

UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination – General Studies Paper

Section 1: General Knowledge & Current Affairs

1. Who was the first Indian to win a Nobel Prize?

2. a) Rabindranath Tagore

3. b) C.V. Raman

4. c) Amartya Sen

5. d) Mother Teresa

6. **Student Answer:** C.V. Raman

7. **Correct Answer:** Rabindranath Tagore

8. The G20 Summit 2023 was held in which country?

a) India

b) China

c) USA

d) Germany

Student Answer: India

Correct Answer: India

9. Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India?

a) Sunil Arora

b) Sushil Chandra

c) Rajiv Kumar

d) Nasim Zaidi

Student Answer: Sushil Chandra

Correct Answer: Rajiv Kumar

10. Which country recently became the 31st member of NATO?

- a) Ukraine
- b) Finland
- c) Sweden
- d) Georgia

Student Answer: Ukraine

Correct Answer: Finland

11. Which Indian state recently launched the 'Ladli Behna Yojana' for women's empowerment?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Bihar

Student Answer: Rajasthan

Correct Answer: Madhya Pradesh

Section 2: Indian Polity & Governance

6. The Directive Principles of State Policy are borrowed from which country's constitution?

- a) USA
- b) Ireland
- c) UK
- d) Canada

Student Answer: USA

Correct Answer: Ireland

7. Which article of the Indian Constitution abolishes untouchability?

- a) Article 15
- b) Article 17
- c) Article 21
- d) Article 14

Student Answer: Article 21

Correct Answer: Article 17

8. Who administers the oath of office to the President of India?

- a) Prime Minister
- b) Chief Justice of India
- c) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- d) Vice President

Student Answer: Prime Minister

Correct Answer: Chief Justice of India

9. The Union Budget is presented in which house of Parliament?

- a) Lok Sabha
- b) Rajya Sabha
- c) Joint Sitting of Parliament
- d) Prime Minister's Office

Student Answer: Rajya Sabha

Correct Answer: Lok Sabha

10. What is the tenure of the Governor of a state in India?

- a) 4 years
- b) 5 years
- c) 6 years
- d) No fixed tenure

Student Answer: 5 years

Correct Answer: No fixed tenure

Section 3: Indian Economy

11. Which institution releases India's GDP data?

- a) RBI
- b) NITI Aayog

- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) National Statistical Office (NSO)

Student Answer: RBI

Correct Answer: National Statistical Office (NSO)

12. The concept of "Minimum Support Price (MSP)" was introduced in which year?

- a) 1965
- b) 1975
- c) 1980
- d) 1991

Student Answer: 1991

Correct Answer: 1965

13. Which of the following taxes is NOT a direct tax?

- a) Income Tax
- b) Corporate Tax
- c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)
- d) Wealth Tax

Student Answer: Wealth Tax

Correct Answer: Goods and Services Tax (GST)

14. What is the full form of FRBM Act?

- a) Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act
- b) Financial Regulation and Banking Management Act
- c) Fiscal Revenue and Budgetary Measures Act
- d) Financial Resources and Banking Measures Act

Student Answer: Financial Regulation and Banking Management Act

Correct Answer: Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act

15. Which is the largest contributor to India's GDP?

- a) Agriculture
- b) Industry
- c) Services
- d) Manufacturing

Student Answer: Industry

Correct Answer: Services

Section 4: Geography & Environment

16. Which of the following states does not share a border with China?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Nagaland
- d) Uttarakhand

Student Answer: Sikkim

Correct Answer: Nagaland

17. The Tropic of Cancer does NOT pass through which of the following states?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Odisha
- d) Tripura

Student Answer: Odisha

Correct Answer: Odisha

18. Which of the following rivers flows through the most Indian states?

- a) Ganga
- b) Yamuna
- c) Godavari
- d) Krishna

Student Answer: Yamuna

Correct Answer: Ganga

19. The Chipko Movement was primarily aimed at:

- a) Water conservation
- b) Wildlife protection
- c) Afforestation
- d) Preventing deforestation

Student Answer: Wildlife protection

Correct Answer: Preventing deforestation

20. Silent Valley National Park is located in which state?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Student Answer: Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: Kerala

Section 5: Science & Technology

21. Which of the following elements is the best conductor of electricity?

- a) Copper
- b) Gold
- c) Silver
- d) Aluminum

Student Answer: Gold

Correct Answer: Silver

22. The ozone layer is found in which layer of the atmosphere?

- a) Troposphere
- b) Stratosphere
- c) Mesosphere
- d) Thermosphere

Student Answer: Mesosphere

Correct Answer: Stratosphere

23. What is the SI unit of force?

- a) Joule
- b) Pascal
- c) Newton
- d) Watt

Student Answer: Joule

Correct Answer: Newton

24. The first Indian satellite, Aryabhata, was launched in which year?

- a) 1970
- b) 1975
- c) 1980
- d) 1985

Student Answer: 1980

Correct Answer: 1975

25. What is the primary function of hemoglobin in blood?

- a) Transport oxygen
- b) Fight infections
- c) Regulate blood pressure
- d) Digest food

Student Answer: Fight infections

Correct Answer: Transport oxygen

This sample question paper follows the UPSC pattern and covers a wide range of topics relevant to the exam. Let me know if you need modifications or additional sections.