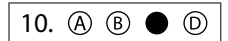


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GENERAL AWARENESS

1. Which is the smallest living mammal in the world?
 - A. Bumblebee bat
 - B. Nano-chameleon
 - C. Pygmy possum
 - D. Mouse lemur

2. Which of the following is not a primate?
 - A. Lemur
 - B. Slender loris
 - C. Monkey
 - D. Sloth

3. Select the incorrect statement.
 - A. Bryophytes are often called as the amphibians of the plant kingdom.
 - B. Green manure crops should be incorporated into the soil before their flowering stage.
 - C. *Hibiscus* is a bisexual flower.
 - D. None of these

4. The flag featured in the given picture carries an assault rifle, an AK-47 with the bayonet attached to the barrel crossed by the hoe superimposed on an open book. Name the country to which it belongs.
 - A. Mozambique
 - B. Zambia
 - C. Libya
 - D. Eritrea

5. Select the incorrect match.
 - A. Jupiter - Ganymede
 - B. Neptune - Triton
 - C. Saturn - Callisto
 - D. Mars - Deimos

6. Which of the following acts is also called as the Umbrella Act?
 - A. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - B. Clean Air Act, 1993
 - C. Endangered Species Act, 1973
 - D. Energy Policy Act, 2005

7. Who discovered 'Anode Rays'?
 - A. J. J. Thomson
 - B. James Chadwick
 - C. E. Rutherford
 - D. Eugen Goldstein

8. Which plastid stores starch, oil and protein granules?
 - A. Chromoplast
 - B. Chloroplast
 - C. Leucoplast
 - D. None of these

9. Horsepower is the common unit of power. How is it related to the SI unit of power?
 - A. 1 Horsepower = 476 Watts
 - B. 1 Horsepower = 746 Watts
 - C. 1 Horsepower = 842 Watts
 - D. 1 Horsepower = 482 Watts

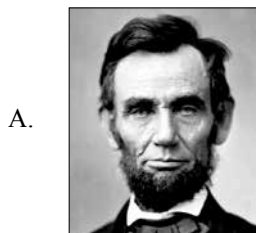
10. Nacre is a hard, iridescent, crystalline substance secreted by some animals in response to an irritant. Which of these precious substances contains nacre?
 - A. Coral
 - B. Amethyst
 - C. Pearl
 - D. Aquamarine

11. During lunar eclipse, the region of the shadow of the Earth is divided into _____ parts.
 - A. 3
 - B. 2
 - C. 4
 - D. 5

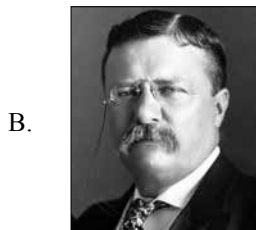
12. Which of the following is a yellow dwarf star?
 - A. Sun
 - B. Proxima Centauri
 - C. Sirius B
 - D. All of these

13. Which was the port-town of Indus Valley Civilisation?
 - A. Harappa
 - B. Kurukshetra
 - C. Lothal
 - D. Mohenjo-daro

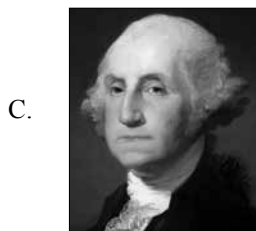
14. 'Mount Rushmore' features the faces of four former US Presidents. Who among the following is not one of them?



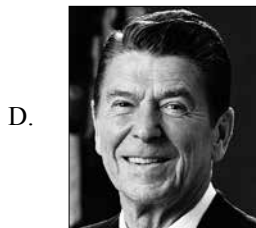
Abraham Lincoln



Theodore Roosevelt



George Washington



Ronald Reagan

15. Which of the following is a pastoral community of Africa?

- A. Bedouins
- B. Raika
- C. Sherpa
- D. None of these

16. Hector Mendoza won with his national team, the gold medal of the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz, Mexico. With which sport is he associated?

- A. Basketball
- B. Rugby
- C. Baseball
- D. Equestrian

17. Who was the winner of Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2020 for the outstanding contribution to the Indian film industry?



Asha Parekh



Hema Malini



Sharmila Tagore

D. None of these

18. 'Off the cuff' means _____.

- A. Conveying untrue events and facts
- B. Something that continues throughout the day
- C. Something that is impulsive or spontaneous
- D. To focus or aim precisely on something

19. Annie Besant was a British social reformer, theosophist and Indian independence leader. Which of the following daily newspapers did she publish?



- A. New India
- B. India Today
- C. The Hindu
- D. Hindustan Times

20. Who has written the book 'The Future of Freedom'?
- A. Salman Rushdie
 - B. Fareed Zakaria
 - C. Khushwant Singh
 - D. Leo Tolstoy

21. Which famous fictional character was created by Ian Fleming?
- A. James Bond
 - B. Romeo
 - C. Sherlock Holmes
 - D. Oliver Twist

22. Who was the first Indian to win an Oscar?



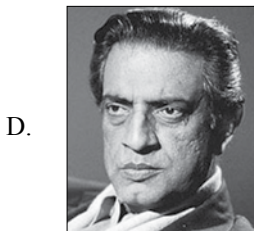
Bhanu Athaiya



Resul Pookutty



A. R. Rahman



Satyajit Ray

23. 'Tee off' is associated with _____.
- A. Golf
 - B. Billiards
 - C. Cricket
 - D. Baseball

24. Foreign phrases are commonly used in English language. What is the meaning of Latin phrase 'ipse facto'?

- A. Denying the fact
- B. By that very fact
- C. In spite of the fact
- D. In line of the fact

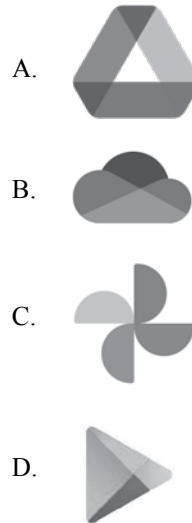
25. Which of the following bodies in India is an example of direct democracy?

- A. Zila Parishad
- B. Panchayat Samiti
- C. Gram Sabha
- D. Vidhan Sabha

26. The America's Cup, affectionately known as the 'Auld Mug' is awarded to the winner of which of the following sports?

- A. Sailing
- B. Boxing
- C. Wrestling
- D. None of these

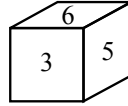
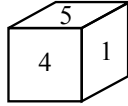
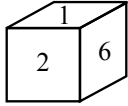
27. Which of the following is an online storage service provided by Microsoft?



28. In which of the following states, Chandoli National Park is located?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Haryana
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

29. Three different positions of a dice are shown below. When 6 is at the top, then which number will be at the bottom?



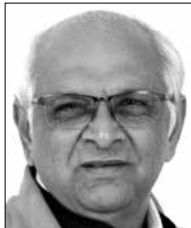
- A. 1
B. 5
C. 4
D. 3

30. Mr. Tyagi spends 15% of his monthly salary on entertainment, 35% of the remaining on children's school fee and the rest money on savings. If his monthly savings is ₹ 33150, then what is the monthly salary of Mr. Tyagi?

- A. ₹ 50,000
B. ₹ 60,000
C. ₹ 72,000
D. ₹ 75,000

CURRENT AFFAIRS

31. Who among the following has been conferred with the 'Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award' for creating a fear-free state in an award ceremony organised by Budhanjali Research Foundation?



A.

Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel



B.

Yogi Adityanath



C.

Mamata Banerjee



D.

Naveen Patnaik

32. Which of the following airlines has announced in January 2023 that it will be using a new software for real-time reporting of in-flight incidents ?

- A. Air India
B. Vistara
C. IndiGo
D. SpiceJet

33. 'Indira Gandhi Mahila Samman Nidhi Yojana' was launched in _____.

- A. Himachal Pradesh
B. Rajasthan
C. Gujarat
D. West Bengal

34. Which of the following films has won the 'Best Animated Short Film' Award at Oscars 2023?

- A. The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse
B. All Quiet on the Western Front
C. Women Talking
D. Black Panther : Wakanda Forever

35. What was the theme of the 6th Indian Ocean Conference held in Dhaka in May 2023?

- A. Peace, Prosperity and Partnership for a Resilient Future
B. Indian Ocean : Ecology, Economy, Epidemic
C. Stocktaking, Partnership and Solutions
D. None of these

36. Which is the first Indian retailer to accept retail payments via RBI's Digital Rupee?

- A. V-Mart Retail
B. Smart Bazaar
C. Reliance Retail
D. Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail

37. Which country won the Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2023 title?
- Pakistan
 - Nepal
 - Bangladesh
 - India

38. Who is the current chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.?



A.

Piyush Goyal



B.

Vijay Keshav Gokhale

C.



Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

D. None of these

39. What is the name of the world's first ever radio platform powered by artificial intelligence?

- AI Radio
- RadioGPT
- Chat Radio
- Bott Radio

40. Kyriakos Mitsotakis has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- Cyprus
- Bulgaria
- South Korea
- Greece

LIFE SKILLS

41. Which of the following is not a quality of a good leader?

- Delegating authority, responsibility and accountability.
- Engaging in effective and open communication with all the team members.
- Exercising close supervision and taking most decisions himself/herself, without discussing with his/her team members.
- All of these

42. What action should you take, if you face bullying at school by your seniors?

- Tolerate it out of fear.
- Discuss it with your best friend and tell him/her not to disclose it to anyone.
- Beat the bullies with the help of your few friends.
- Inform your parents and ask them to talk to the school authorities.

43. Select the incorrect statement.

- Procrastination is a common time management mistake.

- Failing to manage your time can lead to missed deadlines.
- Making a 'to-do' list every day is merely a wastage of time.
- You should prioritise your tasks.

44. How can you reduce the risk of disease transmission if you need to give first aid to a person with an open bleeding wound?

- Wash your hands with soap, before and after giving first-aid.
- Avoid direct contact with the blood.
- Use disposable gloves while giving first-aid.
- All of these

45. What happens after the expiration date of a credit card?

- Credit limit decreases
- Credit limit increases
- The card blows up
- The card no longer works

ACHIEVERS SECTION

46. Match the columns and select the correct option.

Column I	Column II
P. Largest island in the Indian Ocean	1. Hawaiian Islands
Q. Largest island in Mediterranean Sea	2. Madagascar
R. A chain of volcanic islands in the North Pacific Ocean	3. Sicily
S. Island flanked on its West side by Hudson River	4. Manhattan

A. P-2, Q-3, R-1, S-4
 B. P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3
 C. P-3, Q-4, R-1, S-2
 D. P-2, Q-1, R-4, S-3

47. Identify W, X, Y and Z from the given information.

- W : Anita Desai received the Sahitya Akademi Award for this novel in 1978.
 X : It is the last book authored by APJ Abdul Kalam.
 Y : It is the country to which Shakespeare's title character, Prince Hamlet of the play 'Hamlet' belongs to.
 Z : He is called the 'Father of English novel'.

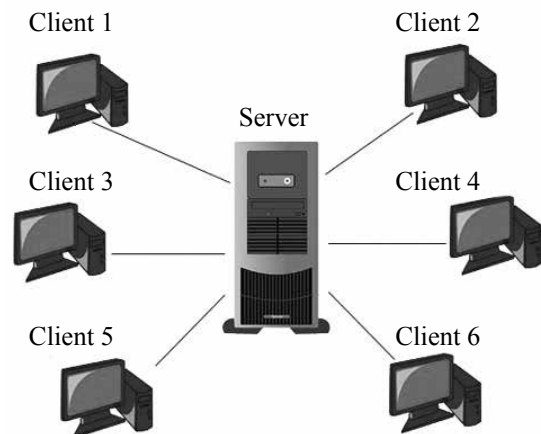
	W	X	Y	Z
A.	Fasting, Feasting	Target 3 Billion	Brazil	Charles Dickens
B.	Fire on the Mountain	Advantage India – from Challenge to Opportunity	Denmark	Henry Fielding
C.	In Custody	Indomitable Spirit	Germany	William Golding
D.	The Village by the Sea	Wings of Fire : An autobiography	France	George Orwell

48. Which of the following statements are correct?

- I. The length of a football goal post is 7.32 m and height is 2.44 m.
- II. Number of players in each team in the sport of water polo is 7.
- III. Brabourne stadium is a famous cricket stadium located in Hyderabad.
- IV. Australia topped the medals tally list with 178 medals in Commonwealth Games 2022.
- V. The National Hockey Stadium in Lahore, Pakistan is world's largest field hockey stadium (By capacity).

- A. I, IV, and V only
- B. I, II, IV and V only
- C. I, III and V only
- D. II and III only

49. Which of the following statements holds true about the type of given computer network?



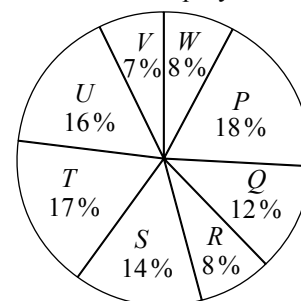
Statement 1 : Client computers are responsible for managing hardware and software on the network.

Statement 2 : The server has more processing power and RAM than client computers.

- A. Statement 1 only
- B. Statement 2 only
- C. Both statement 1 and statement 2
- D. Neither statement 1 nor statement 2

50. The given pie chart shows the percentages of number of employees of a company working in 8 different countries.

Total number of employees = 86000




- (i) What is the average number of employees of the company working in countries P, R, T and U?
- (ii) In which of the two countries, the total number of employees is 21500?

(i)	(ii)
A. 12800	P and V
B. 12600	P and T
C. 12685	P and V
D. 13615	Q and R

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