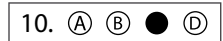


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## GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Which is the smallest breed of dog in the world?
  - A. Pug
  - B. German Shepherd
  - C. Chihuahua
  - D. Golden Retriever

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2. Which of the following grains is/are gluten free?
  - A. Buckwheat
  - B. Quinoa
  - C. Sorghum
  - D. All of these

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3. The change in the heritable traits of plants and animals over successive generations is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Domestication
  - B. Evolution
  - C. Gestation
  - D. Extinction

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4. Gnawing animals like squirrels, beavers, etc., have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Chisel-like incisors
  - B. Well developed canines
  - C. Pointed premolars
  - D. Chisel-shaped molars

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5. The 'Pacific Ring of Fire' is characterised by
  - A. Forest fires
  - B. Oil drill in oceans
  - C. Volcanoes and earthquakes
  - D. Droughts.

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6. The first protocol to ban the emission of chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere was signed in
  - A. Geneva
  - B. Montreal
  - C. Vienna
  - D. Toronto.


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7. In which year the first successful nuclear test was conducted by India under the code-name of operation Smiling Buddha?
  - A. 1970
  - B. 1974
  - C. 1984
  - D. 1950

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8. Which of the given countries has the highest number of UNESCO World Heritage sites?
  - A. Italy
  - B. India
  - C. France
  - D. Nepal

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9. 'The Merchant of Venice' is a famous play written by
  - A. Danielle Steel
  - B. Agatha Christie
  - C. William Shakespeare
  - D. Charles Dickens.

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10. Which of the following is the main cause of discoloration of Taj Mahal?
  - A. Acid rain
  - B. Depletion of ozone layer
  - C. Greenhouse effect
  - D. None of these

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11. He was the first Black African writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Born in Nigeria, his writings focussed on Nigerian culture, dance, poetry, freedom and protest. Identify him.



  - A. Wole Soyinka
  - B. Derek Walcott
  - C. James Baldwin
  - D. Richard Wright

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12. Which of the following is a temporary magnet?
  - A. Ferrite
  - B. Lodestone
  - C. Alnico
  - D. Electromagnet

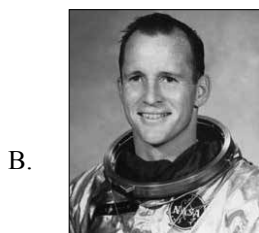
13. Which spacecraft of NASA orbited Saturn making an extensive survey of the ringed planet and its moons?
- Cassini
  - Odyssey
  - Messenger
  - Jason

14. Which of the following refers to a highly magnetised rotating neutron star?
- Pulsar
  - Black hole
  - Supernova
  - Quasar

15. Who among the following holds a world record for the most spacewalks (16) and to spend more than 82 hours outside in space?



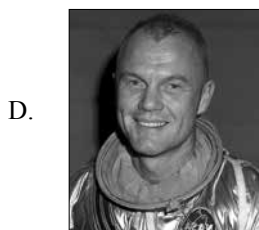
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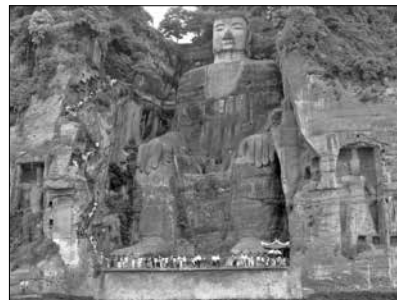


John Glenn

16. Which planet has the longest period of revolution around the Sun?
- Uranus
  - Jupiter
  - Saturn
  - Neptune

17. Which of the following is a traditional garment worn by men in Scotland?
- Safari
  - Kilt
  - Tracht
  - Herero

18. The given picture shows the largest stone Buddha statue in the world which was included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996. Where is it located?



- China
- Vietnam
- India
- Indonesia

19. Which of the following water bodies separates the Andaman Islands from the Nicobar Islands?
- The Ten Degree Channel
  - Gulf of Mannar
  - The Nine Degree Channel
  - Palk Strait

20. The first 'Bharat Ratna' was awarded to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Rajagopalachari
  - Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
  - CV Raman
  - All of these

21. Which colour is generally used to show plateaus on a physical map?
- Green
  - Yellow
  - Blue
  - Red

22. \_\_\_\_\_ was the grandfather of Ashoka.

- A. Chandragupta Maurya
- B. Bindusara
- C. Siddhartha
- D. Ramakrishna Paramahansa

23. Who among the following was the leader of African National Congress and was also the first black President of South Africa?



Jacob Zuma

A.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

B.



Nelson Mandela

C.

D. None of these

24. 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country'. This famous quote was given by

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. John F. Kennedy
- D. Swami Vivekananda.

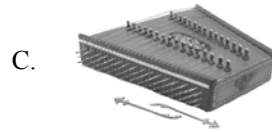
25. With which musical instrument was Ustad Asad Ali Khan associated?



A.



B.



C.



D.

26. Which among the following was the official mascot of 2022 Commonwealth Games held in Birmingham, England?



A.



B.



C.



D.

27. Who holds the all time record for most Grand Slam titles in Women's Singles?

- A. Margaret Court
- B. Steffi Graff
- C. Martina Navratilova
- D. None of these

28. Some letters are given which are numbered as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Select the combination of numbers from the options so that the letters are arranged accordingly to form a meaningful English word.

L M B H E U  
1 2 3 4 5 6

- A. 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5
- B. 4, 2, 6, 1, 5, 3
- C. 6, 2, 4, 5, 3, 1
- D. 4, 6, 2, 3, 1, 5

29. Two numbers are in the ratio 5 : 7. If 9 is subtracted from each of the numbers, then the ratio becomes 7 : 11. Find the numbers.

- A. 35 and 49

- B. 30 and 42
- C. 30 and 35
- D. 38 and 45

30. Select the odd one out with respect to search engine.

A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

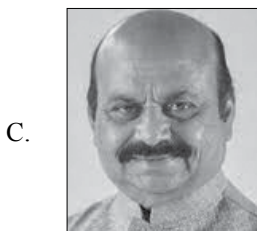
31. Who is the current Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh?



Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy



K. Chandrashekar Rao



Basavaraj Bommai

- D. None of these

32. Who has been honoured with the Governor of the Year Award at London's Central Banking Awards 2023?

- A. Shaktikanta Das
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Raghuram G. Rajan
- D. None of these

33. International Day of Forests is observed every year on March 21. What was the theme of 2023 International Day of Forests?

- A. Forests and Health
- B. Forests and Sustainable Production and Consumption
- C. Forests Restoration : A Path to Recovery and Well Being
- D. Forests and Education

34. Which Indian state topped the medal tally in the Khelo India Youth Games 2023?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Haryana

35. World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed annually on

- A. March 12
- B. April 14
- C. June 19
- D. September 16.

36. Who has been crowned as Femina Miss India World 2023?

A.



Shreya Poonja

B.



Nandini Gupta

C.



Suman Rao

D.



Sini Shetty

37. Who is the captain of the winning team of IPL 2023?

A.



Virat Kohli

B.



Hardik Pandya

C.



Rohit Sharma

D.



M.S. Dhoni

38. Which Indian state has become the first state to get water metro?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Mumbai
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

39. Who among the following is/are the winner(s) of International Booker Prize 2023?

- A. Ismail Kadare
- B. Han Kang, Deborah Smith
- C. Georgi Gospodinov, Angela Rodel
- D. Lydia Davis

40. What is the name of historic sceptre installed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the newly constructed Parliament building?

- A. Sengol
- B. Orb
- C. Oboe
- D. Harp

## LIFE SKILLS

41. Select the incorrect statement regarding table manners.

- A. It is disrespectful to use cell phone at the dining table.
- B. At the end of a meal, place the napkin on left side of the plate.

- C. We should never ask other people at the dining table to pass something, instead we should try to reach across the table to get what we need.
- D. We should wait until everyone is served before starting to eat.

42. When you are not able to accomplish a goal, then instead of thinking that it is too hard to achieve you should think that \_\_\_\_\_.
- I am not smart enough
  - I need to put more efforts and give more time
  - Others are much smarter than me
  - I should give up

43. A good sportsperson
- Is respectful to his/her team as well as the opposite team in any situation
  - Has a positive attitude
  - Motivates his/her teammates
  - All of these.

44. You have heard a lot about a new social networking site but you do not meet the age limit criterion to sign up at that site. What should you do?
- You will wait until you attain the correct age.
  - You will put a fake age on the site and sign up.
  - You will try to sign up at the site using your parents' details.
  - None of these

45. Your friend borrowed your expensive bicycle and accidentally damaged it badly. You should
- Ask him to buy you a similar bicycle or pay for it
  - Shout at him and make sure he feels bad
  - Say it's okay, he need not worry or feel bad about it
  - Stop being friends with him.

### ACHIEVERS SECTION

46. Select the correct statements.
- The Ashes is a test cricket series played between Australia and West Indies.
  - India was the first country to host Asian Games.
  - Geet Sethi was the first Indian to win the World Amateur Billiards title.
  - Jules Rimet is considered as the creator of Football World Cup.
- II and III only
  - II and IV only
  - I, III and IV only
  - I, II, III and IV

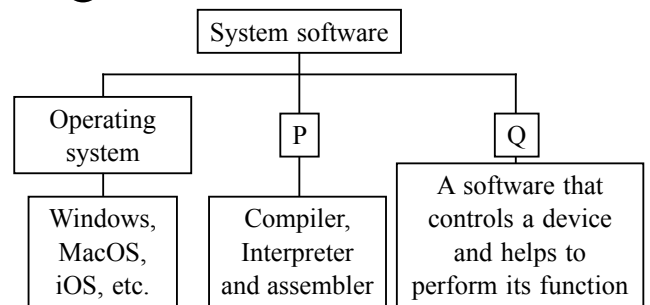
47. Match column I with column II and select the correct option from the given codes.

Column I (Book)	Column II (Author)
P. The Namesake	1. Salman Rushdie
Q. The White Tiger	2. Jhumpa Lahiri
R. The Golden House	3. Charles Dickens
S. Oliver Twist	4. Aravind Adiga
A. P-2, Q-4, R-1, S-3	
B. P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3	
C. P-3, Q-4, R-1, S-2	
D. P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1	

48. Select the correct statement regarding the artform shown in the picture.



- This artform is called as the Mithila painting.
  - This artform has originated from the Warli tribes of Maharashtra.
  - It is created using rice flour and water.
  - Both B and C
49. Which of the following options will replace **P** and **Q** in the given classification chart?



- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>P</b>                    | <b>Q</b>                 |
| A. Language processor       | Device driver            |
| B. Device driver            | Language processor       |
| C. General purpose software | Special purpose software |
| D. Special purpose software | General purpose software |

50. Solve the following and select the correct option.

- (i) A rectangular piece of cloth 4 m in width and 5 m in length has to be covered by square block prints of same size. If each side of the square block is 0.2 m in length, then how many such square blocks can be printed on the given piece of cloth without overlapping?

- (ii) The total cost of flooring a room is ₹ 1200 and the rate of flooring is ₹ 20 per square metre. If the room is 12 m long, then find its breadth.

- |    | (i) | (ii) |
|----|-----|------|
| A. | 400 | 8 m  |
| B. | 500 | 10 m |
| C. | 500 | 5 m  |
| D. | 300 | 7 m  |

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