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1. Who has been crowned Femina Miss India World 2018 ?
(A) Shreya Rao
(B) Anukreethy Vas
(C) Meenakshi Chaudhary
(D) Neelam Khurana

2. Which renowned personality has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim Government ?
(A) Akshay Kumar
(B) A. R. Rahman
(C) Virat Kohli
(D) Sachin Tendulkar

3. The first biannual Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference 2018 was held in which city ?
(A) New Delhi
(B) Guwahati
(C) Pune
(D) Mumbai

4. What was the theme of National Statistics Day 2018 ?
(A) Statistics for Common Man
(B) Quality Assurance in Official Statistics
(C) Statistics for New India
(D) Statistics for Development

5. Who has been crowned as the India's first Tribal Queen ?
(A) Panchami Majhi
(B) Rashmirekha Hansdah

6. Under India Smart Cities Award 2018, which Smart City has been selected for 'City Award' for showing great momentum in implementation of projects ?
(A) Jabalpur
(B) Visakhapatnam
(C) Surat
(D) Pune

7. Who has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Italy ?
(A) Matteo Salvini
(B) Sergio Mattarella
(C) Giuseppe Conte
(D) Luigi Di Maio

8. What is India's rank in the Global Peace Index 2018 ?
(A) 138th
(B) 129th
(C) 136th
(D) 128th

9. What is the theme of 2018 World Oceans Day (WOD) ?
(A) Prevent oceans from plastic pollution
(B) Our Oceans, Our Future
(C) Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet
(D) Preventing plastic pollution and encouraging solutions for a healthy ocean

10. Which Indian Armed Force is observing the year 2018 as 'Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty' ?

- (A) Indian Army
- (B) Indian Air Force
- (C) Indian Navy
- (D) Indian Coast Guard

11. Who has been honoured with the DRDO Lifetime Achievement Award 2017 ?

- (A) Vasudev Kalkunte Aatre
- (B) G. Satheesh Reddy
- (C) S. Christopher
- (D) V. K. Saraswat

12. The military exercise of Indian Army "Gandiv Vijay 2018" was concluded in which state ?

- (A) Odisha
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Himachal Pradesh
- (D) Uttar Pradesh

13. Upper part of sea/aquatic ecosystem contains :

- (A) Plankton
- (B) Nekton
- (C) Plankton and Nekton
- (D) Benthos

14. Green house effect is warming due to :

- (A) Infra-red rays reaching earth
- (B) Moisture layer in atmosphere
- (C) Increase in temperature due to increase in carbon dioxide concentration of atmosphere
- (D) Ozone layer of atmosphere

15. Study of inter-relationships between organisms and their environment is :

- (A) Ecology
- (B) Ecosystem
- (C) Phytogeography
- (D) Ethology

16. Which is not correct about the Right to Privacy as per the judgement delivered by the Supreme Court of India ?

- (A) It is a fundamental right of the citizens.
- (B) It is an intrinsic part of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.
- (C) It is absolute unlike the Right to Life and Personal Liberty.
- (D) It is a unanimous decision by a nine judge bench of the Supreme Court headed by Hon'ble Chief Justice J. S. Khehar.

17. Which places shall be the terminals for the first Bullet Train of India ?

- (A) Ahmedabad and Delhi
- (B) Ghoga and Dahej
- (C) Mumbai and Ahmedabad
- (D) Mumbai and Karnali

18. Which team did win the Ranji Trophy 2017-18 ?
(A) Delhi
(B) Gujarat
(C) Mumbai
(D) Vidarbha

19. Who is the recipient of Dada Saheb Phalke Award 2017 ?
(A) Satrughna Sinha
(B) Vinod Khanna
(C) Reema Lagoo
(D) Sri Devi

20. Which month shall be celebrated every year as the National Nutrition Month under POSHAN Abhiyan ?
(A) March
(B) May
(C) August
(D) September

21. Who have won the 2018 Raman Magsaysay Award ?
(A) M. S. Swaminathan and Sanjay Rajaram
(B) Bharat Bhatwani and Sonam Wangchuk
(C) Gauri Lankesh and Rajendra Singh
(D) Medha Patkar and Kailash Satyarthi

22. Which country has allowed women to drive with effect from June 2018 ?
(A) Iran
(B) Saudi Arabia
(C) Iraq
(D) Jordan

23. Which country did host the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018 ?
(A) India
(B) Australia
(C) Denmark
(D) England

24. Which city has been projected by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs to be the most populous city of the world in 2028 ?
(A) Tokyo
(B) Delhi
(C) Beijing
(D) Mumbai

25. Who is the author of the book "Gandhi : The Years That Changed The World (1914-1948)" ?
(A) Bipan Chandra
(B) Ramachandra Guha
(C) Romila Thapar
(D) Fatima Meer

26. Which battle did put an end to the French Challenge to British Supremacy in India ?

(A) Battle of Seringapatam
(B) Battle of Plassey
(C) Battle of Buxar
(D) Battle of Wandiwash

27. Which is not correct ?

(A) Odisha was conquered by the British in 1803.
(B) Odisha was ruled by the Marathas at the time of conquest.
(C) Odisha was ceded to the East India Company by the Treaty of Argaon.
(D) Odisha's conquest was effected by Richard Wellesley.

28. Which Act did introduce the principles of elections ?

(A) Indian Councils Act 1892
(B) Indian Councils Act 1909
(C) Government of India Act 1919
(D) Government of India Act 1935

29. Where was the Revolt of 1857 kindled ?

(A) Delhi
(B) Meerut
(C) Barrackpore
(D) Lucknow

30. Where was the headquarters of Ghadar Party established ?

(A) Vancouver
(B) San Francisco
(C) Portland
(D) Berlin

31. When did Gandhiji address a public meeting at Cuttack during the Non-cooperation Movement ?

(A) January 24, 1921
(B) March 23, 1921
(C) March 27, 1921
(D) August 3, 1921

32. When did Gandhiji break the salt law at Dandi ?

(A) March 12, 1930
(B) March 16, 1930
(C) April 5, 1930
(D) April 6, 1930

33. Where did Subhas Chandra Bose establish the Provisional Government of Free India ?

(A) Tokyo
(B) Singapore
(C) Bangkok
(D) Berlin

34. What is not correct regarding the Preamble of the Indian Constitution ?

- (A) It embodies the ideals of the Constitution.
- (B) It is an integral part of the Constitution.
- (C) It can not be amended.
- (D) It is enforceable in a Court of Law.

35. What does Article 35(A) of the Indian Constitution provide for ?

- (A) Inapplicability of declaration of National Emergency in Jammu and Kashmir without concurrence by the Government of the State
- (B) Limitation of fundamental rights of the armed forces personnel deployed in insurgency areas
- (C) Saving of laws with respect to permanent residents of Jammu and Kashmir and their rights
- (D) Restriction to citizen's rights in the area under force of martial law

36. Who are the electors for the Office of the Vice President of India ?

- (A) Elected members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- (B) Elected members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies

37. What is an advance grant made by the Parliament pending regular passage of the budget called ?

- (A) Appropriation Bill
- (B) Vote on Account
- (C) Vote on Credit
- (D) Supplementary Grant

38. Which writ is issued by the Supreme Court or a High Court to command a public authority to perform a public statutory duty that is a part of their official duty but fail to perform ?

- (A) Habeas Corpus
- (B) Mandamus
- (C) Certiorary
- (D) Quo Warranto

39. Which subject has been transferred from the State List to the Concurrent List by a Constitutional Amendment ?

- (A) Public Health and Sanitation
- (B) Education
- (C) Agriculture
- (D) Road Transport

40. When was the amendment providing Constitutional Status to Municipalities made effective ?
(A) 1991
(B) 1992
(C) 1993
(D) 1994

41. Which is the largest constituent of Atmosphere ?
(A) Methane
(B) Oxygen
(C) Carbon dioxide
(D) Nitrogen

42. Which type of rock is granite ?
(A) Sedimentary
(B) Igneous
(C) Metamorphic
(D) Organic

43. What is not correct with regard to earthquake ?
(A) It is caused by endogenetic forces of earth.
(B) The magnitude of energy released by it is measured by Richter Scale.
(C) The damage caused by it is measured by Mercally Intensity Scale.
(D) Epicenter is the point deep under the ground where it actually begins.

44. Which state is not bisected by the Tropic of Cancer ?
(A) Gujarat
(B) Odisha
(C) Bengal
(D) Rajasthan

45. Why is Chilika Lake called a Lagoon ?
(A) It is formed due to damming of sections of river channels.
(B) It is formed due to flowing in of rain water into local depressions.
(C) It is produced due to erosional and depositional action of waves in the coastal regions.
(D) It is formed by remnants of ancient ocean and sea areas.

46. Which state has the longest coastline ?
(A) Gujarat
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Odisha

47. Where are the oldest rocks found ?
(A) Himalayas
(B) Aravallis
(C) Siwaliks
(D) Indo-Gangetic Plain

48. Which state has the highest percentage of its geographical area covered by forests as per the Government Report of 2018 ?

(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Nagaland
(D) Mizoram

49. Which is a tool of executive control to enforce administrative accountability ?

(A) Audit
(B) Pressure Groups
(C) Writs
(D) Appointment and Removal

50. What was the theme of the 21st National Conference on e-governance in 2018 ?

(A) Artificial intelligence and e-governance
(B) Transparency and e-governance
(C) Technology and good governance
(D) Technology for Accelerating Development

51. What is called a Rolling Plan ?

(A) A plan that changes its target every year
(B) A plan that changes its allocation every year

(C) A plan that does not change its target every year
(D) A plan that changes its target and allocation every year

52. Which is the most appropriate measure of the country's economic growth ?

(A) Gross Domestic Product
(B) Net Domestic Product
(C) Gross National Product
(D) Per Capita Real Income

53. Which is the first open defecation free state ?

(A) Rajasthan
(B) Kerala
(C) Sikkim
(D) Himachal Pradesh

54. Which Scheme is intended to provide market-relevant skill development training to the youth ?

(A) Sampada
(B) Swayam
(C) Saksham
(D) Sankalp

55. What is the product 'Ulta Chaata' used for ?

(A) Retaliating attack
(B) Recycling plastic
(C) Tracking absconded criminal
(D) Conserving and harvesting rain water

56. Which is the first indigenous Battle Tank of Indian Army ?
(A) Ajeya
(B) Arjun
(C) Bhishma
(D) Vijayanta

57. Where was the Rafale aircraft acquired from ?
(A) England
(B) France
(C) Italy
(D) Switzerland

58. Where is the Indian National Defence University under construction ?
(A) Amethi
(B) Pune
(C) Binola
(D) Dehradun

59. What is the lander of Chandrayana-2 named as ?
(A) Raman
(B) Kalam
(C) Homi
(D) Vikram

60. What are the non-stick cooking utensils coated with ?
(A) Anodized Aluminium
(B) Enamelled Cast Iron

61. What was the theme of World Earth Day observed worldwide to demonstrate support for environment protection ?
(A) Clean Earth-Green Earth
(B) Environmental and Climate Literacy
(C) Trees for the Earth
(D) End Plastic Pollution

62. What is not correct with respect to Olive Ridley Sea Turtles ?
(A) Gahirmatha is world's largest known nesting and breeding ground of such type of turtles.
(B) Two other mass nesting beaches for such turtles in Odisha are located on the mouth of rivers Rushikulya and Daya.
(C) The eggs of such turtles hatch at night and the hatchlings are highly sensitive to light.
(D) These species are recognised as Vulnerable in the Red List of IUCN.

63. Which is not mentioned as a green house gas in the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on climatic change ?

- (A) Carbon dioxide
- (B) Carbon monoxide
- (C) Methane
- (D) Nitrous oxide

64. Whose concept was Non-Aligned Movement ?

- (A) Marshall Josip Broz Tito
- (B) Sukarno
- (C) Gamal Abdel Nasser
- (D) Jawaharlal Nehru

65. Who is eligible to be the Chairman of Human Rights Commission of India ?

- (A) The sitting Chief Justice of India
- (B) A former Chief Justice of India
- (C) A former Judge of Supreme Court
- (D) A former Chief Justice of a High Court

66. Which of the following statements is correct about the President of India ?

- (A) Addresses first session of Parliament after each General Election.
- (B) Addresses first session of Parliament at the beginning of each year.
- (C) Addresses every session of Parliament.
- (D) Never addresses Parliament.

67. Who of the following founded the Ahmedabad Textile Labour Association ?

- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
- (B) J. B. Kripalani
- (C) N. M. Joshi
- (D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

68. 82 and 1/2 degree E longitude is geographically significant to India because:

- (A) It determines the Indian Standard Time
- (B) It was a bearing on the tropical climate of India
- (C) It divides India into eastern and western zones
- (D) It enables determining local time in eastern India

69. For regulation of the Insurance Trade in the country, the Government has formed :

- (A) SEBI
- (B) Reserve Bank of India
- (C) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- (D) General Insurance Corporation

70. For what is the Manas Sanctuary in Assam known ?
(A) Bears
(B) Rhinos
(C) Elephants
(D) Bisons

71. Historians are of the view that the British signed the Treaty of Bassein (1802) with a 'Cypher'. Who was this 'Cypher'?
(A) Raghunath Rao
(B) Daulat Rao Sindhia
(C) Baji Rao II
(D) Nana Fadnavis

72. In India, how many states share the coastline ?
(A) 7
(B) 8
(C) 9
(D) 10

73. Which of the following mountain ranges form a dividing line between the Ganges Plain and the Deccan Plateau ?
(A) Aravalli
(B) Vindhya
(C) Satpura
(D) Ajanta

74. Integrated Kashang Hydroelectric Project and Sainj Hydroelectric Project which are being supported by Asian Development Bank are located in which of the following states ?
(A) Jammu & Kashmir
(B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Punjab

75. Via which among the following amendments of the Constitution of India, Delhi was designated as National Capital Territory (NCT) ?
(A) 63rd Amendment Act
(B) 69th Amendment Act
(C) 74th Amendment Act
(D) 76th Amendment Act

76. What is the current repo rate in the second bi-monthly monetary policy review of RBI for FY19 ?
(A) 6.50%
(B) 6.25%
(C) 6.00%
(D) 6.75%

77. Which among the following acts has not been enacted by Parliament of India ?
(A) AFSPA
(B) POTA
(C) MCOCA
(D) FEMA

78. Who among the following has written the book titled 'The Perils of Democracy' ?

- (A) P. S. Ramamohan Rao
- (B) P. C. Alexander
- (C) Gurudas Kamat
- (D) Shankar Dayal Sharma

79. Who among the following was the first Speaker of the Lok Sabha ?

- (A) Ganesh Vasudev Mavalankar
- (B) M. A. Ayyangar
- (C) Sardar Hukam Singh
- (D) N. Sanjiva Reddy

80. The "Ninety East Ridge" is a submarine volcanic ridge located in :

- (A) Pacific Ocean
- (B) Atlantic Ocean
- (C) Indian Ocean
- (D) Arctic Ocean

81. Which among the following would be the longest day in Australia ?

- (A) June 21
- (B) September 22
- (C) December 22
- (D) March 23

82. The Hindu and Jain mythology refer to which among the following as the centre of the universe ?

- (A) Mount Kailash
- (B) Ujjain
- (C) Mount Meru
- (D) Pushkar Lake

83. Bring out the sea which has no coastline ?

- (A) White Sea
- (B) Tasmanian Sea
- (C) Sargasso Sea
- (D) Japan Sea

84. Which among the following is the largest tropical lake in the world ?

- (A) Lake Victoria
- (B) Lake Malawi
- (C) Lake Kivu
- (D) Lake Turkana

85. On which among the following dates, World Hindi Day is celebrated ?

- (A) January 10
- (B) January 15
- (C) January 17
- (D) December 17

86. Which among the following Viceroys was associated with the 'Ilbert Bill Controversy' ?

- (A) Lord Curzon
- (B) Lord Lytton
- (C) Lord Ripon
- (D) Lord Hardinge

87. Arrange the following events/movements in the correct order of their chronology :

- (i) Rowlatt Act Satyagraha
- (ii) Civil Disobedience Movement
- (iii) Boycott of Simon Commission
- (iv) Quit India Movement

(A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)
(B) (i), (iii), (ii), (iv)
(C) (ii), (iii), (iv), (i)
(D) None of the above

88. The only session of Indian National Congress which was presided by Mahatma Gandhi was held at :

- (A) Belgaum
- (B) Faizpur
- (C) Allahabad
- (D) Karachi

89. At which among the following places, National Flag was hoisted for the first time in India ?

- (A) Lucknow
- (B) Nagpur
- (C) Kolkata
- (D) Delhi

90. Bring out the only incorrect statement :

- (A) Kaveri is the longest river of Tamil Nadu.
- (B) India is the second largest producer of Chillies after China.

(C) Regulating Act 1773 established a Supreme Court in India
(D) Attorney General of India is appointed as per Article 1976.

91. UDYAMI helpline is for :

- (A) Large capital Industries
- (B) Female entrepreneur
- (C) Farmers introducing technology in Farming
- (D) Micro, small and medium size enterprises

92. What is the upper limit of RTGS transaction in India ?

- (A) Rs. 5 Lakhs
- (B) Rs. 10 Lakhs
- (C) Rs. 15 Lakhs
- (D) No limit

93. Who among the following has written the book "Growth and Finance" ?

- (A) Bimal Jalan
- (B) K. Subba Rao
- (C) C. Rangrajan
- (D) Amartya Sen

94. Which among the following is popularly known as mercantile law of India ?

- (A) Contract Law
- (B) Law of Torts
- (C) Labour Law
- (D) Property Law

95. Mutual Funds are regulated in India by which among the following ?
(A) RBI
(B) SEBI
(C) Stock Exchanges
(D) RBI and SEBI both

96. In which year Mission Olympics in Army Programme was launched ?
(A) 1999
(B) 2000
(C) 2001
(D) 2002

97. Check which is not an agency of U. N. ?
(A) International Committee of Red Cross
(B) FAO
(C) IMF
(D) ILO

98. An Indian who became President of International Court of Justice is :
(A) Dr. Nagendra Singh
(B) Justice R. N. Thakur
(C) Justice P. L. Bhagawati
(D) Justice H. R. Reddy

99. Which of the following country is not a permanent member of UN Security Council ?
(A) China
(B) Japan
(C) Russia
(D) France

100. Who has become the first Indian cricketer to score 2,000 runs in T20 International Cricket ?
(A) Mithali Raj
(B) Virat Kohli
(C) Rohit Sharma
(D) Harmanpreet Kaur