

SBI PO GENERAL AWARENESS SOLVED PAPER

1. On 7th May 2008, agni-I was test-fired. It wasâ

(A) Ballistic Missile

(B) Surface to air missile

(C) Land to sea missile

(D) Air to air missile

2. Which of the following High Courts has recently quashed the merit list issued in 2006 and 2007 by the centre and the UPSCâ€

(A) Bhopal High Court

(B) Rajasthan High Court

(C) Madras High Court

(D) Guwahati High Court

3. Recently the Acronym START came into News. START stands forâ€

(A) Strategic Association for Restructuring Trade

(B) Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty

(C) System Tracking and Reprocessing Team

(D) None of the above

4. People's Democratic Party emerged second largest party with 33.01% in elections held in

(A) Bhutan

(B) Nepal

(C) Zimbabwe

(D) Italy

5. According to the World Conservation Union Report, the number of plant species in India listed as threatened is

(A) 247 plant species

(B) 250 plant species

(C) 275 plant species

(D) 255 plant species

6. Which of the following states passed a Bill in March 2008, amending the Registration Act 1908 to prohibit foreigners from buying land in the state

(A) Kerala

(B) Andhra Pradesh

(C) Goa

(D) Maharashtra

7. The renowned scientist John Wheeler who died in April 2008, was originally hailed from

(A) Australia

(B) U.S.A.

(C) Finland

(D) Britain

8. Who received Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmanent and Development for 2007

(A) Bill Gates

(B) Nelson Mandela

(C) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

(D) Arthur C. Clarke

9. The 2008 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize awarded to –

(A) Lydia Cacho Ribeiro

(B) Anna Politkovskaya

(C) May Chidiac

(D) U Win Tin

10. Which of the following Indian players has not completed 10,000 runs in Test cricket?

(A) Rahul Dravid

(B) Sachin Tendulkar

(C) Sunil Gavaskar

(D) Virendra Sehwag

11. On March 26, 2008, NASA's space shuttle which returned safely to Earth after completing 16 day mission to International Space Station was

(A) Discovery

(B) Endeavour

(C) Columbia

(D) None of the above

12. Jules Verne is Europe's

(A) Space shuttle

(B) Missile shield system

(C) Biggest spacecraft

(D) Mission to Antarctica

13. India's National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country's first

(A) Dirrohoea map

(B) Malarial map

(C) Bird flu map

(D) Cancer map

14. "The World Is What It Is" is the biography of

(A) V. S. Naipal

(B) Khushwant Singh

(C) Amrita Preetam

(D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

15. According to a World Bank Report India got remittances in 2007 worthâ€”

(A) \$ 30 billion

(B) \$ 35 billion

(C) \$ 25 billion

(D) \$ 27 billion

16. The Summit of NATO (NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY) was held in April inâ€”

(A) Romania

(B) Morocco

(C) Pakistan

(D) Indonesia

17. According to latest WHO report the number of estimated TB cases found every year in India isâ€”

(A) 2Â·2 million

(B) 1Â·9 million

(C) 1Â·5 million

(D) 1Â·7 million

18. Tata purchased Jaguar and Rover fromâ€”

(A) Hyundai

(B) Maruti Suzuki

(C) Ford Motor

(D) None of the above

19. According to a survey, the country which has the highest number of internet users isâ€”

(A) U.S.A.

(B) China

(C) Japan

(D) Germany

20. Which country has won the Women's Asia Cup Cricket 2008 which was held in Colombo in the month of May 2008 ?

(A) Brisbane

(B) Melbourne

(C) Sydney

(D) Perth

21. According to Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC) headed by C. Rangrajan the economic growth rate for 2008-09 will remain at

(A) 8%

(B) 8.5%

(C) 9%

(D) 8.9%

22. The Pritzker Architecture Prize has been won by

(A) Bill Gates Foundation

(B) William Harvey

(C) Jea Nouvel

(D) None of the above

23. Which of the following cricket players has been banned for violating the player's code of conduct by PCB ?

(A) Danish Kaneria

(B) Shoaib Malik

(C) Mohammad Yousuf

(D) Shoaib Akhtar

24. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has now been extended to all 604 districts of the country with a total budget outlay of

(A) 18000 crore

(B) 16000 crore

(C) 15000 crore

(D) 14000 crore

25. Inflation which soared above 7% in the month of April is measured byâ€”

(A) Consumer Price Index

(B) Retail Price Index

(C) Whole Sale Price Index

(D) Industrial Price Index

26. The winner of Bahrain Grand Prix isâ€”

(A) Lewis Hamilton

(B) Kartikeyan

(C) Felipe Massa

(D) Robert Kubica

27. The winner of Miss India Earth 2008 isâ€”

(A) Tanvi Vyas

(B) Suman Kaur

(C) Rashmi Sehgal

(D) Rani Sharma

28. In face of rising prices, Central Government has decided to set strategic Reserve of foodgrains over and above buffer stock. The limit of the reserve isâ€™

(A) 10 million tonnes

(B) 7 million tonnes

(C) 6 million tonnes

(D) 5 million tonnes

29. Which of following newspapers/magazines won six Pulitzer prizesâ€™

(A) The New York Times

(B) The Times Magazine

(C) The Washington Post

(D) The Guardian

30. â€™Leftism in India, 1917-1947â€™™ is a book written byâ€™

(A) S. R. Chaudhuri

(B) K. Kanwar

(C) R. Nagaswamy

(D) Sudipto Chatterjee

31. Recently President Pratibha Patil visited three countries. Which of the following was not the part of her trip?

(A) Argentina

(B) Chile

(C) Mexico

(D) Brazil

32. GJM stands for

(A) General Justice Movement

(B) Gorkha Janmukti Morcha

(C) Gorkhaland Janshakti Morcha

(D) Gorkha Janjagriti Morcha

33. The elections of which of the following countries were marred by controversyâ€”

(A) Italy

(B) Spain

(C) Zimbabwe

(D) Nepal

34. Supreme Court has upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing 27% for candidates belonging toâ€”

(A) SCs

(B) STs

(C) OBC

(D) Minorities OBC

35. At which of the following places have the remains of early human history been found in excavationâ€”

(A) Chittorgarh

(B) Bhavnagar

(C) Kolkata

(D) Karaikal

36. "Salwa Judum" is

(A) Terrorist organization

(B) A branch of naxalite

(C) Name of a police force

(D) An anti naxalite movement

37. When was Nepal declared a Secular Nation?

(A) in 2005

(B) in 2007

(C) in 2008

(D) in 2006

38. The Director General of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation of present is

(A) Jacques Diouf

(B) Kundekeh K. Yumkella

(C) Jammel Al Hiyilan

(D) Michael Griffin

39. According to a research, stem cells from skin can treatâ€”

(A) Alzheimer

(B) Schizophrenia

(C) Parkinsonâ€™s disease

(D) None of the above

40. When did the Olympic torch relay begin ?

(A) in 1950

(B) in 1952

(C) in 1953

(D) in 1963

Answers with Hints

1. (A) 2. (C)

3. (B) The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (START-II) is a treaty between Russia and U.S.A. for reducing their nuclear arsenals. The treaty is due to expire in 2009.

4. (A) 5. (A) 6. (C) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (A) 10. (D) 11. (B) 12. (C)

13. (B) India's Vector Borne Disease Control Programme has prepared the country's first malarial map identifying India's 60 most malarial endemic districts that report over 50% of the country's malaria cases.

14. (A) 15. (D) 16. (A) 17. (B) 18. (C)

19. (B) 20. (A) India won fourth consecutive times in Women's Asia Cup Cricket 21. (B)

22. (C) The Pritzkar Architecture Prize, considered to be equivalent of Nobel Prize for architecture has been won french architect Jea Nouvel for his creative experimentation in architecture.

23. (D) 24. (B) 25. (C) 26. (C) 27. (A) 28. (D)

29. (C) The Washington Post has won six Pulitzer Prizes, including Public service award for its reporting on conditions of U.S. War Veterans.

30. (A) 31. (A) 32. (B) 33. (C)

34. (C) The Supreme Court on April 10, 2008 upheld the law enacted in 2006 providing a quota of 27 per cent to the other Backward Classes in Central Educational Institutions.

35. (C)

36. (D) Salva Judam is an antinaxalite movement formed by group of people against attack from maxalites. The movement started from Dantewada district (Chhattisgarh).

37. (D) 38. (A) 39. (C) 40. (B)

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General Awareness/Computer Knowledge

1. Balmiki Prasad Singh has taken over as Governor of _____

(A) Goa

(B) Bihar

(C) Meghalaya

(D) Sikkim

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

2. The Paralympic Games in September 2008 were held at _____

(A) Tokyo

(B) New York

(C) Madrid

(D) Stckholm

(E) Beijing

Ans : (E)

3. Which of the folowing is/are True about the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) which was in news recently?

(1) The NRAA was set-up in 1955 at the initiative of the then Prime Minister J.L.Nehru

(2) NRAA was established to co-ordinate the work of five ministries associated with the development of rainfed areas

(3) NRAA is now converted into a Corporation of the same name

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Only 3

(D) All 1 , 2 & 3

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

4. Dalichi Sankyo has recently taken over which of the following Companies/Corporation of Indian base /

(A) Jet Airways

(B) Ranbaxy

(C) Bhilai Steel Plant

(D) National Textiles Corporation

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

5. The recent report on Global Development Finance released by the World Bank has projected India's GDP growth rate at which of the following levels?

(A) 5 %

(B) 6 %

(C) 7 %

(D) 8 %

(E) 9 %

Ans : (C)

6. which of the following cities is placed at the top of the list of cities found suitable for "Global Commerce" compiled by the master cards? (Result of the survey were published in various financial newspaper)

(A) London

(B) New York

(C) Tokyo

(D) Beijing

(E) Mumbai

Ans : (D)

7. The New Capital Adequacy Framework prescribed for banks is commonly known as ____

(A) Credit Policy

(B) Monetary Policy

(C) KYC Norms

(D) Basel Accord

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

8. As we all know Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) is the percentage of the deposit banks keep in reserve with them. This ratio is also known as ____

(A) Repo Rate

(B) Reserve Repo Rate

(C) SLR

(D) Liquidity Ratio

(E) None of these

Ans : (E)

9. The sudden turn of events in the economic environmental globally , in the last four to five month have resulted in slowing down of India's economic growth. Which of the following is/are the event(s) which has/have put their impact on Indian economy?

(1) Turmoil in US Credit market

(2) Large scale increase in the prices of crude oil and foodgrains

(3) Adoption of Basel II norms by the banks

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Only 3

(D) Both 1 & 2 only

(E) All 1,2 & 3

Ans : (D)

10. Which of the following is India's Tax GDP ratio ?

(A) 5 %

(B) 15 %

(C) 25 %

(D) 30 %

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

11. Which of the following is known as 'Himadri' ?

(A) It is India's Space Craft launched to study the moon

(B) It is India's first Research Station in Arctic Region

(C) It is new battle tank produced by India

(D) It is new warship inducted in the Indian Navy recently

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

12. The Govt. of India recently announced a subsidized pricing policy based on nutrients in it of which of the following to protect the interest of the farmers ?

(A) Seeds

(B) Pesticides

(C) Fertilizers

(D) Organic Manure

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

13. The next Non-Aligned Movement Summit 2009 is scheduled to be held in ____

(A) India

(B) Egypt

(C) Brazil

(D) South Africa

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

15. Ghulam Nabi Azad was in the news recently as he has resigned from the post of the ____

(A) Governor, Jammu & Kashmir

(B) Chief Minister , Jammu & Kashmir

(C) Governor , Jharkhand

(D) Chief Minister, Jharkhand

(E) Governor, Manipur

Ans : (B)

15. When the growth of GDP in a country slows down suddenly, people start losing their jobs and the situation continues for several weeks, what name is given to this state of economy (A big was in this state recently.) ?

(A) Inflation

(B) Recession

(C) Deflation

(D) Economic Boom

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

16. "Lisbon Treaty" is the treaty accepted/adopted by the members of which of the following organizations recently ?

(A) NATO

(B) SAARC

(C) European Union

(D) Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG)

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

17. When a corporate entity wishes to raise money from the market it can do that by issuing ____

(A) Treasury Bill

(B) Memorandum of Association

(C) Kisan Vikas Patra

(D) National Saving Certificate

(E) Commercial Papers

Ans : (E)

18. Russia has recently made a ceasefire Agreement with which of the following nations ?

(A) Ukraine

(B) Kazakhstan

(C) Croatia

(D) Georgia

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

19. The Govt. of India has decided to build a Nuclear Power Plant in which of the following North Eastern States ?

(A) Manipur

(B) Assam

(C) Meghalaya

(D) Arunachal Pradesh

(E) None of these

Ans : (E)

20. India won its individual Gold Medal in Beijing Olympic 2008 in which of the following events ?

(A) Hockey

(B) Football

(C) Lawn Tennis

(D) Swimming

(E) Rifle Shooting

Ans : (E)