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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.

Attempt all questions.

- The famous Kamakhya Temple is located in
 - Odisha
 - Andhra Pradesh
 - Assam
 - Karnataka
- India's 'Look East Policy' has become 'Act East Policy' in 2014, the term 'Act East' was first popularised by
 - Barack Obama
 - Atal Behari Vajpayee
 - Narendra Modi
 - Hillary Clinton
- The route length of Bairabi - Sairang railway line will be
 - 41.38 kms
 - 51.38 kms
 - 61.38 kms
 - 71.38 kms
- During Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in January, 2015, a new 13 km international railway line was proposed to be constructed between
 - Gede – Darshana
 - Kolkata – Dhaka
 - Agartala – Akhaura
 - Sabroom – Chittagong
- The Fourteenth Finance Commission had enhanced the share of the States in the Central Divisible Pool from the current 32% to
 - 36%
 - 38%
 - 40%
 - 42%
- The 'New Development Bank' of the BRICS which is expected to be operational by the end of 2015 will have a start-up capital of
 - \$ 50 Billion
 - \$ 100 Billion
 - \$ 150 Billion
 - \$ 200 Billion
- As a part of an effort to reform and to consolidate the respective financial conditions of the Union and State Governments, the enactment of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act was recommended by
 - Eleventh Finance Commission
 - Twelfth Finance Commission
 - Thirteenth Finance Commission
 - None of these

8. Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) was created out of unspent balance of 10% of GBS of the concerned Central Government Ministries during
- (a) 1997-1998 (b) 1998-1999
(c) 1999-2000 (d) 2000-2001
9. Special Category States was introduced in 1969 and was originally granted to three states, namely
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Manipur
(b) Assam, Manipur and Meghalaya
(c) Nagaland, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh
(d) Assam, Nagaland and Jammu & Kashmir
10. According to International Monetary Fund's 'World Economic Outlook' April, 2015, India's GDP in 2015 is projected to grow at
- (a) 7.3% (b) 7.4%
(c) 7.5% (d) 7.6%
11. The tendency that people rely too much on their Smartphone and are unable to recall important information
- (a) Digital Amnesia (b) Google Effect
(c) Facebook Effect (d) Smartphone Effect
12. Nine organic and exotic agricultural products from North East India were recently accorded Geographical Indication (GI) registration tag, the accorded product from Mizoram is
- (a) Mizoram Ginger (b) Mizoram Bird Eye Chilly
(c) Mizoram Orange (d) Mizoram Tree Tomato
13. Which of the following States was selected for the National Award for e-Governance for the best district-level initiative in Citizen-Centric Service Delivery through ICT?
- (a) Mizoram (b) Bihar
(c) Jammu and Kashmir (d) Gujarat
14. With reference to the recent UNCTAD released Global Investment Trends Monitor Report, consider the following statements
1. The report highlights that Global Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows declined by 8 percent in 2014.
 2. FDI flow in India increased by 26 percent to an estimated 35 billion US dollar in India.
 3. Maximum growth was witnessed in manufacturing sector.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
15. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) made it to Guinness Book of World Records on account of
- (a) Most bank accounts opened in one week
(b) Most bank accounts opened within a span of five months
(c) Most female bank accounts opened
(d) Most bank accounts opened in rural areas

16. Consider the following statements about 'Swiss Challenge' method

1. It is a new process of giving contracts.
2. A developer will submit a proposal which will be countered by other developers; the more attractive and competent bid gets the project.
3. It is used in India by various states including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat for waterway projects.

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

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| (a) 1 and 2 only | (b) 2 and 3 only |
| (c) 2 only | (d) 3 only |

17. The Schedule in the Constitution of India which contains provisions for allocation of seats for each state in the Rajya Sabha is

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| (a) First Schedule | (b) Fourth Schedule |
| (c) Ninth Schedule | (d) Tenth Schedule |

18. The Union Cabinet has recently approved Housing for All by 2022 Mission subsuming the existing three urban housing schemes which are

- (a) Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing Urban Poor, Rajiv Awas Yojana and Affordable Housing Partnership Scheme.
- (b) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, Rajiv Rinn Yojana and Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme.
- (c) Rajiv Awas Yojana, Rajiv Rinn Yojana and Affordable Housing Partnership Scheme.
- (d) EWS Housing, Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing Urban Poor and Rajiv Awas Yojana.

19. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is delinked from the support of the Centre from to the Union Budget 2015-16 is

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| (a) RMSA | (b) BRGF |
| (c) Tribal Sub-Plan | (d) ICDS |

20. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists

List I				List II			
(Operation)				(Year)			
1.	Operation Blue Star			A.	2015		
2.	Operation Parakram			B.	1984		
3.	Operation Rahat			C.	2001		
4.	Operation Maitri			D.	2013		
	1	2	3	4			
(a)	B	D	C	A			
(b)	B	C	D	A			
(c)	C	D	A	B			
(d)	C	A	D	B			

21. Which of the following was the ancient Indian Sculpture presented by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?
- (a) Mogulrajapuram (b) Undavalli
(c) Varaha (d) Parrot Lady
22. India successfully test-fired surface to surface nuclear capable Dhanush Ballistic Missile from the Naval Ship off the coast of Odisha, the missile is a naval variant of
- (a) Nirbhay (b) Aakash
(c) Prithvi (d) BrahMos
23. Consider the following statements about the first branch of ICICI Bank in China which was recently inaugurated at Sanghai
1. It will operate according to the guidelines of the China Banking Regulatory Commission.
 2. It received regulatory approval in April 2015.
 3. It will facilitate trade between China and other countries.
- Which of the above statements is/are correct?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
24. Druzhba-Dosti is a vision for strengthening the partnership over the next decade between
- (a) India and Russia (b) India and Turkey
(c) India and Spain (d) India and Germany
25. With regard to the contact-less credit and debit cards called sbiINTOUCH which of the following is not correct?
- (a) Cards are based on near-field technology.
(b) These cards come with a fraud liability cover of 1.5 lakh rupees.
(c) A customer can transact by just tapping or waving it against the reader of the point-of-sale.
(d) These cards are especially targeted towards fast-food outlets, coffee shops and supermarkets.
26. The North Eastern Council started functioning in the year
- (a) 1969 (b) 1970
(c) 1971 (d) 1972
27. Which of the following countries is not among the top five Foreign Direct Investment recipients in 2014?
- (a) China (b) Hongkong
(c) Singapore (d) India

32. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists

List I (Old Name)		List II (New Name)	
A. Rejuvenation, Modernisation and Technology Upgradation (REMOT)		1. Shyama Prasad Mukherji Urban Mission	
B. JNNURM		2. NITI Aayog	
C. Urban Amenities in Rural Areas		3. Coir Udyami Yojana	
D. Planning Commission		4. AMRUT	

	A	B	C	D
(a)	1	4	3	2
(b)	1	3	4	2
(c)	3	4	1	2
(d)	3	1	4	2

33. Consider the following statements on Article 371 G of the Constitution of India which says that no Act of Parliament shall apply to the State of Mizoram unless the Mizoram Legislative Assembly by a resolution so decides on

1. Religious or social practices of the Mizos
2. Mizo customary law and procedure
3. Administration of civil and criminal justice involving decisions according to Mizo customary law
4. Ownership and transfer of land

Select the correct answer using the codes given below

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| (a) 1, 2 and 3 only | (b) 1 and 3 only |
| (c) 2 and 3 only | (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 |

34. 'Born Again on the Mountain' is a book written by

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| (a) Rashmi Bansal | (b) Arunima Sinha |
| (c) Jhumpa Lahiri | (d) Kiran Desai |

35. The revised edition of the book titled 'Why I Assassinated Gandhi' written by Nathuram Vinayak Godse and Gopal Vinayak Godse has been edited and compiled by

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| (a) Virender Mehra | (b) Prakash Mehra |
| (c) Soniya Mehra | (d) Ramprakash Mehra |

36. The current MoS (Independent charge) for the development of the North East is

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| (a) General V.K.Singh (Rtd.) | (b) General K.M.Singh (Rtd.) |
| (c) General L.V.Singh (Rtd.) | (d) General V.R.Singh (Rtd.) |

37. Who was the first Prime Minister of India from outside the Indian National Congress party to serve a full five-year term?

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| (a) Morarji Desai | (b) Atal Behari Vajpayee |
| (c) Chandra Shekhar | (d) H.D.Deve Gowda |

- 38.** Who was appointed as Ambassador of Cricket World Cup 2015?
(a) Ricky Ponting (b) Sunil Gavaskar
(c) Adam Gilchrist (d) Sachin Tendulkar
- 39.** The Rio 2016 Olympics and Paralympics Games mascot are named respectively as
(a) Vinicius and Tom (b) Vinicius and Phevos
(c) Vinicius and Raccoon (d) Vinicius and Little Wolf
- 40.** The full form of SARDP-NE is
(a) Special Accelerated Road Development Programme in North East
(b) Special Accelerated Railway Development Programme in North East
(c) Sustainable Animal and Range Development Programme in North East
(d) Stricken Aircraft Reclamation Disposition Program in North East
- 41.** Which city is known as the 'City of Nawabs'?
(a) Hyderabad (b) Kolkata
(c) Lucknow (d) Jaipur
- 42.** Surat in Gujarat is known as
(a) Cultural City of India (b) Sun City
(c) City of Diamond (d) Maximum City of India
- 43.** Which country is called 'Isle of Pearls'?
(a) Yemen (b) UAE
(c) Bahrain (d) Oman
- 44.** Who is called 'Saint of the Gutters'?
(a) Mother Teresa (b) Mary Catherine
(c) Maria Cannavale (d) Maria Goretti
- 45.** West Indies is also called
(a) Sugar Bowl of the World (b) Islands of Sunshine
(c) The Spice Island of the West (d) Pearl of Antilles
- 46.** Renowned American Mathematician and Nobel Laureate John Nash passed away on 24th May 2015, what is the award bestowed on him in 2015 for his work on non-linear partial differential equations?
(a) Nobel Memorial Prize (b) Abel Prize
(c) Fields Medal (d) Wolf Prize
- 47.** The theme of the World Population Day observed on 11th July 2015 was
(a) Universal Access to Reproductive Health Services
(b) Investing in Young People
(c) 7 Billion Actions
(d) Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies

48. International Day of Families is observed on
- (a) 15th February (b) 15th March
(c) 15th April (d) 15th May
49. Vijay Diwas is observed in India on every 16th December to commemorate
- (a) Indo-Pakistan War of 1947 (b) Indo-Pakistan War of 1965
(c) Indo-Pakistan War of 1971 (d) Indo-Pakistan War of 1999
50. National Statistics Day is observed every year in India on 29th June to commemorate the birth anniversary of
- (a) P.C.Mahalanobis (b) D.R.Gadgil
(c) V.K.R.V.Rao (d) Suresh D.Tendulkar
51. Information Superhighway is a term popularised by
- (a) Tim Berners-Lee (b) Leonard Kleinrock
(c) Al Gore (d) Peter T.Kirstein
52. Using phone calls or voice messages to trick people in revealing sensitive information is
- (a) Phishing (b) Hashing
(c) Vishing (d) Dishing
53. According to the survey conducted by Consultative Committee for NLUP published on June 2015, the introduction of New Land Use Policy (NLUP) in Mizoram has reduced the number of traditional shifting cultivators from 66.44% to
- (a) 44.64 % of total population (b) 46.14 % of total population
(c) 48.64% of total population (d) 54.14 % of total population
54. Where does India stand in the World Happiness Index 2015 published by the UN?
- (a) 115th position (b) 117th position
(c) 123rd position (d) 127th position
55. Name of the operation conducted by the Indian Air Force to evacuate Indian citizens from Nepal on the eve of a devastating earthquake
- (a) Operation Safe-homecoming (b) Operation Rahaat
(c) Operation Geromino (d) Operation Maitri
56. The first state in India where Panchayati Raj System was implemented
- (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Rajasthan
(c) Haryana (d) Kerala
57. In which of the following does the subject 'Planning' figure?
- (a) Union List (b) State List
(c) Concurrent List (d) Residuary List
58. Recently, the CSO has changed the base year for estimating National Income data from
- (a) 1999-2000 to 2004-05 (b) 1999-2000 to 2007-08
(c) 2004-05 to 2010-11 (d) 2004-05 to 2011-12

59. A foreign Policy tactic known as 'Panda Diplomacy' has been used by
- (a) North Korea (b) China
(c) Japan (d) Thailand
60. According to recent survey, as many as 18 states and four UTs are in favour of decriminalising attempted suicide which is contained in which of the following Indian Penal Code?
- (a) Section 306 (b) Section 309
(c) Section 206 (d) Section 209
61. 'White Label ATM (WLAs)' means
- (a) ATM installed in Bank branches (b) ATM installed outside bank branches
(c) ATM installed at the point of sale (d) ATM installed by non-banking companies
62. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India has recently announced a mega plan for the restoration and conservation of the famous Pashupatinath Temple, popularly known as 'Temple Restoration Diplomacy' with which of the following countries?
- (a) Nepal (b) Bhutan
(c) Myanmar (d) Sri Lanka
63. The new name of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) is
- (a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Agency (IRDA)
(b) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
(c) Insurance Regulatory and Research Development (IRD)
(d) Insurance Regulatory and Research Wing of India (IRWAI)
64. According to the latest data released by National Bomb Data Centre, which country has witnessed the maximum number of blasts (bomb explosion) in the year 2014?
- (a) Iraq (b) Syria
(c) India (d) Pakistan
65. At present, how many recognised National Parties are there in India?
- (a) Five (b) Six
(c) Seven (d) Eight
66. David Cameron, who won the UK's parliamentary election on May 8, 2015 belongs to
- (a) Labour Party (b) Conservative party
(c) Liberal Democrats (d) Scottish National Party
67. On March 10, 2015, Solar Impulse-2, the world's first solar flight circumventing the globe without a drop of fuel was landed at Vallabhbhai Patel International airport. The airport is located at
- (a) Mumbai (b) Chennai
(c) Ahmedabad (d) Kochin
68. Which of the following mobile phone service providers has the maximum market share in India?
- (a) Bharti Airtel (b) Idea
(c) BSNL (d) Vodafone

69. The criteria having the least weightage in the 14th Finance Commission while recommending horizontal distribution is
- (a) Income Distance (b) Population
(c) Demographic change (d) Area
70. Winner of Femina Miss India 2015
- (a) Aafreen Rachel (b) Aditi Arya
(c) Kangana Ranaut (d) Vartika Singh
71. A popular international non-profit organisation 'Reporters Without Borders' that promotes and defends freedom of information and freedom of the press, has its base at
- (a) France (b) Germany
(c) Netherland (d) Switzerland
72. Which asteroid was recently named after the youngest Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai by NASA?
- (a) Asteroid 316201 (b) Asteroid 613201
(c) Asteroid 612102 (d) Asteroid 216102
73. Who is the present Chief Election Commissioner of India?
- (a) Dr. Nasim Zaidi (b) Harishankar Brahma
(c) V.S.Sampath (d) S.Y.Quraishi
74. The new name of Air Deccan
- (a) Air Sahara (b) Sahara Red
(c) Kingfisher Red (d) Indigo Red
75. A country that recently cut working hours to tackle energy crisis
- (a) Cuba (b) Venezuela
(c) Brazil (d) Argentina
76. Under Rastriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) Scheme, government has targeted to ensure universal access to secondary level education by the year
- (a) 2016 (b) 2017
(c) 2018 (d) 2020
77. The country that received the maximum amount of remittance in the world in 2014
- (a) India (b) China
(c) Mexico (d) Brazil
78. Which of the following numbers is proposed by TRAI as an emergency number in line with 911 of the US?
- (a) 100 (b) 101
(c) 112 (d) 121
79. Who is the first vice-chairman of NITI-Aayog?
- (a) Bibek Debroy (b) Alur Seelin Kiran Kumar
(c) VK. Saraswat (d) Arvind Panagariya

- 80.** Winner of Best Hindi Film in the 62nd National Film Awards 2015
- (a) Othello (b) Queen
(c) Nirbashito (d) Killa
- 81.** A country where the 'Houthis rebels' are actively fighting for power
- (a) Syria (b) Libya
(c) Nigeria (d) Yemen
- 82.** Writer of the book, 'To A Hunger Free World'
- (a) Prof. Amartya Sen (b) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(c) M.S. Swaminathan (d) Ranghuram Rajan
- 83.** The author of the controversial book, 'The Hindus: An alternative history' is
- (a) Dan Brown (b) Peter Senge
(c) V.S. Naipaul (d) Wendy Doniger
- 84.** The founder of online marketplace, Snapdeal.com is
- (a) Kunal Bahl (b) Sachin Bansal
(c) Sandeep Aggarwal (d) Evan Williams
- 85.** "Government can be changed not by bullet, but by ballot". Who said this?
- (a) Karl Marx (b) George Washington
(c) Nelson Mandela (d) Mahatma Gandhi
- 86.** The term 'butterfly stroke' is associated with
- (a) Kabaddi (b) Pole vault
(c) Golf (d) Swimming
- 87.** What is the full form of MFN?
- (a) Money From North (b) Most Favoured Nation
(c) Multi-Front Navy (d) Monetary Fund Nexus
- 88.** Full form of NEXRAD
- (a) Next Rapid Development (b) New X-Ray Developer
(c) Next Generation Radar (d) Neo-X-Ray Developer
- 89.** What does UNRRA stand for?
- (a) United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Administration
(b) United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency
(c) United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Agency
(d) United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
- 90.** What is the full form of SDRs?
- (a) Software Define Radio (b) Simple Divide Rules
(c) Sub-Divisional Registrars (d) Special Drawing Rights

- 91.** The city commonly known as ‘Manchester of India’
(a) Kolkata (b) Jaipur
(c) Ahmedabad (d) Ladakh
- 92.** Which country is famously known as ‘Lady of Snow’?
(a) Russia (b) Canada
(c) Netherlands (d) Norway
- 93.** A country also known as ‘Land of White Elephants’
(a) Malaysia (b) Cambodia
(c) Thailand (d) Vietnam
- 94.** Inventor of ‘Printing Press’
(a) John Guttenberg (b) Christian Bernard
(c) John Carbutt (d) Zacharis Janssen
- 95.** Dada Saheb Phalke Award is given for outstanding contribution in the field of
(a) Music (b) Cinema
(c) Literature (d) Dance
- 96.** The financial year for banks is April-March but what is the financial year for RBI?
(a) April - March (b) October - September
(c) July - June (d) January - December
- 97.** ‘World AIDS Day’ is observed every year on
(a) December 1 (b) December 7
(c) November 21 (d) November 3
- 98.** NITI Aayog, a new avatar of the grand old Planning Commission was established on
(a) January 1, 2015 (b) December 1, 2014
(c) February 15, 2015 (d) March 15, 2015
- 99.** The new name announced by Microsoft as its next Web Browser’s name that will replace Internet Explorers (IE)
(a) Pitch (b) Edge
(c) Wonka (d) Sana
- 100.** In a computer, the parity bit is added for the purpose of
(a) Coding (b) Error detection
(c) Controlling (d) Indexing