

APSC's CC (Preliminary) Examination - 2016

General Studies

1. The World Trade organization formally approved which country's membership in Dec 2015?
a. Kyrgyzstan b. Pakistan c. Kazakhstan d. Afghanistan
2. The WTO was founded in 1995 as the successor organization to the
a. UNCTAD b. IBRD c. World Bank d. GATT
3. The WTO, basically promotes
a. financial support b. global peace
c. unilateral trade d. multilateral trade
4. Which among the following countries is the largest troop contributor to the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission?
a. China b. India c. Bangladesh d. Pakistan
5. Which of the following is not an official language of the United Nations?
a. Arabic b. Chinese c. Portuguese d. Spanish
6. The permanent Headquarters of SAARC Secretariat is located at
a. Kathmandu b. Dhaka c. New Delhi d. Islamabad
7. Where was the first Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit held?
a. Belgrade b. Cairo c. New Delhi d. Havana
8. Which of the following is a warm current?
a. South Pacific Current b. Kuroshio Current
c. Labrador Current d. Rip Current
9. Tropical Cyclone of Philippines is termed as:
a. Typhoon b. Willy Willy c. Hurricane d. Baguio
10. Which of the following commercially important groups of trees belongs to the cool temperate hardwood species
a. Maple, Mahogany and Oak b. Maple, Mahogany and Ebony
c. Maple, poplar and Oak d. Ebony, poplar and Oak
11. Biodiversity forms the basis for human existence in which of the following ways?
a. Soil Formation b. Prevention of Soil Erosion
c. Recycling of waste d. Pollination of crops
12. Which one of the following covers the highest percentage of forest area in the world?
a. Temperate coniferous forest b. Temperate Deciduous Trees
c. Tropical Monsoon Forest d. Tropical Rain Forest
13. Which of the following basins experiences the conventional rainfall?
a. Amazon b. Ganga c. Hwang Ho d. Mississippi
14. 'How many kilometers are represented by 1° of latitude?
a. 321 km b. 211 km c. 111 km d. 91 km

15. Which of the following tribes practices nomadic herding for subsistence?
a. Bedouin b. Bakarwal c. Kirghiz d. All of the above
16. Which of the following devices is used to record humidity?
a. Hygrometer b. Psychrometer
c. Thermo-hygrograph d. All of the above
17. The seasonal reversal of winds the typical characteristic of
a. Equatorial climate b. Mediterranean climate
c. Monsoon climate d. All of the above
18. India's average annual growth rate of population during 2001-2011 was
a. 1.64% b. 1.54% c. 1.97% d. 2.64%
19. During whose reign at Rangpur city, an amphitheatre known as 'Rang Ghar' for animal fight was built?
a. Rudra Singha b. Pramatta Singha
c. Siba Singha d. Rajeshwar Singha
20. Who is considered the founder of the Gupta Empire?
a. Chandragupta II b. Chandragupta I
c. Samudragupta d. Sri Gupta
21. There are only two known examples of cave paintings of the Gupta period in ancient India. One of these is the paintings of Ajanta Caves. Where is the other surviving example of Gupta paintings?
a. Ellora Caves b. Bagh Caves
c. Lomas Rishi Caves d. Nasik Caves
22. Which one of the following Gupta Kings had to face the first Huna invasion?
a. Skandagupta b. Buddhagupta c. Purugupta d. Kumaragupta I
23. Who among the following anticipated Newton by declaring that all things gravitate to the earth?
a. Aryabhatta b. Varaharnihira c. Buddhagupta d. Brahmagupta
24. The paintings on the walls and ceilings in the Ajanta Caves depict mainly
a. incidents relating to the Ramayana and Mahabharata
b. legends relating to Vikramaditya
c. incidents relating to the life of Gautama Buddha
d. incidents relating to the life of Mahavira
25. Eight-fold Path of the Buddha is known as the *Middle Path* because it
a. does not attach too much importance to knowledge and conduct
b. attaches equal importance to knowledge and conduct
c. avoids self-indulgence as well as self-immolation
d. is open to the clergy and the laity
26. Which of the following Mughal buildings is said to possess the unique

- feature of being exactly equal in length and breadth?
 a. Agra Fort b. Red Fort c. Buland Darwaza d. Taj Mahal
27. 'Every Pearl in the Royal Crown is a crystallized drop of blood fallen from the tearful eyes of the poor peasants....' who made this statement?
 a. Batuta b. Al-Beruni c. Amir Khusru d. Badauni
28. Which one of the following was the first fort constructed by the British in India?
 a. Fort William b. Fort St. George
 c. Fort St. David d. Fort St. Angelo
29. Which one of the following Europeans were the last to come to pre-independent India as traders?
 a. Dutch b. English c. French d. Portuguese
30. Which one of the following was the first English newspaper in India in the year 1780?
 a. The Calcutta Gazette b. The Bengal Gazette
 c. The Bengal Journal d. The Bombay Herald
31. Who succeeded Robert Clive to lead East India Company?
 a. Lord Bentinck b. Lord Cornwallis
 c. Lord Hastings d. Lord Wellesley
32. Job Charnock founded Calcutta at the site of
 a. Sutanuti b. Kalikata c. Govindapur d. All of the above
33. The educated middle class in India?
 a. opposed the revolt of 1857 b. supported the revolt of 1857
 c. fought against native rulers
 d. remained neutral to the revolt of 1857
34. During the freedom struggle, Aruna Asaf Ali was a major woman organizer of underground activities in
 a. Civil Disobedience Movement b. Swadeshi Movement
 c. Non-Cooperation Movement d. Quit India Movement
35. The slogan 'Inquilab Zindabad' was first raised by
 a. Lokamanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak b. Chandra Shekhar Azad
 c. Veer Savarkar d. Bhagat Singh
36. After which incident, Mahatma Gandhi had called Non-cooperation Movement as his Himalayan blunder?
 a. Kheda Satyagraha b. Chauri-Chaura
 c. Nagpur Satyagraha d. Rajkot Satyagraha
37. Who among the following organized a march on the Tanjore Coast to break the Salt Law in April, 1930?
 a. V. O. Chidambaram b. K. Kamraj
 c. Annie Besant d. C. Rajagopalachar
38. Who was called the 'Mother of the Indian Revolution'?

- a. Kasturba Gandhi
 - b. Kamala Nehru
 - c. Sarojini Naidu
 - d. Bhikaiji Cama
39. In the 'Individual Satyagraha', Vinoba Bhave was chosen as the first Satyagrahi. Who was the second?
- a. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
 - b. C. Rajagopalachari
 - c. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
 - d. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
40. The first Census was conducted at the time of
- a. Lord Dufferin
 - b. Lord Lytton
 - c. Lord Auckland
 - d. Sir John Napier
41. The Radcliffe Committee was appointed to
- a. solve the problem of minorities in India
 - b. give effect to the Independence Bill
 - c. delimit the boundaries between India and Pakistan
 - d. enquire into the riots in East Bengal
42. Who was the Viceroy of India at the time of Jallianwala Bagh massacre?
- a. Lord Irwin
 - b. Lord Chelmsford
 - c. Lord Hardinge
 - d. Lord Curzon
43. Against whom of the following was the Lahore Conspiracy Case registered during the Indian freedom struggle?
- a. Lala Har Dayal
 - b. Lala Lajpat Rai
 - c. Vinayak Damodar Savarkar
 - d. Vishnu Ganesh Pingle
44. A woman revolutionary who while receiving her degree at the convocation at the University of Calcutta from the Governor of Bengal shot him was
- a. Kalpana Dutta
 - b. Bina Das
 - c. Pritilata Waddedar
 - d. Leela Nag
45. The Viceroy, upon whom a bomb was thrown but he did not change his attitude towards the Indians was
- a. Lord Hardinge
 - b. Warren Hastings
 - c. Lord Curzon
 - d. Lord Chelmsford
46. In 1930, Mahatma Gandhi started Civil Disobedience Movement from
- a. Sevagram
 - b. Dandi
 - c. Wardha
 - d. Sabarmati
47. Who among the following founded the Ahmedabad Textile Labour Association?
- a. Mahatma Gandhi
 - b. J. B. Kripalani
 - c. N. M. Josh
 - d. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
48. Which one of the following aroused a wave of popular indignation that lead to" the massacre by the British at Jallianwala Bagh?
- a. The Arms Act
 - b. The Public Safety Act
 - c. The Vernacular Press Act
 - d. The Rowlatt Act
49. Which party was founded by Subhash Chandra Bose in the year 1939

- after he broke away from the Congress?
- Azad Hind Fauz
 - Indian Freedom Party
 - Revolutionary Party
 - Forward Bloc
50. In which division of the British Indian Army, Mangal Pandey was inducted as a soldier?
- 34th Bengal Native Infantry
 - 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles
 - Madras Light Cavalry
 - None of the above
51. The doctrines of 'non-violence' and 'civil disobedience' associated with Mahatma Gandhi were influenced by
- Churchill, Irwin, Tolstoy
 - Ruskin, Tolstoy, Thoreau
 - Thoreau, Truman, Bernard Shaw
 - Cripps, Tolstoy, Howes
52. Who was the President of the 'Swaraj Party' in Assam during freedom movement?
- Bishnuram Medhi
 - Maniram Dewan
 - Gopinath Bordoloi
 - Tarun Ram Phookan
53. Who among the following was the leader of the 1857 Revolt in Assam?
- Piyali Barua
 - Kushal Konwar
 - Purandar Singh
 - Maniram Dewan
54. In which sector, maximum plan allocation and priorities were given in 12th Five-Year Plan in Assam?
- Rural development
 - Agriculture
 - Social service
 - Irrigation and flood control
55. The contribution of agriculture in India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is
- 14%
 - 24%
 - 34%
 - None of the above
56. Which one of the following industries is known as 'Sunrise Industry'?
- Iron and Steel
 - Cotton and Textile
 - Information Technology
 - Tea and Coffee
57. The sum total of incomes received for the services of labour, land or capital in a country is called.
- gross domestic product
 - national income
 - gross domestic income
 - gross national income
58. For which one of the following items, Tirupur is well-known as a huge exporter to many parts of the world?
- Gems and jewellery
 - Leather goods
 - Handicrafts
 - Knitted garments
59. The quorum of the Parliament is fixed at
- one-tenth of the membership of the House
 - two-thirds of the membership of the House
 - one-third of the membership of the House
 - one-eighth of the membership of the House

60. The Supreme Court was setup under the
a. Regulating Act, 1773 b. Pitt's India Act, 1784
c. Indian Councils Act, 1861 d. Indian Councils Act, 1892
61. Under which of the following Articles, additional and acting judges can be appointed in the High Courts?
a. Article 220 b. Article 229 c. Article 224 d. Article 231
62. The first Lok Adalat was held in the year
a. 1985 b. 1986 c. 1987 d. 1988
63. Who/Which among the following is the custodian of the Constitution of India?
a. The President of India b. The Prime Minister of India
c. The Lok Sabha Secretariat d. The Supreme Court of India
64. Which one of the following jurisdictions of the Indian judiciary covers Public Interest Litigation?
a. Appellate jurisdiction b. Original jurisdiction
c. Advisory jurisdiction d. Epistolary jurisdiction
65. The power of the Supreme Court of India to decide disputes between the Centre and State falls under its
a. writ jurisdiction b. advisory jurisdiction
c. original jurisdiction d. appellate jurisdiction
66. The maximum permissible period between two Sessions of a State Legislative Assembly is
a. one year b. Six months c. three months d. indefinite
67. The Governor of which State has been vested with special powers regarding the Scheduled Tribal Areas?
a. Arunachal Pradesh b. Assam
c. Maharashtra d. West Bengal
68. The State of Jammu and Kashmir was accorded special status under
a. Article 356 of the Constitution b. Article 370 of the Constitution
c. Articles 356 and 370 of the Constitution
d. None of the above
69. Under which Article, the Supreme Court has the power to review its own judgment or order?
a. Article 137 b. Article 254 c. Article 256 D. Article 142
70. When was the 'National Anthem' adopted by the Government?
a. 15th August, 1947 b. 26th January, 1947
c. 24th January, 1950 d. 14th August, 1947
71. The Speaker can ask a Member of the House to stop speaking and let another Member speak. This is known as
a. decorum b. crossing the floor
c. interpretation d. yielding the floor
72. If any question arises whether a Bill is a Money Bill or not, whose

- decision shall be the final?
- The Supreme Court of India
 - The President of India
 - The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
 - The Joint Parliamentary Committee
73. The State which has the largest number of seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes in the Lok Sabha is
- Bihar
 - Gujarat
 - Uttar Pradesh
 - Madhya Pradesh
74. Chief Minister of all the state are the ex officio members of the
- Finance Commission
 - Planning Commission
 - Inter-state Council
 - National Development Council
75. Area wise, which one of the following is the largest Lok Sabha constituency?
- Kutch
 - Kangra
 - Patna Sahib
 - Ladakh
76. Which one of the following committees of the Parliament of India has no Member of the Rajya Sabha?
- The Public Accounts Committee
 - The estimates committee
 - The Public undertakings committee
 - Departmentally Related Standing committee on finance
77. MS-Word is an example of
- compiler
 - application software
 - system software
 - operating system
78. Which one of the following pairs is the third generation (3G) mobile telecommunication?
- WiMAX and UMTS
 - GPRS and EDGE
 - WiMAX and EDGE
 - UMTS and GPRS
79. Which one of the following is an air-to-air missile?
- Astra
 - Akash
 - Becquerel
 - Prithvi
80. Which of the following groups has only the output devices?
- Scanner, keyboard, printer
 - Mouse, printer, monitor
 - Keyboard, monitor, printer
 - Plotter, printer, monitor
81. Where do you find the clock and calendar in/on your computer?
- Taskbar
 - Menu bar
 - Desktop
 - Start menu
82. What does the term 'Dolby B and Dolby C' printed on the tape recorders and other sound systems refer to?
- Frequency modulation system
 - Amplitude modulated system
 - Noise reduction circuit
 - Both d.c. and a.c. power can be used
83. A packet of information that travels between a Browser and the Web server is known as
- Malware
 - Adware
 - Spyware
 - Cookie
84. Which of the following can input images, pictures, etc. to a

- computer?
 a. Plotter b. Mouse c. Printer d. Scanner
85. How many satellites were launched by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to create history on February 15, 2017?
 a. 84 b. 93 c. 102 d. 104
86. Which city has issued a red alert for air pollution for the first time ever on December, 2015 with a heavy cloud of dangerous smog blanketing the city?
 a. Hong Kong b. New Delhi c. Beijing d. None of the above
87. Goods and Services Tax (GST) would replace which of the following taxes levied at present?
 a. Income tax b. Corporate tax
 c. Capital gains tax d. Value-added tax (VAT)
88. The High-Altitude Warfare School of the Indian Army is located at
 a. Siachen b. Manali c. Gulmarg d. Leh
89. Who said, "India is the bright spot on the cloudy global horizon"?
 a. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon
 b. Former US President Barack Obama
 c. Indian President Pranab Mukherjee
 d. IMF Chief Christine Lagarde
90. Who has written 3524 songs in 650 films over 33 years and due to this, he was eligible for a Guinness Book of World Records entry after extensive documentation and verification of each and every track?
 a. Gulzar b. Javed Akhtar c. Faaiz Anwar d. Sameer
91. The Union Government has decided to impose 0.5% cess on which services to fund the 'Swachh Bharat Programme'?
 a. All non-taxable services b. All charitable services
 c. Non-refundable services d. All taxable services
92. Who is known as the 'most qualified person in India' according to Limca Book of Records?
 a. Dr. A. P. J Abdul Kalam b. Sumitra Devi
 c. Shrikant Jichker d. Kushal Chatterjee
93. The Central Institute of Buddhist Studies is located in which city?
 a. Shimla b. Srinagar c. Dharamsala d. Leh
94. Which of the following is the National Intelligence Agency of Israel?
 a. GRU b. NSIS c. Mossad d. CISEN
95. Who is the First Assamese woman to be awarded Sangeet Natak Akademy award?
 a. Sudakshina Sharma b. Anupama Bhattacharya
 c. Pratima Pandey Baruah d. Aideu Handique
96. Who is the Recipient of Bishwaratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika International solidarity Award in 2015?

- a. Shyam Benegal
b. Amjed Ali
c. Amol Palekar
d. Adoor Gopalakrishnan
97. Who is the founder of the South-East Asia Ramayana Research centre?
a. Late Dr. Bhupen Hazarika
b. Late Dr. Mamoni Raisom Goswami
c. Dr. Dhruvajyoti Bora
d. Dr. Malini
98. Jadav invested 15,000 at 10% per annum for 1 year. If the interest is compounded half yearly, then the amount received by Jadav is
a. 16,000
b. 16,500
c. 16,537.50
d. 16,507.50
99. P is Q's sister, R is Q's mother, S is R's father, T is S's mother. How is P related to S?
a. Grandson
b. Granddaughter
c. Son
d. Daughter
100. If in a certain code, MAITRE is written as NCLXWK, then KARTIK will be written as
a. LCUXNQ
b. LCVXNQ
c. LCVXMQ
d. LCUXM

Answer Keys- GS Prelims 2016

1.d	2.d	3.d	4.b	5.c	51.b	52.d	53.d	54.a	55.d
6.a	7.a	8.b	9.d	10.c	56.c	57.b	58.d	59.a	60.a
11.x	12.a	13.a	14.c	15.d	61.c	62.x	63.d	64.d	65.c
16.d	17.c	18.a	19.b	20.d	66.b	67.b	68.b	69.a	70.c
21.b	22.d	23.d	24.c	25.c	71.d	72.c	73.d	74.c	75.d
26.d	27.c	28.b	29.c	30.b	76.b	77.b	78.a	79.a	80.d
31.c	32.d	33.d	34.d	35.x	81.a	82.c	83.d	84.d	85.d
36.b	37.d	38.d	39.c	40.x	86.c	87.d	88.c	89.d	90.d
41.c	42.b	43.d	44.b	45.a	91.d	92.c	93.d	94.c	95.c
46.d	47.a	48.d	49.d	50.a	96.d	97.b	98.c	99.b	100.a