

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

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

1. Who is the Author of book "Fault Lines: How Hidden Fractures Still Threaten The World Economy"?
(A) Amartya Sen (B) Raghuram Rajan (C) Kaushik Basu
(D) C. Ranga Rajan (E) None of these
2. Guru Vempati China Satyam, Padma Bhushan passed away in July 2012. He is an exponent of which Indian classical dance form?
(A) Bharata Natyam (B) Kathak (C) Kathakali (D) Kuchipudi (E) Manipuri
3. As per National Dairy Development Board, while India is in the top position in the world in respect of milk production with 127.3 million tonnes in 2010-11, which state occupies the first position in milk production?
(A) Rajasthan (B) Andhra Pradesh (C) Punjab (D) Gujarat (E) Maharashtra
4. Forbes magazine released "Forbes list of 100 most powerful women of 2012" on 22nd August 2012. While Angela Merkel, chancellor of Germany, occupies the 1st rank in the list, who among the following is the frontrunner indian women in the rankings?
(A) Indra Nooyi, CEO, Pepsi Co
(B) Padmasree Warrior, Chief Technology and Strategy Officer, CISCO Systems
(C) Chanda Kochchar, MD, and CEO, ICICI Bank
(D) Kiran Muzumdar Shaw, CMD, Biocon
(E) Sonia Gandhi, President, Indian National Congress
5. Which Public Sector Bank in India is the first bank to launch on 22nd August, 2012 floating rate deposit product FRTD (Floating Rate Interest on Retail Term Deposit)?
(A) State Bank of India (B) IDBI Bank (C) Canara Bank
(D) Punjab National Bank (E) Bank of Baroda
6. With the increase of India's contribution to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) from 2.44% to 2.75%. India becomes the 8th largest shareholder in IMF, while _____ and _____ occupy the 1st and the 2nd positions respectively.
(A) Brazil and Russia (B) China and France (C) USA and Japan
(D) UK and Germany (E) None of these
7. While Pranab Mukherjee is the 13th President of India, Mohammad Hamid Ansari is the _____ Vice-President of India.
(A) 14th (B) 13th (C) 12th (D) 15th (E) None of these
8. Which state on April 24th 2012, won the "Best State award for strengthening Panchayati Raj Institution" and "Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme Award" for the year 2011-12?
(A) Assam (B) Arunachal Pradesh (C) Sikkim
(D) Nagaland (E) Tripura
9. Which of the following major ports in India that are not located in West coast?
(A) Ennore (B) Tuticorin (C) New Mangalore (D) (A) and (B) (E) Kandla
10. PURA, Provision of Urban Amenities for Rural Areas, was launched in June 2012, aiming at bringing basic facilities to the newly designated towns. The scheme will be implemented in six states. Which of the following states is not figured in the scheme?
(A) Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu (B) West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh
(C) Kerala and Maharashtra (D) Odisha and Madhya Pradesh
(E) None of these
11. *Norman Borlaug* (pictured below) is associated with the
(A) Rainbow Revolution. (B) Green Revolution. (C) White Revolution.
(D) Blue Revolution. (E) Pink Revolution
12. Where was India's first shipyard built by *Walchand Hirachand* in the early 1940s?
(A) Tuticorin (B) Mumbai (C) Visakhapatnam (D) Kolkata (E) Kochin

13. What is the name of the *Plan* for economic development of India published in 1944 by technocrats and businessmen?
 (A) Avadi Plan (B) Bombay Plan (C) Swadeshi Plan
 (D) Gandhian Manifesto (E) Peoples Plan
14. The *Saffir-Simpson Scale* is used to measure the intensity of
 (A) earthquakes. (B) hurricanes. (C) desertification. (D) soil erosion. (E) None of the above
15. Which Indian IT major company has been awarded special commendation at the "Asian Human Capital Award 2012" to impart training to rural poor and backward community?
 (A) Wipro (B) TCS (C) Infosys (D) Mphasis (E) None of these
16. *Grasslands* in high plateaus of South Africa are termed as
 (A) Prairies. (B) Pampas. (C) Steppes. (D) Veldts. (E) None of these
17. Foreign Trade policy is framed / evolved for a period of 5 years. Which is the period that is covered by the current foreign trade policy?
 (A) 2010 - 2015 (B) 2009 - 2014 (C) 2011 – 2016 (D) 2008 - 2013 (E) 2012 - 2017
18. Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for agriculture crops like paddy, jowar, pulses, oilseeds, etc. are declared by _____.
 (A) the Government of India
 (B) the State Governments
 (C) the Food Corporation of India
 (D) the Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices (CACP)
 (E) the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees
19. Bank Note Press a unit of SP & MCIL, is located at _____.
 (A) Nashik, Maharashtra (B) Dewas, Madhya Pradesh (C) Hyderabad
 (D) Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh (E) Kolkata
20. What is the tenure of the 13th Finance commission?
 (A) 2010-2015 (B) 2009-2014 (C) 2008-2013 (D) 2011-2016 (E) 2012-2017
21. Of the total outstanding education loans in the country of ₹49,069 crore by the end of March 2012, which among the following states, accounts for highest disbursements and outstanding of ₹11,625 crore and occupies the first position in the country?
 (A) Kerala (B) Karnataka (C) Tamil Nadu (D) Andhra Pradesh (E) Maharashtra
22. Which of the following two countries joined WTO in August 2012?
 (A) Finland and France (B) Russia and Vanuatu (C) China and Cape Verde
 (D) Vietnam and Samoa (E) Cuba and Estonia
23. Planning Commission's Environment Performance Index (EPI) 2012, compiled in June 2012, based on five parameters air pollution, forests, water quality, waste management and climate change, assigned the 2nd position to Andhra Pradesh. Which state secured the top slot?
 (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Kerala (C) Himachal Pradesh
 (D) Rajasthan (E) Karnataka
24. North Eastern Space Applications Centre, one of the centres of ISRO, is located in
 (A) Shillong. (B) Guwahati. (C) Dimapur. (D) Agartala. (E) Aizawl.
25. Regional Rural Banks were set up
 (A) 1973 (B) 1969 (C) 1980 (D) 1975 (E) 1985
26. _____ unemployment is a feature of the agricultural sector in the country.
 (A) Structural (B) Disguised (C) Frictional (D) Cyclical (E) Open
27. SDR which is the currency of IMF, is in the form of _____.
 (A) Book-keeping entry only (B) Gold (C) Silver
 (D) Metallic Currency (E) None of the above.
28. The National Income in India is estimated by the
 (A) National Development Council (NDC).
 (B) Central Statistical Organisation (CSO).
 (C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
 (D) National Commission for Statistics (NCS).
 (E) Planning Commission.

29. The 11th Plan Approach Paper aims at increasing the growth rate in agriculture from the present level of less than 2% per annum to the level of
(A) 3%. (B) 5%. (C) 4%. (D) 6%. (E) 7%.
30. "Sudarshan Patnaik" is an eminent
(A) sculptor. (B) painter. (C) writer. (D) singer. (E) economist.
31. Which of the following is a pilotless target aircraft?
(A) Lakshya (B) Pinaka (C) Saras (D) Prithvi (E) Nag
32. The anti-poverty programme, Antyodaya, was first launched in
(A) Andhra Pradesh. (B) Maharashtra. (C) Tamil Nadu. (D) Rajasthan. (E) Gujarat.
33. 'Modern, Innovative, Dependable' is the punch line of which of the following public sector banks?
(A) Andhra Bank (B) Corporation Bank (C) Vijaya Bank
(D) State Bank of Hyderabad (E) SBI
34. What is the foreign direct investment (FDI) ceiling allowed in single-brand retailing in India?
(A) 26 (B) 49 (C) 51 (D) 100 (E) 74
35. What is currently India's share of global trade?
(A) 0.25% (B) 1.52% (C) 2.51% (D) 5.12% (E) 5.21