

General Knowledge Question & Answer

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What is India VIX

India VIX is a volatility index based on the Nifty 50 Index Option prices. The implied volatility is captured by the volatility index which reflects risk associated with equity market. When the market is steadily moving upside or range bound then implied volatility is observed to be low, and when market declines sharply due to heavy selling or bad sentiments then implied volatility rises to high.Share

In which year the Global fund Created

The Global Fund was created in 2002 to help the world battle these three killer diseases, and its accomplishments have been spectacular, making it arguably the most successful innovation in foreign assistance of the past decade. As a result of Global Fund programmes, an estimated 2.5 million people are on anti-retroviral AIDS therapy. No fewer than eight million people have been cured of tuberculosis. And more than 100 million long-lasting insecticide-treated bed nets have been distributed in the fight against malaria. In total, studies suggest that Global Fund programmes have saved five million lives.

Why wells are created in circular Shape

Digging a circular wall is to make the well stronger. This is because the water exerts pressure on the wall of the well and this pressure is equal in all sides, as all sides are at an equal distance from the centre of the wall. If the well is in other shapes than circular the pressure exerted by the water will be irregular and there will be a possibility of its collapsing.

Which living or Non living animal is/was largest of all land animals

The Argentinosaurus is the largest dinosaur that has had its size confirmed. The sauropod Argentinosaurus huinculensis reached 73 tonnes, and therefore, is the largest of all land animals whose mass has been rigorously obtained. Another sauropod, Antarctosaurus giganteus, was the second largest, at nearly 69 tonnes, while Antarctosaurus wichmannianus reached 34 tonnes.

Can a liquid be magnet

Magnetism is caused by domain alignment in crystal of material. When artificial magnets are formed, domain alignment is made possible by strong external magnetic field for ferromagnetic materials. Ferrofluid is molten ferromagnetic material which gets polarized as we apply magnetic field around it. Earth's core has two parts: inner solid core and outer fluid iron. The outer core rotates around inner core. Moving metals with charge causes magnetism, this is what Faraday's Law speaks about.

However, ferrofluids are referred to as a liquid magnet. Ferrofluids are colloidal mixtures of magnetic particles (~10 nm in diameter) in a liquid carrier. A typical ferrofluid is about 5% magnetic solids, 10% surfactant, and 85% carrier, by volume. In Electronics, Ferrofluids are used to form liquid seals around the spinning drive shafts in hard disks. The friction-reducing capabilities of Ferrofluids make them usable in Mechanical Engineering. There is another substance, Magnetorheological fluid or MR Fluid. When subjected to a magnetic field, the viscosity of the fluid increases to the extent of becoming a viscoelastic solid. Thus the ability to transmit force can be controlled with an electromagnet, which gives rise to its many possible control-based applications.

GK Who is Who? 1

1. Who led a military campaign with 1000 men all wearing red shirts, leading to the unification of Italy?

- a) Benito Mussolini
- b) Oliver Cromwell
- c) Giuseppe Garibaldi
- d) Otto Von Bismarck

2. Who among the following American Presidents was assassinated in 1963?

- a) Eisenhower
- b) John F Kennedy
- c) Harry Truman
- d) Roosevelt

3. Who made it to the Guinness Book of World records by delivering eight hour long non stop speech in the UN General Assembly?

- a) AB Vajpayee
- b) VK Krishna Menon
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) KPS Menon

4. Who among the following is known as the Iron Man of India?

- a) Bhagat Singh
- b) Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- c) Lala Lajpat Rai
- d) Subash Chandra Bose

5. This South American revolutionary is known as the Liberator for his efforts that put an end to the Spanish colonial rule in South America. Who is he?

- a) Fidel Castro
- b) Carl Marx
- c) Simon Bolivar
- d) Che Guevara

6. Which Soviet Union leader is associated with 'Glasnost' and 'Perestroika'?

- a) Mikhail Gorbachev
- b) Boris Yeltsin
- c) Vladimir Putin
- d) Nikita Khrushchev

7. Who is the inventor of telegraphic code?

- a) Alexander Graham Bell
- b) Albert Einstein
- c) Samuel Morse
- d) JL Baird

8. Who among the following was the first woman President of the UN General Assembly?

- a) Annie Besant
- b) Sarojini Naidu
- c) Vijaya Lakshmi Pundit
- d) Sucheta Kripalani

9. Who is the first space traveler?

- a) Neil Armstrong
- b) Edwin Aldrin
- c) Yuri Gagarin
- d) Rakesh Sharma

10. Who was the first winner of Bharat Ratna?

- a) Dr S Radhakrishnan
- b) R Rajendra Prasad

- c) C Rajagopalachari
- d) BR Ambedkar

11. Who among the following was offered the President ship of Israel but refused to accept it?

- a) Ariel Sharon
- b) Albert Einstein
- c) Bill gates
- d) Kofi Annan

12. Who was the Swiss business man who founded the Red Cross?

- a) Paul Harris
- b) Jean Henri Dunant
- c) Michael Crichton
- d) George Gallop

13. Who was the first Indian woman to be crowned as 'Miss World'?

- a) Aishwarya Rai
- b) Sushmita Sen
- c) Rita Faria
- d) Yukta Mukhi

14. Who among the following Indians has won the Nobel Prize for economics?

- a) CV Raman
- b) Amartya Sen
- c) MS Swaminathan
- d) Har Gobind Khorana

15. Who among the following Presidents of America has won the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a) John F Kennedy
- b) George Washington
- c) Abraham Lincoln
- d) Theodore Roosevelt

Answers

- 1. Giuseppe Garibaldi
- 2. John F Kennedy
- 3. VK Krishna Menon
- 4. Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- 5. Simon Bolivar
- 6. Mikhail Gorbachev

7. Samuel Morse
8. Vijaya Lakshmi Pundit
9. Yuri Gagarin
10. C Rajagopalachari
11. Albert Einstein
12. Jean Henri Dunant
13. Rita Faria
14. Amartya Sen
15. Theodore Roosevelt

GK Who is Who? 2

1. Who was the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Yasunari Kawabata
- c) CV Raman
- d) None of these

2. Who among the following scientists have won the Nobel Prize for chemistry and peace?

- a) Niels Bohr
- b) Linus Pauling
- c) Madam Curie
- d) De Broglie

3. Who wrote the preface to the English translation of Gitanjali?

- a) WB Yeats
- b) Shelly
- c) TS Eliot
- d) Rabindranath Tagore

4. Who won the first Dada Saheb Phalke award?

- a) Dilip Kumar
- b) Devika Rani
- c) Pradip
- d) Nargis Dutt

5. Who among the following national leaders have won the highest civilian honours of Pakistan?

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru

- b) Morarji Desai
- c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- d) Indira Gandhi

6. Who created the famous painting 'Mona Lisa'?

- a) Picasso
- b) Michelangelo
- c) Raphael
- d) Leonardo da Vinci

7. Name the Italian sculptor and painter who is famous for painting the ceiling of the Sistine chapel?

- a) Michelangelo
- b) Pablo Picasso
- c) Leonardo da Vinci
- d) Vangog

8. The greatest operas of which great musician include 'Don Giovanni' and 'the Magic Flute'?

- a) Wolfgang Mozart
- b) Beethoven
- c) Johann Sebastian Bach
- d) William Blake

9. Michael Jackson is a reputed

- a) Jazz singer
- b) Pop singer
- c) Ballet dancer
- d) piano dancer

10. Hari Prasad Chaurasia is a renowned player of

- a) tabla
- b) sarod
- c) flute
- d) sitar

Answers

- 1. Rabindranath Tagore
- 2. Linus Pauling
- 3. WB Yeasts
- 4. Devika Rani

5. Morarji Desai
 6. Leonardo da Vinci
 7. Michelangelo
 8. Wolfgang Mozart
 9. Pop singer
 10. flute
- GK Who is Who? 3

1. Who founded the new religion Din-i-Elahi?

- a) Akbar
- b) Sikander Lodhi
- c) Qwaja Moinuddin Chisti
- d) Babur

2. Who was the first woman Chief Minister of an Indian state?

- a) Jayalalitha
- b) Padmaja Naidu
- c) Sucheta Kripalani
- d) Vijayalakshmi Pandit

3. Name the Indian political leader who served two times as acting Prime Minister of India?

- a) Gulzari Lal Nanda
- b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- c) N Sanjiva Reddy
- d) GS Pathak

4. Who was the first lady governor of a state in India?

- a) Sheila Kaul
- b) Sarla Grewal
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Indira Gandhi

5. After which famous national leader is the Ahmedabad Airport named?

- a) Morarji Desai
- b) Kasturba Gandhi
- c) Mahatma Gandhi
- d) Sardar Vallabhai Patel

6. Who among the following did not serve as the Vice President before becoming the President of India?

- a) Dr S Radhakrishnan
- b) Dr Zakir Hussain
- c) Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy
- d) R Venketaraman

7. Who wrote the American declaration of Independence?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) James Madison
- d) John Adams

8. Who is regarded as the father of Russian Revolution?

- a) Kerensky
- b) Trotsky
- c) Karl Marx
- d) Lenin

9. Who among the following inspired and initiated the renaissance of modern India?

- a) Aurobindo Ghosh
- b) Swami Vivekananda
- c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- d) Keshab Chandra Sen

10. Who is the first Indian Prime Minister who didn't belong to the Congress party at any time in his political career?

- a) Charan Singh
- b) Chandrasekhar
- c) Deva Gowda
- d) AB Vajpayee

11. Who among the following was an advocate of radical humanism?

- a) Annie Besant
- b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- c) MN Roy
- d) VD Savarkar

12. Who among the following is associated with the invention of Jet Engine?

- a) James Watt
- b) Charles Parsons
- c) Orville and Wilbur Wright
- d) Frank Whittle

13. Who amongst the following was the first woman to climb Mount Everest?

- a) Valentina Tereshkova
- b) Junko Tabei
- c) Santhosh Yadav
- d) none of these

14. Who amongst the following is known as 'Iron Lady'?

- a) Benazir Bhutto
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Margaret Thatcher
- d) Chandrika Kumaratunge

15. Who amongst the following is the youngest man to win world heavyweight crown?

- a) Muhammad Ali
- b) Mike Tyson
- c) Peter McNeely
- d) none of these

Answers

- 1. Akbar
 - 2. Sucheta Kripalani
 - 3. Gulzari Lal Nanda
 - 4. Sarojini Naidu
 - 5. Sardar Vallabhai Patel
 - 6. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy
 - 7. Thomas Jefferson
 - 8. Lenin
 - 9. Raja Ram Mohan Roy
 - 10. AB Vajpayee
 - 11. MN Roy
 - 12. Frank Whittle
 - 13. Junko Tabei
 - 14. Margaret Thatcher
 - 15. Mike Tyson
- GK Who is Who? 4

1. Who among the following described Gandhiji as 'Half-naked Fakir'?

- a) Joseph Stalin
- b) Mussolini
- c) Winston Churchill
- d) Muhammad Ali Jinnah

2. Who is the author of the book 'Unto This Last' which profoundly influenced Gandhiji?

- a) John Ruskin
- b) Emerson
- c) Tolstoy
- d) Vivekananda

3. Who founded the Rotary Club?

- a) Michael Kalashnikov
- b) Paul Harris
- c) Pat Barker
- d) Paul Crutzen

4. Who among the following was the first popularly elected president of Russia?

- a) Michael Gorbachev
- b) Boris Yeltsin
- c) Vladimir Putin
- d) none of these

5. Who was the first Indian to win the World Food Prize?

- a) V Kurien
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) MGS Narayan
- d) none of these

6. Who created Dolly, the first cloned sheep?

- a) Eric E Wieschaus
- b) Ian Wilmut
- c) James Watson
- d) Francis Crick

7. Who is the only woman to have climbed Mount Everest twice?

- a) Santhosh Yadav
- b) Junko Tabei
- c) Bachendri Pal
- d) Rita Ang

8. Who is the chief architect of Green Revolution in India?

- a) V Kurien
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) Norman Ernest Borlaug
- d) Sundar Lal Bahuguna

9. Who among the following former Presidents of America was also a film star and television artist?

- a) Theodore Roosevelt
- b) Ronald Reagan
- c) Wudro Wilson
- d) John F Kennedy

10. Who is known as the 'Father of India's White Revolution'?

- a) V Kurien
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) MGS Narayanan
- d) Hargobind Khorana

Answers

- 1. Winston Churchill
- 2. John Ruskin
- 3. Paul Harris
- 4. Boris Yeltsin
- 5. MS Swaminathan
- 6. Ian Wilmut
- 7. Santhosh Yadav
- 8. MS Swaminathan
- 9. Ronald Reagan
- 10. V Kurien

Current Events Quiz 1

1. Who was recently re-elected the President of the People's Republic of China?

- a) Hu Jintao
- b) Jiang Zemin
- c) Ma Ying-jeou

2. Who recently won the 'Person of the Year' award by the India Abroad newspaper in New York?

- a) Indra Nooyi
- b) Mira Nair

c) Deepa Mehta

3. Mr David A Paterson was in news recently. For what?

- a) for being the first legally blind person to become the governor of a US State
- b) for winning the Booker Prize
- c) for conquering Mt Everest

4. Who recently became the first ever woman to become the Speaker of Pakistan's parliament?

- a) Fahmida Mirza
- b) Fahtima Bhutoo
- c) Razia Mirza

5. Who won the Femina Miss India Universe title in 2008?

- a) Parvathy Omanakuttan
- b) Simran Kaur Mundi
- c) Harshita Saxena

6. Who won the WTA Tour Player of the Year 2007 award?

- a) Maria Sharapova
- b) Justin Henin
- c) Venus Williams

7. Which Indian cricketer recently became the third cricketer in history to score two triple Test centuries?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Virender Sehwag
- c) Rahul Dravid

8. Who/what won the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, disarmament and Development for 2007?

- a) Aung Saan Suki
- b) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- c) Medha Patkar

9. The Anglo-Dutch steel company Corus was recently taken over by

- a) ArcelorMittal
- b) Jindal Steel
- c) Tata Steel

10. Who is the President of India?

- a) APJ Abdul Kalam
- b) Somnath Chatterjee
- c) Pratibha Patil

11. Which is the first Indian bank to get approval to start normal banking operation in China?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Corporation Bank

12. Which Indian company manufactures automobiles for Mitsubishi?

- a) Tata Motors
- b) Bajaj Tempo
- c) Hindustan Motors

13. Which one of the following is the world's busiest port today?

- a) Port of Rotterdam
- b) Port of Shanghai
- c) Port of Singapore

14. For international payments, the Indian currency is linked to

- a) British sterling
- b) American Dollar
- c) International oil price

15. Which of the following countries is the top source of FDI inflows to India at present?

- a) Mauritius
- b) USA
- c) UK

Answers

1. Hu Jintao
2. Mira Nair
3. for being the first legally blind person to become the governor of a US State
4. Fahmida Mirza
5. Simran Kaur Mundi
6. Justin Henin
7. Virender Sehwag
8. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

9. Tata Steel
10. Pratibha Patil
11. State Bank of India
12. Hindustan Motors
13. Port of Singapore
14. American Dollar
15. Mauritius

Current Events Quiz 2

1. China launched its first lunar orbiter in 2007. What is its name?

- a) Lunz'e 1
- b) Wan Hu
- c) Chang'e 1

2. The Suzuki Corporation has launched its first scooter for the Indian market. What is the name of this scooter?

- a) Access 125
- b) Marut 125
- c) Excellent X
- d) Pawan 125

3. Who won the Linares-Morelia Chess tournament in 2008?

- a) V Anand
- b) Veselin Topalov
- c) Vladimir Kramnik

4. Which Indian bank recently opened its 10,000th branch becoming the second bank in the world to have as many branches?

- a) Bank of India
- b) State Bank of India
- c) ICICI Bank

5. Gas has recently been discovered at which of the following river basins?

- a) Krishna-Godavri basin
- b) Cauvery basin
- c) Ganga basin

6. Which Indian entity recently bagged a position in the list of world's top ten largest derivative bourses?

- a) NSE
- b) Sensex
- c) MCX

7. Which Indian company recently acquired Jaguar and Land Rover?

- a) Bajaj Auto
- b) Tata Motors
- c) Mahindra & Mahindra

8. Which company topped the 'Global 2000 List' compiled by the Forbes magazine in April 2008?

- a) HSBC
- b) Bank of America
- c) General Electric

9. Who recently won the Best writer award in the Europe region category of the Commonwealth Writer's Prize 2008?

- a) VS Naipaul
- b) Indra Sinha
- c) Tahmima Anam

10. India's first centre to monitor climate change has been opened at

- b) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) Kolkata

Answers

1. Chang'e 1
2. Access 125
3. V Anand
4. State Bank of India
5. Krishna-Godavri basin
6. NSE
7. Tata Motors
8. HSBC
9. Indra Sinha
10. Chennai

Current Events Quiz 3

1. The 2008 NAM summit was recently held at

- a) Tehran

- b) Colombo
- c) New Delhi
- d) Lahore

2. Who among the following was recently appointed the United Nations High Commissioner for human rights?

- a) Navanethem Pillay
- b) Dayana Mendoza
- c) Vijay Nambiar
- d) None of these

3. Which country has the highest number of internet users today?

- a) China
- b) USA
- c) India
- d) Japan

4. Google recently launched its own online encyclopedia. What is the name of this project?

- a) Wikipedia
- b) Knol
- c) Encyclopedia
- d) None of these

5. Dr Ram Baran Yadav was in news recently for

- a) being the first President of Republic Nepal
- b) being first Prime Minister of Nepal
- c) for winning the Magsasay Award
- d) for winning the Kalinga Award

6. What is SpaceShipTwo?

- a) world's first civilian passenger spacecraft
- b) Nasa's lunar explorer
- c) ESA's craft to study Mars
- d) None of these

7. Sir Richard Branson was in news recently. Who is he?

- a) founder of Virgin group of companies
- b) winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics
- c) winner of the Booker Prize

d) none of these

8. Europa is a moon of which planet?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Saturn
- c) Pluto
- d) Mars

9. The WTO Ministerial Meeting of 30 trade ministers was recently held at

- a) Geneva
- b) Stockholm
- c) Paris
- d) Seattle

10. Who won the Men's singles title at Wimbledon this year?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Andy Roddick
- d) None of these

11. Who won the Men's singles title at French Open this year?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Mahesh Bhupathi
- d) None of these

12. Which country won the Azlan Shah Hockey tournament in 2008?

- a) Argentina
- b) Spain
- c) Netherlands
- d) India

13. Which country won the Euro Cup 2008 Football tournament?

- a) Spain
- b) Germany
- c) Italy
- d) France

14. According to the worldwide Corruption Perceptions Index, which country is the least corrupt in the world?

- a) Denmark
- b) Finland
- c) Myanmar
- d) USA

15. India recently made aviation history by sealing a \$51 million deal with which country for the sale of seven Dhruv advanced light helicopters.

- a) Ecuador
- b) Israel
- c) Egypt
- d) Vietnam

Answers

- 1. Tehran
- 2. Navanethem Pillay
- 3. China
- 4. Knol
- 5. first President of Republic Nepal
- 6. world's first civilian passenger spacecraft
- 7. founder of Virgin group of companies
- 8. Jupiter
- 9. Geneva
- 10. Rafael Nadal
- 11. Rafael Nadal
- 12. Argentina
- 13. Spain
- 14. Denmark
- 15. Ecuador

Current Events Quiz 4

1. Which one of the following was named by Time Magazine as the Invention of the Year 2007?

- a) iPod
- b) iPhone
- c) Napkin PC
- d) None of these

2. Who among the following won the Best of the Booker award in 2008?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) VS Naipaul
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Vikram Chandra

3. President's rule was recently imposed in which of the following states?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Punjab
- d) Bihar

4. Which one of the following is not a member of the G8?

- a) Britain
- b) Switzerland
- c) France
- d) Italy

5. What are Plutoids?

- a) Dwarf planets that orbit the sun beyond the orbit of the planet Neptune
- b) Moons of Pluto
- c) Small rocky bodies found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter
- d) There is nothing called a Plutoid

6. Which one of the following recently lost its planet status?

- a) Pluto
- b) Uranus
- c) Neptune
- d) Earth

7. What is Wi-Fi?

- a) A method of wireless internet connection
- b) A Bluetooth device
- c) A service launched by Wikipedia
- d) A wired broadband connection

8. Who is the author of the novel Midnight's Children which recently received a special Booker Prize?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) VS Naipaul
- c) Jack London
- d) Agatha Christie

9. Who among the following was crowned Miss Universe 2008?

- a) Dayana Mendoza
- b) Marianne Cruz Gonzalez
- c) Vera Krasova
- d) Taliana Vargas

10. Inspiron is a series of laptops launched by

- a) DELL
- b) Apple
- c) Lenovo
- d) HP

Answers

- 1. iPhone
- 2. Salman Rushdie
- 3. Jammu & Kashmir
- 4. Switzerland
- 5. Dwarf planets that orbit the sun beyond the orbit of the planet Neptune
- 6. Pluto
- 7. A method of wireless internet connection
- 8. Salman Rushdie
- 9. Dayana Mendoza
- 10. DELL

GK – Current Events Quiz 5

1. Who was recently sworn in as the first Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal?

- a) K Yumkella
- b) PKD Prachanda
- c) Duvvari Subharao
- d) HY Sharda Prasad

2. Who among the following businessman was recently awarded the UK India Business Council Award?

- a) NR Narayana Murthy
- b) Ratan Tata
- c) Lakshmi Mittal
- d) Sunil Bharati Mittal

3. Who was recently appointed the governor of Reserve Bank of India?

- a) YV Reddy
- b) Duvvari Subharao
- c) HY Sharda Prasad

d) S Balakrishnan

4. Michael Phelps, the American swimmer has so far how many Olympic gold medals?

- a) 12
- b) 8
- c) 14
- d) 16

5. Who is the first ever individual to win an Olympic Gold for India?

- a) Vijender Kumar
- b) Sushil Kumar
- c) Abhinav Bindra
- d) Leander Paes

6. Who won the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for the year 2007?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- c) Abhinav Bindra
- d) Sania Mirza

7. Who won the Women's Singles title at the US Open 2008?

- a) Ana Ivanovic
- b) Serena Williams
- c) Maria Sharapova
- d) Venus Williams

8. Who recently became the first man in history to hit 12 sixes in a One Day International match?

- a) Yuvraj Singh
- b) Xavier Marshall
- c) Sanath Jayasurya
- d) Shahid Afridi

9. The International Day for the Elderly is observed on

- a) October 1
- b) October 2
- c) October 3
- d) October 9

10. The World Vegetarian Day is observed on

- a) October 2
- b) October 8
- c) October 9
- d) October 24

11. Who was recently sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a) Shibu Soren
- b) Madhu Koda
- c) Abhay Singh Chautala
- d) RK Pachauri

12. Who is the author of 'A Golden Age' which won the 2008 Commonwealth Writer's prize for the Best First Book?

- a) Ritu Dalmia
- b) Tahmina Anam
- c) Alexandra Harney
- d) Kiran Desai

Answers

- 1. PKD Prachanda
- 2. Ratan Tata
- 3. Duvvari Subharao
- 4. 14
- 5. Abhinav Bindra
- 6. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 7. Serena Williams
- 8. Xavier Marshall
- 9. October 1
- 10. October 2
- 11. Shibu Soren
- 12. Tahmina Anam

// GK – Current Events 6

1. Who won the best actor award at the 54th National Film Awards?

- a) Soumitra Chatterjee
- b) Dilip Prabhavalkar
- c) Tapan Sinha
- d) Sanjay Dutt

2. Who won the Women's singles title at French Open 2008?

- a) Maria Sharapova
- b) Ana Ivanovic

- c) Venus Willims
- d) Dinara Safina

3. Who recently sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karanataka?

- a) HG Devagauda
- b) BS Yeddyurappa
- c) Virendra Kumar
- d) none of these

4. Ms Manjula Sood was in news recently for being

- a) the winner of Orange prize for 2008
- b) the first Asian woman to become the Mayor of Leicester, Britain
- c) the first woman scientist to head an important DRDO project
- d) none of these

5. Who won the Media Person of the Year Award at the 55th Cannes Lions International Advertising Festival?

- a) Anthony O' Reilly
- b) Prasoon Joshi
- c) Yves Saint Laurent
- d) none of these

6. Who was chosen as the Man of the Series in the DLF-IPL Twenty20 cricket tournament?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Shane Warne
- c) Shane Watson
- d) Ricky Ponting

7. Who recently set a new 100 m world record?

- a) Justin Gatlin
- b) Asafa Powell
- c) Usain Bolt
- d) Nathan Deakes

8. Which nation was recently readmitted to Commonwealth after a six month suspension?

- a) Nepal
- b) Pakistan
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Myanmar

9. Ms Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner of Austria was in news recently for being

- a) the first woman to conquer 11 peaks of over 8,000 metres without breathing apparatus
- b) winning an international award
- c) the first woman head of state of Austria
- d) none of these

10. The country's first helium extraction pilot plant was launched by

- a) RIL
- b) ONGC
- c) Bharat Petroleum
- d) SAIL

11. Which Indian corporate head made it to the list of the Best Brains in Business compiled by business publication Conde Nast Portfolio?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Ratan Tata
- c) NR Narayanamurthy
- d) Nandan Nilekani

12. OIL (Oil India Limited) recently signed an agreement with the National Oil Corporation of which country for four oil exploration blocks?

- a) Sudan
- b) Libya
- c) Cameroon
- d) Zimbabwe

13. An astronaut in outer space will observe sky as

- a) White
- b) black
- c) blue
- d) red

14. The science dealing with the study of teeth is called

- a) odontology
- b) ornithology
- c) phenology
- d) cosmology

15. According to India's Census report of 2001, percentage of population living in rural areas is

- a) 70
- b) 72
- c) 74
- d) 80

16. India has announced the construction of the first ever rail link to which Himalayan country from Hashimara in northern Bengal?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bhutan
- c) Myanmar
- d) Pakistan

17. Kuomintang is the ruling party in

- a) China
- b) Taiwan
- c) Myanmar
- d) Cuba

18. Who won the Mahaveer award for excellence in community service in 2008?

- a) Mahasweta Devi
- b) S Sankara Raman
- c) Medha Patkar
- d) Rajashree Birla

19. Which of the following pairs of countries were voted the most environment friendly by a survey by the National Geographic magazine and pollster Globalscan?

- a) India and China
- b) India and Brazil
- c) USA and Brazil
- d) UK and France

20. Who is the new Russian President?

- a) Vladimir Putin
- b) Dmitry Medvedev
- c) Michael Sleiman
- d) none of these

21. The World Population Day is observed on

- a) July 6
- b) July 11
- c) May 24
- d) April 11

22. The G-8 Environment Ministers Meeting 2008 was held at

- a) Berlin
- b) Kobe
- c) Kyoto
- d) Paris

23. Who is the author of the book Gandhi's Emissary?

- a) Sudhir Ghosh
- b) Hamid Ansari
- c) Shyam Bhatia
- d) Chetan Bhagat

24. Who was recently appointed the Chairman of Prasar Bharti?

- a) MV Kamath
- b) Vir Sanghvi
- c) Arun Bhatnagar
- d) Vikram Srivastava

25. What is UNASUR?

- a) an NGO fighting for environment protection
- b) Union of South American nations
- c) Union of South Asian nations
- d) None of these

Answers

1. Soumitra Chatterjee
2. Ana Ivanovic
3. BS Yeddyurappa
4. the first Asian woman to become the Mayor of Leicester, Britain
5. Anthony O' Reilly
6. Shane Watson
7. Usain Bolt
8. Pakistan
9. the first woman to conquer 11 peaks of over 8,000 metres without breathing apparatus
10. ONGC
11. Ratan Tata

12. Libya
 13. black
 14. odontology
 15. 72
 16. Bhutan
 17. Taiwan
 18. S Sankara Raman
 19. India and Brazil
 20. Dmitry Medvedev
 21. July 11
 22. Kobe
 23. Sudhir Ghosh
 24. Arun Bhatnagar
 25. Union of South American nations
- GK – Current Events 7

1. Who was recently crowned Miss World 2008 at the beauty pageant held in Johannesburg?

- a) Parvathy Omanakuttan
- b) Ksenia Sukhinova
- c) Diana Mendoza
- d) none of these

2. Who won the Monaco F1 Grand Prix in 2008?

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Kimi Raikkonen
- c) Felipe Massa
- d) Fernando Alonso

3. Whose birthday is likely to be declared as a 'World No Alcohol Day' by the UN from next year?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Swami Vivekananda
- c) Rajiv Gandhi
- d) None of these

4. Which country leads the list of best places for investment and business, according to a list prepared by global consultancy Grant Thornton?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) USA

5. The parliament of which country recently approved a bill allowing the use of hybrid embryos in stem cell research?

- a) USA
- b) India
- c) Britain
- d) Italy

6. Justin Henin who announced her immediate retirement from professional tennis is from

- a) Spain
- b) Belgium
- c) France
- d) Switzerland

7. The Three Gorges, the world's biggest hydroelectric power project is built on

- a) Pearl river
- b) Yangtze river
- c) Yellow river
- d) Danube

8. The Phoenix Lander is a mission sent to explore

- a) Mars
- b) Jupiter
- c) Saturn
- d) Mercury

9. Min Bahadur Sherchan was in news recently for being

- a) the speaker of Nepal's new parliament
- b) a) the oldest man to summit Everest
- c) the oldest man to climb seven summits
- d) none of these

10. Which Asian country recently abolished monarchy and became a republic?

- a) China
- b) Myanmar
- c) Nepal
- d) Pakistan

11. Which party won the most number of seats in the recently held Karnataka Assembly Elections?

- a) BJP
- b) Congress
- c) Janta Dal
- d) NDA

12. What is the name of the tropical cyclone that hit Myanmar last month?

- a) Rita
- b) Nargis
- c) Katrina
- d) Ann

13. The Agni-III missile has a range of

- a) 5000 km
- b) 1200 km
- c) 3000 km
- d) 4000 km

// 14. 'Leaves of Grass' is a collection of poems written by

- a) Walt Whitman
- b) Robert Frost
- c) Wordsworth
- d) Allan Poe

15. What is the official distance of a marathon running race?

- a) 26 miles
- b) 26 miles 385 yards
- c) 25 miles 895 yards
- d) 25 miles

16. Which country turned 60 in May, 2008?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- b) Nepal
- c) Israel
- d) Serbia

17. ISRO made history in April by placing how many satellites in their respective orbits in a single launch.

- a) 12
- b) 10
- c) 7
- d) 16

18. Viswanathan Anand has so far won how many Chess Oscars?

- a) 6
- b) 7
- c) 5
- d) none

19. Bajaj recently announced its low cost car. This car will be built in collaboration with which of the following companies?

- a) McLaren
- b) Honda
- c) Renault-Nissan
- d) Fiat

20. India's much anticipated Moon mission 'Chandrayan 1' is expected to lift off in

- a) October
- b) July
- c) September
- d) December

21. The Heptathlon is a track and field athletic competition consisting of how many events?

- a) five
- b) six
- c) seven
- d) eight

22. The Scandinavia occupies which region of Europe?

- a) southern
- b) northern
- c) central
- d) western

23. Which one of the following is currently the world's fastest super computer?

- a) IBM's Roadrunner supercomputer
-) Blue Gene/L

- c) Kibo
- d) None of these

24. Which Indian automobile manufacturer was recently voted the world's fourth most reputed?

- a) Maruti Suzuki
- b) Tata Motors
- c) Mahindra & Mahindra
- d) Bajaj

25. Which country is the first in the world to pass climate act?

- a) Britain
- b) India
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

Answers

1. Ksenia Sukhinova
2. Lewis Hamilton
3. Mahatma Gandhi
4. China
5. Britain
6. Belgium
7. Yangtze river
8. Mars
9. the oldest man to summit Everest
10. Nepal
11. BJP
12. Nargis
13. 3000 km
14. Walt Whitman
15. 26 miles 385 yards
16. Israel
17. 10
18. 5
19. Renault-Nissan
20. September
21. seven
22. northern
23. IBM's Roadrunner supercomputer
24. Maruti Suzuki
25. Canada

1. Who among the following industrialist was recently conferred the prestigious 'Energy Star Partner of the Year award'?

- a) Ratan Tata
- b) LN Mittal
- c) Sunil Bharati Mittal
- d) None of these

2. Who won the Femina Miss India World 2008 title?

- a) Simran Kaur Mundi
- b) Parvathy Omanakuttan
- c) Harchita Saxena
- d) Deepika Padukone

3. Who was recently appointed the new Prime Minister of Belgium?

- a) Yves Leterme
- b) Guy Verhofstadt
- c) Hu Jintao
- d) None of these

4. Who is the only Indian tennis player to reach the semi finals of Wimbledon Tennis Singles?

- a) Vijay Amritraj
- b) Leander Paes
- c) Ramanathan Krishnan
- d) Mahesh Bhupathi

5. Who among the following tennis players recently announced her retirement from professional tennis?

- a) Kim Clijsters
- b) Justin Henin
- c) Ana Ivanovic
- d) None of these

6. What is Kibo?

- a) Japan's experimental laboratory sent to ISS
- b) a humanoid robot
- c) a satellite
- d) the name of an exo-planet

7. Zeus is the father of Gods in Greek mythology. Who is the father of Gods in Roman mythology?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Neptune
- c) Cupid
- d) Saturn

8. What is the difference between Indian standard time and Greenwich Mean Time?

- a) 6: 30 hrs
- b) 6 hours
- c) 5: 30 hrs
- d) 5 hrs

9. Which one of the following dance forms involves solo performance?

- a) Bharatanatyam
- b) Kuchipudi
- c) Mohiniattam
- d) Odissi

10. Who among the following was responsible for the passing of Hindu Widows Remarriage Act?

- a) Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar
- b) Radha Kant Deb
- c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- d) Kesab Chandra Sen

11. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Gujarat
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

12. Who was the captain of Team Jaipur which won the inaugural IPL Championship?

- a) Shane Warne
- b) Shane Watson
- c) Shahid Afridi
- d) Yuvraj Singh

13. Who was recently felicitated by BCCI for being the first Indian bowler to reach the 600 Test wickets mark?

- a) Anil Kumble
- b) Harbajan Singh
- c) Yuvraj Singh
- d) None of these

14. Which one of the following is the biggest Indian company by market capital?

- a) Tatas
- b) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
- c) Anil Dirubhai Ambani Group
- d) LIC

15. Which company topped the 'Global 200: The World's Best Corporate Reputations list'?

- a) Tatas
- b) Google
- c) Toyota
- d) Johnson and Johnson

16. Which of the following companies recently entered into a joint venture with the Hero Group for manufacturing commercial vehicles in India?

- a) Daimler
- b) Renault
- c) Toyota
- d) Ferrari

17. Which among the following Indian companies will be granted a \$600 million loan from World Bank?

- a) ONGC
- b) Power Grid Corporation of India
- c) SAIL
- d) None of these

18. Which of the following is the first public sector unit in India to introduce the SAP-powered reverse auction process?

- a) ONGC
- b) LIC
- c) SAIL
- d) none of these

19. Which day is observed as the Press Freedom Day?

- a) May 1
- b) May 3
- c) May 4
- d) May 8

20. Who is the author of 'Book of Humour'?

- a) Ruskin Bond
- b) VS Naipaul
- c) Anita Nair
- d) None of these

21. Who is the Union Home Minister?

- a) Pratibha Patil
- b) Shivraj V Patil
- c) Ramdoss
- d) Renuka Chaudhary

22. India recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding on leather and leather processing with which African country?

- a) Ghana
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Nigeria
- d) Cameroon

23. The International Herbal Summit-cum-exhibition on medicinal and aromatic products was held on April 4, 2008 at

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kottakkal
- c) New Delhi
- d) Chennai

24. Who is the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that won the Nobel Peace Prize recently?

- a) RK Pachauri
- b) Al Gore
- c) Sunita Narain
- d) None of these

25. In a survey conducted by Dataquest IDC, which Indian state tops the Best e-governed States in 2007?

- a) Goa
- b) Delhi
- c) Chattisgarh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answers

- 1. LN Mittal
- 2. Parvathy Omanakuttan
- 3. Yves Leterme
- 4. Ramanathan Krishnan
- 5. Justin Henin
- 6. Japan's experimental laboratory sent to ISS
- 7. Jupiter
- 8. 5: 30 hrs
- 9. Mohiniattam
- 10. Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar
- 11. Gujarat
- 12. Shane Warne
- 13. Anil Kumble
- 14. Reliance Industries Ltd
- 15. Toyota
- 16. Daimler
- 17. Power Grid Corporation of India
- 18. ONGC
- 19. May 3
- 20. Ruskin Bond
- 21. Shivraj V Patil
- 22. Ethiopia
- 23. New Delhi
- 24. RK Pachauri
- 25. Delhi

GK – Current Events 9

1. Which country has the most number of mobile customers in the world?

- a) USA
- b) China
- c) India
- d) Japan

2. This former territory of Serbia declared its independence in February 2008. What is its name?

- a) Montenegro
- b) Kosovo

- c) Albania
- d) None of these

3. How many countries are there in the world today?

- a) 191
- b) 195
- c) 196
- d) 200

4. Which one of the following is not a member of UN General Assembly?

- a) Taiwan
- b) China
- c) Serbia
- d) Montenegro

5. Arthur Clarke, the science fiction author who passed away in March 2008, had adopted which country as his home?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) USA
- d) France

6. The newest Republic in the world is

- a) Kosovo
- b) Nepal
- c) Bhutan
- d) Montenegro

7. Which Indian state was in news recently for bringing broadband connectivity to all its villages?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat

8. Who won the Taiwan presidential election recently?

- a) Frank Hsieh
- b) Ma Yingjeou
- c) Jerry Yang
- d) none of these

9. What is the name of the proposed NASA mission to Moon?

- a) LADER
- b) LAD
- c) LADEE
- d) none of these

10. Which one of the following was recently voted the greatest toy craze of all time?

- a) Yo-yos
- b) skateboards
- c) Rubik's cube
- d) Lego bricks

11. The Maitreyi Express is a train service between

- a) India and Pakistan
- b) India and China
- c) India and Bangladesh
- d) India and Nepal

12. According to WHO, which country has the world's lowest life expectancy?

- a) Namibia
- b) Zimbabwe
- c) Zambia
- d) none of these

13. The Earth Day is observed on

- a) May 8
- b) June 5
- c) April 22
- d) April 8

14. Which songwriter won a Pulitzer Prize in 2008?

- a) Norah Jones
- b) Elton John
- c) Bob Dylan
- d) none of these

15. Which one of the following recently became the only organization in the world to have conquered all three poles – the conventional South and North Poles besides Mt. Everest?

- a) US Air Force
- b) British navy
- c) Indian navy
- d) none

16. The Universal Postal Union was established in 1874. Where is its headquarters?

- a) Vienna
- b) Hague
- c) Berne
- d) Paris

17. Which two Indian companies recently made it to the league of the world's most innovative companies?

- a) Tata and RIL
- b) LIC and ONGC
- c) SBI and SAIL
- d) Infosys and Wipro

18. Nasa's Messenger spacecraft is on a mission to study

- a) Mars
- b) Mercury
- c) Jupiter
- d) Moon

19. The ThinkPad X300 ultra-portable machine is currently the thinnest laptop in the world. It is built by

- a) Apple
- b) Sony
- c) Lenovo
- d) IBM

20. Who won the Oscar award for the Best Actor in 2008?

- a) Johny Depp
- b) Will Smith
- c) Mick Jagger
- d) Daniel Day Lewis

21. Which one of the following is the world's richest soccer club?

- a) AC Milan

- b) Manchester United
- c) Chelsea
- d) Real Madrid

22. Who are Chang and Eng?

- a) The original Siamese twins
- b) mascots for Beijing Olympics 2008
- c) two elements in Fengshui
- d) none of these

23. 'Animal's People', which won the Commonwealth Writers Prize 2008 is based on

- a) partition of India
- b) Mumbai underworld
- c) drug trafficking
- d) Bhopal gas tragedy

24. Which day is observed as the International Women's Day?

- a) March 8
- b) March 12
- c) April 20
- d) May 11

25. Who is the author of the book 'Sense and Sensibility'?

- a) Emile Bronte
- b) Virginia Wolf
- c) Jane Austen
- d) Sylvia Plath

Answers

- 1. China
- 2. Kosovo
- 3. 195
- 4. Taiwan
- 5. Sri Lanka
- 6. Nepal
- 7. Gujarat
- 8. Ma Yingjeou
- 9. LADEE
- 10. Rubik's cube
- 11. India and Bangladesh
- 12. Zimbabwe
- 13. April 22
- 14. Bob Dylan

15. Indian navy
 16. Berne
 17. Tata and RIL
 18. Mercury
 19. Lenovo
 20. Daniel Day Lewis
 21. Manchester United
 22. The original Siamese twins
 23. Bhopal Gas Tragedy
 24. March 8
 25. Jane Austen
- GK – World History 1

1. Which of the following year is associated with the outbreak of World War II?

- a) 1935
- b) 1937
- c) 1638
- d) 1939

2. Who was the author of the American Declaration of Independence?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Paine
- c) Lafayette
- d) Thomas Jefferson

3. The Russian city where a tank of radio active waste exploded in April 1993 is

- a) Chernobyl
- b) Serov
- c) Tomsk-7
- d) Cerepovec

4. The Hijra era is counted from

- a) 1526 AD
- b) 712 AD
- c) 632 AD
- d) 622 AD

5. The Gulf war of 1991 was precipitated by the Iraqi annexation of

- a) Bahrain
- b) Kuwait
- c) Saudi Arabia

d) South Yemen

6. Who among the following were known as 'Physiocrats' at the time of French Revolution?

- a) The clergy
- b) economists
- c) the nobility
- d) medical professionals

7. The parleys between the Prime Ministers Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Indira Gandhi, so much referred to in world politics, were held at

- a) Manali
- b) Rawalpindi
- c) Shimla
- d) Islamabad

8. Which of the following was strongly advocated by Fascism?

- a) disarmament
- b) federalism
- c) secularism
- d) war

9. Fabian socialism emerged first in

- a) India
- b) Great Britain
- c) Germany
- d) Russia

10. Which of the following is not associated with socialism?

- a) Fabianism
- b) Syndicalism
- c) Communism
- d) Fascism

11. Russian revolution took place in

- a) 1789
- b) 1776
- c) 1688
- d) 1917

12. In America, the Bill of Rights was added to the Federal Constitution largely at the instance of

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) George Washington
- c) Thomas Paine
- d) Benjamin Franklin

13. Who wrote 'Das Capital'?

- a) Engel
- b) Lenin
- c) Karl Marx
- d) Adam Smith

14. Civil Disobedience is associated with

- a) Voltaire
- b) Thomas Paine
- c) HD Thoreau
- d) Thomas Hobbes

15. French Revolution took place in

- a) 1789
- b) 1776
- c) 1688
- d) 1917

16. Who among the following is associated with the philosophy of 'the social contract'?

- a) Voltaire
- b) Thomas Paine
- c) HD Thoreau
- d) Thomas Hobbes

17. American War of Independence took place in

- a) 1776
- b) 1789
- c) 1801
- d) 1919

18. Which of the following was built between 3000 BC and 1800 BC?

- a) The tomb of Alexander

- b) The Collosus of Rhodes
- c) The Palace of Diana at Ephesus
- d) The Pyramids of Egypt

19. Which of the following parties is associated with former Pakistan cricket team captain Imran Khan?

- a) Pakistan People's Party
- b) Jamhuri Islam
- c) Tehreek e-Insaf
- d) Awami League

20. Who among the following is associated with the philosophy of 'Rights of Man'?

- a) Thomas Paine
- b) Rousseau
- c) Emerson
- d) Abraham Lincoln

21. The Cairo Summit held in March 1996 was concerned with which of the following?

- a) peace in West Asia
- b) terrorism
- c) oil crisis
- d) economic aid to African countries

22. No taxation without representation is a well-known slogan associated with which of the following?

- a) French revolution
- b) British civil war
- c) Indian National Movement
- d) American War of Independence

23. Which one of the following is not related to the continuing turmoil in Bosnia?

- a) Serbs
- b) Muslims
- c) Jews
- d) Croats

24. The fall of the prison at Bastille is associated with which of the following?

- a) Russian revolution
- b) French revolution
- c) American War of Independence

d) none of those

25. Who among the following faced a devastating defeat in the battle of Waterloo?

- a) Duke of Wellington
- b) Napoleon
- c) Alexander the Great
- d) Hitler

Answers

1. 1939
 2. Thomas Jefferson
 3. Chernobyl
 4. 622 AD
 5. Kuwait
 6. economists
 7. Shimla
 8. war
 9. Great Britain
 10. Fascism
 11. 1917
 12. Thomas Jefferson
 13. Karl Marx
 14. HD Thoreau
 15. 1789
 16. Voltaire
 17. 1776
 18. The Pyramids of Egypt
 19. Tehreeq-e-Insaf
 20. Thomas Paine
 21. terrorism
 22. American War of Independence
 23. Jews
 24. French revolution
 25. Napoleon
- GK – World History 2

1. The first World War broke out in

- a) 1919
- b) 1914
- c) 1939
- d) 1944

2. The Battle of Waterloo took place in

- a) 1815
- b) 1800
- c) 1911
- d) 1839

3. Who was the Prime Minister of England at the time of Second World War?

- a) Winston Churchill
- b) Neville Chamberlain
- c) Clement Atlee
- d) James Ramsay MacDonald

4. Who among the following is associated with the Peacock throne?

- a) Shah Jahan
- b) Jahangir
- c) Akbar
- d) Babur

5. Who among the following signed the charter called 'Magna Carta'?

- a) King John II
- b) Henry II
- c) Edward II
- d) Henry V

6. Magna Carta was signed in

- a) 1215
- b) 1485
- c) 1138
- d) 1189

7. In which year did Hitler become the Chancellor of Germany?

- a) 1933
- b) 1939
- c) 1945
- d) 1951

8. Which of the following parties was credited by Lenin in Russia in 1918?

- a) Red Army
- b) White Forces
- c) Green Grenade
- d) Blue Rifle

9. In which year did the Soviet Union disintegrate into independent states?

- a) 1991
- b) 1992
- c) 1993
- d) 1994

10. Who became the first black President of South Africa in 1994?

- a) Desmond Tutu
- b) Milton Obote
- c) Robert Mugabe
- d) Nelson Mandela

11. In which year did Victoria become the Queen of Great Britain?

- a) 1857
- b) 1837
- c) 1887
- d) 1911

12. The Norman Conquest of England took place in

- a) 1066
- b) 1138
- c) 1042
- d) 1087

13. Which of the following nations was granted self-government in internal affairs by the Durham report?

- a) India
- b) Canada
- c) Japan
- d) Argentina

14. Which of the following is hailed as the 'Bible of the English Constitution'?

- a) Bill of Rights
- b) Magna Carta
- c) Reforms Act of 1832
- d) Parliament Act of 1911

15. The Renaissance Movement first began in

- a) Italy
- b) England
- c) France
- d) Germany

16. Who defined Liberalism as the philosophy of 'Live and let live'?

- a) Bertrand Russel
- b) Harold Laski
- c) JS Mill
- d) Jeremy Bentham

17. At which of the following places was the Declaration of Independence of the American Colonies adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776?

- a) Washington DC
- b) New York
- c) Chicago
- d) Philadelphia

18. With which of the following is the famous 'Tennis Court Oath' associated?

- a) American War of Independence
- b) French Revolution
- c) Emperor Czar Alexander
- d) Italian Renaissance

19. Who among the following leaders said 'I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat'?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) Mahatma Gandhi
- c) Subash Chandra Bose
- d) Winston Churchill

20. When was the Treaty of Versailles signed?

- a) 1919
- b) 1921
- c) 1943
- d) 1945

21. Id-l-Milad is associated with which of the following?

- a) the martyrdom of Hussein
- b) the birth of Prophet Muhammad

- c) the death of Muhammad
- d) none of these

22. The eleven independent states of former Soviet Union have assumed the name of

- a) Cooperative Commonwealth
- b) Commonwealth of independent States
- c) East European Commonwealth
- d) None of these

23. Which one of the following was the only European power trading in India in the seventeenth century?

- a) The English
- b) The French
- c) The Portuguese
- d) The Danish

24. 'Man is born free yet everywhere he is in chains'. Who said this?

- a) Rousseau
- b) Voltaire
- c) Emerson
- d) Karl Marx

25. In the American War of Independence, the leader who was put in command of American forces was

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) George Washington
- c) Thomas Paine
- d) Abraham Lincoln

Answers

1. 1914
2. 1815
3. Winston Churchill
4. Shah Jahan
5. King John II
6. 1215
7. 1933
8. Red Army
9. 1991
10. Nelson Mandela
11. 1837
12. 1066

13. Canada
 14. Magna Carta
 15. Italy
 16. JS Mill
 17. Philadelphia
 18. French Revolution
 19. Winston Churchill
 20. 1919
 21. The birth of prophet Muhammad
 22. Commonwealth of Independent States
 23. the Portuguese
 24. Rousseau
 25. George Washington
- GK – World History 3

1. Saint Simon, Charles Fourier and Robert Owen were

- a) renaissance artists
- b) Portuguese navigators
- c) early socialists
- d) activists in the American War of Independence

2. In which of the following battles did Napoleon defeat the allied forces of Russia and Austria?

- a) Battle of Austerlitz
- b) Battle of Waterloo
- c) Battle of Sedan
- d) Battle of Sadowa

3. The Battle of Nations in which Napoleon faced a disastrous defeat was fought in

- a) 1805
- b) 1814
- c) 1815
- d) 1866

4. The Battle of Waterloo was fought in

- a) 1815
- b) 1866
- c) 1857
- d) 1777

5. Which of the following battles was fought in question of abolition of slavery?

- a) Battle of Nations
- b) American civil war
- c) Battle of Waterloo
- d) French Revolution

6. Who among the following was the Austrian Chancellor from 1815 to 1848 AD?

- a) Metternich
- b) Louis Philippe
- c) Cavour
- d) Bismark

7. Who among the following was known as the 'Citizen King' because he shunned traditional symbols of monarchy?

- a) King John II
- b) Louis Philippe
- c) Napoleon
- d) Cavour

8. Who among the following great military general of France was exiled to St. Helena Island?

- a) Charlemagne
- b) Captain James Cook
- c) Napoleon Bonaparte
- d) Robespierre

9. Who among the following was a black American leader who led a non violent movement to obtain full civil rights for American Negroes?

- a) Martin Luther King
- b) Muhammad Ali
- c) Ben Kingsley
- d) Rosa Luxemburg

10. Who among the following Austrian born – German dictator played a very significant role in the Second World War?

- a) Bismarck
- b) Mussolini
- c) Adolf Hitler
- d) Giueseppe Garibaldi

11. Who was the Pakistan Prime Minister who was replaced by Gen. Pervez Musharaf in a military coup?

- a) Nawaz Sheriff
- b) Benazir Bhutto
- c) Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
- d) none of these

12. When was the first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima?

- a) August 6, 1945
- b) August 8, 1942
- c) August 9, 1945
- d) August 9, 1944

13. In which year was the League of Nations formed?

- a) 1946
- b) 1914
- c) 1939
- d) 1920

14. In which year did Britain recognize the independence of America?

- a) 1775
- b) 1783
- c) 1789
- d) 1813

15. In which year was Israel founded as a Jewish state?

- a) 1945
- b) 1947
- c) 1948
- d) 1950

16. The demolition of Berlin wall leading to the unification of Germany took place in

- a) 1989
- b) 1990
- c) 1991
- d) 1992

17. Who succeeded Prophet Muhammad as the first Caliph in 632 AD?

- a) Omar
- b) Abu Bakr
- c) Othman

d) Ali

18. Who among the following led the Russian revolution in 1917?

- a) Lenin
- b) Stalin
- c) Voltaire
- d) None of these

19. With which of the following is 'Boston tea party' associated?

- a) Glorious revolution
- b) French revolution
- c) Russian revolution
- d) American war of Independence

20. Lenin died in

- a) 1924
- b) 1925
- c) 1921
- d) 1922

21. The Turkish capture of Constantinople took place in

- a) 1498
- b) 1448
- c) 1453
- d) 1942

22. The nationalization of Suez canal took place in

- a) 1953
- b) 1956
- d) 1959
- d) 1557

23. When did the Communists in China establish a Republic?

- a) 1947
- b) 1948
- c) 1949
- d) 1950

24. Who among the following princes abdicated the throne of England to marry his beloved?

- a) George I
- b) Edward VIII
- c) Edward VII
- d) George IV

25. The Tashkent declaration was signed in

- a) 1966
- b) 1956
- c) 1959
- d) 1962

Answers

- 1. Early socialists
- 2. Battle of Austerlitz
- 3. 1814
- 4. 1815
- 5. American civil war
- 6. Matternich
- 7. Louis Philippe
- 8. Napoleon Bonaparte
- 9. Martin Luther King
- 10. Adolf Hitler
- 11. Nawas Sheriff
- 12. August 6, 1945
- 13. 1920
- 14. 1783
- 15. 1948
- 16. 1989
- 17. Abu Bakr
- 18. Lenin
- 19. American War of Independence
- 20. 1924
- 21. 1453
- 22. 1956
- 23. 1949
- 24. Edward VIII
- 25. 1966

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1. Which of the following is the first country in the world to introduce a family planning policy?

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) China

d) USA

2. Which state has the highest density of population according to the 2001 census?

- a) Kerala
- b) West Bengal
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Punjab

3. The first Five Year Plan was launched in

- a) 1947
- b) 1950
- c) 1951
- d) 1952

4. In India, the first railway train steamed off in April, 1853 between

- a) Agra to Mathura
- b) Bombay to Thane
- c) Delhi to Meerut
- d) Howrah to Burdwan

5. Production unit at which of the following places manufactures wheels and axles for Indian railway?

- a) Chittaranjan near Calcutta
- b) Perambur near Madras
- c) Mughalsarai
- d) Yelehanka, near Bangalore

6. Production unit at which of the following places manufactures Diesel locomotives for Indian railway?

- a) Varanasi
- b) Perambur
- c) Yelehanka
- d) Chittaranjan

7. Which production unit undertakes the manufacture of the bulk of passenger service vehicles for Indian railway?

- a) Perambur
- b) Varanasi
- c) Yelehanka
- d) Chittaranjan

8. At which of the following places is the headquarters of the research, designs and standards organization of the Indian railways located?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Lucknow
- d) Varanasi

9. At which of the following places is the Indian railways Institute of Advanced Track technology for training of civil engineers located?

- a) Pune
- b) Jabalpur
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Vadodara

10. At which of the following places is the Railway staff college located?

- a) Kolkatta
- b) Gorakhpur
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Vadodara

11. Which is the biggest sea port of India which also has a natural harbour?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Calcutta – Haldia
- c) Cochin
- d) Vishakhapatnam

12. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Kerala

13. In terms of size, the Indian Railways occupy what position in the world?

- a) Largest
- b) Second largest
- c) Third largest
- d) Fourth largest

14. In which year was railway introduced in India?

- a) 1853
- b) 1860
- c) 1855
- d) 1854

15. Which railway zone has the maximum route kilometrage in India?

- a) Central railway
- b) Northern railway
- c) Southern railway
- d) Konkan railway

16. Which railway zone conducts service through the maximum number of states?

- a) Northern railway
- b) Western railway
- c) Central railway
- d) Southern railway

17. Which is the oldest Indian news agency?

- a) PTI
- b) UNI
- c) Samachar Bharti
- d) Hindustan Samachar

18. In terms of size of population, what position India occupies in the world?

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) fourth

19. Under the control of which ministry does the Border Roads Organization function?

- a) Communications
- b) Defence
- c) Surface transport
- d) Urban development

20. Which of the following is the largest circulated daily in India?

- a) Malayala Manorama
- b) Times of India
- c) Hindustan Times

d) Hindu

21. In which language is the largest number of newspapers published in India?

- a) Hindi
- b) English
- c) Telegu
- d) Urdu

22. Which of the following is the primary source of energy in India?

- a) Coal
- b) Nuclear fuels
- c) Petroleum, LPG, diesel and bio-gas
- d) Hydroelectricity

23. The National Literacy Mission was launched in

- a) 1985
- b) 1988
- c) 1990
- d) 1991

24. During which Five Year plan was the Mid-day Meals scheme for school children commenced?

- a) Seventh plan
- b) Eighth Plan
- c) Sixth Plan
- d) Ninth Plan

25. NCERT was established in

- a) 1960
- b) 1961
- c) 1962
- d) 1963

Answers

1. India
2. West Bengal
3. 1951
4. Bombay to Thane
5. Yelehanka, near Bangalore
6. Varanasi
7. Perambur

8. Lucknow
 9. Pune
 10. Vadodara
 11. Mumbai
 12. Maharashtra
 13. second largest
 14. 1853
 15. Northern railway
 16. Northern railway
 17. PTI
 18. Second
 19. Defence
 20. Times of India
 21. Hindi
 22. Coal
 23. 1988
 24. Eighth Plan
 25. 1961
- GK – India Facts File 2

1. In India which organization is concerned with the qualitative development of school education?

- a) UGC
- b) NCERT
- c) IB
- d) IGNOU

2. The resolution on 'National Policy on Education' was adopted in?

- a) 1982
- b) 1986
- c) 1975
- d) 1947

3. During which five year plan was the system of Mid-day meals commenced?

- a) 5th Plan
- b) 6th Plan
- c) 7th Plan
- d) 8th Plan

4. 'Operation Blackboard' is a scheme launched to improve the quality of

- a) Rural education
- b) Elementary education

c) Higher education

d) Technical education

5. In India which organization is the apex body for formulating plans and coordinating agricultural research?

a) CSIR

b) UGC

c) ICAR

d) IGNOU

6. The National policy on education provides for the opening of residential schools to provide free and quality education for the talented children in the rural arrears. What are these schools called?

a) Balwadis

b) Navodaya Vidyalayas

c) Kendriya Vidyalayas

d) Board schools

7. When was the National Literacy Mission launched by the Prime Minister?

a) 1990

b) 1988

c) 1985

d) 1992

8. Which commission is concerned with the promotion and co-ordination of University education in India?

a) CBSE

b) NCERT

c) UGC

d) IGNOU

9 Which institution conducts advanced research in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences at the national level?

a) Indian Institute of Technology

b) Indian Institute of Sciences

c) Indian Institute of Advanced Study

d) IGNOU

10. When was the University Grants Commission set up?

a) 1947

b) 1953

- c) 1956
- d) 1960

11. Which commission or committee report recommended for the first time the adoption of the 10+2+3 pattern of education?

- a) Mumbai University Commission in 1920 -22
- b) Calcutta University Commission in 1917 – 1919
- c) Madras University Commission in 1920-22
- d) None of these

12. When was the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) established by an act of Parliament?

- a) 1985
- b) 1982
- c) 1990
- d) 1986

13. When was the first three Universities-Calcutta, Madras and Bombay set up under the British rule?

- a) 1917
- b) 1857
- c) 1890
- d) 1902

14. Who is the founder of Aligar Muslim University?

- a) Sir Sayyid Ahmmad Khan
- b) Abdul Kalam Azad
- c) Annie Bessant
- d) None of these

15. When was NCERT established?

- a) 1956
- b) 1961
- c) 1947
- d) 1972

16. Which council assists and advises the Ministry of Education and Culture in implementing policies and programs in the field of education, particularly school education?

- a) CBSE

- b) NCERT
- c) UGC
- d) ICSE

17. Who is the founder of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

- a) Dr S Radha Krishnan
- b) KM Munshi
- c) Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar
- d) Annie Bessant

18. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) was formed in?

- a) 1990
- b) 1991
- c) 1995
- d) 1952

19. The Board of High School and Intermediate Education was established in 1929 by a resolution of the Govt. of India. When was it renamed as the Central Board of Secondary Education?

- a) 1952
- b) 1956
- c) 1960
- d) 1962

20. Which is the first Indian University for Women?

- a) SNDT University
- b) Calcutta University
- c) Shanti Niketan
- d) National Open University

21. There are two Kendriya Vidyalayas outside India. One is at Kathmandu. The other is at

- a) New York
- b) Moscow
- c) London
- d) Lahore

22. Open schools are for the propagation of distance education in the country. When was the first open school set up in India by CBSE?

- a) 1979

- b) 1982
- c) 1980
- d) 1975

23. When was the National Open School (NOS) set up?

- a) 1989
- b) 1985
- c) 1980
- d) 1982

24. Who is the Chancellor of Universities?

- a) Governor of the State
- b) Chief Minister of the State
- c) Chief Justice of the State
- d) President of India

25. Which is the education TV channel started by IGNOU in 2000?

- a) Vidya
- b) Edu Channel
- c) Gyandarshan
- d) Shiksha

Answers

1. NCERT
2. 1986
3. 8th Plan
4. Elementary education
5. ICAR
6. Navodaya Vidyalayas
7. 1988
8. UGC
9. Indian Institute of Advanced Study
10. 1953
11. Calcutta University Commission in 1917 – 1919
12. 1985
13. 1857
14. Sir Sayyid Ahmmad Khan
15. 1961
16. NCERT
17. KM Munshi
18. 1995
19. 1952
20. SNTD University

- 21. Moscow
 - 22. 1979
 - 23. 1989
 - 24. Governor of the State
 - 25. Gyandharshan
- GK – India Facts File 3

1. How many Union Territories are there in India?

- a) 7
- b) 6
- c) 5
- d) 8

2. Which Indian state has the highest population?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Madhya Pradesh

3. In terms of area, which is the largest state in India?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Punjab

4. The Indian constitution came into effect in

- a) 1947
- b) 1950
- c) 1956
- d) 1949

5. What is the Indian Standard Time?

- a) 82°30'E
- b) 30°82'E
- c) 85°30'E
- d) 80°35'E

6. Which one of the following is the smallest state in India?

- a) Goa
- b) Kerala

- c) Manipur
- d) Assam

7. Which one of the following is the least populous state in India?

- a) Goa
- b) Sikkim
- c) Mizoram
- d) Manipur

8. Before they became a part of India in 1954, Pondicherry and Mahe were under the rule of

- a) Portuguese
- b) French
- c) British
- d) Dutch

9. When did India annex Goa, Daman and Diu?

- a) 1954
- b) 1962
- c) 1961
- d) 1972

10. Which one of the following was the first Indian state to be formed on a linguistic base?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Punjab

11. The State Reorganization Act took effect in

- a) 1952
- b) 1956
- c) 1972
- d) 1951

12. Haryana was created out of Punjab in

- a) 1966
- b) 1972
- c) 1956
- d) 1958

13. Kuchipudi is the traditional dance form of

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

14. Itanagar is the capital of

- a) Manipur
- b) Mizoram
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Meghalaya

15. The Kaziranga National park is in

- a) Assam
- b) West Bengal
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Mizoram

16. The ruins of Nalanda, world's earliest Buddhist University, is in present day

- a) Bengal
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Madhya Pradesh

17. Gujarat was formed in

- a) 1956
- b) 1960
- c) 1952
- d) 1947

18. The Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary is known for its

- a) One-horned rhinoceros
- b) Asiatic lions
- c) Birds
- d) Black buck

19. Mohiniattam is the traditional dance form of

- a) Kerala

- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh

20. How many states are there in the Indian Union?

- a) 26
- b) 27
- c) 28
- d) 29

21. Jharkhand was formed out of which state in November 2000?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Uttar Pradesh

22. The folk dance form Lavni is from

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Punjab
- d) Uttar Pradesh

23. Silvassa is the capital of

- a) Goa
- b) Dadra Nagar Haveli
- c) Daman & Diu
- d) None of these

24. India is divided into how many PIN code zones?

- a) 6
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 12

25. Where is the headquarters of the Southern Railway?

- a) Kochi
- b) Chennai
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Bangalore

Answers

1. 6
 2. Uttar Pradesh
 3. Rajasthan
 4. 1950
 5. 82030'E
 6. Goa
 7. Sikkim
 8. French
 9. 1961
 10. Andhra Pradesh
 11. 1956
 12. 1966
 13. Andhra Pradesh
 14. Arunachal Pradesh
 15. Assam
 16. Bihar
 17. 1960
 18. one-horned rhinoceros
 19. Kerala
 20. 28
 21. Bihar
 22. Maharashtra
 23. Dadra Nagar Haveli 24. 8
 25. Chennai
- GK – India Facts File 4

1. Which one of the following states does not form part of the Narmada basin?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra

2. On which river is the Srisailem hydroelectric project built?

- a) Tungabhadra
- b) Sharavati
- c) Krishna
- d) Cauvery

3. Chilka Lake is in

- a) Orissa
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu

d) West Bengal

4. Which of the following Indian states does not lie on the Indo-Nepal border?

- a) Bihar
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Sikkim
- d) Uttar Pradesh

5. The largest producer of salt in India is

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Kerala
- d) Madhya Pradesh

6. Which is the most widely consumed cereal in India?

- a) Barley
- b) Sorghum
- c) Wheat
- d) Rice

7. Which cash crop is grown in the largest area in India?

- a) cotton
- b) jute
- c) tobacco
- d) sann hemp

8. Which Indian state is known for its sandal wood?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) West Bengal

9. Which one of the following projects consists of the Gandhi Sagar Dam, the Kota Barrage and the Rana Pratap Sagar dam?

- a) The Chambal Project
- b) The Hirakud Project
- c) The Rajasthan Canal Project
- d) The Kosi Project

10. Which of the following states is not a party to the Cauvery water issue?

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

11. Kuki tribes belong to which state?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Manipur
- c) Assam
- d) Sikkim

12. Which of the following nations are linked by the Teen Bigha Corridor?

- a) India and Pakistan
- b) India and China
- c) Bangladesh and Pakistan
- d) Bangladesh and India

13. Which of the following rivers is not a tributary of Ganga?

- a) Indravati
- b) Son
- c) Gomati
- d) Yamuna

14. Which Indian state is the largest producer of natural rubber?

- a) Assam
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

15. Which of the following is not a sea port?

- a) Cochin
- b) Paradeep
- c) Rameshwaram
- d) Vishakhapatnam

16. Which one of the following is the most salty lake in India?

- a) Wular
- b) Chilka
- c) Sambhar

d) Dal

17. The Vidyasagar Setu is located at

- a) Cuttack
- b) Rameshwaram
- c) Madurai
- d) Calcutta

18. Which one of the following area has been declared as a 'Biosphere Reserve'?

- a) Nilgiris
- b) Gulf of Mannar
- c) Nokrek
- d) Manas

19. On the bank of which river is Srinagar situated?

- a) Indus
- b) Jhelum
- c) Tawi
- d) Wooller lake

20. Which of the following is an inland drainage area?

- a) Chilka region
- b) Sambhar area
- c) Rann of Kutch
- d) Manasarovar lake

21. The Kanha Tiger Reserve is located in

- a) Karnataka
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Tamil Nadu

22. The Bandipur tiger reserve is located in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Assam
- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

23. The Pushkar Lake is in

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Punjab
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Assam

24. Which national park in India is famous for the Chinkara (Indian Gazelle)?

- a) Shivapuri National Park
- b) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Ghanna Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) Kanha National Park

25. Which of the following is the most extensively grown oil seed crop in India?

- a) Ground nut
- b) Sunflower
- c) Mustard
- d) Linseed

Answers

- 1. Rajasthan
- 2. Krishna
- 3. Orissa
- 4. Himachal Pradesh
- 5. Gujarat
- 6. Rice
- 7. cotton
- 8. Karnataka
- 9. The Chambal Project
- 10. Maharashtra
- 11. Manipur
- 12. Bangladesh and India
- 13. Indravati
- 14. Kerala
- 15. Rameshwaram
- 16. Sambhar
- 17. Calcutta
- 18. Nilgiris
- 19. Jhelum
- 20. Rann of Kutch
- 21. Madhya Pradesh
- 22. Karnataka
- 23. Rajasthan
- 24. Shivapuri National Park
- 25. Ground nut

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1. Who translated our National Song into English?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Dr S Radhakrishnan
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Aurobindo Ghosh

2. Which of the following was the capital of Andhra Pradesh before Hyderabad?

- a) Kurnool b) Nellore c) Guntur d) Warangal

3. Which city is known as the 'Garden City of India'?

- a) Sri Nagar
- b) Munnar
- c) Bangalore
- d) Jaipur

4. The southernmost tip of India is

- a) Kanyakumari
- b) Kovalam
- c) Indira Point
- d) Nagarcoil

5. Which one of the following folk-dance drama is associated with Rajasthan

- a) Jatra
- b) Garba
- c) Khayal
- d) Kootiyattam

6. India's National Calendar was introduced for official purposes in

- a) 1947
- b) 1951
- c) 1957
- d) 1969

7. Which state stands first in the production of ginger?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala

8. What is the first date of the National Calendar?

- a) 1st January
- b) 1st April
- c) 1st July
- d) 22nd March

9. Which of the following is the first month of our national calendar?

- a) Chaitra
- b) Bhadra
- c) Falgun
- d) Ashad

10. Which of the following is the last month of our national calendar?

- a) Chaitra
- b) Ashad
- c) Falgun
- d) Bhadra

11. Which of the following is not a popular form of Hindustani music?

- a) Qawwali
- b) Thumri
- c) Ghazal
- d) Padam

12. Which of the following was the first Indian state to achieve 100 percent literacy?

- a) Kerala
- b) Goa
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

13. Martyr's day is observed on

- a) January 30
- b) October 2
- c) August 15
- d) January 3

14. Which Indian state has the largest population of Scheduled Tribes?

- a) UP

- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Orissa

15. The smallest and least populated territory in India is

- a) Lakshadweep
- b) Pondicherry
- c) Daman and Diu
- d) Dadra and Nagar Haveli

16. Who was the first woman judge of the Supreme Court of India?

- a) Leila Seth
- b) Anna Chandi
- c) Fatima Bibi
- d) Sujata Manohar

17. Who among the following was India's first acting Prime Minister?

- a) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- b) BD Jatti
- c) Gulzarilal Nanda
- d) Indira Gandhi

18. Who was the first woman President of the Indian National Congress?

- a) Vijayalakshmi Pandit
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Annie Besant

19. Before India acquired Pondicherry, it was under the control of

- a) Portuguese
- b) French
- c) Dutch
- d) British

20. Who is the first woman Chief Justice of a High Court?

- a) Fatima Bibi
- b) Anna Chandi
- c) Leila Seth
- d) Rajkumari Amrit Kaur

21. The Indian Army is divided into how many commands (divisions)?

- a) 11
- b) 12
- c) 6
- d) 8

22. In India, the 'Urs' fair is organized in

- a) Secunderabad
- b) Ajmer
- c) Ghaziabad
- d) Mirzapur

23. Where in Madhya Pradesh is the Kumbha Mela held?

- a) Indore
- b) Ratlam
- c) Gwalior
- d) Ujjain

24. Which of the following is the main festival of Maharashtra?

- a) Durga Puja
- b) Ganpati Festival
- c) Onam
- d) Pongal

25. Which of the following is the main festival of Kerala?

- a) Diwali
- b) Onam
- c) Navratri
- d) Pongal

Answers

- 1. Aurobindo Ghosh
- 2. Kurnool
- 3. Bangalore
- 4. Kanyakumari
- 5. Khayal
- 6. 1957
- 7. Kerala
- 8. 1st April
- 9. Chaitra
- 10. Falgun

11. Padam
 12. Kerala
 13. January 30
 14. Madhya Pradesh
 15. Lakshadweep
 16. Fatima Bibi
 17. Gulzarilal Nanda
 18. Annie Besant
 19. French
 20. Leila Seth
 21. 6
 22. Ajmer
 23. Ujjain
 24. Ganpati Festival
 25. Onam
- GK – India Facts File 6

1. How many spokes are there in the 'Chakra' of our national flag?

- a) 24
- b) 25
- c) 26
- d) 30

2. The ratio between the length and width of our national flag is

- a) 1:2
- b) 2:3
- c) 1: 4
- d) 2:5

3. The Himasagar Express runs between

- a) Jammu Tawi and Kanyakumari
- b) Culcutta and Delhi
- c) New Delhi and Chennai
- d) Mumbai – Kolkatta

4. How many lions are visible in our National Flag?

- a) two
- b) one
- c) three
- d) four

5. The Mumbai High Court was set up in

- a) 1832
- b) 1862
- c) 1889
- d) 1901

6. Which Indian state gave us four Nobel Prize winners?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Punjab

7. Who among the following is not associated with the Sitar?

- a) Amir Khusro
- b) Ravi Shankar
- c) Ustad Alauddin Khan
- d) Amjad Ali Khan

8. The Shimla agreement was signed between India and Pakistan in

- a) 1965
- b) 1948
- c) 1956
- d) 1972

9. Our National Emblem was adopted on

- a) August 15, 1947
- b) January 26, 1950
- c) November 26, 1946
- d) December 26, 1949

10. Which of the following is India's biggest dam?

- a) Kosi
- b) Nagarjuna Sagar
- c) Hirakud
- d) Bhakra

11. Gol Gumbaz, the largest dome in Asia, is in

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Kerala

12. Project Tiger, aimed at protecting tigers from extinction, was launched in

a) 1970

b) 1973

c) 1976

d) 1980

13. Who composed our National Anthem?

a) Rabindranath Tagore

b) Muhammad Iqbal

c) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

d) Sri Aurobindo

14. Who among the following is not associated with Karnatic music?

a) Tanzen

b) Tyagaraja

c) Muthuswami Dikshitar

d) Shyama Shastri

15. Jana Gana Mana, our national anthem was sung for the first time in

a) 1947

b) 1950

c) 1906

d) 1911

16. What is the official language of Jammu and Kashmir?

a) Urdu

b) Kashmiri

c) Dogri

d) English

17. Who was the first Chief Justice of India?

a) M Patanjali Sastri

b) BK Mukherjee

c) Harilal J Kania

d) MC Mahajan

18. Who was the first recipient of the Jnanpith Award?

- a) G Sankara Kurup
- b) TS Bandopadhyaya
- c) Uma Shankar Joshi
- d) Sumitranandan Pant

19. How many stanzas are there in our national anthem?

- a) two
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

20. Who was the first Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- a) KVK Sundaram
- b) Sukumar Sen
- c) SP Sen Verma
- d) Dr Nagendra Singh

21. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in

- a) 1930
- b) 1913
- c) 1968
- d) 1978

22. Who was the first recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- a) Devika Rani
- b) V Shantaram
- c) Prithviraj Kapoor
- d) Pankaj Mallick

23. What percentage of the world population lives in India?

- a) approximately 15
- b) approximately 21
- c) approximately 7
- d) approximately 12

24. India's largest petro-chemical complex is located in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

25. Which of the following is India's first indigenous submarine?

- a) INS Shahkul
- b) INS Savitri
- c) INS Vibhuti
- d) INS Shalki

Answers

- 1. 24
 - 2. 2:3
 - 3. Jammu Tawi and Kanyakumari
 - 4. three
 - 5. 1862
 - 6. West Bengal
 - 7. Ustad Alauddin Khan
 - 8. 1972
 - 9. January 26, 1950
 - 10. Hirakud
 - 11. Karnataka
 - 12. 1973
 - 13. Rabindranath Tagore
 - 14. Tanzen
 - 15. 1911
 - 16. Urdu
 - 17. Harilal J Kania
 - 18. G Sankara Kurup
 - 19. five
 - 20. Sukumar Sen
 - 21. 1978
 - 22. Devika Rani
 - 23. approximately 15
 - 24. Gujarat
 - 25. INS Shalki
- GK – Indian States and Union Territories

1. Which state was formerly known as NEFA?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Manipur

2. The original population of Andaman Islands belongs to which ethnic group?

- a) Dravida

- b) Negroids
- c) Mongoloids
- d) Arya

3. The Tavang monastery, the oldest Buddhist Monastery, in India is located in

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Uttar Pradesh

4. What is the state language of Jammu & Kashmir?

- a) Hindi
- b) Arabic
- c) Urdu
- d) English

5. In how many states is Hindi the official language?

- a) 5
- b) 6
- 7) 7
- 4

6. Which one of the following was the last state to be formed in India?

- a) Chattisgarh
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttaranchal
- d) Goa

7. The South Indian hill tribes Irulas, Kodars, Paniyans and Kurumbas belong to which ethnic group?

- a) Mongoloids
- b) Negroids
- c) Dravida
- d) Arya

8. In terms of area Rajasthan is the biggest state in the union of India. Which is the smallest?

- a) Goa
- b) Assam
- c) Delhi

d) none of these

9. Which was the first Indian state to be formed purely on a linguistic basis?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) West Bengal

10. Which language has the second largest number of speakers in India?

- a) Tamil
- b) Telugu
- c) Urdu
- d) Hindi

11. Which Indian state has the largest number of tribal population?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Manipur

12. The historically famous city 'Pataliputra' is the capital of an Indian state. Which is this state?

- a) Bihar
- b) UP
- c) Assam
- d) Bengal

13. Which Indian state has the highest per capita income?

- a) Bengal
- b) Punjab
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

14. 'Bihu' is the national festival of which north – eastern state?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Nagaland

15. Which Indian state has contributed the largest number of Prime ministers to the union of India?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Delhi

16. Pondichery is the most populous Union Territory in India. Which is the least populous?

- a) Andaman
- b) Lakshdweeps
- c) Goa
- d) none of these

17. Which two cities in India are often called 'Twin Cities'?

- a) Hyderabad and Secunderabad
- b) Mysore and Bangalore
- c) Madras and Coimbatore
- d) Mumbai and Thane

18. The Nagarjuna Srisailem Wildlife Sanctuary famous for its tiger population is in

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) UP

19. Jhumming practiced in the north-eastern states is a method of

- a) learning
- b) agriculture
- c) living
- d) dancing

20. The Kaziranga Forest Reserve is famous for its

- a) One horned rhinoceros
- b) Asiatic Lion
- c) Asiatic Tiger
- d) Elephants

21. Which Indian state faces severe threat from the extremist outfits ULFA and BODO?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Kashmir
- d) Bengal

22. The place where Mahavira breathed his last is in Bihar. Which is this place?

- a) Pawapuri
- b) Saranath
- c) Sanchi
- d) Vaishali

23. Goa is the 25th state in the Indian Union. In Which year was this formed?

- a) 1987
- b) 1990
- c) 1995
- d) 1985

24. What is the official language of the state of Goa?

- a) Hindi
- b) English
- c) Konkani
- d) Malayalam

25. This wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat is the World's last habitat of Asiatic lion. What is its name?

- a) Bharatpur Wildlife Sanctuary
- b) Gir Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) Corbett National Park

Answers

- 1. Arunachal Pradesh
- 2. Negroids
- 3. Arunachal Pradesh
- 4. Urdu
- 5. 6
- 6. Jharkhand
- 7. Negroids
- 8. Goa
- 9. Andhra Pradesh
- 10. Telugu 11. Madhya Pradesh
- 12. Bihar
- 13. Punjab

14. Assam
15. Uttar Pradesh
16. Lakshdweep
17. Hyderabad and Secunderabad
18. Andhra Pradesh
19. agriculture
20. One horned rhinoceros
21. Assam
22. Pawapuri
23. 1987
24. Konkani
25. Gir Wildlife Sanctuary

GK – Indian States and Union Territories

1. Haryana is rather dry, sandy and barren. Which is the only river that flows through Haryana?

- a) Ghaggar
- b) Narmada
- c) Beas
- d) Sutlej

2. Which is the first Indian state to have electrified all of its villages?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Haryana
- c) Kerala
- d) Punjab

3. Who was the king of Kashmir who took the decision to join Kashmir to the Union of India after independence?

- a) Raja Mansingh
- b) Maharaja Harisingh
- c) Raja Jayadeep Singh
- d) None of these

4. The headquarters of Dalailama is in Dharmasala. In which state is this situated?

- a) Haryana
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

5. The state of Jharkhand was formed on Nov.1, 2000. It was carved out of which state?

- a) UP
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Punjab

6. Which state is probably India's richest state in mineral deposits?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Bihar
- d) Assam

7. Jamshedpur and Bokaro famous for their steel plants are in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Bihar

8. Which state tops in the production of rubber and coconut?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Goa

9. Which state was called by Jawaharlal Nehru 'A Jewel of India'?

- a) Kashmir
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Manipur
- d) Kerala

10. Which state in India can claim to be an exclusive tribal state?

- a) Assam
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Manipur
- d) Jharkhand

11. Which city is known as the Cathedral City of India?

- a) Goa
- b) Bhubaneswar
- c) Jaipur

d) Calcutta

12. Which state in India is the homeland of tribal communities the Khasis, the Jaintias and the Garos?

- a) Manipur
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

13. Which of the following Indian cities was designed by Le Corbusier, a French architect?

- a) Chandigarh
- b) Amritsar
- c) Kochi
- d) Goa

14. Bharatpur in Rajasthan is an important tourist center. What is it famous for?

- a) Tiger reserve
- b) Lion reserve
- c) Rhinos
- d) Bird sanctuary

15. Which of the following is the southernmost tip of India?

- a) Kanya Kumari
- b) Mancheswar
- c) Indira Point
- d) Tuticorin

16. The capital city of Punjab and Haryana is a Union Territory. Which is this?

- a) Ludhiana
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Amritsar
- d) None of these

17. When was Dadra and Nagar Haveli liberated from the Portuguese rule?

- a) 1947
- b) 1954
- c) 1960
- d) 1955

18. Which union territory in India can claim to be a living monument of French culture in India?

- a) Pondichery
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Lakshadweep
- d) Daman and Diu

19. When was the Union Territory of Lakshadweep formed?

- a) 1956
- b) 1947
- c) 1954
- d) 1960

20. The largest man-made lake in India is situated in Andhra Pradesh. Which is this lake?

- a) Chilka
- b) Sambhar
- c) Nagarjuna Sagar
- d) Dal

21. English is the official language in one of the Indian states. Which is this state?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Nagaland
- c) Manipur
- d) Assam

22. Which Indian state has the least area under forest cover?

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

23. Which one of the following is a land-locked state?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Orissa
- c) West Bengal
- d) Bihar

24. Singhbhum and Hazaribagh in Bihar are famous for their

- a) Copper deposits

- b) Coal deposits
- c) Bauxite deposits
- d) Gold deposits

25. Which Indian state has more than 90% of its area under forests?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answers

- 1. Ghaggar
 - 2. Haryana
 - 3. Maharaja Harisingh
 - 4. Himachal Pradesh
 - 5. Bihar
 - 6. Jharkhand
 - 7. Jharkhand
 - 8. Kerala
 - 9. Manipur
 - 10. Meghalaya
 - 11. Bhuvaneswar
 - 12. Meghalaya
 - 13. Chandigarh
 - 14. Bird sanctuary
 - 15. Indira Point
 - 16. Chandigarh
 - 17. 1954
 - 18. Pondichery
 - 19. 1956
 - 20. Nagarjuna Sagar
 - 21. Nagaland
 - 22. Haryana
 - 23. Bihar
 - 24. copper deposits
 - 25. Arunachal Pradesh
- GK Who is Who? 1

1. Who led a military campaign with 1000 men all wearing red shirts, leading to the unification of Italy?

- a) Benito Mussolini
- b) Oliver Cromwell
- c) Giuseppe Garibaldi
- d) Otto Von Bismarck

2. Who among the following American Presidents was assassinated in 1963?

- a) Eisenhower
- b) John F Kennedy
- c) Harry Truman
- d) Roosevelt

3. Who made it to the Guinness Book of World records by delivering eight hour long non stop speech in the UN General Assembly?

- a) AB Vajpayee
- b) VK Krishna Menon
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) KPS Menon

4. Who among the following is known as the Iron Man of India?

- a) Bhagat Singh
- b) Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- c) Lala Lajpat Rai
- d) Subash Chandra Bose

5. This South American revolutionary is known as the Liberator for his efforts that put an end to the Spanish colonial rule in South America. Who is he?

- a) Fidel Castro
- b) Carl Marx
- c) Simon Bolivar
- d) Che Guevara

6. Which Soviet Union leader is associated with 'Glasnost' and 'Perestroika'?

- a) Mikhail Gorbachev
- b) Boris Yeltsin
- c) Vladimir Putin
- d) Nikita Khrushchev

7. Who is the inventor of telegraphic code?

- a) Alexander Graham Bell
- b) Albert Einstein
- c) Samuel Morse
- d) JL Baird

8. Who among the following was the first woman President of the UN General Assembly?

- a) Annie Besant
- b) Sarojini Naidu
- c) Vijaya Lakshmi Pundit
- d) Sucheta Kripalani

9. Who is the first space traveler?

- a) Neil Armstrong
- b) Edwin Aldrin
- c) Yuri Gagarin
- d) Rakesh Sharma

10. Who was the first winner of Bharat Ratna?

- a) Dr S Radhakrishnan
- b) R Rajendra Prasad
- c) C Rajagopalachari
- d) BR Ambedkar

11. Who among the following was offered the President ship of Israel but refused to accept it?

- a) Ariel Sharon
- b) Albert Einstein
- c) Bill gates
- d) Kofi Annan

12. Who was the Swiss business man who founded the Red Cross?

- a) Paul Harris
- b) Jean Henri Dunant
- c) Michael Crichton
- d) George Gallop

13. Who was the first Indian woman to be crowned as 'Miss World'?

- a) Aishwarya Rai
- b) Sushmita Sen
- c) Rita Faria
- d) Yukta Mukhi

14. Who among the following Indians has won the Nobel Prize for economics?

- a) CV Raman
- b) Amartya Sen
- c) MS Swaminathan
- d) Har Gobind Khorana

15. Who among the following Presidents of America has won the Nobel Peace Prize?

- a) John F Kennedy
- b) George Washington
- c) Abraham Lincoln
- d) Theodore Roosevelt

Answers

- 1. Giuseppe Garibaldi
- 2. John F Kennedy
- 3. VK Krishna Menon
- 4. Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- 5. Simon Bolivar
- 6. Mikhail Gorbachev
- 7. Samuel Morse
- 8. Vijaya Lakshmi Pundit
- 9. Yuri Gagarin
- 10. C Rajagopalachari
- 11. Albert Einstein
- 12. Jean Henri Dunant
- 13. Rita Faria
- 14. Amartya Sen
- 15. Theodore Roosevelt

GK Who is Who? 2

1. Who was the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Yasunari Kawabata
- c) CV Raman
- d) None of these

2. Who among the following scientists have won the Nobel Prize for chemistry and peace?

- a) Niels Bohr
- b) Linus Pauling
- c) Madam Curie
- d) De Broglie

3. Who wrote the preface to the English translation of Gitanjali?

- a) WB Yeasts
- b) Shelly
- c) TS Eliot
- d) Rabindranath Tagore

4. Who won the first Dada Saheb Phalke award?

- a) Dilip Kumar
- b) Devika Rani
- c) Pradip
- d) Nargis Dutt

5. Who among the following national leaders have won the highest civilian honours of Pakistan?

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Morarji Desai
- c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- d) Indira Gandhi

6. Who created the famous painting 'Mona Lisa'?

- a) Picasso
- b) Michelangelo
- c) Raphael
- d) Leonardo da Vinci

7. Name the Italian sculptor and painter who is famous for painting the ceiling of the Sistine chapel?

- a) Michelangelo
- b) Pablo Picasso
- c) Leonardo da Vinci
- d) Vangog

8. The greatest operas of which great musician include 'Don Giovanni' and 'the Magic Flute'?

- a) Wolfgang Mozart
- b) Beethoven
- c) Johann Sebastian Bach
- d) William Blake

9. Michael Jackson is a reputed

- a) Jazz singer
- b) Pop singer
- c) Ballet dancer
- d) piano dancer

10. Hari Prasad Chaurasia is a renowned player of

- a) tabla
- b) sarod
- c) flute
- d) sitar

Answers

- 1. Rabindranath Tagore
- 2. Linus Pauling
- 3. WB Yeasts
- 4. Devika Rani
- 5. Morarji Desai
- 6. Leonardo da Vinci
- 7. Michelangelo
- 8. Wolfgang Mozart
- 9. Pop singer
- 10. flute

GK Who is Who? 3

1. Who founded the new religion Din-i-Elahi?

- a) Akbar
- b) Sikander Lodhi
- c) Qwaja Moinuddin Chisti
- d) Babur

2. Who was the first woman Chief Minister of an Indian state?

- a) Jayalalitha
- b) Padmaja Naidu
- c) Sucheta Kripalani
- d) Vijayalakshmi Pandit

3. Name the Indian political leader who served two times as acting Prime Minister of India?

- a) Gulzari Lal Nanda

- b) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- c) N Sanjiva Reddy
- d) GS Pathak

4. Who was the first lady governor of a state in India?

- a) Sheila Kaul
- b) Sarla Grewal
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Indira Gandhi

5. After which famous national leader is the Ahmedabad Airport named?

- a) Morarji Desai
- b) Kasturba Gandhi
- c) Mahatma Gandhi
- d) Sardar Vallabhai Patel

6. Who among the following did not serve as the Vice President before becoming the President of India?

- a) Dr S Radhakrishnan
- b) Dr Zakir Hussain
- c) Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy
- d) R Venketaraman

7. Who wrote the American declaration of Independence?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Jefferson
- c) James Madison
- d) John Adams

8. Who is regarded as the father of Russian Revolution?

- a) Kerensky
- b) Trotsky
- c) Karl Marx
- d) Lenin

9. Who among the following inspired and initiated the renaissance of modern India?

- a) Aurobindo Ghosh
- b) Swami Vivekananda
- c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- d) Keshab Chandra Sen

10. Who is the first Indian Prime Minister who didn't belong to the Congress party at any time in his political career?

- a) Charan Singh
- b) Chandrasekhar
- c) Deva Gowda
- d) AB Vajpayee

11. Who among the following was an advocate of radical humanism?

- a) Annie Besant
- b) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- c) MN Roy
- d) VD Savarkar

12. Who among the following is associated with the invention of Jet Engine?

- a) James Watt
- b) Charles Parsons
- c) Orville and Wilbur Wright
- d) Frank Whittle

13. Who amongst the following was the first woman to climb Mount Everest?

- a) Valentina Tereshkova
- b) Junko Tabei
- c) Santhosh Yadav
- d) none of these

14. Who amongst the following is known as 'Iron Lady'?

- a) Benazir Bhutto
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Margaret Thatcher
- d) Chandrika Kumaratunge

15. Who amongst the following is the youngest man to win world heavyweight crown?

- a) Muhammad Ali
- b) Mike Tyson
- c) Peter McNeely
- d) none of these

Answers

1. Akbar

2. Sucheta Kripalani
 3. Gulzari Lal Nanda
 4. Sarojini Naidu
 5. Sardar Vallabhai Patel
 6. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy
 7. Thomas Jefferson
 8. Lenin
 9. Raja Ram Mohan Roy
 10. AB Vajpayee
 11. MN Roy
 12. Frank Whittle
 13. Junko Tabei
 14. Margaret Thatcher
 15. Mike Tyson
- GK Who is Who? 4

1. Who among the following described Gandhiji as 'Half-naked Fakir'?

- a) Joseph Stalin
- b) Mussolini
- c) Winston Churchill
- d) Muhammad Ali Jinnah

2. Who is the author of the book 'Unto This Last' which profoundly influenced Gandhiji?

- a) John Ruskin
- b) Emerson
- c) Tolstoy
- d) Vivekananda

3. Who founded the Rotary Club?

- a) Michael Kalashnikov
- b) Paul Harris
- c) Pat Barker
- d) Paul Crutzen

4. Who among the following was the first popularly elected president of Russia?

- a) Michael Gorbachev
- b) Boris Yeltsin
- c) Vladimir Putin
- d) none of these

5. Who was the first Indian to win the World Food Prize?

- a) V Kurien
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) MGS Narayan
- d) none of these

6. Who created Dolly, the first cloned sheep?

- a) Eric E Wieschaus
- b) Ian Wilmut
- c) James Watson
- d) Francis Crick

7. Who is the only woman to have climbed Mount Everest twice?

- a) Santhosh Yadav
- b) Junko Tabei
- c) Bachendri Pal
- d) Rita Ang

8. Who is the chief architect of Green Revolution in India?

- a) V Kurien
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) Norman Ernest Borlaug
- d) Sundar Lal Bahuguna

9. Who among the following former Presidents of America was also a film star and television artist?

- a) Theodore Roosevelt
- b) Ronald Reagan
- c) Woodrow Wilson
- d) John F Kennedy

10. Who is known as the 'Father of India's White Revolution'?

- a) V Kurien
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) MGS Narayanan
- d) Hargobind Khorana

Answers

- 1. Winston Churchill
- 2. John Ruskin
- 3. Paul Harris
- 4. Boris Yeltsin
- 5. MS Swaminathan

6. Ian Wilmut
 7. Santhosh Yadav
 8. MS Swaminathan
 9. Ronald Reagan
 10. V Kurien
- Current Events Quiz 1

1. Who was recently re-elected the President of the People's Republic of China?

- a) Hu Jintao
- b) Jiang Zemin
- c) Ma Ying-jeou

2. Who recently won the 'Person of the Year' award by the India Abroad newspaper in New York?

- a) Indra Nooyi
- b) Mira Nair
- c) Deepa Mehta

3. Mr David A Paterson was in news recently. For what?

- a) for being the first legally blind person to become the governor of a US State
- b) for winning the Booker Prize
- c) for conquering Mt Everest

4. Who recently became the first ever woman to become the Speaker of Pakistan's parliament?

- a) Fahmida Mirza
- b) Fahtima Bhutoo
- c) Razia Mirza

5. Who won the Femina Miss India Universe title in 2008?

- a) Parvathy Omanakuttan
- b) Simran Kaur Mundi
- c) Harshita Saxena

6. Who won the WTA Tour Player of the Year 2007 award?

- a) Maria Sharapova
- b) Justin Henin
- c) Venus Williams

7. Which Indian cricketer recently became the third cricketer in history to score two triple Test centuries?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Virender Sehwag
- c) Rahul Dravid

8. Who/what won the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, disarmament and Development for 2007?

- a) Aung San Suki
- b) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- c) Medha Patkar

9. The Anglo-Dutch steel company Corus was recently taken over by

- a) ArcelorMittal
- b) Jindal Steel
- c) Tata Steel

10. Who is the President of India?

- a) APJ Abdul Kalam
- b) Somnath Chatterjee
- c) Pratibha Patil

11. Which is the first Indian bank to get approval to start normal banking operation in China?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Corporation Bank

12. Which Indian company manufactures automobiles for Mitsubishi?

- a) Tata Motors
- b) Bajaj Tempo
- c) Hindustan Motors

13. Which one of the following is the world's busiest port today?

- a) Port of Rotterdam
- b) Port of Shanghai
- c) Port of Singapore

14. For international payments, the Indian currency is linked to

- a) British sterling
- b) American Dollar
- c) International oil price

15. Which of the following countries is the top source of FDI inflows to India at present?

- a) Mauritius
- b) USA
- c) UK

Answers

1. Hu Jintao
2. Mira Nair
3. for being the first legally blind person to become the governor of a US State
4. Fahmida Mirza
5. Simran Kaur Mundi
6. Justin Henin
7. Virender Sehwag
8. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
9. Tata Steel
10. Pratibha Patil
11. State Bank of India
12. Hindustan Motors
13. Port of Singapore
14. American Dollar
15. Mauritius

Current Events Quiz 2

1. China launched its first lunar orbiter in 2007. What is its name?

- a) Lunz'e 1
- b) Wan Hu
- c) Chang'e 1

2. The Suzuki Corporation has launched its first scooter for the Indian market. What is the name of this scooter?

- a) Access 125
- b) Marut 125
- c) Excellent X
- d) Pawan 125

3. Who won the Linares-Morelia Chess tournament in 2008?

- a) V Anand

- b) Veselin Topalov
- c) Vladimir Kramnik

4. Which Indian bank recently opened its 10,000th branch becoming the second bank in the world to have as many branches?

- a) Bank of India
- b) State Bank of India
- c) ICICI Bank

5. Gas has recently been discovered at which of the following river basins?

- a) Krishna-Godavri basin
- b) Cauvery basin
- c) Ganga basin

6. Which Indian entity recently bagged a position in the list of world's top ten largest derivative bourses?

- a) NSE
- b) Sensex
- c) MCX

7. Which Indian company recently acquired Jaguar and Land Rover?

- a) Bajaj Auto
- b) Tata Motors
- c) Mahindra & Mahindra

8. Which company topped the 'Global 2000 List' compiled by the Forbes magazine in April 2008?

- a) HSBC
- b) Bank of America
- c) General Electric

9. Who recently won the Best writer award in the Europe region category of the Commonwealth Writer's Prize 2008?

- a) VS Naipaul
- b) Indra Sinha
- c) Tahmima Anam

10. India's first centre to monitor climate change has been opened at

- b) Mumbai

- b) Chennai
- c) Kolkata

Answers

1. Chang'e 1
2. Access 125
3. V Anand
4. State Bank of India
5. Krishna-Godavri basin
6. NSE
7. Tata Motors
8. HSBC
9. Indra Sinha
10. Chennai

Current Events Quiz 3

1. The 2008 NAM summit was recently held at

- a) Tehran
- b) Colombo
- c) New Delhi
- d) Lahore

2. Who among the following was recently appointed the United Nations High Commissioner for human rights?

- a) Navanethem Pillay
- b) Dayana Mendoza
- c) Vijay Nambiar
- d) None of these

3. Which country has the highest number of internet users today?

- a) China
- b) USA
- c) India
- d) Japan

4. Google recently launched its own online encyclopedia. What is the name of this project?

- a) Wikipedia
- b) Knol
- c) Encyclopedia
- d) None of these

5. Dr Ram Baran Yadav was in news recently for

- a) being the first President of Republic Nepal
- b) being first Prime Minister of Nepal
- c) for winning the Magsasay Award
- d) for winning the Kalinga Award

6. What is SpaceShipTwo?

- a) world's first civilian passenger spacecraft
- b) Nasa's lunar explorer
- c) ESA's craft to study Mars
- d) None of these

7. Sir Richard Branson was in news recently. Who is he?

- a) founder of Virgin group of companies
- b) winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics
- c) winner of the Booker Prize
- d) none of these

8. Europa is a moon of which planet?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Saturn
- c) Pluto
- d) Mars

9. The WTO Ministerial Meeting of 30 trade ministers was recently held at

- a) Geneva
- b) Stockholm
- c) Paris
- d) Seattle

10. Who won the Men's singles title at Wimbledon this year?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Roger Federer
- c) Andy Roddick
- d) None of these

11. Who won the Men's singles title at French Open this year?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Roger Federer

- c) Mahesh Bhupathi
- d) None of these

12. Which country won the Azlan Shah Hockey tournament in 2008?

- a) Argentina
- b) Spain
- c) Netherlands
- d) India

13. Which country won the Euro Cup 2008 Football tournament?

- a) Spain
- b) Germany
- c) Italy
- d) France

14. According to the worldwide Corruption Perceptions Index, which country is the least corrupt in the world?

- a) Denmark
- b) Finland
- c) Myanmar
- d) USA

15. India recently made aviation history by sealing a \$51 million deal with which country for the sale of seven Dhruv advanced light helicopters.

- a) Ecuador
- b) Israel
- c) Egypt
- d) Vietnam

Answers

1. Tehran
2. Navanethem Pillay
3. China
4. Knol
5. first President of Republic Nepal
6. world's first civilian passenger spacecraft
7. founder of Virgin group of companies
8. Jupiter
9. Geneva
10. Rafael Nadal
11. Rafael Nadal
12. Argentina

- 13. Spain
 - 14. Denmark
 - 15. Ecuador
- Current Events Quiz 4

1. Which one of the following was named by Time Magazine as the Invention of the Year 2007?

- a) iPod
- b) iPhone
- c) Napkin PC
- d) None of these

2. Who among the following won the Best of the Booker award in 2008?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) VS Naipaul
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Vikram Chandra

3. President's rule was recently imposed in which of the following states?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Punjab
- d) Bihar

4. Which one of the following is not a member of the G8?

- a) Britain
- b) Switzerland
- c) France
- d) Italy

5. What are Plutoids?

- a) Dwarf planets that orbit the sun beyond the orbit of the planet Neptune
- b) Moons of Pluto
- c) Small rocky bodies found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter
- d) There is nothing called a Plutoid

6. Which one of the following recently lost its planet status?

- a) Pluto
- b) Uranus
- c) Neptune

d) Earth

7. What is Wi-Fi?

- a) A method of wireless internet connection
- b) A Bluetooth device
- c) A service launched by Wikipedia
- d) A wired broadband connection

8. Who is the author of the novel *Midnight's Children* which recently received a special Booker Prize?

- a) Salman Rushdie
- b) VS Naipaul
- c) Jack London
- d) Agatha Christie

9. Who among the following was crowned Miss Universe 2008?

- a) Dayana Mendoza
- b) Marianne Cruz Gonzalez
- c) Vera Krasova
- d) Taliana Vargas

10. Inspiron is a series of laptops launched by

- a) DELL
- b) Apple
- c) Lenovo
- d) HP

Answers

- 1. iPhone
- 2. Salman Rushdie
- 3. Jammu & Kashmir
- 4. Switzerland
- 5. Dwarf planets that orbit the sun beyond the orbit of the planet Neptune
- 6. Pluto
- 7. A method of wireless internet connection
- 8. Salman Rushdie
- 9. Dayana Mendoza
- 10. DELL

GK – Current Events Quiz 5

1. Who was recently sworn in as the first Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal?

- a) K Yumkella
- b) PKD Prachanda
- c) Duvvari Subharao
- d) HY Sharda Prasad

2. Who among the following businessman was recently awarded the UK India Business Council Award?

- a) NR Narayana Murthy
- b) Ratan Tata
- c) Lakshmi Mittal
- d) Sunil Bharati Mittal

3. Who was recently appointed the governor of Reserve Bank of India?

- a) YV Reddy
- b) Duvvari Subharao
- c) HY Sharda Prasad
- d) S Balakrishnan

4. Michael Phelps, the American swimmer has so far how many Olympic gold medals?

- a) 12
- b) 8
- c) 14
- d) 16

5. Who is the first ever individual to win an Olympic Gold for India?

- a) Vijender Kumar
- b) Sushil Kumar
- c) Abhinav Bindra
- d) Leander Paes

6. Who won the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award for the year 2007?

- a) Sachin Tendulkar
- b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- c) Abhinav Bindra
- d) Sania Mirza

7. Who won the Women's Singles title at the US Open 2008?

- a) Ana Ivanovic
- b) Serena Williams

- c) Maria Sharapova
- d) Venus Williams

8. Who recently became the first man in history to hit 12 sixes in a One Day International match?

- a) Yuvraj Singh
- b) Xavier Marshall
- c) Sanath Jayasurya
- d) Shahid Afridi

9. The International Day for the Elderly is observed on

- a) October 1
- b) October 2
- c) October 3
- d) October 9

10. The World Vegetarian Day is observed on

- a) October 2
- b) October 8
- c) October 9
- d) October 24

11. Who was recently sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a) Shibu Soren
- b) Madhu Koda
- c) Abhay Singh Chautala
- d) RK Pachauri

12. Who is the author of 'A Golden Age' which won the 2008 Commonwealth Writer's prize for the Best First Book?

- a) Ritu Dalmia
- b) Tahmina Anam
- c) Alexandra Harney
- d) Kiran Desai

Answers

- 1. PKD Prachanda
- 2. Ratan Tata
- 3. Duvvari Subharao
- 4. 14
- 5. Abhinav Bindra
- 6. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

7. Serena Williams
 8. Xavier Marshall
 9. October 1
 10. October 2
 11. Shibu Soren
 12. Tahmina Anam
- // GK – Current Events 6

1. Who won the best actor award at the 54th National Film Awards?

- a) Soumitra Chatterjee
- b) Dilip Prabhavalkar
- c) Tapan Sinha
- d) Sanjay Dutt

2. Who won the Women's singles title at French Open 2008?

- a) Maria Sharapova
- b) Ana Ivanovic
- c) Venus Williams
- d) Dinara Safina

3. Who recently sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- a) HG Devagauda
- b) BS Yeddyurappa
- c) Virendra Kumar
- d) none of these

4. Ms Manjula Sood was in news recently for being

- a) the winner of Orange prize for 2008
- b) the first Asian woman to become the Mayor of Leicester, Britain
- c) the first woman scientist to head an important DRDO project
- d) none of these

5. Who won the Media Person of the Year Award at the 55th Cannes Lions International Advertising Festival?

- a) Anthony O' Reilly
- b) Prasoona Joshi
- c) Yves Saint Laurent
- d) none of these

6. Who was chosen as the Man of the Series in the DLF-IPL Twenty20 cricket tournament?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Shane Warne
- c) Shane Watson
- d) Ricky Ponting

7. Who recently set a new 100 m world record?

- a) Justin Gatlin
- b) Asafa Powell
- c) Usain Bolt
- d) Nathan Deakes

8. Which nation was recently readmitted to Commonwealth after a six month suspension?

- a) Nepal
- b) Pakistan
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Myanmar

9. Ms Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner of Austria was in news recently for being

- a) the first woman to conquer 11 peaks of over 8,000 metres without breathing apparatus
- b) winning an international award
- c) the first woman head of state of Austria
- d) none of these

10. The country's first helium extraction pilot plant was launched by

- a) RIL
- b) ONGC
- c) Bharat Petroleum
- d) SAIL

11. Which Indian corporate head made it to the list of the Best Brains in Business compiled by business publication Conde Nast Portfolio?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Ratan Tata
- c) NR Narayanamurthy
- d) Nandan Nilekani

12. OIL (Oil India Limited) recently signed an agreement with the National Oil Corporation of which country for four oil exploration blocks?

- a) Sudan

- b) Libya
- c) Cameroon
- d) Zimbabwe

13. An astronaut in outer space will observe sky as

- a) White
- b) black
- c) blue
- d) red

14. The science dealing with the study of teeth is called

- a) odontology
- b) ornithology
- c) phenology
- d) cosmology

15. According to India's Census report of 2001, percentage of population living in rural areas is

- a) 70
- b) 72
- c) 74
- d) 80

16. India has announced the construction of the first ever rail link to which Himalayan country from Hashimara in northern Bengal?

- a) Nepal
- b) Bhutan
- c) Myanmar
- d) Pakistan

17. Kuomintang is the ruling party in

- a) China
- b) Taiwan
- c) Myanmar
- d) Cuba

18. Who won the Mahaveer award for excellence in community service in 2008?

- a) Mahasweta Devi
- b) S Sankara Raman
- c) Medha Patkar

d) Rajashree Birla

19. Which of the following pairs of countries were voted the most environment friendly by a survey by the National Geographic magazine and pollster Globalscan?

- a) India and China
- b) India and Brazil
- c) USA and Brazil
- d) UK and France

20. Who is the new Russian President?

- a) Vladimir Putin
- b) Dmitry Medvedev
- c) Michael Sleiman
- d) none of these

21. The World Population Day is observed on

- a) July 6
- b) July 11
- c) May 24
- d) April 11

22. The G-8 Environment Ministers Meeting 2008 was held at

- a) Berlin
- b) Kobe
- c) Kyoto
- d) Paris

23. Who is the author of the book Gandhi's Emissary?

- a) Sudhir Ghosh
- b) Hamid Ansari
- c) Shyam Bhatia
- d) Chetan Bhagat

24. Who was recently appointed the Chairman of Prasari Bharti?

- a) MV Kamath
- b) Vir Sanghvi
- c) Arun Bhatnagar
- d) Vikram Srivastava

25. What is UNASUR?

- a) an NGO fighting for environment protection
- b) Union of South American nations
- c) Union of South Asian nations
- d) None of these

Answers

- 1. Soumitra Chatterjee
 - 2. Ana Ivanovic
 - 3. BS Yeddyurappa
 - 4. the first Asian woman to become the Mayor of Leicester, Britain
 - 5. Anthony O' Reilly
 - 6. Shane Watson
 - 7. Usain Bolt
 - 8. Pakistan
 - 9. the first woman to conquer 11 peaks of over 8,000 metres without breathing apparatus
 - 10. ONGC
 - 11. Ratan Tata
 - 12. Libya
 - 13. black
 - 14. odontology
 - 15. 72
 - 16. Bhutan
 - 17. Taiwan
 - 18. S Sankara Raman
 - 19. India and Brazil
 - 20. Dmitry Medvedev
 - 21. July 11
 - 22. Kobe
 - 23. Sudhir Ghosh
 - 24. Arun Bhatnagar
 - 25. Union of South American nations
- GK – Current Events 7

1. Who was recently crowned Miss World 2008 at the beauty pageant held in Johannesburg?

- a) Parvathy Omanakuttan
- b) Ksenia Sukhinova
- c) Diana Mendoza
- d) none of these

2. Who won the Monaco F1 Grand Prix in 2008?

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Kimi Raikkonen

- c) Felipe Massa
- d) Fernando Alonso

3. Whose birthday is likely to be declared as a 'World No Alcohol Day' by the UN from next year?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Swami Vivekananda
- c) Rajiv Gandhi
- d) None of these

4. Which country leads the list of best places for investment and business, according to a list prepared by global consultancy Grant Thornton?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) USA

5. The parliament of which country recently approved a bill allowing the use of hybrid embryos in stem cell research?

- a) USA
- b) India
- c) Britain
- d) Italy

6. Justin Henin who announced her immediate retirement from professional tennis is from

- a) Spain
- b) Belgium
- c) France
- d) Switzerland

7. The Three Gorges, the world's biggest hydroelectric power project is built on

- a) Pearl river
- b) Yangtze river
- c) Yellow river
- d) Danube

8. The Phoenix Lander is a mission sent to explore

- a) Mars
- b) Jupiter

- c) Saturn
- d) Mercury

9. Min Bahadur Sherchan was in news recently for being

- a) the speaker of Nepal's new parliament
- b) a) the oldest man to summit Everest
- c) the oldest man to climb seven summits
- d) none of these

10. Which Asian country recently abolished monarchy and became a republic?

- a) China
- b) Myanmar
- c) Nepal
- d) Pakistan

11. Which party won the most number of seats in the recently held Karnataka Assembly Elections?

- a) BJP
- b) Congress
- c) Janta Dal
- d) NDA

12. What is the name of the tropical cyclone that hit Myanmar last month?

- a) Rita
- b) Nargis
- c) Katrina
- d) Ann

13. The Agni-III missile has a range of

- a) 5000 km
- b) 1200 km
- c) 3000 km
- d) 4000 km

// 14. 'Leaves of Grass' is a collection of poems written by

- a) Walt Whitman
- b) Robert Frost
- c) Wordsworth
- d) Allan Poe

15. What is the official distance of a marathon running race?

- a) 26 miles
- b) 26 miles 385 yards
- c) 25 miles 895 yards
- d) 25 miles

16. Which country turned 60 in May, 2008?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- b) Nepal
- c) Israel
- d) Serbia

17. ISRO made history in April by placing how many satellites in their respective orbits in a single launch.

- a) 12
- b) 10
- c) 7
- d) 16

18. Viswanathan Anand has so far won how many Chess Oscars?

- a) 6
- b) 7
- c) 5
- d) none

19. Bajaj recently announced its low cost car. This car will be built in collaboration with which of the following companies?

- a) McLaren
- b) Honda
- c) Renault-Nissan
- d) Fiat

20. India's much anticipated Moon mission 'Chandrayan 1' is expected to lift off in

- a) October
- b) July
- c) September
- d) December

21. The Heptathlon is a track and field athletic competition consisting of how many events?

- a) five
- b) six
- c) seven
- d) eight

22. The Scandinavia occupies which region of Europe?

- a) southern
- b) northern
- c) central
- d) western

23. Which one of the following is currently the world's fastest super computer?

- a) IBM's Roadrunner supercomputer
- b) Blue Gene/L
- c) Kibo
- d) None of these

24. Which Indian automobile manufacturer was recently voted the world's fourth most reputed?

- a) Maruti Suzuki
- b) Tata Motors
- c) Mahindra & Mahindra
- d) Bajaj

25. Which country is the first in the world to pass climate act?

- a) Britain
- b) India
- c) Canada
- d) Australia

Answers

1. Ksenia Sukhinova
2. Lewis Hamilton
3. Mahatma Gandhi
4. China
5. Britain
6. Belgium
7. Yangtze river
8. Mars
9. the oldest man to summit Everest
10. Nepal

11. BJP
12. Nargis
13. 3000 km
14. Walt Whitman
15. 26 miles 385 yards
16. Israel
17. 10
18. 5
19. Renault-Nissan
20. September
21. seven
22. northern
23. IBM's Roadrunner supercomputer
24. Maruti Suzuki
25. Canada

GK – Current Events 8

1. Who among the following industrialist was recently conferred the prestigious 'Energy Star Partner of the Year award'?

- a) Ratan Tata
- b) LN Mittal
- c) Sunil Bharati Mittal
- d) None of these

2. Who won the Femina Miss India World 2008 title?

- a) Simran Kaur Mundi
- b) Parvathy Omanakuttan
- c) Harchita Saxena
- d) Deepika Padukone

3. Who was recently appointed the new Prime Minister of Belgium?

- a) Yves Leterme
- b) Guy Verhofstadt
- c) Hu Jintao
- d) None of these

4. Who is the only Indian tennis player to reach the semi finals of Wimbledon Tennis Singles?

- a) Vijay Amritraj
- b) Leander Paes
- c) Ramanathan Krishnan

d) Mahesh Bhupati

5. Who among the following tennis players recently announced her retirement from professional tennis?

- a) Kim Clijsters
- b) Justin Henin
- c) Ana Ivanovic
- d) None of these

6. What is Kibo?

- a) Japan's experimental laboratory sent to ISS
- b) a humanoid robot
- c) a satellite
- d) the name of an exo-planet

7. Zeus is the father of Gods in Greek mythology. Who is the father of Gods in Roman mythology?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Neptune
- c) Cupid
- d) Saturn

8. What is the difference between Indian standard time and Greenwich Mean Time?

- a) 6: 30 hrs
- b) 6 hours
- c) 5: 30 hrs
- d) 5 hrs

9. Which one of the following dance forms involves solo performance?

- a) Bharatanatyam
- b) Kuchipudi
- c) Mohiniattam
- d) Odissi

10. Who among the following was responsible for the passing of Hindu Widows Remarriage Act?

- a) Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar
- b) Radha Kant Deb
- c) Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- d) Kesab Chandra Sen

11. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Gujarat
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

12. Who was the captain of Team Jaipur which won the inaugural IPL Championship?

- a) Shane Warne
- b) Shane Watson
- c) Shahid Afridi
- d) Yuvraj Singh

13. Who was recently felicitated by BCCI for being the first Indian bowler to reach the 600 Test wickets mark?

- a) Anil Kumble
- b) Harbajan Singh
- c) Yuvraj Singh
- d) None of these

14. Which one of the following is the biggest Indian company by market capital?

- a) Tatas
- b) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
- c) Anil Dirubhai Ambani Group
- d) LIC

15. Which company topped the 'Global 200: The World's Best Corporate Reputations list'?

- a) Tatas
- b) Google
- c) Toyota
- d) Johnson and Johnson

16. Which of the following companies recently entered into a joint venture with the Hero Group for manufacturing commercial vehicles in India?

- a) Daimler
- b) Renault
- c) Toyota
- d) Ferrari

17. Which among the following Indian companies will be granted a \$600 million loan from World Bank?

- a) ONGC
- b) Power Grid Corporation of India
- c) SAIL
- d) None of these

18. Which of the following is the first public sector unit in India to introduce the SAP-powered reverse auction process?

- a) ONGC
- b) LIC
- c) SAIL
- d) none of these

19. Which day is observed as the Press Freedom Day?

- a) May 1
- b) May 3
- c) May 4
- d) May 8

20. Who is the author of 'Book of Humour'?

- a) Ruskin Bond
- b) VS Naipaul
- c) Anita Nair
- d) None of these

21. Who is the Union Home Minister?

- a) Pratibha Patil
- b) Shivraj V Patil
- c) Ramdoss
- d) Renuka Chaudhary

22. India recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding on leather and leather processing with which African country?

- a) Ghana
- b) Ethiopia
- c) Nigeria
- d) Cameroon

23. The International Herbal Summit-cum-exhibition on medicinal and aromatic products was held on April 4, 2008 at

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kottakkal
- c) New Delhi
- d) Chennai

24. Who is the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that won the Nobel Peace Prize recently?

- a) RK Pachauri
- b) Al Gore
- c) Sunita Narain
- d) None of these

25. In a survey conducted by Dataquest IDC, which Indian state tops the Best e-governed States in 2007?

- a) Goa
- b) Delhi
- c) Chattisgarh
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answers

- 1. LN Mittal
- 2. Parvathy Omanakuttan
- 3. Yves Leterme
- 4. Ramanathan Krishnan
- 5. Justin Henin
- 6. Japan's experimental laboratory sent to ISS
- 7. Jupiter
- 8. 5: 30 hrs
- 9. Mohiniattam
- 10. Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar
- 11. Gujarat
- 12. Shane Warne
- 13. Anil Kumble
- 14. Reliance Industries Ltd
- 15. Toyota
- 16. Daimler
- 17. Power Grid Corporation of India
- 18. ONGC
- 19. May 3
- 20. Ruskin Bond
- 21. Shivraj V Patil

- 22. Ethiopia
 - 23. New Delhi
 - 24. RK Pachauri
 - 25. Delhi
- GK – Current Events 9

1. Which country has the most number of mobile customers in the world?

- a) USA
- b) China
- c) India
- d) Japan

2. This former territory of Serbia declared its independence in February 2008. What is its name?

- a) Montenegro
- b) Kosovo
- c) Albania
- d) None of these

3. How many countries are there in the world today?

- a) 191
- b) 195
- c) 196
- d) 200

4. Which one of the following is not a member of UN General Assembly?

- a) Taiwan
- b) China
- c) Serbia
- d) Montenegro

5. Arthur Clarke, the science fiction author who passed away in March 2008, had adopted which country as his home?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) USA
- d) France

6. The newest Republic in the world is

- a) Kosovo

- b) Nepal
- c) Bhutan
- d) Montenegro

7. Which Indian state was in news recently for bringing broadband connectivity to all its villages?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat

8. Who won the Taiwan presidential election recently?

- a) Frank Hsieh
- b) Ma Yingjeou
- c) Jerry Yang
- d) none of these

9. What is the name of the proposed NASA mission to Moon?

- a) LADER
- b) LAD
- c) LADEE
- d) none of these

10. Which one of the following was recently voted the greatest toy craze of all time?

- a) Yo-yos
- b) skateboards
- c) Rubik's cube
- d) Lego bricks

11. The Maitreyi Express is a train service between

- a) India and Pakistan
- b) India and China
- c) India and Bangladesh
- d) India and Nepal

12. According to WHO, which country has the world's lowest life expectancy?

- a) Namibia
- b) Zimbabwe
- c) Zambia
- d) none of these

13. The Earth Day is observed on

- a) May 8
- b) June 5
- c) April 22
- d) April 8

14. Which songwriter won a Pulitzer Prize in 2008?

- a) Norah Jones
- b) Elton John
- c) Bob Dylan
- d) none of these

15. Which one of the following recently became the only organization in the world to have conquered all three poles – the conventional South and North Poles besides Mt. Everest?

- a) US Air Force
- b) British navy
- c) Indian navy
- d) none

16. The Universal Postal Union was established in 1874. Where is its headquarters?

- a) Vienna
- b) Hague
- c) Berne
- d) Paris

17. Which two Indian companies recently made it to the league of the world's most innovative companies?

- a) Tata and RIL
- b) LIC and ONGC
- c) SBI and SAIL
- d) Infosys and Wipro

18. Nasa's Messenger spacecraft is on a mission to study

- a) Mars
- b) Mercury
- c) Jupiter
- d) Moon

19. The ThinkPad X300 ultra-portable machine is currently the thinnest laptop in the world. It is built by

- a) Apple
- b) Sony
- c) Lenovo
- d) IBM

20. Who won the Oscar award for the Best Actor in 2008?

- a) Johny Depp
- b) Will Smith
- c) Mick Jagger
- d) Daniel Day Lewis

21. Which one of the following is the world's richest soccer club?

- a) AC Milan
- b) Manchester United
- c) Chelsea
- d) Real Madrid

22. Who are Chang and Eng?

- a) The original Siamese twins
- b) mascots for Beijing Olympics 2008
- c) two elements in Fengshui
- d) none of these

23. 'Animal's People', which won the Commonwealth Writers Prize 2008 is based on

- a) partition of India
- b) Mumbai underworld
- c) drug trafficking
- d) Bhopal gas tragedy

24. Which day is observed as the International Women's Day?

- a) March 8
- b) March 12
- c) April 20
- d) May 11

25. Who is the author of the book 'Sense and Sensibility'?

- a) Emile Bronte

- b) Virginia Wolf
- c) Jane Austen
- d) Sylvia Plath

Answers

- 1. China
 - 2. Kosovo
 - 3. 195
 - 4. Taiwan
 - 5. Sri Lanka
 - 6. Nepal
 - 7. Gujarat
 - 8. Ma Yingjeou
 - 9. LADEE
 - 10. Rubik's cube
 - 11. India and Bangladesh
 - 12. Zimbabwe
 - 13. April 22
 - 14. Bob Dylan
 - 15. Indian navy
 - 16. Berne
 - 17. Tata and RIL
 - 18. Mercury
 - 19. Lenovo
 - 20. Daniel Day Lewis
 - 21. Manchester United
 - 22. The original Siamese twins
 - 23. Bhopal Gas Tragedy
 - 24. March 8
 - 25. Jane Austen
- GK – World History 1

1. Which of the following year is associated with the outbreak of World War II?

- a) 1935
- b) 1937
- c) 1638
- d) 1939

2. Who was the author of the American Declaration of Independence?

- a) George Washington
- b) Thomas Paine
- c) Lafayette
- d) Thomas Jefferson

3. The Russian city where a tank of radio active waste exploded in April 1993 is

- a) Chernobyl
- b) Serov
- c) Tomsk-7
- d) Cerepovec

4. The Hijra era is counted from

- a) 1526 AD
- b) 712 AD
- c) 632 AD
- d) 622 AD

5. The Gulf war of 1991 was precipitated by the Iraqi annexation of

- a) Bahrain
- b) Kuwait
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) South Yemen

6. Who among the following were known as 'Physiocrats' at the time of French Revolution?

- a) The clergy
- b) economists
- c) the nobility
- d) medical professionals

7. The parleys between the Prime Ministers Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Indira Gandhi, so much referred to in world politics, were held at

- a) Manali
- b) Rawalpindi
- c) Shimla
- d) Islamabad

8. Which of the following was strongly advocated by Fascism?

- a) disarmament
- b) federalism
- c) secularism
- d) war

9. Fabian socialism emerged first in

- a) India

- b) Great Britain
- c) Germany
- d) Russia

10. Which of the following is not associated with socialism?

- a) Fabianism
- b) Syndicalism
- c) Communism
- d) Fascism

11. Russian revolution took place in

- a) 1789
- b) 1776
- c) 1688
- d) 1917

12. In America, the Bill of Rights was added to the Federal Constitution largely at the instance of

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) George Washington
- c) Thomas Paine
- d) Benjamin Franklin

13. Who wrote 'Das Capital'?

- a) Engel
- b) Lenin
- c) Karl Marx
- d) Adam Smith

14. Civil Disobedience is associated with

- a) Voltaire
- b) Thomas Paine
- c) HD Thoreau
- d) Thomas Hobbes

15. French Revolution took place in

- a) 1789
- b) 1776
- c) 1688
- d) 1917

16. Who among the following is associated with the philosophy of 'the social contract'?

- a) Voltaire
- b) Thomas Paine
- c) HD Thoreau
- d) Thomas Hobbes

17. American War of Independence took place in

- a) 1776
- b) 1789
- c) 1801
- d) 1919

18. Which of the following was built between 3000 BC and 1800 BC?

- a) The tomb of Alexander
- b) The Collosus of Rhodes
- c) The Palace of Diana at Ephesus
- d) The Pyramids of Egypt

19. Which of the following parties is associated with former Pakistan cricket team captain Imran Khan?

- a) Pakistan People's Party
- b) Jamhuri Islam
- c) Tehreek e-Insaf
- d) Awami League

20. Who among the following is associated with the philosophy of 'Rights of Man'?

- a) Thomas Paine
- b) Rousseau
- c) Emerson
- d) Abraham Lincoln

21. The Cairo Summit held in March 1996 was concerned with which of the following?

- a) peace in West Asia
- b) terrorism
- c) oil crisis
- d) economic aid to African countries

22. No taxation without representation is a well-known slogan associated with which of the following?

- a) French revolution
- b) British civil war
- c) Indian National Movement
- d) American War of Independence

23. Which one of the following is not related to the continuing turmoil in Bosnia?

- a) Serbs
- b) Muslims
- c) Jews
- d) Croats

24. The fall of the prison at Bastille is associated with which of the following?

- a) Russian revolution
- b) French revolution
- c) American War of Independence
- d) none of those

25. Who among the following faced a devastating defeat in the battle of Waterloo?

- a) Duke of Wellington
- b) Napoleon
- c) Alexander the Great
- d) Hitler

Answers

- 1. 1939
- 2. Thomas Jefferson
- 3. Chernobyl
- 4. 622 AD
- 5. Kuwait
- 6. economists
- 7. Shimla
- 8. war
- 9. Great Britain
- 10. Fascism
- 11. 1917
- 12. Thomas Jefferson
- 13. Karl Marx
- 14. HD Thoreau
- 15. 1789
- 16. Voltaire
- 17. 1776
- 18. The Pyramids of Egypt

- 19. Tehreeq-e-Insaf
 - 20. Thomas Paine
 - 21. terrorism
 - 22. American War of Independence
 - 23. Jews
 - 24. French revolution
 - 25. Napoleon
- GK – World History 2

1. The first World War broke out in

- a) 1919
- b) 1914
- c) 1939
- d) 1944

2. The Battle of Waterloo took place in

- a) 1815
- b) 1800
- c) 1911
- d) 1839

3. Who was the Prime Minister of England at the time of Second World War?

- a) Winston Churchill
- b) Neville Chamberlain
- c) Clement Atlee
- d) James Ramsay MacDonald

4. Who among the following is associated with the Peacock throne?

- a) Shah Jahan
- b) Jahangir
- c) Akbar
- d) Babur

5. Who among the following signed the charter called 'Magna Carta'?

- a) King John II
- b) Henry II
- c) Edward II
- d) Henry V

6. Magna Carta was signed in

- a) 1215
- b) 1485
- c) 1138
- d) 1189

7. In which year did Hitler become the Chancellor of Germany?

- a) 1933
- b) 1939
- c) 1945
- d) 1951

8. Which of the following parties was credited by Lenin in Russia in 1918?

- a) Red Army
- b) White Forces
- c) Green Grenade
- d) Blue Rifle

9. In which year did the Soviet Union disintegrate into independent states?

- a) 1991
- b) 1992
- c) 1993
- d) 1994

10. Who became the first black President of South Africa in 1994?

- a) Desmond Tutu
- b) Milton Obote
- c) Robert Mugabe
- d) Nelson Mandela

11. In which year did Victoria become the Queen of Great Britain?

- a) 1857
- b) 1837
- c) 1887
- d) 1911

12. The Norman Conquest of England took place in

- a) 1066
- b) 1138
- c) 1042
- d) 1087

13. Which of the following nations was granted self-government in internal affairs by the Durham report?

- a) India
- b) Canada
- c) Japan
- d) Argentina

14. Which of the following is hailed as the 'Bible of the English Constitution'?

- a) Bill of Rights
- b) Magna Carta
- c) Reforms Act of 1832
- d) Parliament Act of 1911

15. The Renaissance Movement first began in

- a) Italy
- b) England
- c) France
- d) Germany

16. Who defined Liberalism as the philosophy of 'Live and let live'?

- a) Bertrand Russel
- b) Harold Laski
- c) JS Mill
- d) Jeremy Bentham

17. At which of the following places was the Declaration of Independence of the American Colonies adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776?

- a) Washington DC
- b) New York
- c) Chicago
- d) Philadelphia

18. With which of the following is the famous 'Tennis Court Oath' associated?

- a) American War of Independence
- b) French Revolution
- c) Emperor Czar Alexander
- d) Italian Renaissance

19. Who among the following leaders said 'I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat'?

- a) Abraham Lincoln
- b) Mahatma Gandhi
- c) Subash Chandra Bose
- d) Winston Churchill

20. When was the Treaty of Versailles signed?

- a) 1919
- b) 1921
- c) 1943
- d) 1945

21. Id-l-Milad is associated with which of the following?

- a) the martyrdom of Hussein
- b) the birth of Prophet Muhammad
- c) the death of Muhammad
- d) none of these

22. The eleven independent states of former Soviet Union have assumed the name of

- a) Cooperative Commonwealth
- b) Commonwealth of independent States
- c) East European Commonwealth
- d) None of these

23. Which one of the following was the only European power trading in India in the seventeenth century?

- a) The English
- b) The French
- c) The Portuguese
- d) The Danish

24. 'Man is born free yet everywhere he is in chains'. Who said this?

- a) Rousseau
- b) Voltaire
- c) Emerson
- d) Karl Marx

25. In the American War of Independence, the leader who was put in command of American forces was

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) George Washington
- c) Thomas Paine
- d) Abraham Lincoln

Answers

- 1. 1914
 - 2. 1815
 - 3. Winston Churchill
 - 4. Shah Jahan
 - 5. King John II
 - 6. 1215
 - 7. 1933
 - 8. Red Army
 - 9. 1991
 - 10. Nelson Mandela
 - 11. 1837
 - 12. 1066
 - 13. Canada
 - 14. Magna Carta
 - 15. Italy
 - 16. JS Mill
 - 17. Philadelphia
 - 18. French Revolution
 - 19. Winston Churchill
 - 20. 1919
 - 21. The birth of prophet Muhammad
 - 22. Commonwealth of Independent States
 - 23. the Portuguese
 - 24. Rousseau
 - 25. George Washington
- GK – World History 3

1. Saint Simon, Charles Fourier and Robert Owen were

- a) renaissance artists
- b) Portuguese navigators
- c) early socialists
- d) activists in the American War of Independence

2. In which of the following battles did Napoleon defeat the allied forces of Russia and Austria?

- a) Battle of Austerlitz
- b) Battle of Waterloo

- c) Battle of Sedan
- d) Battle of Sadowa

3. The Battle of Nations in which Napoleon faced a disastrous defeat was fought in

- a) 1805
- b) 1814
- c) 1815
- d) 1866

4. The Battle of Waterloo was fought in

- a) 1815
- b) 1866
- c) 1857
- d) 1777

5. Which of the following battles was fought in question of abolition of slavery?

- a) Battle of Nations
- b) American civil war
- c) Battle of Waterloo
- d) French Revolution

6. Who among the following was the Austrian Chancellor from 1815 to 1848 AD?

- a) Metternich
- b) Louis Philippe
- c) Cavour
- d) Bismark

7. Who among the following was known as the 'Citizen King' because he shunned traditional symbols of monarchy?

- a) King John II
- b) Louis Philippe
- c) Napoleon
- d) Cavour

8. Who among the following great military general of France was exiled to St. Helena Island?

- a) Charlemagne
- b) Captain James Cook
- c) Napoleon Bonaparte
- d) Robespierre

9. Who among the following was a black American leader who led a non violent movement to obtain full civil rights for American Negroes?

- a) Martin Luther King
- b) Muhammad Ali
- c) Ben Kingsley
- d) Rosa Luxemburg

10. Who among the following Austrian born – German dictator played a very significant role in the Second World War?

- a) Bismarck
- b) Mussolini
- c) Adolf Hitler
- d) Giueseppe Garibaldi

11. Who was the Pakistan Prime Minister who was replaced by Gen. Pervez Musharaf in a military coup?

- a) Nawaz Sheriff
- b) Benazir Bhutto
- c) Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
- d) none of these

12. When was the first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima?

- a) August 6, 1945
- b) August 8, 1942
- c) August 9, 1945
- d) August 9, 1944

13. In which year was the League of Nations formed?

- a) 1946
- b) 1914
- c) 1939
- d) 1920

14. In which year did Britain recognize the independence of America?

- a) 1775
- b) 1783
- c) 1789
- d) 1813

15. In which year was Israel founded as a Jewish state?

- a) 1945
- b) 1947
- c) 1948
- d) 1950

16. The demolition of Berlin wall leading to the unification of Germany took place in

- a) 1989
- b) 1990
- c) 1991
- d) 1992

17. Who succeeded Prophet Muhammad as the first Caliph in 632 AD?

- a) Omar
- b) Abu Bakr
- c) Othman
- d) Ali

18. Who among the following led the Russian revolution in 1917?

- a) Lenin
- b) Stalin
- c) Voltaire
- d) None of these

19. With which of the following is 'Boston tea party' associated?

- a) Glorious revolution
- b) French revolution
- c) Russian revolution
- d) American war of Independence

20. Lenin died in

- a) 1924
- b) 1925
- c) 1921
- d) 1922

21. The Turkish capture of Constantinople took place in

- a) 1498
- b) 1448

- c) 1453
- d) 1942

22. The nationalization of Suez canal took place in

- a) 1953
- b) 1956
- d) 1959
- d) 1557

23. When did the Communists in China establish a Republic?

- a) 1947
- b) 1948
- c) 1949
- d) 1950

24. Who among the following princes abdicated the throne of England to marry his beloved?

- a) George I
- b) Edward VIII
- c) Edward VII
- d) George IV

25. The Tashkent declaration was signed in

- a) 1966
- b) 1956
- c) 1959
- d) 1962

Answers

1. Early socialists
2. Battle of Austerlitz
3. 1814
4. 1815
5. American civil war
6. Matternich
7. Louis Philippe
8. Napoleon Bonaparte
9. Martin Luther King
10. Adolf Hitler
11. Nawas Sheriff
12. August 6, 1945
13. 1920
14. 1783

- 15. 1948
- 16. 1989
- 17. Abu Bakr
- 18. Lenin
- 19. American War of Independence
- 20. 1924
- 21. 1453
- 22. 1956
- 23. 1949
- 24. Edward VIII
- 25. 1966

GK – India Facts File

1. Which of the following is the first country in the world to introduce a family planning policy?

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) USA

2. Which state has the highest density of population according to the 2001 census?

- a) Kerala
- b) West Bengal
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Punjab

3. The first Five Year Plan was launched in

- a) 1947
- b) 1950
- c) 1951
- d) 1952

4. In India, the first railway train steamed off in April, 1853 between

- a) Agra to Mathura
- b) Bombay to Thane
- c) Delhi to Meerut
- d) Howrah to Burdwan

5. Production unit at which of the following places manufactures wheels and axles for Indian railway?

- a) Chittaranjan near Calcutta

- b) Perambur near Madras
- c) Mughalsarai
- d) Yelehanka, near Bangalore

6. Production unit at which of the following places manufactures Diesel locomotives for Indian railway?

- a) Varanasi
- b) Perambur
- c) Yelehanka
- d) Chittaranjan

7. Which production unit undertakes the manufacture of the bulk of passenger service vehicles for Indian railway?

- a) Perambur
- b) Varanasi
- c) Yelehanka
- d) Chittaranjan

8. At which of the following places is the headquarters of the research, designs and standards organization of the Indian railways located?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Lucknow
- d) Varanasi

9. At which of the following places is the Indian railways Institute of Advanced Track technology for training of civil engineers located?

- a) Pune
- b) Jabalpur
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Vadodara

10. At which of the following places is the Railway staff college located?

- a) Kolkatta
- b) Gorakhpur
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Vadodara

11. Which is the biggest sea port of India which also has a natural harbour?

- a) Mumbai

- b) Calcutta – Haldia
- c) Cochin
- d) Vishakhapatnam

12. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port is in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Kerala

13. In terms of size, the Indian Railways occupy what position in the world?

- a) Largest
- b) Second largest
- c) Third largest
- d) Fourth largest

14. In which year was railway introduced in India?

- a) 1853
- b) 1860
- c) 1855
- d) 1854

15. Which railway zone has the maximum route kilometrage in India?

- a) Central railway
- b) Northern railway
- c) Southern railway
- d) Konkan railway

16. Which railway zone conducts service through the maximum number of states?

- a) Northern railway
- b) Western railway
- c) Central railway
- d) Southern railway

17. Which is the oldest Indian news agency?

- a) PTI
- b) UNI
- c) Samachar Bharti
- d) Hindustan Samachar

18. In terms of size of population, what position India occupies in the world?

- a) First
- b) Second
- c) Third
- d) fourth

19. Under the control of which ministry does the Border Roads Organization function?

- a) Communications
- b) Defence
- c) Surface transport
- d) Urban development

20. Which of the following is the largest circulated daily in India?

- a) Malayala Manorama
- b) Times of India
- c) Hindustan Times
- d) Hindu

21. In which language is the largest number of newspapers published in India?

- a) Hindi
- b) English
- c) Telegu
- d) Urdu

22. Which of the following is the primary source of energy in India?

- a) Coal
- b) Nuclear fuels
- c) Petroleum, LPG, diesel and bio-gas
- d) Hydroelectricity

23. The National Literacy Mission was launched in

- a) 1985
- b) 1988
- c) 1990
- d) 1991

24. During which Five Year plan was the Mid-day Meals scheme for school children commenced?

- a) Seventh plan

- b) Eighth Plan
- c) Sixth Plan
- d) Ninth Plan

25. NCERT was established in

- a) 1960
- b) 1961
- c) 1962
- d) 1963

Answers

- 1. India
- 2. West Bengal
- 3. 1951
- 4. Bombay to Thane
- 5. Yelehanka, near Bangalore
- 6. Varanasi
- 7. Perambur
- 8. Lucknow
- 9. Pune
- 10. Vadodara
- 11. Mumbai
- 12. Maharashtra
- 13. second largest
- 14. 1853
- 15. Northern railway
- 16. Northern railway
- 17. PTI
- 18. Second
- 19. Defence
- 20. Times of India
- 21. Hindi
- 22. Coal
- 23. 1988
- 24. Eighth Plan
- 25. 1961

GK – India Facts File 2

1. In India which organization is concerned with the qualitative development of school education?

- a) UGC
- b) NCERT
- c) IB
- d) IGNOU

2. The resolution on 'National Policy on Education' was adopted in?

- a) 1982
- b) 1986
- c) 1975
- d) 1947

3. During which five year plan was the system of Mid-day meals commenced?

- a) 5th Plan
- b) 6th Plan
- c) 7th Plan
- d) 8th Plan

4. 'Operation Blackboard' is a scheme launched to improve the quality of

- a) Rural education
- b) Elementary education
- c) Higher education
- d) Technical education

5. In India which organization is the apex body for formulating plans and coordinating agricultural research?

- a) CSIR
- b) UGC
- c) ICAR
- d) IGNOU

6. The National policy on education provides for the opening of residential schools to provide free and quality education for the talented children in the rural arrears. What are these schools called?

- a) Balwadis
- b) Navodaya Vidyalayas
- c) Kendriya Vidyalayas
- d) Board schools

7. When was the National Literacy Mission launched by the Prime Minister?

- a) 1990
- b) 1988
- c) 1985
- d) 1992

8. Which commission is concerned with the promotion and co-ordination of University education in India?

- a) CBSE
- b) NCERT
- c) UGC
- d) IGNOU

9 Which institution conducts advanced research in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences at the national level?

- a) Indian Institute of Technology
- b) Indian Institute of Sciences
- c) Indian Institute of Advanced Study
- d) IGNOU

10. When was the University Grants Commission set up?

- a) 1947
- b) 1953
- c) 1956
- d) 1960

11. Which commission or committee report recommended for the first time the adoption of the 10+2+3 pattern of education?

- a) Mumbai University Commission in 1920 -22
- b) Calcutta University Commission in 1917 – 1919
- c) Madras University Commission in 1920-22
- d) None of these

12. When was the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) established by an act of Parliament?

- a) 1985
- b) 1982
- c) 1990
- d) 1986

13. When was the first three Universities-Calcutta, Madras and Bombay set up under the British rule?

- a) 1917
- b) 1857
- c) 1890
- d) 1902

14. Who is the founder of Aligar Muslim University?

- a) Sir Sayyid Ahmmad Khan
- b) Abdul Kalam Azad
- c) Annie Bessant
- d) None of these

15. When was NCERT established?

- a) 1956
- b) 1961
- c) 1947
- d) 1972

16. Which council assists and advises the Ministry of Education and Culture in implementing policies and programs in the field of education, particularly school education?

- a) CBSE
- b) NCERT
- c) UGC
- d) ICSE

17. Who is the founder of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

- a) Dr S Radha Krishnan
- b) KM Munshi
- c) Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar
- d) Annie Bessant

18. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) was formed in?

- a) 1990
- b) 1991
- c) 1995
- d) 1952

19. The Board of High School and Intermediate Education was established in 1929 by a resolution of the Govt. of India. When was it renamed as the Central Board of Secondary Education?

- a) 1952
- b) 1956
- c) 1960
- d) 1962

20. Which is the first Indian University for Women?

- a) SNDT University
- b) Calcutta University
- c) Shanti Niketan
- d) National Open University

21. There are two Kendriya Vidyalayas outside India. One is at Kathmandu. The other is at

- a) New York
- b) Moscow
- c) London
- d) Lahore

22. Open schools are for the propagation of distance education in the country. When was the first open school set up in India by CBSE?

- a) 1979
- b) 1982
- c) 1980
- d) 1975

23. When was the National Open School (NOS) set up?

- a) 1989
- b) 1985
- c) 1980
- d) 1982

24. Who is the Chancellor of Universities?

- a) Governor of the State
- b) Chief Minister of the State
- c) Chief Justice of the State
- d) President of India

25. Which is the education TV channel started by IGNOU in 2000?

- a) Vidya
- b) Edu Channel
- c) Gyandarshan
- d) Shiksha

Answers

1. NCERT
 2. 1986
 3. 8th Plan
 4. Elementary education
 5. ICAR
 6. Navodaya Vidyalayas
 7. 1988
 8. UGC
 9. Indian Institute of Advanced Study
 10. 1953
 11. Calcutta University Commission in 1917 – 1919
 12. 1985
 13. 1857
 14. Sir Sayyid Ahmmad Khan
 15. 1961
 16. NCERT
 17. KM Munshi
 18. 1995
 19. 1952
 20. SNDT University
 21. Moscow
 22. 1979
 23. 1989
 24. Governor of the State
 25. Gyandharshan
- GK – India Facts File 3

1. How many Union Territories are there in India?

- a) 7
- b) 6
- c) 5
- d) 8

2. Which Indian state has the highest population?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Madhya Pradesh

3. In terms of area, which is the largest state in India?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Punjab

4. The Indian constitution came into effect in

a) 1947

b) 1950

c) 1956

d) 1949

5. What is the Indian Standard Time?

a) 82°30'E

b) 30°82'E

c) 85°30'E

d) 80°35'E

6. Which one of the following is the smallest state in India?

a) Goa

b) Kerala

c) Manipur

d) Assam

7. Which one of the following is the least populous state in India?

a) Goa

b) Sikkim

c) Mizoram

d) Manipur

8. Before they became a part of India in 1954, Pondicherry and Mahe were under the rule of

a) Portuguese

b) French

c) British

d) Dutch

9. When did India annex Goa, Daman and Diu?

a) 1954

b) 1962

c) 1961

d) 1972

10. Which one of the following was the first Indian state to be formed on a linguistic base?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Punjab

11. The State Reorganization Act took effect in

- a) 1952
- b) 1956
- c) 1972
- d) 1951

12. Haryana was created out of Punjab in

- a) 1966
- b) 1972
- c) 1956
- d) 1958

13. Kuchipudi is the traditional dance form of

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Karnataka

14. Itanagar is the capital of

- a) Manipur
- b) Mizoram
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Meghalaya

15. The Kaziranga National park is in

- a) Assam
- b) West Bengal
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Mizoram

16. The ruins of Nalanda, world's earliest Buddhist University, is in present day

- a) Bengal

- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Madhya Pradesh

17. Gujarat was formed in

- a) 1956
- b) 1960
- c) 1952
- d) 1947

18. The Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary is known for its

- a) One-horned rhinoceros
- b) Asiatic lions
- c) Birds
- d) Black buck

19. Mohiniattam is the traditional dance form of

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh

20. How many states are there in the Indian Union?

- a) 26
- b) 27
- c) 28
- d) 29

21. Jharkhand was formed out of which state in November 2000?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Uttar Pradesh

22. The folk dance form Lavni is from

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Punjab
- d) Uttar Pradesh

23. Silvassa is the capital of

- a) Goa
- b) Dadra Nagar Haveli
- c) Daman & Diu
- d) None of these

24. India is divided into how many PIN code zones?

- a) 6
- b) 8
- c) 9
- d) 12

25. Where is the headquarters of the Southern Railway?

- a) Kochi
- b) Chennai
- c) Secunderabad
- d) Bangalore

Answers

- 1. 6
- 2. Uttar Pradesh
- 3. Rajasthan
- 4. 1950
- 5. 82030'E
- 6. Goa
- 7. Sikkim
- 8. French
- 9. 1961
- 10. Andhra Pradesh
- 11. 1956
- 12. 1966
- 13. Andhra Pradesh
- 14. Arunachal Pradesh
- 15. Assam
- 16. Bihar
- 17. 1960
- 18. one-horned rhinoceros
- 19. Kerala
- 20. 28
- 21. Bihar
- 22. Maharashtra
- 23. Dadra Nagar Haveli
- 24. 8
- 25. Chennai

GK – India Facts File 4

1. Which one of the following states does not form part of the Narmada basin?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra

2. On which river is the Srisailem hydroelectric project built?

- a) Tungabhadra
- b) Sharavati
- c) Krishna
- d) Cauvery

3. Chilka Lake is in

- a) Orissa
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) West Bengal

4. Which of the following Indian states does not lie on the Indo-Nepal border?

- a) Bihar
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Sikkim
- d) Uttar Pradesh

5. The largest producer of salt in India is

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Kerala
- d) Madhya Pradesh

6. Which is the most widely consumed cereal in India?

- a) Barley
- b) Sorghum
- c) Wheat
- d) Rice

7. Which cash crop is grown in the largest area in India?

- a) cotton
- b) jute
- c) tobacco
- d) sann hemp

8. Which Indian state is known for its sandal wood?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) West Bengal

9. Which one of the following projects consists of the Gandhi Sagar Dam, the Kota Barrage and the Rana Pratap Sagar dam?

- a) The Chambal Project
- b) The Hirakud Project
- c) The Rajasthan Canal Project
- d) The Kosi Project

10. Which of the following states is not a party to the Cauvery water issue?

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

11. Kuki tribes belong to which state?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Manipur
- c) Assam
- d) Sikkim

12. Which of the following nations are linked by the Teen Bigha Corridor?

- a) India and Pakistan
- b) India and China
- c) Bangladesh and Pakistan
- d) Bangladesh and India

13. Which of the following rivers is not a tributary of Ganga?

- a) Indravati
- b) Son
- c) Gomati

d) Yamuna

14. Which Indian state is the largest producer of natural rubber?

- a) Assam
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

15. Which of the following is not a sea port?

- a) Cochin
- b) Paradeep
- c) Rameshwaram
- d) Vishakhapatnam

16. Which one of the following is the most salty lake in India?

- a) Wular
- b) Chilka
- c) Sambhar
- d) Dal

17. The Vidyasagar Setu is located at

- a) Cuttack
- b) Rameshwaram
- c) Madurai
- d) Calcutta

18. Which one of the following area has been declared as a 'Biosphere Reserve'?

- a) Nilgiris
- b) Gulf of Mannar
- c) Nokrek
- d) Manas

19. On the bank of which river is Srinagar situated?

- a) Indus
- b) Jhelum
- c) Tawi
- d) Wooller lake

20. Which of the following is an inland drainage area?

- a) Chilka region
- b) Sambhar area
- c) Rann of Kutch
- d) Manasarovar lake

21. The Kanha Tiger Reserve is located in

- a) Karnataka
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Tamil Nadu

22. The Bandipur tiger reserve is located in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Assam
- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

23. The Pushkar Lake is in

- a) Jammu & Kashmir
- b) Punjab
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Assam

24. Which national park in India is famous for the Chinkara (Indian Gazelle)?

- a) Shivapuri National Park
- b) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Ghanna Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) Kanha National Park

25. Which of the following is the most extensively grown oil seed crop in India?

- a) Ground nut
- b) Sunflower
- c) Mustard
- d) Linseed

Answers

- 1. Rajasthan
- 2. Krishna
- 3. Orissa
- 4. Himachal Pradesh
- 5. Gujarat

6. Rice
 7. cotton
 8. Karnataka
 9. The Chambal Project
 10. Maharashtra
 11. Manipur
 12. Bangladesh and India
 13. Indravati
 14. Kerala
 15. Rameshwaram
 16. Sambhar
 17. Calcutta
 18. Nilgiris
 19. Jhelum
 20. Rann of Kutch
 21. Madhya Pradesh
 22. Karnataka
 23. Rajasthan
 24. Shivapuri National Park
 25. Ground nut
- GK – India Facts File 5

1. Who translated our National Song into English?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Dr S Radhakrishnan
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Aurobindo Ghosh

2. Which of the following was the capital of Andhra Pradesh before Hyderabad?

- a) Kurnool b) Nellore c) Guntur d) Warangal

3. Which city is known as the ‘Garden City of India’?

- a) Sri Nagar
- b) Munnar
- c) Bangalore
- d) Jaipur

4. The southernmost tip of India is

- a) Kanyakumari
- b) Kovalam
- c) Indira Point
- d) Nagarcoil

5. Which one of the following folk-dance drama is associated with Rajasthan

- a) Jatra
- b) Garba
- c) Khayal
- d) Kootiyattam

6. India's National Calendar was introduced for official purposes in

- a) 1947
- b) 1951
- c) 1957
- d) 1969

7. Which state stands first in the production of ginger?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala

8. What is the first date of the National Calendar?

- a) 1st January
- b) 1st April
- c) 1st July
- d) 22nd March

9. Which of the following is the first month of our national calendar?

- a) Chaitra
- b) Bhadra
- c) Falgun
- d) Ashad

10. Which of the following is the last month of our national calendar?

- a) Chaitra
- b) Ashad
- c) Falgun
- d) Bhadra

11. Which of the following is not a popular form of Hindustani music?

- a) Qawwali

- b) Thumri
- c) Ghazal
- d) Padam

12. Which of the following was the first Indian state to achieve 100 percent literacy?

- a) Kerala
- b) Goa
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

13. Martyr's day is observed on

- a) January 30
- b) October 2
- c) August 15
- d) January 3

14. Which Indian state has the largest population of Scheduled Tribes?

- a) UP
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Orissa

15. The smallest and least populated territory in India is

- a) Lakshadweep
- b) Pondicherry
- c) Daman and Diu
- d) Dadra and Nagar Haveli

16. Who was the first woman judge of the Supreme Court of India?

- a) Leila Seth
- b) Anna Chandi
- c) Fatima Bibi
- d) Sujata Manohar

17. Who among the following was India's first acting Prime Minister?

- a) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- b) BD Jatti
- c) Gulzarilal Nanda
- d) Indira Gandhi

18. Who was the first woman President of the Indian National Congress?

- a) Vijayalakshmi Pandit
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) Annie Besant

19. Before India acquired Pondicherry, it was under the control of

- a) Portuguese
- b) French
- c) Dutch
- d) British

20. Who is the first woman Chief Justice of a High Court?

- a) Fatima Bibi
- b) Anna Chandi
- c) Leila Seth
- d) Rajkumari Amrit Kaur

21. The Indian Army is divided into how many commands (divisions)?

- a) 11
- b) 12
- c) 6
- d) 8

22. In India, the 'Urs' fair is organized in

- a) Secunderabad
- b) Ajmer
- c) Ghaziabad
- d) Mirzapur

23. Where in Madhya Pradesh is the Kumbha Mela held?

- a) Indore
- b) Ratlam
- c) Gwalior
- d) Ujjain

24. Which of the following is the main festival of Maharashtra?

- a) Durga Puja
- b) Ganpati Festival

- c) Onam
- d) Pongal

25. Which of the following is the main festival of Kerala?

- a) Diwali
- b) Onam
- c) Navratri
- d) Pongal

Answers

1. Aurobindo Ghosh
 2. Kurnool
 3. Bangalore
 4. Kanyakumari
 5. Khayal
 6. 1957
 7. Kerala
 8. 1st April
 9. Chaitra
 10. Falgun
 11. Padam
 12. Kerala
 13. January 30
 14. Madhya Pradesh
 15. Lakshadweep
 16. Fatima Bibi
 17. Gulzarilal Nanda
 18. Annie Besant
 19. French
 20. Leila Seth
 21. 6
 22. Ajmer
 23. Ujjain
 24. Ganpati Festival
 25. Onam
- GK – India Facts File 6

1. How many spokes are there in the 'Chakra' of our national flag?

- a) 24
- b) 25
- c) 26
- d) 30

2. The ratio between the length and width of our national flag is

- a) 1:2
- b) 2:3
- c) 1: 4
- d) 2:5

3. The Himasagar Express runs between

- a) Jammu Tawi and Kanyakumari
- b) Culcutta and Delhi
- c) New Delhi and Chennai
- d) Mumbai – Kolkatta

4. How many lions are visible in our National Flag?

- a) two
- b) one
- c) three
- d) four

5. The Mumbai High Court was set up in

- a) 1832
- b) 1862
- c) 1889
- d) 1901

6. Which Indian state gave us four Nobel Prize winners?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Punjab

7. Who among the following is not associated with the Sitar?

- a) Amir Khusro
- b) Ravi Shankar
- c) Ustad Alauddin Khan
- d) Amjad Ali Khan

8. The Shimla agreement was signed between India and Pakistan in

- a) 1965
- b) 1948
- c) 1956

d) 1972

9. Our National Emblem was adopted on

- a) August 15, 1947
- b) January 26, 1950
- c) November 26, 1946
- d) December 26, 1949

10. Which of the following is India's biggest dam?

- a) Kosi
- b) Nagarjuna Sagar
- c) Hirakud
- d) Bhakra

11. Gol Gumbaz, the largest dome in Asia, is in

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala

12. Project Tiger, aimed at protecting tigers from extinction, was launched in

- a) 1970
- b) 1973
- c) 1976
- d) 1980

13. Who composed our National Anthem?

- a) Rabindranath Tagore
- b) Muhammad Iqbal
- c) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- d) Sri Aurobindo

14. Who among the following is not associated with Karnatic music?

- a) Tanzen
- b) Tyagaraja
- c) Muthuswami Dikshitar
- d) Shyama Shastri

15. Jana Gana Mana, our national anthem was sung for the first time in

- a) 1947
- b) 1950
- c) 1906
- d) 1911

16. What is the official language of Jammu and Kashmir?

- a) Urdu
- b) Kashmiri
- c) Dogri
- d) English

17. Who was the first Chief Justice of India?

- a) M Patanjali Sastri
- b) BK Mukherjee
- c) Harilal J Kania
- d) MC Mahajan

18. Who was the first recipient of the Jnanpith Award?

- a) G Sankara Kurup
- b) TS Bandopadhyaya
- c) Uma Shankar Joshi
- d) Sumitranandan Pant

19. How many stanzas are there in our national anthem?

- a) two
- b) three
- c) four
- d) five

20. Who was the first Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- a) KVK Sundaram
- b) Sukumar Sen
- c) SP Sen Verma
- d) Dr Nagendra Singh

21. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in

- a) 1930
- b) 1913
- c) 1968
- d) 1978

22. Who was the first recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award?

- a) Devika Rani
- b) V Shantaram
- c) Prithviraj Kapoor
- d) Pankaj Mallick

23. What percentage of the world population lives in India?

- a) approximately 15
- b) approximately 21
- c) approximately 7
- d) approximately 12

24. India's largest petro-chemical complex is located in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

25. Which of the following is India's first indigenous submarine?

- a) INS Shahkul
- b) INS Savitri
- c) INS Vibhuti
- d) INS Shalki

Answers

1. 24
2. 2:3
3. Jammu Tawi and Kanyakumari
4. three
5. 1862
6. West Bengal
7. Ustad Alauddin Khan
8. 1972
9. January 26, 1950
10. Hirakud
11. Karnataka
12. 1973
13. Rabindranath Tagore
14. Tanzen
15. 1911
16. Urdu

- 17. Harilal J Kania
 - 18. G Sankara Kurup
 - 19. five
 - 20. Sukumar Sen
 - 21. 1978
 - 22. Devika Rani
 - 23. approximately 15
 - 24. Gujarat
 - 25. INS Shalki
- GK – Indian States and Union Territories

1. Which state was formerly known as NEFA?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Manipur

2. The original population of Andaman Islands belongs to which ethnic group?

- a) Dravida
- b) Negroids
- c) Mongoloids
- d) Arya

3. The Tavang monastery, the oldest Buddhist Monastery, in India is located in

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Uttar Pradesh

4. What is the state language of Jammu & Kashmir?

- a) Hindi
- b) Arabic
- c) Urdu
- d) English

5. In how many states is Hindi the official language?

- a) 5
- b) 6
- 7) 7
- 4

6. Which one of the following was the last state to be formed in India?

- a) Chattisgarh
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Uttaranchal
- d) Goa

7. The South Indian hill tribes Irulas, Kodars, Paniyans and Kurumbas belong to which ethnic group?

- a) Mongoloids
- b) Negroids
- c) Dravida
- d) Arya

8. In terms of area Rajasthan is the biggest state in the union of India. Which is the smallest?

- a) Goa
- b) Assam
- c) Delhi
- d) none of these

9. Which was the first Indian state to be formed purely on a linguistic basis?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) West Bengal

10. Which language has the second largest number of speakers in India?

- a) Tamil
- b) Telugu
- c) Urdu
- d) Hindi

11. Which Indian state has the largest number of tribal population?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Manipur

12. The historically famous city 'Pataliputra' is the capital of an Indian state. Which is this state?

- a) Bihar
- b) UP
- c) Assam
- d) Bengal

13. Which Indian state has the highest per capita income?

- a) Bengal
- b) Punjab
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

14. 'Bihu' is the national festival of which north – eastern state?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Nagaland

15. Which Indian state has contributed the largest number of Prime ministers to the union of India?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Delhi

16. Pondichery is the most populous Union Territory in India. Which is the least populous?

- a) Andaman
- b) Lakshdweeps
- c) Goa
- d) none of these

17. Which two cities in India are often called 'Twin Cities'?

- a) Hyderabad and Secunderabad
- b) Mysore and Bangalore
- c) Madras and Coimbatore
- d) Mumbai and Thane

18. The Nagarjuna Srisailem Wildlife Sanctuary famous for its tiger population is in

- a) Andhra Pradesh

- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) UP

19. Jhumming practiced in the north-eastern states is a method of

- a) learning
- b) agriculture
- c) living
- d) dancing

20. The Kaziranga Forest Reserve is famous for its

- a) One horned rhinoceros
- b) Asiatic Lion
- c) Asiatic Tiger
- d) Elephants

21. Which Indian state faces severe threat from the extremist outfits ULFA and BODO?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Kashmir
- d) Bengal

22. The place where Mahavira breathed his last is in Bihar. Which is this place?

- a) Pawapuri
- b) Saranath
- c) Sanchi
- d) Vaishali

23. Goa is the 25th state in the Indian Union. In Which year was this formed?

- a) 1987
- b) 1990
- c) 1995
- d) 1985

24. What is the official language of the state of Goa?

- a) Hindi
- b) English
- c) Konkani
- d) Malayalam

25. This wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat is the World's last habitat of Asiatic lion. What is its name?

- a) Bharatpur Wildlife Sanctuary
- b) Gir Wildlife Sanctuary
- c) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) Corbett National Park

Answers

- 1. Arunachal Pradesh
- 2. Negroids
- 3. Arunachal Pradesh
- 4. Urdu
- 5. 6
- 6. Jharkhand
- 7. Negroids
- 8. Goa
- 9. Andhra Pradesh
- 10. Telugu 11. Madhya Pradesh
- 12. Bihar
- 13. Punjab
- 14. Assam
- 15. Uttar Pradesh
- 16. Lakshdweep
- 17. Hyderabad and Secunderabad
- 18. Andhra Pradesh
- 19. agriculture
- 20. One horned rhinoceros
- 21. Assam
- 22. Pawapuri
- 23. 1987
- 24. Konkani
- 25. Gir Wildlife Sanctuary

GK – Indian States and Union Territories

1. Haryana is rather dry, sandy and barren. Which is the only river that flows through Haryana?

- a) Ghaggar
- b) Narmada
- c) Beas
- d) Sutlej

2. Which is the first Indian state to have electrified all of its villages?

- a) Gujarat

- b) Haryana
- c) Kerala
- d) Punjab

3. Who was the king of Kashmir who took the decision to join Kashmir to the Union of India after independence?

- a) Raja Mansingh
- b) Maharaja Harisingh
- c) Raja Jayadeep Singh
- d) None of these

4. The headquarters of Dalailama is in Dharmasala. In which state is this situated?

- a) Haryana
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

5. The state of Jharkhand was formed on Nov.1, 2000. It was carved out of which state?

- a) UP
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Punjab

6. Which state is probably India's richest state in mineral deposits?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Bihar
- d) Assam

7. Jamshedpur and Bokaro famous for their steel plants are in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Bihar

8. Which state tops in the production of rubber and coconut?

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Goa

9. Which state was called by Jawaharlal Nehru 'A Jewel of India'?

- a) Kashmir
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Manipur
- d) Kerala

10. Which state in India can claim to be an exclusive tribal state?

- a) Assam
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Manipur
- d) Jharkhand

11. Which city is known as the Cathedral City of India?

- a) Goa
- b) Bhuvaneswar
- c) Jaipur
- d) Calcutta

12. Which state in India is the homeland of tribal communities the Khasis, the Jaintias and the Garos?

- a) Manipur
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar

13. Which of the following Indian cities was designed by Le Corbusier, a French architect?

- a) Chandigarh
- b) Amritsar
- c) Kochi
- d) Goa

14. Bharatpur in Rajasthan is an important tourist center. What is it famous for?

- a) Tiger reserve
- b) Lion reserve
- c) Rhinos
- d) Bird sanctuary

15. Which of the following is the southernmost tip of India?

- a) Kanya Kumari
- b) Mancheswar
- c) Indira Point
- d) Tuticorin

16. The capital city of Punjab and Haryana is a Union Territory. Which is this?

- a) Ludhiana
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Amritsar
- d) None of these

17. When was Dadra and Nagar Haveli liberated from the Portuguese rule?

- a) 1947
- b) 1954
- c) 1960
- d) 1955

18. Which union territory in India can claim to be a living monument of French culture in India?

- a) Pondichery
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Lakshadweep
- d) Daman and Diu

19. When was the Union Territory of Lakshdweep formed?

- a) 1956
- b) 1947
- c) 1954
- d) 1960

20. The largest man-made lake in India is situated in Andhra Pradesh. Which is this lake?

- a) Chilka
- b) Sambhar
- c) Nagarjuna Sagar
- d) Dal

21. English is the official language in one of the Indian states. Which is this state?

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Nagaland

- c) Manipur
- d) Assam

22. Which Indian state has the least area under forest cover?

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

23. Which one of the following is a land-locked state?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Orissa
- c) West Bengal
- d) Bihar

24. Singhbhum and Hazaribagh in Bihar are famous for their

- a) Copper deposits
- b) Coal deposits
- c) Bauxite deposits
- d) Gold deposits

25. Which Indian state has more than 90% of its area under forests?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answers

1. Ghaggar
2. Haryana
3. Maharaja Harisingh
4. Himachal Pradesh
5. Bihar
6. Jharkhand
7. Jharkhand
8. Kerala
9. Manipur
10. Meghalaya
11. Bhubaneswar
12. Meghalaya
13. Chandigarh
14. Bird sanctuary

15. Indira Point
16. Chandigarh
17. 1954
18. Pondichery
19. 1956
20. Nagarjuna Sagar
21. Nagaland
22. Haryana
23. Bihar
24. copper deposits
25. Arunachal Pradesh

G.K What does your heart pump? Blood
 Which is the nearest star? The sun
 Which is heavier, gold or silver? Gold
 How many sides does a triangle have? Three
 What is H₂O? Water
 How many legs does a butterfly have? Six
 Triton is a moon of which planet? Neptune
 For what process do plants need sunlight, CO₂ and water? Photosynthesis
 Which physicist wrote a book called 'A Brief History of Time'? Stephen Hawking
 Which chemical element is represented by the symbol Zn? Zinc
 In which organ of the body is the cerebrum found? the brain
 What do we call the study of birds? Ornithology
 Who discovered the electron? Sir J J Thomson
 Which is the longest bone in the human body? Thigh bone
 At which temperature do both the Centigrade and Fahrenheit show the same reading?
 (-) 40c equals (-)40 F
 Who invented the bifocal lens? Benjamin Franklin
 Why we do not feel pains to cut our nails? Nails are not connected with blood vessels.
 Which is the oldest parliamentary democracy in the world? Britain
 Which city was founded by Alexander the Great in Egypt? Alexandria
 Who was known as Maid Of Orleans? Joan of Arc
 Which is the largest pyramid? Pyramid of King Cheops
 After which Florentine explorer was America named? Amerigo vespucci
 In which century was Lord Buddha born? Around 560BC
 What was Abraham Lincoln's profession prior to entering Congress? Lawyer
 Who is credited with being the first European to discover North America? Christopher Columbus
 Who designed the dome of St. Peter's, Rome? Michelangelo
 The Hundred Years' War (1337-1453) was fought between which two countries?
 England and France
 Who were the first European settlers in India? Portuguese
 In which year was NATO formed? 1949
 Which country was the first in the world where women voted for the government?
 New Zealand

In which year did Hitler become chancellor of Germany? 1933
Who built the Taj Mahal in India? Shah Jahan
In which country Alexander the Great came from? Greece

In which country is Mount Everest? Nepal
Which continent has the biggest population? Asia
What is the capital city of New Zealand? Wellington
In which continent is the Sahara desert? Africa
Name the two longest rivers in the world. Amazon and Nile
Which ocean is to the east of Africa? Indian Ocean
Which is bigger, a lake or an ocean? an ocean
Which country has the most people? China
What is the capital city of Norway? Oslo
What is the biggest state in the U.S.A.? Alaska
Which country has the biggest land area? Russia
In which country is the world's highest waterfall? Venezuela
What natural phenomena are measured by the 'Richter scale'? earthquakes
Which two oceans does the Panama Canal link? Atlantic and Pacific
Who named the Pacific Ocean? Ferdinand Magellan

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Of which country is Khartoum the capital? Sudan.
Which country is called "Land Of White Elephants"? Thailand
Which town in the world is situated at a highest altitude? Wenchuan in Tibet at an altitude of 5100 M.
In which part of the world is the River Snake? USA
Which is the tallest race in the world? Tutsis , average height 185 cm
Where are the Ajanta caves? Maharashtra in India
What is the capital of Fiji? Suva
What is the capital city of Kenya? Nairobi
What is South America's highest mountain range? the Andes
What is the line of latitude 23.5 degrees north of the equator called? tropic of Cancer
Which are the lowest and highest points in United States? Death Valley in southern California is the lowest point in the United States at 282 feet below sea level. The highest point in the contiguous 48 states is also in California: Mount Whitney, which is 14,491 feet above sea level.

G.K-Lower-medium Level
What is longest running race in the Olympic Games called?
the marathon

In what sport do players take long and short corners? HOCKEY
By what name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento better known? Pele
What is the 'perfect score' in a game of Ten Pin Bowling? 300
Which athletic event is a heavy metal ball thrown? shot put
In which athletic event is a heavy metal ball with a chain thrown? Hammer throw

In what sport could you 'hit a six' or 'bowl a leg spinner'? cricket
 Golf was first played in which country? Scotland
 In which sport could you find yourself in a headlock? wrestling
 In which sport are a bow and arrow used? archery
 What does a third-place getter at the Olympic Games win? a bronze medal
 Which famous golf player's mother comes from Thailand? Tiger Woods
 How many strings does a violin have? four
 Which classical composer became deaf near the end of his life? Beethoven
 How many strings does a bass guitar usually have? four
 In what country did reggae music originate? Jamaica
 How many instruments are there in a string quintet? five
 What instrument did the jazz musician Miles Davis play? trumpet
 Which British rock group does Liam and Noel Gallagher belongs to? Oasis
 Which instrument has keys, pedals and strings? Piano
 In which country is a 'gamelan orchestra' most commonly found? Indonesia
 G.K- Lower-medium Level
 Who wrote the song entitled 'Yesterday'? Paul McCartney
 Name of the boy at the centre of the Michael Jackson abuse trial? Gavin Arvizo
 Who wrote The Sound of Music RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN
 What is the small town in which called in which Clark Kent grew up? Small Ville
 The song, Ain't Misbehavin' was written by which famous jazz musician? Fats Waller
 When is World Music Day 21st June
 Name which instrument is a cross between violin and the cello Viola
 What is unusual about "trance" music that mesmerizes the audience It is played at
 130- 160 beats per minute
 Michael Jackson is known as the King of Pop. Who is the queen of Pop? Madonna
 Which famous Indian musician collaborated on a Beatles album? Pundit Ravi Shankar.
 Where did Ghazal originate ? Persia
 Which western instrument most commonly used for Indian classical compositions?
 Violin
 Who put the first self propelled vehicle on the moon? USSR(Former)
 How many miles per hour is one knot? 1.151 mph or 1.85km/hr
 In which year was the Nobel Prize
 instituted and which country awards it? In 1901, Sweden
 What is the study of earthquakes called? Seismology

 What is the approximate distance of moon from the earth? (Centre to centre) 384,402
 (Surface to Surface)376,285
 How long is the Great Wall of China? Main length3460 Km(debatable)
 Which was the first country to use paper? China
 Where is the headquarters of the International Red Cross Society? Geneva
 Who founded the Red Cross? HenreyDurrent, in 1864
 Name the sculptor who created "The Thinker" Auguste Rodin
 Which is the oldest known formally written language? Elamite,BC3500.
 Which planet has the longest day? Venus
 What does the phrase 'ipso facto' mean? By the very fact

Which alphabet do the Russians use? Cyrillic
 Who is known as the Holy Pontiff? The Pope
 What is the world's largest desert? The Sahara
 What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet? Omega
 What was the classical standard language of ancient India? Sanskrit
 Who was Doctor Zhivago's great love? Lara
 Which drug is best known for its use in preventing malaria? Quinine
 What is the study of heredity called? Genetics
 What is the last book of the Bible? Revelation
 Who was convicted of shooting and killing John F Kennedy? Lee Harvey Oswald
 Name the first woman in space Valentina Tereshkova
 What is the world's largest bird of prey? Californian Condor.
 How many years of marriage are celebrated by a Golden Wedding Anniversary? 50

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No.	Question	Answer
01	The first Prime minister of Bangladesh was	Mujibur Rehman
02	The longest river in the world is the	Nile
03	The longest highway in the world is the	Trans-Canada
04	The longest highway in the world has a length of	about 8000 km
05	The highest mountain in the world is the	Everest
06	The country that accounts for nearly one third of the total teak production of the world is	Myanmar
07	The biggest desert in the world is the	Sahara desert
08	The largest coffee growing country in the world is	Brazil
09	The country also known as “country of Copper” is	Zambia
10	The name given to the border which separates Pakistan and Afghanistan is	Durand line
11	The river volga flows out into the	Caspian sea
12	The coldest place on the earth is	Verkoyansk in Siberia
13	The country which ranks second in terms of land area is	Canada
14	The largest Island in the Mediterranean sea is	Sicily
15	The river Jordan flows out into the	Dead sea
16	The biggest delta in the world is the	Sunder bans
17	The capital city that stands on the river Danube is	Belgrade
18	The Japanese call their country as	Nippon
19	The length of the English channel is	564 kilometers
20	The world's oldest known city is	Damascus
21	The city which is also known as the City of Canals is	Venice
22	The country in which river Wangchu flows is	Myanmar
23	The biggest island of the world is	Greenland
24	The city which is the biggest centre for manufacture of automobiles in the world is	Detroit , USA
25	The country which is the largest producer of manganese in the world is	USA
26	The country which is the largest producer of rubber in the world is	Malaysia

- 27 The country which is the largest producer of tin in the world is Malaysia
- 28 The river which carries maximum quantity of water into the sea is the Mississippi
- 29 The city which was once called the 'Forbidden City' was Peking
- 30 The country called the Land of Rising Sun is Japan
- 31 Mount Everest was named after Sir George Everest
- 32 The volcano Vesuvius is located in Italy
- 33 The country known as the Sugar Bowl of the world is Cuba
- 34 The length of the Suez Canal is 162.5 kilometers
- 35 The lowest point on earth is The coastal area of Dead sea
- 36 The Gorkhas are the original inhabitants of Nepal
- 37 The largest ocean of the world is the Pacific ocean
- 38 The largest bell in the world is the Tsar Kolkol at Kremlin, Moscow
- 39 The biggest stadium in the world is the Strahov Stadium, Prague
- 40 The world's largest diamond producing country is South Africa
- 41 Australia was discovered by James Cook
- 42 The first Governor General of Pakistan is Mohammed Ali Jinnah
- 43 Dublin is situated at the mouth of river Liffey
- 44 The earlier name of New York city was New Amsterdam
- 45 The Eifel tower was built by Alexander Eiffel
- 46 The Red Cross was founded by Jean Henri Durant
- 47 The country which has the greatest population density is Monaco
- 48 The national flower of Britain is Rose
- 49 Niagara Falls was discovered by Louis Hennepin
- 50 The national flower of Italy is Lily
- 51 The national flower of China is Narcissus
- 52 The permanent secretariat of the SAARC is located at Kathmandu
- 53 The gateway to the Gulf of Iran is Strait of Hormuz
- 54 The first Industrial Revolution took place in England
- 55 World Environment Day is observed on 5th June
- 56 The first Republican President of America was Abraham Lincoln
- 57 The country famous for Samba dance is Brazil
- 58 The name of Alexander's horse was Bucephalus
- 59 Singapore was founded by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles
- 60 The famous British one-eyed Admiral was Nelson
- 61 The earlier name of Srilanka was Ceylon
- 62 The UNO was formed in the year 1945
- 63 UNO stands for United Nations Organisation
- 64 The independence day of South Korea is celebrated on 15th August
- 65 'Last Judgement' was the first painting of an Italian painter named Michelangelo
- 66 'Paradise Regained' was written by John Milton
- 67 The first President of Egypt was Mohammed Nequib
- 68 The first man to reach North Pole was Rear Peary
- 69 The most famous painting of Pablo Picasso was Guernica
- 70 The primary producer of newsprint in the world is Canada
- 71 The first explorer to reach the South Pole was Cap. Ronald Amundson

- 72 The person who is called the father of modern Italy is G.Garibaldi
73 World literacy day is celebrated on 8th September
74 The founder of modern Germany is Bismarck
75 The country known as the land of the midnight sun is Norway
76 The place known as the Roof of the world is Tibet
77 The founder of the Chinese Republic was San Yat Sen
78 The first Pakistani to receive the Nobel Prize was Abdul Salam
79 The first woman Prime Minister of Britain was Margaret Thatcher
80 The first Secretary General of the UNO was Trygve Lie
81 The sculptor of the statue of Liberty was Federick Auguste Bartholdi
82 The port of Banku is situated in Azerbaijan
83 John F.Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harry Oswald
84 The largest river in France is Lore
85 The Queen of England who married her brother-in-law was Catherine of Aragon
86 The first negro to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was Ralph Johnson Bunche
87 The first British University to admit women for degree courses was London University
88 The principal export of Jamaica is Sugar
89 New York is popularly known as the city of Skyscrapers
90 Madagascar is popularly known as the Island of Cloves
91 The country known as the Land of White Elephant is Thailand
92 The country known as the Land of Morning Calm is Korea
93 The country known as the Land of Thunderbolts is Bhutan
94 The highest waterfalls in the world is the Salto Angel Falls , Venezuela
95 The largest library in the world is the United States Library of Congress, Washington DC
96 The largest museum in the world is the American Museum of Natural History
97 The lowest mountain range in the world is the Bhieuna Bhaile
98 The country known as the Land of Cakes is Scotland
99 The place known as the Garden of England is Kent
100 The tallest tower in the world is the C.N.Tower, Toronto , Canada
101 The country famous for its fish catch is Japan
102 The old name of Taiwan was Farmosa
103 Montreal is situated on the bank of river Ottawa
104 The city of Bonn is situated in Germany