 25  
(B) 24  
(C) 20  
(D) 29

29. The Monopolistic and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 was enacted :  
(A) To prevent concentration of economic power in the hands of few

(B) To encourage heavy investment  
(C) To gradually decontrol monopolies  
(D) To encourage competition

30. The exemption limit of income tax for senior citizens above 80 years of age for the financial year 2015-16 is :  
(A) Rs. 5 lakh  
(B) Rs. 3 lakh  
(C) Rs. 2.5 lakh  
(D) Rs. 3.5 lakh

31. Central Excise Duty is :  
(A) A Direct Tax  
(B) A Tax on manufacture of goods  
(C) A tax on capital goods  
(D) A tax on import of goods

32. Service tax was introduced in India in :  
(A) 1994  
(B) 1991  
(C) 1992  
(D) 1993

33. Decrease in a currency's value (relating to other major currency benchmark) due to the market forces is called :  
(A) Devaluation  
(B) Deflation  
(C) Appreciation  
(D) Depreciation

34. Which of the following is the highest honour given for the achievement in sports ?

(A) Dronacharya Award  
(B) Dhyani Chand Award  
(C) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna  
(D) None of the above

35. The Sahitya Academy Award was first awarded in :

(A) 1954  
(B) 1955  
(C) 1951  
(D) 1960

36. The Man Booker International Prize is awarded for the achievement in :

(A) Translation  
(B) Novel  
(C) Fiction  
(D) Drama

37. Which one of the following is not a New Year festival ?

(A) Ugadi  
(B) Gudhi Padwa  
(C) Karthigai  
(D) Puthandu

38. What percentage of population of India practise Hinduism according to 2011 census ?

(A) 75.0%  
(B) 79.0%  
(C) 79.8%  
(D) 80.8%

39. Buddha preached his first sermon at :

(A) Lumbini  
(B) Saranath  
(C) Sanchi  
(D) Gaya

40. The first Odia magazine published in 1861 was :

(A) Utkal Barta  
(B) Utkal Dipika  
(C) Bodha Dayini  
(D) Utkal Prasanga

41. Which of the following Odia novels is considered to be the first Indian novel to deal with the exploitations of landless peasants by the feudal lords ?

(A) Matira Manisha  
(B) Ha Anna  
(C) Chha Maana Atha Guntha  
(D) Mati Matala

42. The first Odia film to receive National Award was :

(A) Sita Vibaha  
(B) Sri Loka Nath  
(C) Lakshmi  
(D) Amadabata

43. Aruna Stambha placed at Lion's Gate of the Jagannath Temple, Puri is made of how many stones ?

(A) Five  
(B) One  
(C) Two  
(D) Three

44. Legends say that Lord Jagannath was originally worshipped as Lord Neelamadhaba by a tribal chief named :

(A) Badagrahi  
(B) Vidyapati  
(C) Viswavasu  
(D) Galamadhav

45. Which one of the following rivers has a source within the state ?

(A) The Subarnarekha  
(B) The Brahmani  
(C) The Mahanadi  
(D) The Nagavali

46. The sweet water lake Kanjia Lake is located in :

(A) Athgarh  
(B) Nandankanan  
(C) Puri  
(D) Chhatrapur

47. Who among the following eminent personalities of Odisha regarded politics as an instrument of service to the people ?

(A) Fakir Mohan Senapati  
(B) Gopabandhu Das  
(C) Chandra Sekhar Behera  
(D) Raja Artatran Deo

48. Who was conferred with Sahitya Bharati Samman for the Odia translation of famous novel 'Lajja' ?

(A) Sri Laxmi Narayan Mohanty  
(B) Smt. Nandini Satpathy  
(C) Sri Janaki Ballabh Patnaik  
(D) Sri Jugal Kishor Dutta

49. Who was the first Governor of Odisha ?

(A) Asaf Ali  
(B) Fazal Ali  
(C) John Austen Hubback  
(D) Howthrone Lewis

50. Who was the first Chief Justice of Odisha High Court ?

(A) Shri Gatikrushna Mishra  
(B) Shri Bira Kishore Ray  
(C) Shri B. Jagannath Das  
(D) Shri R. L. Narasingham

51. The largest of living birds is :  
(A) Cassowary  
(B) Albatross  
(C) Elephant Bird  
(D) African Ostrich

52. For transfusion, 'O' group blood can be accepted by a person having blood group :  
(A) 'B'  
(B) 'A'  
(C) 'AB'  
(D) All of the above

53. The filament of an electric bulb is made of :  
(A) Iron  
(B) Nichrome  
(C) Tungsten  
(D) Graphite

54. Who among the following is considered as founder of modern science of genetics ?  
(A) Gregor Mendel  
(B) Hugo de Vries  
(C) T. H. Morgan  
(D) W. Johannsen

55. Gobar gas contains mainly :  
(A) Methane  
(B) Carbon dioxide

56. Water for Civil Supplies is commonly purified by :  
(A) Chlorination  
(B) Distillation  
(C) Filtration  
(D) Decantation

57. The metal that is present in photo films :  
(A) Mercury  
(B) Platinum  
(C) Magnesium  
(D) Silver

58. An acid used to remove ink spots is :  
(A) Oxalic acid  
(B) Butyric acid  
(C) Lactic acid  
(D) Tartaric acid

59. Nail Polish remover contains :  
(A) Acetone  
(B) Benzene  
(C) Petroleum ether  
(D) Acetic acid

60. The best colour(s) for a sun umbrella will be :  
(A) Black  
(B) Black on the top and white on the inside  
(C) White on the top and black on the inside  
(D) Printed with all seven colours of rainbow

61. Who among the following laid the foundation of nuclear science in the country ?  
(A) Vikram Sarabhai  
(B) Homi J. Bhabha  
(C) M. G. K. Menon  
(D) Raja Ramanna

62. A convex mirror makes a good rear-view mirror for a car because :  
(A) It does not form diminished images  
(B) It has no focal point  
(C) Its image can be thrown on a screen  
(D) It forms clear, erect, reduced images

63. The energy of the winds and the waves is :  
(A) Potential  
(B) Kinetic

64. The stars twinkle in the night because :  
(A) They emit light intermittently  
(B) The star's atmosphere absorbs light intermittently  
(C) The earth's atmosphere absorbs light intermittently  
(D) The refractive index of the air in atmosphere fluctuates

65. Why are two blankets warmer than one ?  
(A) Two blankets have more wool  
(B) Two blankets enclose air which does not allow cold to penetrate  
(C) Two blankets compress the air in between the body and the blankets  
(D) None of the above

66. The most malleable metal is :  
(A) Silver  
(B) Gold  
(C) Aluminium  
(D) Sodium

67. Which of the following is the lightest gas ?

(A) Nitrogen  
(B) Hydrogen  
(C) Ammonia  
(D) Carbon dioxide

68. Galvanised iron sheets have a coating of :

(A) Tin  
(B) Lead  
(C) Zinc  
(D) Chromium

69. Consumption of fish is considered to be healthy when compared to flesh of other animals because fish contains :

(A) Polyunsaturated fatty acids  
(B) Saturated fatty acids  
(C) Essential vitamins  
(D) More carbohydrates than proteins

70. Which among the following is the richest source of ascorbic acid ?

(A) Apple  
(B) Bean  
(C) Carrot  
(D) Guava

71. Which of the following diseases is hereditary ?

(A) Leprosy  
(B) Tuberculosis  
(C) Haemophilia  
(D) Cancer

72. Healing of wounds is hastened by vitamin :

(A) E  
(B) A  
(C) K  
(D) C

73. Oncogene is responsible for :

(A) AIDS  
(B) Typhoid  
(C) Malaria  
(D) Cancer

74. The virus of AIDS affects the growth of :

(A) Haemoglobin  
(B) RBCs in blood  
(C) T cells in blood  
(D) Grey cells in brain

75. The normal temperature of the human body is :

(A)  $90^{\circ}$  F  
(B)  $98^{\circ}$  F  
(C)  $98.4^{\circ}$  F  
(D)  $98.8^{\circ}$  F

76. Who was the President of the Constituent Assembly ?  
(A) Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru  
(B) Dr. Rajendra Prasad  
(C) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar  
(D) C. Rajagopalachari

77. Minimum age required to contest for the post of President of India is :  
(A) 35 years  
(B) 25 years  
(C) 21 years  
(D) 45 years

78. In a parliamentary democracy the :  
(A) Executive controls the Legislature  
(B) Executive and Legislature are completely separate from each other  
(C) Judiciary controls both Executive and Legislature  
(D) Legislature controls Executive

79. Which of the following committees is concerned with the regularity and economy of expenditure of Government?  
(A) Public Accounts Committee  
(B) Estimates Committee  
(C) Business Advisory Committee  
(D) Committee on Public Undertakings

80. Which of the following is not an obligatory function of a municipality ?  
(A) Supply of pure and wholesome water  
(B) Cleaning of public streets, places and sewers  
(C) Registration of births and deaths  
(D) Securing or removal of dangerous buildings and places

81. Megasthenes was the ambassador of :  
(A) Seleucus – I  
(B) Alexander  
(C) Darius  
(D) The Greeks

82. Which of the following gives detailed instructions on the control of the state, organisation of national economy and conduct of war ?  
(A) Arthashastra  
(B) Rajatarangini  
(C) Atharvaveda  
(D) Mahabharat

83. The title 'Devanam Priya' was given to :  
(A) Harsha  
(B) Kanishka  
(C) Ashoka  
(D) Chandragupta Vikramaditya

84. Who built the Stupa at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh ?  
(A) Harsha  
(B) Ashoka  
(C) Kanishka  
(D) Chandragupta

85. How many dynasties ruled over Delhi Sultanate sequentially ?  
(A) Five  
(B) Four  
(C) Three  
(D) Six

86. Who was the first European to translate Bhagwad Gita into English ?  
(A) William Jones  
(B) Charles Wilkins  
(C) John Stuart  
(D) Alexander Cunningham

87. Who among the following was called as Father of Indian Renaissance ?  
(A) B. G. Tilak  
(B) G. K. Gokhale  
(C) Lala Lajpat Rai  
(D) Raja Ram Mohan Roy

88. Where did Babar die ?  
(A) Agra  
(B) Kabul  
(C) Lahore  
(D) Delhi

89. When did Vasco da Gama first come to India ?  
(A) 1492  
(B) 1498  
(C) 1398  
(D) 1542

90. Who among the following was one of the founders of the All India Trade Union Congress in 1920 ?  
(A) N. M. Joshi  
(B) V. V. Giri  
(C) S. P. Mukherjee  
(D) Purshottamdas Thakurdas

91. Bibi-ka-Maqbara is located in India at :  
(A) Hyderabad  
(B) Fatehpur Sikri  
(C) Aurangabad  
(D) Bijapur

92. Shashank Manohar, President of BCCI, is a/an :  
(A) Engineer  
(B) Lawyer  
(C) Professor  
(D) Doctor

93. Who was the Captain of Indian Hockey Team in 2004 Olympics ?  
(A) Bharat Chettri  
(B) Ramdeep Singh  
(C) Pargat Singh  
(D) Dillip Tirkey

94. Teesta forms a part of which major river system ?  
(A) Ganga  
(B) Krishna  
(C) Cauvery  
(D) Brahmaputra

95. Which of the following is not a tributary of the Ganga ?  
(A) Yamuna  
(B) Son  
(C) Gomati  
(D) Sutlej

96. Wular Lake is in :  
(A) Punjab  
(B) Himachal Pradesh  
(C) Jammu & Kashmir  
(D) None of the above

97. Which of the following is the highest dam in India ?  
(A) Bhakra Nangal Dam  
(B) Tehri Dam  
(C) Hirakud Dam  
(D) Nagarjunsagar Dam

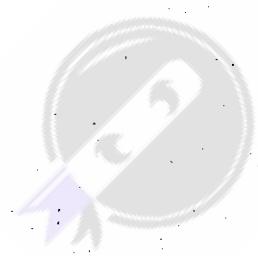
98. How many river basins / drainage areas are there in India ?  
(A) 25  
(B) 20  
(C) 22  
(D) 26

99. Which of the following is the largest Bauxite producing state in India ?  
(A) Jharkhand  
(B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Odisha  
(D) Gujarat

100. The total course (length) of the river Mahanadi is :  
(A) 858 km  
(B) 958 km  
(C) 585 km  
(D) 859 km



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