

GENERAL AWARENESS QUESTIONS FOR XAT – 2012
(Paper-II)

Directions for questions 1 to 35: Select the correct alternative from the given choices.

1. The headquarters of Microsoft is located at
(A) Armonk, New York. (B) Purchase, New York.
(C) Santa Clara, California. (D) Redmond, Washington.
(E) None of the above.
2. Cryogenic engines are used in / by
(A) submarine propulsion. (B) researchers in super conductivity.
(C) rocket technology. (D) frost-free refrigerators.
(E) None of the above.
3. Vinson Masiff is the highest mountain peak in
(A) Australia. (B) Europe. (C) Antarctica. (D) Africa. (E) Asia.
4. Outsourcing is
(A) buying outside the regular markets.
(B) collection of information by media personnel.
(C) the process of subcontracting the works.
(D) buying at very high prices at stock / commodity exchanges.
(E) None of the above.
5. Which among the following is the first Asset Reconstruction Company established in India?
(A) ARCIL–Asset Reconstruction company of India Limited
(B) ISARC–India SME Assets Reconstruction Company Limited
(C) RARCL–Reliance Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
(D) PARAS–Pridhvi Asset Reconstruction and Securitization Company Limited
(E) None of these
6. Which company topped the “list of India's most admired companies” compiled by business magazine “fortune” and global management consultancy “Hay group” released in March 2012?
(A) Hindustan unilever (B) ONGC (C) Tata Motors
(D) Tata Steel (E) TCS
7. Aero India, a biennial Air Show and Aviation Exhibition 9th edition (2013) will be held in _____.
(A) Bengaluru (B) Chennai (C) Hyderabad (D) Mumbai (E) Kolkata
8. Which one of the following statements is NOT related to International Monetary Fund?
(A) IMF was created on July 22, 1944 and came ‘into’ existence on December 27, 1945
(B) The present Managing Director of IMF is Christine Lagarde.
(C) South Sudan is the 188th member of IMF.
(D) IMF works to foster global monetary cooperation and secure financial stability.
(E) IMF offers concessional loans and grants to the world's poorest developing countries.
9. The 5th “World Future Energy Summit 2012” was held in which of these cities?
(A) Abu Dhabhi (B) New Delhi (C) Rio de Janeiro (D) Ankara (E) Bangkok
10. United Nations Organization (UNO) declared the year 2012 as
(A) the International year of anti-terrorism.
(B) the International year of sustainable development.
(C) the International year of water conservation.
(D) the International year of cooperatives.
(E) the International year of mother and child protection.
11. Union Government has approved in August 2012 to establish "Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology" at which of the following locations?
(A) Ranchi, Jharkhand
(B) Raipur, Chattisgarh
(C) Rai Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
(D) Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh
(E) None of these

12. Who is the Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises?
 (A) K.H. Muniappa (B) M. M. Pallam Raju (C) D. Purandhareswary
 (D) K. C. Venugopal (E) None of these
13. While Singapore, Hongkong, New Zealand, the U. S and Denmark secured the first five positions respectively, India secured a lower rank of _____ in the World Bank's "Doing Business Assessment", report.
 (A) 130 (B) 132 (C) 90 (D) 76 (E) 32
14. The present Foreign Direct Investment limit for power sector is at _____.
 (A) 76% (B) 49% (C) 26% (D) 100% (E) None of these
15. Which of the following segment of exports accounts for the largest share in country's exports during the year 2011 - 12?
 (A) Petroleum products (B) Engineering goods (C) Textiles
 (D) Drugs and pharmaceuticals (E) Gems and Jewellery
16. According to the UN Report, which is the top-most ground water abstracting country in the world?
 (A) India (B) China (C) Argentina (D) Japan (E) Saudi Arabia
17. Under coinage Act 1906, Rupee coins can be issued upto the denomination of ` _____.
 (A) 100 (B) 500 (C) 10 (D) 50 (E) 1000
18. Rahul Bhattacharya of India, won which of the following prizes for his book "the sky company of people who care" in May 2012?
 (A) Booker prize (B) Man Booker prize (C) Ondaatje prize
 (D) The Irish Prize (E) Pulitzer Prize
19. Which of the following committees recommendations deal with Capital Account Convertibility?
 (A) Narasimhan Committee (B) Rakesh Mohan Committee (C) Kelkar Committee
 (D) Tarapore Committee (E) Malhotra Committee
20. The Integrated Rural Development Programme was started during the _____ plan.
 (A) Fourth (B) Fifth (C) Seventh (D) Sixth (E) Eighth
21. Mixed Economy means
 (A) assigning equal importance to both agriculture and heavy industries.
 (B) co-existence of private and public sector.
 (C) co-existence of the rich and the poor in the society.
 (D) co-existence of small scale and large scale industries.
 (E) combining democracy and socialism.
22. Espoo, Finland is the headquarters of
 (A) NTT. (B) Nokia. (C) Motorola. (D) Samsung. (E) Telenor.
23. Which yields the maximum revenue to the Union Government?
 (A) Income Tax (B) Excise Duties (C) Customs (D) Corporate Tax (E) Service Tax
24. Shivaraman Committee's recommendations are associated with
 (A) Establishment of NABARD. (B) Establishment of SEBI.
 (C) Establishment of IRDA. (D) Establishment of TRAI.
 (E) Establishment of NASSCOM.
25. The Second Five year Plan is based on the
 (A) Chakravarthi model. (B) Harrod-Domar model. (C) Brahmanada model.
 (D) Mahalanobis model. (E) KN Raj model.
26. In August, 2012 Financial website Forbes.com, named _____ as the highest paid celebrity for the year 2011-12.
 (A) Oprah Winfrey, TV Talk shows artist
 (B) Michael Bay, Movie director
 (C) Steven Spielberg, Film director
 (D) Jerry Bruckheimer, T. V. shows and films artist
 (E) Dr Dre, Music producer
27. Recently, Union Tourism Ministry has granted heritage status to the Naggar castle located in _____.
 (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh (C) Arunachal Pradesh
 (D) Andhra Pradesh (E) Goa

28. Mr. Raghuram Rajan currently the Chief Economic Adviser to Govt of India, was associated with which of the organization earlier?
 (A) World Bank
 (B) IMF - International Monetary Fund
 (C) ADB - Asian Development Bank
 (D) BIS - Bank for International Settlements
 (E) Federal Reserve
29. As per the National Security Index what is India's ranking currently among the 50 most powerful nations in the world?
 (A) 7th (B) 10th (C) 5th (D) 8th (E) 15th
30. In September 2012, which bank announced on that it had options to launch its services from the social media platform "Facebook"?
 (A) HDFC Bank (B) State Bank of India (C) ICICI Bank
 (D) Yes bank (E) Axis bank
31. In "The Global Competitiveness Index 2012-13, of the world Economic Forum, Geneva, Switzerland, which of the following two countries occupied 1st and 2nd ranks of the Index released in September 2012?
 (A) USA and UK
 (B) Finland and Sweden
 (C) Netherlands and Germany
 (D) Switzerland and Singapore
 (E) Hongkong and Japan
32. Five Indian companies are placed in the list of "100 most innovative firms in the world". Among the five Indian companies which company secured place in the top ten companies with 9th rank?
 (A) Larsen & Toubro
 (B) Hindustan Unilever
 (C) Infosys
 (D) Tata Consultancy Services
 (E) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries
33. Some of the best mangroves are located in India. Which among the following states has maximum mangrove cover (forests) in India?
 (A) Kerala
 (B) West Bengal
 (C) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 (D) Tamil Nadu
 (E) Andhra Pradesh
34. Yellow Revolution is related to the production of _____.
 (A) food grains (B) oil seeds (C) milk
 (D) fish (E) fruits and vegetables
35. Presently which country achieved the distinction of being the largest exporter of spices and cashew?
 (A) Vietnam (B) Sri Lanka (C) India (D) Indonesia (E) Iran