

Chapter 10 :: BASIC GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Dr Shivarama Karanth was honoured the Jnanpith Award in 1977 for this book
 - (a) Bettada Jeeva
 - (b) Mookajjiya Kanasugalu
 - (c) Chigurida Kanasu
 - (d) Choma's Drum
2. India Wins Freedom is an Autobiography of
 - (a) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
 - (b) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (c) R. K. Narayan
 - (d) Abul Fazal
3. India's national song *Vande Mataram* was taken from
 - (a) Meghdoot
 - (b) Anand Math
 - (c) Guide
 - (d) Vedukunta
4. The book *Lajja* was banned in
 - (a) July 1943
 - (b) July 1993
 - (c) June 1987
 - (d) June 1936
5. *War and Peace*, by Tolstoy, depicts
 - (a) Social issues of Russians
 - (b) Communist society in Russia
 - (c) Russian life against Napoleon's invasions
 - (d) Republic of Russia
6. '*All the world's a stage, and all the men and women are merely players*', is a famous quote of
 - (a) William Wordsworth
 - (b) Charles Dickens
 - (c) William Shakespeare

- (d) Tennyson
7. Following are the important characters of the play '*Merchant of Venice*'
1. Claudius
 2. Portia
 3. Mercutio
 4. Shylock
- (a) 1, 2
(b) 2, 3
(c) 3, 4
(d) 1, 3
8. The dialogue '*There is nothing good or bad but thinking makes it so*' was from
- (a) Othello
(b) Hamlet
(c) Merchant of Venice
(d) The Tempes
9. The famous quotation '*Cowards die many times before their death*' is taken from
- (a) Julius Caesar
(b) Tempest
(c) Henry II
(d) King Lear
10. _____ is autobiography of Michael Jackson.
- (a) No Logo
(b) Moonwalk
(c) Seven Lies
(d) Pleading Guilty
11. *A Clockwork Orange* is a type of
- (a) Utopia novel
(b) Dystopian novel
(c) Ecotopian novel
(d) None of these
12. *Devdas* is a novel by
- (a) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee

- (b) Sharat Chandra Chattopadhyay
(c) Nirad C. Choudhri
(d) Sumitranandan Pant
13. From 'Big Bang to Black Holes' is the sub title of
(a) A Space Odyssey
(b) Big Bang Theory
(c) A Brief History of Time
(d) Time Machine
14. Heir apparent is
(a) Biography of Karan Singh
(b) Autobiography of Karan Singh
(c) History of Kashmir
(d) History of fall of Mughal Empir
15. The Great Illusion by Norman Angell
(a) Talks about the history of Magicians
(b) States that in future wars will be all but impossible
(c) Is a biography
(d) Is an autobiography
16. The poem *Prelude* was written for
(a) Kent
(b) Coleridge
(c) Wordsworth
(d) John Milton
17. What is the subject matter of *Niccolo Machiavelli's* 'Prince'?
(a) How the Prince should rule
(b) The biography of an Italian Prince
(c) The art of destruction
(d) History of Italy
18. Which of the following book is NOT a memoirs/ biography?
(a) Nice Guys, Finish Second
(b) My Experiment with Truth

- (c) Me Myself and Why
(d) My Life and Times
19. Which of the following book is written by Alexander Dumas?
(a) Treasure Island
(b) Count of Monte Cristo
(c) All the King's Men
(d) Descent of Man
20. Which of the following books has been written by Dan Brown?
(a) Angels in the Sky
(b) Inferno
(c) God and Man
(d) Da Vinci Code Cracked
21. Which of the following books was immediately banned on their release by the Indian Government?
(a) Lajja
(b) Himalayan Blunder
(c) Fire
(d) Leviathan
22. Which of the following has been written by a Noble Laureate?
(a) Iran Awakening
(b) Half a Life
(c) Leaves of Grass
(d) The Judgement
23. Which of the following has been written by Mary Anne Evans?
(a) Middlemarch
(b) Midnight Children
(c) Marriage and Morals
(d) Memories of Hope
24. Which of the following is NOT written by Charles Dickens?
(a) Great Expectations
(b) Mill of the Floss

- (c) Oliver Twist
(d) David Copperfield
25. Which of the following is NOT written by Fyodor Dostoyevsky?
(a) Idiot
(b) The Jealous Husband
(c) The Jealous Wife
(d) The Dream of a Ridiculous Man
26. Which of the following is NOT written by Shakespeare?
(a) King Lear
(b) Tempest
(c) Romeo and Juliet
(d) Great Expectations
27. Which of the following is written by Bill Gates?
(a) Twenty Years After
(b) Westward Ho
(c) Triumph
(d) The Road Ahead
28. _____ was the first movie of Jennifer Lopez.
(a) *My little Girl* (1986)
(b) *Money Train* (1995)
(c) *Blood and Wine* (1996)
(d) *Out of Sight* (1998)
29. Albert Einstein, in 1905, invented special theory of
(a) Gravity
(b) Unified field theory
(c) Quantum mechanics
(d) Relativity and another, $E = mc^2$.
30. Alexander Graham Bell studies of aerodynamics led him to invent
(a) Telephone
(b) Hydrofoil
(c) Tetrahedron kite

- (d) Exotic kites
31. Along with Americas, what were the two places that Columbus discovered in 1492?
1. Bahamas
 2. Jamaica
 3. Trinidad
 4. Puerto Rico
- (a) 1, 2
(b) 2, 3
(c) 2, 4
(d) 3, 4
32. By whom was Abraham Lincoln assassinated?
- (a) Alberuni
(b) Alexander
(c) Abu Bakr
(d) John Wilkes Booth
33. For 'The God of Small Things', Arundhati Roy was awarded _____ prize in 2004.
- (a) Noble
(b) Booker
(c) Sydney Peace
(d) Jnanpith
34. In 1880, the French Government awarded Alexander Graham _____ Prize in recognition of his invention of the telephone.
- (a) Nobel
(b) Black Well's
(c) Volta
(d) The Secor
35. Jayaram Jayalalithaa belongs to
- (a) AIADMK
(b) BJP
(c) Congress
(d) CPI
36. Thomas Cook, the founder of Thomas Cook tourism company, was a
- (a) Atheist

- (b) Priest
 - (c) Lame
 - (d) Blind
37. What did Abdul Ghaffar Khan's admirers call him?
- (a) Second Abraham Lincoln
 - (b) King of Pakistan
 - (c) Badshah Khan
 - (d) Soldier of freedom struggle
38. What did Albert Einstein invent on 1935 with gyrocompasses?
- (a) New airplane
 - (b) Electromagnetic pump
 - (c) Special relativity
 - (d) Machine elements
39. What did Captain James Cook discover on his third voyage?
- (a) New Zealand
 - (b) Antarctic
 - (c) Hawaiian Islands
 - (d) Eastern Australia
40. Which of the following film is NOT directed by Manoj Shyamalan?
- (a) Sixth Sense
 - (b) Signs
 - (c) Unbreakable
 - (d) The Others
41. Who among the following named Pacific Ocean?
- (a) Vasco da Gama
 - (b) Christopher Columbus
 - (c) Ferdinand Magellan
 - (d) James Clark
42. _____ was the first woman President of Ireland.
- (a) Mary McAleese
 - (b) Mary Robinson

- (c) Flora MacDonald
(d) None of these
43. _____ is the first woman to be elected as the President of the South Korea.
- (a) Chang Sang
(b) Han Myeong-sook
(c) Park Geun-hye
(d) Chang Si-won
44. _____ was instrumental in starting Northern Ireland Peace movement.
- (a) Jane Addams
(b) Emily Greene Balch
(c) Jody Williams
(d) Betty Williams
45. 1990 onwards, Indians have won
- (a) More Miss World titles than Miss Universe titles
(b) More Miss Universe titles than Miss World titles
(c) Equal amount of Miss World and Miss Universe titles
(d) Neither Miss Universe nor Miss World titles
46. 2000 Miss World title was won by
- (a) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
(b) Diana Hayden
(c) Priyanka Chopra
(d) Lara Dutta
47. Anne Enger Lahnstein is best known as/for
- (a) President of Norway
(b) Opposition of European Union
(c) Prime Minister of Netherlands
(d) Support for European union
48. Dayanara Torres, 1993 Miss Universe winner is from
- (a) Norway
(b) Namibia
(c) Puerto Rico

- (d) Venezuela
49. Dilma Rousseff
- (a) Was the first President of Brazil
 - (b) Is the current President of Brazil
 - (c) Is the current and the first female President of Brazil
 - (d) Was the first black female President of Brazil
50. From 1990 onwards, an Indian has won Miss Universe title
- (a) One time
 - (b) Two times
 - (c) Three times
 - (d) Four times
51. Nobel laureate Bertha Sophie von Suttner
- 1. Served as the president of the International Peace Bureau
 - 2. Was a nun in the Order of the Missionaries
 - 3. Wrote *Lay Down Your Arms*
- (a) 1 and 2
 - (b) 2 and 3
 - (c) 3 and 1
 - (d) 1, 2 and 3
52. Which of the following Nobel laureate is from Iran?
- (a) Shirin Ebadi
 - (b) Bibi Khanoom Astarabadi
 - (c) Faezeh Hashemi
 - (d) Tawakkol Karman
53. Which of the following statements does NOT hold true for Kim Campbell?
- (a) First woman to be Defense Minister of a NATO country
 - (b) Canada's first female Prime Minister
 - (c) She taught at Harvard University
 - (d) She served as the ambassador to the Holy See
54. The First test tube baby in the world from
- (a) U.S.A
 - (b) U.K

- (c) Japan
(d) Norway
55. _____ was the first book written by John Maynard Keynes.
- (a) A Treatise on Probability
(b) Indian Currency and Finance
(c) The Multiplier Effect
(d) Truth Behind Economic Freedom
56. _____ is regarded as the founder of classical school of economists.
- (a) Michel Friedman
(b) Adam Smith
(c) David Ricardo
(d) Alfred Nelson
57. 'An enquiry into the Nature and the Causes of the Wealth of Nations' was written by
- (a) David Ricardo
(b) Maynard Keynes
(c) Milton Friedman
(d) Adam Smith
58. Who among the following had also served as ambassador to India?
- (a) John Kenneth
(b) Adam Smith
(c) David Ricardo
(d) John Keynes
59. Alexander the Great was taught by
- (a) Socrates
(b) Aristotle
(c) Plato
(d) Xenophon
60. Consider the following statement: 'A virtuous man can achieve happiness in all circumstances.' Which of the following school of thoughts support this?
- (a) Stoicism
(b) Logical Positivism

- (c) Humanism
(d) Epicureanism
61. Lyceum Academy was started by
- (a) Confucius
(b) Socrates
(c) Plato
(d) Aristotle
62. Pragmatism says that
- (a) Meaning of an idea lies only in its practical implication
(b) Freewill is an illusion
(c) Everything is open to doubt
(d) Philosophy must extend beyond the limit of experience
63. Rene Descartes is known as expounder of
- (a) Dialectic
(b) Humanism
(c) Scepticism
(d) Stoicism
64. The statement, 'Good consists in creating the greatest happiness for the largest number of people' belongs to
- (a) Cynicism school of thought
(b) Rationalism school of thought
(c) Utilitarianism school of thought
(d) Marxism school of thought
65. Who among the following does NOT support Unitarianism?
- (a) Jeremy Bentham
(b) James Mill
(c) Henry Sidgwick
(d) Charles Pierce
66. _____ was the youngest person ever to be awarded the Noble Prize in Literature.
- (a) Doris Lessing
(b) Rudyard Kipling

- (c) Selma Lagerlöf
(d) Jean Paul Sartre
67. Alfred Noble
- (a) Was married and a citizen of Sweden
(b) Was unmarried and a citizen of Sweden
(c) Was married and citizen of Switzerland
(d) Was unmarried and a citizen of Switzerland
68. First Noble Peace Prize was awarded to
- (a) International Committee of Red Cross
(b) Permanent International Peace Bureau
(c) Theodore Roosevelt
(d) Henry Durant
69. The Noble Prize
- (a) Cannot be shared
(b) Cannot be shared between more than two persons
(c) Cannot be shared among more than three persons
(d) Can be shared among more than three persons
70. Which of the following is considered as a missing Nobel Laureate?
- (a) Adolf Hitler
(b) Mahatma Gandhi
(c) Rabindranath Tagore
(d) Jawaharlal Nehru
71. Which of the following organizations have received the most Noble Peace Prizes?
- (a) European Union
(b) International Committee of Red Cross
(c) United Nations High Commission for Refugees
(d) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
72. Who among the following have been awarded two unshared Nobel Prizes?
- (a) M. Curie
(b) L. Pauling
(c) J. Bardeen

- (d) F. Sanger
73. Winston Churchill was
- (a) Awarded Noble Peace Prize
 - (b) Awarded Noble Prize in Literature
 - (c) Awarded Noble Prize in Economics
 - (d) Not awarded Noble Prize
74. Joseph Pulitzer, the founder of Pulitzer Prize was born in
- (a) United States of America
 - (b) Russia
 - (c) Poland
 - (d) Hungary
75. Which of the following books is not eligible for the Pulitzer Prize?
- (a) Self-Published Books
 - (b) Self-Published Books which have been only published digitally
 - (c) Self-Published Books which have not been published digitally
 - (d) Self-Published Books which are not available in Hardcover form
76. Which of the following statements hold true for the Pulitzer Prize?
- (a) Posthumous entries are not eligible
 - (b) Posthumous entries made on the behalf of individuals are eligible
 - (c) Posthumous prizes can be awarded, but posthumous entries are not eligible for consideration
 - (d) Posthumous entries are eligible only in case made under the will of the deceased
77. Which of the following statements hold true for the first Asian Games?
- (a) It was postponed by one year
 - (b) It was preponed by one year
 - (c) Japan was not allowed to compete
 - (d) Korea was not allowed to compete
78. Which of the following trophies is associated with Cricket?
- (a) Ashes Cup
 - (b) Amrit Diwan Cup
 - (c) Willam Jones Cup

- (d) Pithapuram Cup
79. Who among the following played a significant role in starting modern Olympic Games?
- (a) Jacques-François Blondel
 - (b) Antoine-Denis Chaudet
 - (c) Pierre de Coubertin
 - (d) François Henri de la Motte
80. ATC is
- (a) Anti-Traffic Control
 - (b) Administrative Traffic Control
 - (c) Atomic Traffic Control
 - (d) Air Traffic Control
81. BBC is the form of
- (a) British Broadcasting Corporation
 - (b) Broader Broadcasting Corporation
 - (c) Bahrat Broadcasting Corporation
 - (d) Balanced Broadcasting Corporation
82. BCCI is the form of
- (a) Board of Control for Chess in India
 - (b) Board of Control for Corporation in India
 - (c) Board of Control for Cinema in India
 - (d) Board of Control for Cricket in India
83. LASER is
- (a) Light Amplification by Simultaneous Emission of Radiation
 - (b) Light Amplification by Stimulated Energy of Radiation
 - (c) Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
 - (d) Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Ratio
84. Which of the following is correct?
- (a) MA → Magister Artium
 - (b) MD → Melodramatic
 - (c) MFN → Most Famous Nations
 - (d) MAMC → Mineral and Allied Machinery Corporation

85. MICR is
- (a) Majestic Ink Character Recognition
 - (b) Magnetic Inrolled Character Recognition
 - (c) Magnetic Ink Characteristic Recognition
 - (d) Magnetic Ink Character Recognition
86. MMTC is the form of
- (a) Minor and Major Testing Characters
 - (b) Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation
 - (c) Minerals and Metals Testing Corporation
 - (d) Minerals and Metals Testing Company
87. MPLAD is
- (a) Most Prominent Local Area Development
 - (b) Member of Parliament Legislative Active Development
 - (c) Member of Parliament Local Area Development
 - (d) Member of Parliament Liberation of Area and Development
88. NABARD is
- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
 - (b) National Bank for Allied Services and Rural Development
 - (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Regional Development
 - (d) National Bank for Across Rural Development
89. PSLV is the form of
- (a) Poly Satellite Launch Vehicle
 - (b) Processor Satellite Launch Vehicle
 - (c) Public Satellite Launch Vehicle
 - (d) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle
90. PTI stands for
- (a) Political Trust of India
 - (b) Public Trust of India
 - (c) Parity Trust of India
 - (d) Press Trust of India
91. PWD is the form of

- (a) Public Warehouse Department
 - (b) Political Works Department
 - (c) Public Works Department
 - (d) Private Works Department
92. QMG is the form of
- (a) Quarter-Master General
 - (b) Quarter-Minor General
 - (c) Quarter-Minister General
 - (d) Quantum-Master General
93. RADAR stands for
- (a) Radom Detecting and Ranging
 - (b) Radio Detecting and Ranging
 - (c) Radium Detecting and Ranging
 - (d) Reserve Detecting and Ranging
94. RCD is
- (a) Rural Cooperation for Development
 - (b) Rapid Cooperation for Development
 - (c) Rashtriye Cooperation for Development
 - (d) Regional Cooperation for Development
95. RLEGS stands for
- (a) Rural Landless Empowerment Guarantee
 - (b) Rural Landless Exchange Guarantee
 - (c) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee
 - (d) Rural Landless Economic Guarantee
96. SALT is
- (a) Software Arms Limitation Treaty
 - (b) Strategic Arms Limitation Technology
 - (c) Service Arms Limitation Treaty
 - (d) South Arms Limitation Treaty
97. SEBI stands for
- (a) Securities and Exchange Bureau of India

- (b) Securities and Exchange Boarder of India
 - (c) Securities and Exchange Board of India
 - (d) Securities and Exchange Bank of India
98. SIM is the form of
- (a) Subscriber Information Module
 - (b) Social Information Module
 - (c) Subscriber International Module
 - (d) Software Information Module
99. SPCA is the form of
- (a) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals
 - (b) Society for the Protection of Cruelty of Animals
 - (c) Society for the Power of Cruelty of Animals
 - (d) Society for the Park of Cruelty of Animals
100. Which of the following is the term applied to the introduction of new, more productive agricultural techniques in the developing countries?
- (a) White Revolution
 - (b) Red Revolution
 - (c) Pink Revolution
 - (d) Green Revolution

ANSWERS:

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| 1. | (b) | 26. | (d) | 51. | (c) | 76. | (b) |
| 2. | (a) | 27. | (d) | 52. | (a) | 77. | (a) |
| 3. | (b) | 28. | (a) | 53. | (d) | 78. | (c) |
| 4. | (b) | 29. | (d) | 54. | (b) | 79. | (c) |
| 5. | (c) | 30. | (b) | 55. | (b) | 80. | (d) |
| 6. | (c) | 31. | (c) | 56. | (c) | 81. | (a) |
| 7. | (d) | 32. | (d) | 57. | (d) | 82. | (d) |
| 8. | (b) | 33. | (c) | 58. | (a) | 83. | (c) |
| 9. | (a) | 34. | (c) | 59. | (b) | 84. | (a) |
| 10. | (b) | 35. | (a) | 60. | (a) | 85. | (d) |
| 11. | (b) | 36. | (b) | 61. | (d) | 86. | (b) |
| 12. | (b) | 37. | (b) | 62. | (a) | 87. | (c) |
| 13. | (c) | 38. | (a) | 63. | (c) | 88. | (a) |
| 14. | (b) | 39. | (c) | 64. | (c) | 89. | (d) |
| 15. | (b) | 40. | (d) | 65. | (d) | 90. | (d) |
| 16. | (b) | 41. | (c) | 66. | (b) | 91. | (c) |
| 17. | (a) | 42. | (b) | 67. | (b) | 92. | (a) |
| 18. | (c) | 43. | (c) | 68. | (d) | 93. | (b) |
| 19. | (b) | 44. | (d) | 69. | (c) | 94. | (d) |
| 20. | (b) | 45. | (a) | 70. | (b) | 95. | (c) |
| 21. | (b) | 46. | (c) | 71. | (b) | 96. | (b) |
| 22. | (b) | 47. | (b) | 72. | (b) | 97. | (c) |
| 23. | (a) | 48. | (c) | 73. | (b) | 98. | (a) |
| 24. | (b) | 49. | (c) | 74. | (d) | 99. | (a) |
| 25. | (c) | 50. | (b) | 75. | (b) | 100. | (d) |