

SSC SUB INSPECTOR EXAM

General Awareness

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1. The Qutub Minar was completed by the famous ruler—

- (A) Qutub-ud-din Aibak
- (B) Iltutmish
- (C) Firoz Shah Tughlaq
- (D) Alauddin Khilji

Ans : (B)

2. Which of the following are incorrectly paired ?

- (A) Krishnadeva Raya—Amukta malyada
- (B) Harshavardhana—Nagananda
- (C) Kalidasa —Ritusamhara
- (D) Visakhadatta—Kiratarjuniyam

Ans : (D)

3. Who was the first Muslim President of the Indian National Congress ?

- (A) Muhammed Ali Jinnah
- (B) Badruddin Tyabji
- (C) Sir Syed Ahmed Khan
- (D) Abul Kalam Azad

Ans : (B)

4. During which Gupta King's reign did the Chinese traveler Fa-hien visit India ?

- (A) Chandra Gupta I
- (B) Samudra Gupta
- (C) Chandra Gupta II
- (D) Kumara Gupta

Ans : (C)

5. The administrative consequence of the Revolt of 1857 was transfer of power from—

- (A) East India Company to the British Crown
- (B) British Crown to the East India Company
- (C) East India Company to the Governor General
- (D) British Crown to the Board of Directors

Ans : (A)

6. The issue on which the Civil Disobedience Movement of 1930 was launched was—

- (A) Equal employment opportunities for Indians
- (B) The proposed execution of Bhagat Singh
- (C) Salt monopoly exercised by the British Government
- (D) Complete freedom

Ans : (D)

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7. The Rajya Sabha is dissolved after—

- (A) Every five years
- (B) Every six years
- (C) On the advice of the Prime Minister
- (D) None of the above

Ans : (D)

8. Who was the last Governor-General of India ?

- (A) Sir Cripps
- (B) Lord Mountbatten
- (C) C. Rajagopalachari
- (D) Sir Attlee

Ans : (C)

9. Which party provided two Prime Ministers in two years' time ?

- (A) B.J.P.
- (B) Janata Party
- (C) Janata Dal
- (D) Samajwadi Janata Party

Ans : (B)

10. Which Directive Principle bears the direct impact of Gandhi's moral philosophy ?

- (A) Equal pay for equal work
- (B) Provision of free legal aid and advice
- (C) Prohibition of the slaughter of cows
- (D) Protection of the monuments of historical importance

Ans : (B)

11. Which Article of the Indian Constitution abolishes 'Untouchability' ?

- (A) 14
- (B) 15
- (C) 16
- (D) 17

Ans : (D)

12. In case the President wishes to resign, to whom is he to address his resignation letter ?

- (A) Chief Justice of India
- (B) Secretary of Lok Sabha
- (C) Vice-President
- (D) Prime Minister

Ans : (C)

13. The Preamble of our Constitution reads India as—

- (A) Sovereign, Democratic, Socialist, Secular Republic
- (B) Socialist, Democratic, Secular Republic
- (C) Democratic, Sovereign, Secular, Socialist Republic
- (D) Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic

Ans : (D)

14. Which of the following are Financial Committees of Parliament in India ?

1. Public Accounts Committee
2. Estimates Committee
3. Committee on Public Undertaking

- (A) 1 and 3
(B) 1 and 2
(C) 2 and 3
(D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (D)

15. Match the following cities and their airports—

List-I

- (a) Chhatrapati Shivaji
(b) Heathrow
(c) Payalebar
(d) Kaitak

List-II

1. Singapore
2. Hongkong
3. London
4. Mumbai

(a) (b) (c) (d)

- (A) 2 4 1 3
(B) 3 2 4 1
(C) 1 3 2 4
(D) 4 3 1 2

Ans : (D)

16. Which one of the following methods of soil conservation is most effective in arid areas ?

- (A) Mulching
(B) Shelter belt
(C) Gully plugging
(D) Terracing

Ans : (B)

17. The river which is not Westflowing towards the Arabian Sea is—

- (A) Narmada
(B) Tapti
(C) Periyar
(D) Kaveri

Ans : (D)

18. Tsunamis are caused by—

- (A) Mixing of cold and warm currents
(B) Earthquakes
(C) Changes in sea level
(D) [Volcanic eruption](#)

Ans : (B)

19. Which current is responsible for increasing the temperature of Western Europe ?

- (A) Labrador current
- (B) Gulf stream
- (C) Canari current
- (D) North Equatorial current

Ans : (D)

20. Smog is a combination of—

- (A) Air and water vapours
- (B) Water and smoke
- (C) Fire and water
- (D) Smoke and fog

Ans : (D)

21. A refrigerator operating in a chemist's shop is an example of—

- (A) Free good
- (B) Final good
- (C) Producer's good
- (D) Consumer's good

Ans : (D)

22. Disinvestment is—

- (A) Offloading of shares of [private companies](#) to government
- (B) Offloading of government shares to private companies
- (C) Increase in investment
- (D) Closing down of business concerns

Ans : (B)

23. S.D.R. stands for—

- (A) Special Dollar Rights
- (B) Special Drawing Rights
- (C) State Drawing Rights
- (D) Specific Dollar Rights

Ans : (B)

24. The Commission in India dealing with minimum support price, procurement price, etc. in connection with agricultural goods is the—

- (A) Planning Commission
- (B) Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission
- (C) Agricultural Price Commission
- (D) National Marketing Commission

Ans : (B)

25. Which one of the following is a development expenditure ?

- (A) Irrigation expenditure
- (B) Civil administration
- (C) Debt services
- (D) Grant-in-aid

Ans : (A)

26. When average cost of production (AC) falls, marginal cost of production must be—

- (A) Rising
- (B) Falling
- (C) Greater than the average cost
- (D) Less than the average cost

Ans : (D)

27. Green Banking means—

- (A) Development of forestry by banks
- (B) Financing of environmental friendly projects by banks
- (C) Financing of irrigation projects by banks
- (D) None of the above

Ans : (B)

28. Which one of the following is not correct ?

- (A) First Five Year Plan, 1951-56
- (B) Second Five Year Plan, 1956-61
- (C) Third Five Year Plan, 1961-66
- (D) Fourth Five Year Plan, 1966-71

Ans : (D)

29. Which one of the following is not a quantitative credit control technique ?

- (A) [Bank Rate](#)
- (B) Cash Reserve Ratio
- (C) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- (D) Increase of interest rate on saving deposit

Ans : (D)

30. Which one of the following statements is correct ?

- (A) Good money drives bad money out of circulation
- (B) Bad money drives good money out of circulation
- (C) Good and bad money cannot circulate together
- (D) Cannot say

Ans : (B)

31. Tetanus is caused by—

- (A) Clostridium
- (B) Virus
- (C) Bacteriophage
- (D) Salmonella

Ans : (A)

32. Vitamin E is particularly important for—

- (A) Development of teeth
- (B) [Carbohydrate](#) metabolism
- (C) Normal activity of sex glands
- (D) General health of epithelial tissues

Ans : (C)

33. Birds usually have a single—

- (A) Kidney
- (B) Lung
- (C) Testis
- (D) Ovary

Ans : (D)

34. Blood pressure is controlled by—

- (A) Adrenal gland
- (B) Thyroid gland
- (C) Thymus
- (D) Corpus luteum

Ans : (A)

35. The carbon dioxide content in the air that we exhale is about—

- (A) 4%
- (B) 8%
- (C) 12%
- (D) 16%

Ans : (A)

36. Maximum harm to a tree is caused by—

- (A) Loss of half of its leaves
- (B) Loss of all leaves
- (C) Loss of half of its branches
- (D) Loss of its bark

Ans : (B)

37. Mineral constituent of [chlorophyll](#) is—

- (A) Iron
- (B) Magnesium
- (C) Calcium
- (D) Potassium

Ans : (B)

38. Which part of tongue bears cells for sour taste ?

- (A) Front
- (B) Back
- (C) Sides
- (D) Middle

Ans : (C)

39. The deficiency of Vitamin B causes—

- (A) Scurvy
- (B) Dermatitis
- (C) Beri-beri
- (D) Phynoderma

Ans : (C)



40. In which vertebrate does oxygenated and deoxygenated blood get mixed ?

- (A) Fish
- (B) Amphibian
- (C) Bird
- (D) Mammal

Ans : (B)

41. Which of the following circuit elements is used to 'block' DC in an electronic circuit ?

- (A) Resistance
- (B) Capacitance
- (C) Inductance
- (D) Diode

Ans : (B)

42. Spectacles used for viewing 3D films have—

- (A) Bifocal lens
- (B) Convex lens
- (C) Concave lens
- (D) Polaroids

Ans : (A)

43. The number of satellites of the planet Mercury is—

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) 2
- (D) 16

Ans : (A)

44. A boy sitting in an open car moving with constant speed throws a ball straight up into the air. The ball falls—

- (A) Behind him
- (B) In front of him
- (C) Into his hand
- (D) By his side

Ans : (C)

45. Which of the following does not belong to the solar system ?

- (A) Asteroids
- (B) Comets
- (C) Planets
- (D) Nebulae

Ans : (D)

46. The process involved in making soap is—

- (A) Saponification
- (B) Hydrolysis
- (C) Condensation
- (D) Polymerisation

Ans : (A)



47. Sea water can be purified by the process of—

- (A) Distillation
- (B) Evaporation
- (C) Filtration
- (D) Fractional distillation

Ans : (A)

48. Detergents clean surfaces on the principle of—

- (A) Viscosity
- (B) Surface tension
- (C) Elasticity
- (D) Floatation

Ans : (B)

49. The compound to which H₂ does not add is—

- (A) Biphenyl ethylene
- (B) Tetraphenyl ethylene
- (C) Tetrachloro ethane
- (D) Tetracyano ethylene

Ans : (D)

50. Ammonal is a mixture of—

- (A) Aluminium powder and ammonium [nitrate](#)
- (B) Aluminium powder and ammonium [chloride](#)
- (C) Aluminium powder and ammonium sulphate
- (D) Aluminium powder and potassium nitrate

Ans : (A)

51. Which gas does not form the part of atmosphere ?

- (A) Nitrogen
- (B) Helium
- (C) Chlorine
- (D) None of the above

Ans : (C)

52. The number of players in each side in Water Polo is—

- (A) 07
- (B) 09
- (C) 05
- (D) 04

Ans : (A)

53. A kilowatt-hour is unit of—

- (A) Energy
- (B) Power
- (C) Electric charge
- (D) Electric current

Ans : (A)



54. In the post-independence period, economic reforms were first introduced in India under—

- (A) P.V. Narasimha Rao Government (1990)
- (B) Indira Gandhi Government (1980)
- (C) Rajiv Gandhi Government (1985)
- (D) Janata Party Government (1977)

Ans : (A)

55. The Report of Vijay Kelkar Committee relates to—

- (A) Trade Reforms
- (B) Centre-State Financial Relations
- (C) Disinvestment in Public Sector Enterprises
- (D) Tax Reforms

Ans : (D)

56. Molotov cocktail is a—

- (A) Meeting
- (B) Council
- (C) Drink
- (D) Grenade

Ans : (D)

57. Who was the first woman in the world to scale the Mount Everest ?

- (A) Bachendri Pal
- (B) Junko Tabei
- (C) Yoko Ono
- (D) Aung Sung

Ans : (B)

58. Who was the author of the Kadambari, a great romantic play ?

- (A) Banabhatta
- (B) Harshavardhana
- (C) Bhaskaravardhan
- (D) Bindusara

Ans : (A)

59. Who is the author of the book 'What Went Wrong' ?

- (A) Sushma Swaraj
- (B) Sonia Gandhi
- (C) Shaila Nigar
- (D) Kiran Bedi

Ans : (D)

60. Which sports person is nick named Dennis the Menace ?

- (A) Andre Agassi
- (B) Jim Courier
- (C) Pete Samprass
- (D) John McNroe

Ans : (A)

61. Bhilai Steel Plant was built with the collaboration of—

- (A) Germany
- (B) Soviet Union
- (C) United Kingdom
- (D) Japan

Ans : (B)

62. Ventilators are provided near the ceiling of the room because—

- (A) The exhaled warmer air rises up and goes out
- (B) These provide cross ventilation in the room
- (C) These provide some sunlight in the room
- (D) These do not look nice in the lower part

Ans : (A)

63. The hair of shaving brush clings together when removed from water due to—

- (A) Surface tension
- (B) Viscosity
- (C) Elasticity
- (D) Friction

Ans : (A)

64. In severe winter, in cold countries water pipes burst because—

- (A) Water expands on freezing
- (B) Contraction of water pipes
- (C) High atmospheric pressure
- (D) Combined effect of all the above three

Ans : (A)

65. The pair which is not a twin-city is—

- (A) Hyderabad-Secunderabad
- (B) Durgapur-Asansol
- (C) Calcutta-Howrah
- (D) Delhi-New Delhi

Ans : (B)

66. Who was the second man to land on the Moon ?

- (A) Yuri Gagarin
- (B) Neil Armstrong
- (C) Buzz Aldrin
- (D) Michael Collins

Ans : (C)

67. The fuel used in an atomic reactor is—

- (A) Coal
- (B) Petrol
- (C) Combustible gases
- (D) Uranium

Ans : (D)

68. The Gir Forest is noted for its—

- (A) Lion sanctuary
- (B) Deer-Park
- (C) Tiger sanctuary
- (D) Crocodile Park

Ans : (A)

69. White coal is—

- (A) Uranium
- (B) Hydro-electricity
- (C) Diamond
- (D) Ice

Ans : (B)

70. Who amongst the following cricketers has been chosen for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, 2007 ?

- (A) Rahul Dravid
- (B) M. S. Dhoni
- (C) Sachin Tendulkar
- (D) Virender Sehwag

Ans : (B)

71. ICI is the name associated with—

- (A) A MNC which manufactures chemicals
- (B) Indian Cement Industry
- (C) Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- (D) A private sector bank

Ans : (A)

72. With the inclusion of Coal India Limited recently in the list of Nav Ratna PSEs, their number now stands at—

- (A) 15
- (B) 16
- (C) 17
- (D) 18

Ans : (D)

73. 'Nextzone', an information technology SEZ is being established at—

- (A) Panki in Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Panvel in Maharashtra
- (C) Bangalore in Karnataka
- (D) Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh

Ans : (B)

74. The name of India's research station at the North pole is—

- (A) Dakshin Gangotri
- (B) Maitri
- (C) Himadri
- (D) None of the above

Ans : (C)

75. The finalists of the AFC Challenge Cup 2008 were—

- (A) India and Myanmar
- (B) India and Tajakistan
- (C) D.P.R.K. and Tajakistan
- (D) Myanmar and D.P.R.K.

Ans : (B)

