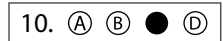


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GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Which of the following groups of animals has the largest number of species?
 - A. Birds
 - B. Insects
 - C. Mammals
 - D. Reptiles

2. Which of the following plants has root pockets?
 - A. *Eichhornia*
 - B. *Acacia*
 - C. *Opuntia*
 - D. All of these

3. Which of the following is a national flower of the country known as Land of the Thunder Dragon?
 - A. Golden wattle
 - B. Tulip
 - C. Lotus
 - D. Blue poppy

4. Which of the following is also known as the 'corpse flower'?
 - A. *Titan arum*
 - B. *Achillea ptarmica*
 - C. *Galium aparine*
 - D. *Dicentra eximia*

5. Select the correct match.
 - A. Montreal Protocol – Nuclear waste management
 - B. Basel Convention – Conservation and wise use of wetlands
 - C. Kyoto Protocol – Reduce emission of greenhouse gases
 - D. Ramsar Convention – Global warming

6. In 1979, nuclear power plant disaster occurred in _____.
 - A. Three Mile Island, USA
 - B. Chernobyl, Ukraine
 - C. Fukushima, Japan
 - D. Bhopal, India

7. In order to reduce land pollution from industrial operations, some methods have been developed to reduce the volume of waste. Name the method in which waste is burned in the absence of oxygen. This method also produces stable end products.
 - A. Shredding
 - B. Pyrolysis
 - C. Scrubbing
 - D. Electrostatic induction

8. Which is the largest tiger reserve in India?
 - A. Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve
 - B. Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
 - C. Ranipur Tiger Reserve
 - D. Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

9. Select the incorrect statement about the core of the Earth.
 - A. The inner core is in liquid state while the outer core is in solid state.
 - B. Outer core consists mainly of iron and nickel.
 - C. Core is the innermost part of the Earth.
 - D. None of these

10. Which is the most abundant metal in Earth's crust?
 - A. Iron
 - B. Copper
 - C. Aluminium
 - D. Gold

11. Rabi crops are grown in
 - A. Winter season
 - B. Summer season
 - C. Spring season
 - D. Rainy season.

12. Which part of the eye controls the amount of light entering into it by changing the size of pupil?
 - A. Cornea
 - B. Lens
 - C. Iris
 - D. Retina

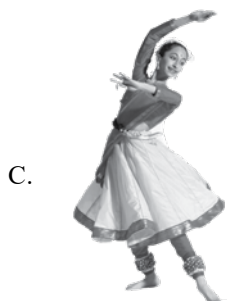
13. Which of the following is not a dwarf planet?
 - A. Eris
 - B. Haumea
 - C. Makemake
 - D. Venus

14. Olympus Mons is the largest volcano in our Solar System. It is located on which of the following planets?
 - A. Jupiter
 - B. Venus
 - C. Mars
 - D. Mercury

15. 'NEAR' later renamed as 'NEAR Shoemaker' was the first spacecraft to orbit and land on a/an
- Asteroid
 - Planet
 - Moon
 - Dwarf planet.

16. Buddhism is believed to have originated in
- China
 - Nepal
 - India
 - Japan.

17. This Indian classical dance form derives its name from village in Andhra Pradesh, India. Identify this dance form.



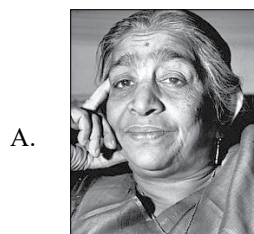
18. Built by Shah Jahan, in Delhi, this mosque is considered as one of the largest mosques in India. What is the name of this mosque?

- Taj-ul-Masajid
- Haji Ali Dargah
- Jama Masjid
- Al-Aqsa Mosque

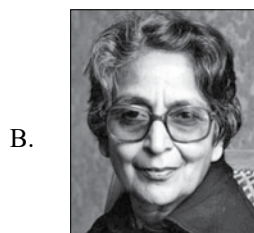
19. The 1905, Partition of Bengal was carried out by _____.
- Lord Curzon
 - Lord Dalhousie
 - Lord Mountbatten
 - None of these

20. 'Which of the following is a joint sector industry?'
- Oil India Limited (OIL)
 - Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
 - Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
 - Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)

21. "Poetry does not sell in this country." Who among the following Indian poets said this?



Sarojini Naidu



Amrita Pritam



Kamala Das



Jhumpa Lahiri

22. Right to Life and Right to Personal Liberty are secured under which Article of Indian Constitution?
- A. Article 15
 - B. Article 52
 - C. Article 21
 - D. Article 17

23. The use of Integrated circuits in computers has _____.
- A. Reduced the amount of heating
 - B. Reduced the size and cost of computers
 - C. Reduced the performance capacity
 - D. Reduced the use of peripheral devices

24. Who among the following is the first Indian woman to win the Booker Prize?



Arundhati Roy



Kiran Desai



Shashi Deshpande



Anita Desai

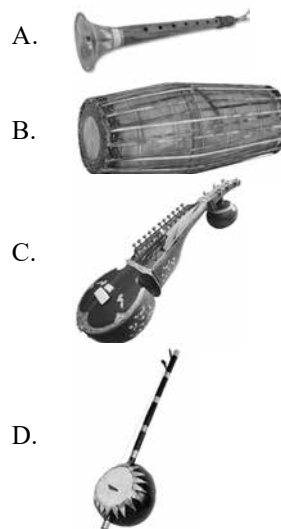
25. Where is the 'Gateway Arch' located?
- A. London
 - B. USA
 - C. France
 - D. Greece

26. Magnus Carlsen is a chess grandmaster. To which country does he belong?



- A. New Zealand
- B. Norway
- C. Germany
- D. Australia

27. With which of the following musical instruments was Ustad Bismillah Khan associated?



28. In a certain code language, if DOMESTIC is written as GOQFAGRQ, then how will CIRCULAR be written in the same code language?

- A. TCNWETKE
- B. ETKETCNW
- C. ETKEPYJS
- D. BHQBTZKQ

29. If the sum of three consecutive multiples of 4 is 252, then find the largest multiple among them.

- A. 72
- B. 88
- C. 80
- D. None of these

30. To which dynasty did Razia Sultan, the first and last female ruler of Delhi Sultanate belong?

- A. Lodi
- B. Tughlaq
- C. Mamluk
- D. Sayyid

CURRENT AFFAIRS

31. What is the name given to India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services?

- A. Metro express
- B. RAPIDX
- C. Rapid metro
- D. Indian rail

32. App 'cVigil' was launched by _____.

- A. Supreme Court of India
- B. Election Commission of India
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. State Bank of India

33. Who among the following in April 2023, has won the title at World Chess Armageddon Asia and Oceania event?

- A. D Gukesh
- B. Nihal Sarin
- C. Vidit Gujrathi
- D. Parimarjan Negi

34. Who has become the first Indian woman to be named among the 'Five Cricketers of the Year', announced in 2023 Wisden Cricketers' Almanack?

A.



Harmanpreet Kaur

B.



Smriti
Mandhana

C.



Mithali Raj

D.



Shafali Verma

35. 'Mana' which was earlier known as the 'Last Indian Village' has been declared as the 'First Indian Village' by Border Roads Organisation in April 2023. Where is it located?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Gujarat

36. Who among the following is the current President of Philippines?

A.



Joko Widodo

B.



Fumio Kishida

C.



Ferdinand R.
Marcos Jr.

D. None of these

37. What is the theme of World Press Freedom Day 2023?

- A. Shaping a Future of Rights : Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other Human Rights
- B. Journalism Under Digital Siege
- C. Journalism without Fear and Favour
- D. None of these

38. Who among the following has won Ladies Czech Open Golf title in June 2023?



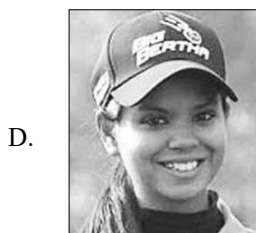
Diksha Dagar



Amandeep Drall



Ridhima Dilawari



Vani Kapoor

39. Who is honoured with PEN Pinter Prize 2023?



Michael Rosen



Malorie Blackman



Michelle Obama



Hillary Clinton

40. Which novel has won the International Booker Prize in 2023?

- A. The Sellout
- B. The White Tiger
- C. Time Shelter
- D. Lincoln in the Bardo

LIFE SKILLS

41. Which of the following is not a good way to resolve a conflict?

- A. Stop talking to that person
- B. Listen to the other person's thoughts
- C. Spread rumors about that person
- D. Both A and C

42. When cycling on a busy road, you should

- A. Wear proper safety gears
- B. Ride with the flow of traffic
- C. Ride in a single file
- D. All of these.

43. One of your friends is choking because a piece of candy got stuck in his/her throat. What should you do?
- Check his/her throat by wide opening his mouth.
 - Press his/her shoulders.
 - Bend him/her forward and give back blows to dislodge the candy.
 - Pinch his/her nostrils to block entry of air.
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44. Knowing 'Netiquettes' will help you to _____.
- Do better in your examinations

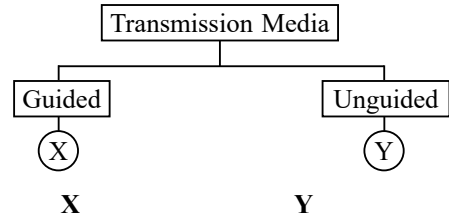
- Bully someone you hate in real life
- Communicate more effectively while online
- Do good in sports

45. Which of the following best defines 'person perception'?
- The process of learning our cultural values and beliefs.
 - The process of adjusting with people around us.
 - The mental processes that we use to form impressions of other people.
 - None of these

ACHIEVERS SECTION

46. Select the correct matches of books and authors.
- The Lord of the Rings - JRR Tolkien
 - The Alchemist - Isabel Allende
 - The Chronicles of Narnia - C.S. Lewis
 - The God of Small Things - Salman Rushdie
 - The Hobbit - JK Rowling
- I and III only
 - II, III and V only
 - I and IV only
 - IV and V only

49. Identify X and Y in the given classification chart with respect to computer network.



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| A. Infrared | Satellite |
| B. Infrared | Twisted pair cable |
| C. Twisted pair cable | Infrared |
| D. Radio waves | Satellite |

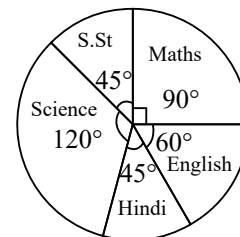
47. A few cities are listed in the given box.

(i) Vienna	(ii) Bridgetown	(iii) Brussels
(iv) Yerevan	(v) Baku	(vi) Sucre

Which of the following is not given in the box?

- Capital of Belgium
 - Capital of Barbados
 - Capital of Azerbaijan
 - Capital of Bahamas
-
48. Select the incorrect statements.
- Cricket matches have only one umpire on the field.
 - Olympic gold medals are nowadays made from 50% silver and 50% gold.
 - Golf was the first sport played on the Moon.
 - Lionel Messi has won the most Ballon d'Or Awards.
- III and IV only
 - II and IV only
 - I and II only
 - I, II and III only

50. The given pie-chart shows the marks obtained by a student in Maths, Science, English, Hindi and S.St. If the total marks obtained by the student were 1080, then answer the following questions.



- How many more marks were obtained by the student in Science than in English?
 - Find the ratio of the marks obtained by the student in S.St and Maths together to the marks obtained in Hindi.
- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| (i) | (ii) |
| A. 120 | 4:1 |
| B. 180 | 3:1 |
| C. 150 | 3:1 |
| D. 150 | 1:3 |

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