

India – Basic GK

1) What is the number of states in India?

- a) 14
- b) 16
- c) 25
- d) 29

2) Which is the first state to be formed on the basis of language?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Bombay
- c) Madhya Bharat
- d) Meghalaya

3) When was Burma separated from India?

- a) 1948
- b) 1901
- c) 1937
- d) 1945

4) When did India become a republic?

- a) 1935
- b) 1947
- c) 1950
- d) 1961

5) Which state was divided into Maharashtra and Gujarat in 1960?

- a) Bombay
- b) Madras
- c) Mysore
- d) Hyderabad

6) Who was the Speaker of the Lok Sabha before he became the President of India?

- a) R. Venkataraman
- b) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- c) N. Sanjeeva Reddy
- d) K. R. Narayanan



Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai in New Delhi, signing the “New Delhi” declaration during a visit by US president Jimmy Carter (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

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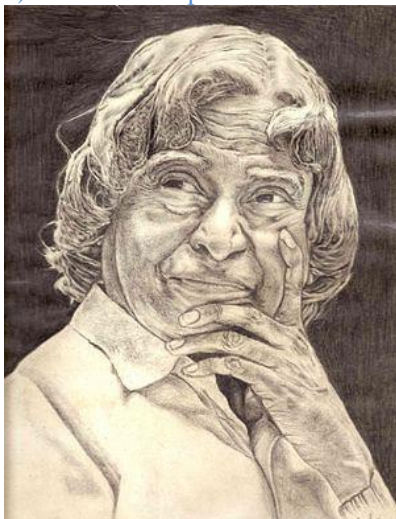
- a) 45
- b) 56
- c) 81
- d) 96

8) How was Tamil Nadu known?

- a) Mysore
- b) Madras
- c) Bombay
- d) Hyderabad

9) Which is the capital of Kerala?

- a) Calicut
- b) Cochin
- c) Ooty
- d) Thiruvananthapuram



The Great scientist and the father of missile technology in India as well as the former Indian President Dr. Abul Pakir Jainul Abedin Abdul Kalam. (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

10) Nagaland was separated from which state?

- a) Orissa
- b) Punjab
- c) W. Bengal
- d) Assam

11) Which is the smallest state in terms of area?

- a) Punjab
- b) Sikkim
- c) Goa
- d) Tripura

12) Where is the tomb of Akbar?

- a) Delhi
- b) Sikandra.
- c) Lahore
- d) Fatehpur Sikri

13) Which is the national animal of India?

- a) Elephant
- b) Deer
- c) Cow
- d) Tiger

14) Which is the national flower of India?

- a) Lotus
- b) Rose
- c) Marigold
- d) Sunflower



Lal Bahadur Shastri (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

15) Who founded Indian National Congress?

- a) W. C. Banerjee
- b) A. O. Hume

- c) Annie Besant
- d) Motilal Nehru

16) Which former Indian Prime Minister's birthday is on December 25?

- a) Rajiv Gandhi
- b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- d) P. V. Narasimha Rao

17) Which state was known as North East Frontier Agency?

- a) Mizoram
- b) Tripura
- c) Manipur
- d) Arunachal Pradesh



Photograph of S. Radhakrishnan taken at a reception in Stockholm, 1949. (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

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- a) Goa
- b) Lakshadweep
- c) Pondicherry
- d) Diu and Daman

19) Which is the official language of Jammu and Kashmir?

- a) Kashmiri
- b) Dogri
- c) Pahari
- d) Urdu

20) Which state became part of India in 1975?

- a) Goa
- b) Manipur

- c) Tripura
- d) Sikkim

21) Which city was the summer capital of India during British Rule?

- a) Ooty
- b) Simla
- c) Pachmarhi
- d) Matheran



Annie Besant (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

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- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Rajendra Prasad
- c) C. Rajagopalachari
- d) S. Radhakrishnan

23) Which Prime Minister could not prove his majority in Lok Sabha in May 1996?

- a) V. P. Singh
- b) P. V. Narasimha Rao
- c) Atal Behari Vajpayee
- d) Deve Gowda

24) Which of the following religions did not originate in India?

- a) Hinduism
- b) Jainism
- c) Buddhism
- d) Judaism

25) When did Rabindranath Tagore die?

- a) 1936
- b) 1941
- c) 1948
- d) 1952

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C. Rajagopalachari (Rajaji) speaking at a public meeting (Photo credit: Wikipedia)

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