

1. The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) was brought into effect in:
 - a) 2000
 - b) 2005
 - c) 2010
 - d) 2015

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2. Which five year plan was affected by the Chinese attack of 1962?
- a) Third
 - b) Second
 - c) First
 - d) Fourth
3. The first church built by the Europeans in India is_____ at Kochi.
- a) St. Francis Church
 - b) Bom Jesus Basilica
 - c) St. Mary's Basilica
 - d) Sistine Chapel

4. Which country launched a missile named “Emad”?
- a) Iran
 - b) Iraq
 - c) Saudi Arabia
 - d) Libya
5. The Annihilation of Caste is written by
- a) B.R. Ambedkar
 - b) M.K. Gandhi
 - c) Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan
 - d) Sarojini Naidu
6. Who was the Israeli Prime Minister who visited India recently?
- a) Benjamin Franklin
 - b) Ariel Sharon
 - c) King Abdullah II
 - d) Benjamin Netanyahu
7. The oldest capital city in the world is _____
- a) Athens
 - b) Brussels
 - c) Colombo
 - d) Damascus
8. _____ is the currency of Israel.
- a) Shekel
 - b) Dinar
 - c) Dollar
 - d) Pound
9. Which among the following is not a capital city?
- a) Algiers
 - b) Kuwait City
 - c) Lahore
 - d) Panama City
10. *Midnight's Children* is written by _____.
- a) Arundathi Roy
 - b) Salman Rushdie
 - c) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - d) Charles Darwin
11. Which features of Indian constitution were borrowed from Germany?
- a) Directive Principles of State Policy
 - b) Fundamental Rights
 - c) Fundamental Duties
 - d) National Emergency

12. _____ among the following, was NOT a former president of INC?
- a) Womesh Chandra Bonnerjee
 - b) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
 - c) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - d) K.R. Narayanan
13. _____ is known as the Indian Machiavelli.
- a) Aurangzeb
 - b) Chandragupta Maurya
 - c) Ashoka
 - d) Chanakya
14. *Aadujeevitham* is written by _____.
- a) M.T. Vasudevan Nair
 - b) Benyamin
 - c) Vaikom Muhammed Basheer
 - d) Zachariah
15. Medha Patkar is associated with the _____.
- a) Silent Valley Movement
 - b) Narmada Bachao Movement
 - c) Chipko Movement
 - d) Western Ghat Movement
16. Which among the following is a theocratic state?
- a) UAE
 - b) Iran
 - c) Turkey
 - d) Israel
17. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed on
- a) January 09
 - b) January 22
 - c) June 11
 - d) June 22
18. Expand the abbreviation GCC,
- a) Gulf Corporation Council
 - b) Gulf Cooperation Council
 - c) Gulf Countries Council
 - d) Gulf Countries Committee Council

19. The Iranian Revolution happened in the year
- a) 1879
 - b) 1969
 - c) 1989
 - d) 1979
20. Expand the abbreviation OIC.
- a) Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
 - b) Organisation of Islamic Countries
 - c) Organisation of Islamic Clergies
 - d) Organisation of Iranian Clergies
21. Founder of the newspaper 'Swadeshabhimani'.
- a) Vakkom Abdul Khadar Moulavi
 - b) Muhammed Abdu Rahman
 - c) Sayyid Sanaullah Makti Tangal
 - d) None of the above
22. Who is the current ruler of Syria?
- a) Hafez al Assad
 - b) Muhammed Baususi
 - c) Bashar al Assad
 - d) Hyder al Abadi
23. The Parliament of Iran is called.
- a) Senate
 - b) Majlis
 - c) Khora
 - d) Shora
24. PLO stands for
- a) Paris Liberation Organization
 - b) Popular Liberation Organization
 - c) Palestine Liberation Organization
 - d) People's Liberation Organization

25. Arab Spring denotes
- a) The popular uprising against the regimes of the Arab world
 - b) Resistance to colonialism
 - c) The resistance movement of the Palestinians
 - d) Cultivation of flowers in the Arab countries
26. Which among the following is a 'settler colonial state'?
- a) UK
 - b) Sudan
 - c) France
 - d) Israel
27. The Six-Day War was a conflict fought in June _____ between Arab states and Israel.
- a) 1976
 - b) 1967
 - c) 1676
 - d) 1796
28. What is the minimum age for a candidate to be elected as president of India?
- a) 20 years
 - b) 25 years
 - c) 30 years
 - d) 35 years
29. In which year Mahatma Gandhi visited Vaikom?
- a) 1934
 - b) 1932
 - c) 1924
 - d) 1923
30. Who was the first Malabar Muslim to write a book in the native language of Malayalam named Kadora Kodaram in the year 1884?
- a) Muhammed Abdur Rahman
 - b) Vakkom Maulavi
 - c) Muhammed Abdu Rahman
 - d) Sayyid Sanaullah Makti Tangal

31. Who established the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in Aligarh in 1875?
- a) Maulana Mohammed Ali
 - b) Abdul Klam Azad
 - c) Abdul Ghaffar Khan
 - d) Sir Syed Ahmad Khan
32. What was the court language of the Mughals?
- a) Urdu
 - b) Punjabi
 - c) Hindi
 - d) Persian
33. The first women ruler of Delhi was?
- a) Sheila Dixit
 - b) Razia Sultana
 - c) Sushama Swaraj
 - d) Indira Gandhi
34. What is the capital city of Algeria?
- a) Algiers
 - b) Damascus
 - c) Beirut
 - d) Dhaka
35. Hezbollah is a Shia militia-cum-political party based in
- a) Syria
 - b) Lebanon
 - c) Algeria
 - d) Tunisia
36. Which one of the following periodicals were published by Mahatma Gandhi during his stay in South Africa?
- a) Indian Opinion
 - b) Frontline
 - c) The Week
 - d) Indian Express
37. Majlis al Shura is the consultative assembly of
- a) Kuwait
 - b) Saudi Arabia
 - c) Morocco
 - d) Tunisia

38. Surpassing traditional suppliers, KSA and Iraq, _____ has emerged as the top oil supplier to India since October 2022.
- a) Iran
 - b) Russia
 - c) Oman
 - d) UAE
39. Indian army's Gorkha regiments are being recruited from hill districts of
- a) Nepal
 - b) China
 - c) Afghanistan
 - d) Sri Lanka
40. _____ is the old name of Bangladesh.
- a) East Pakistan
 - b) West Pakistan
 - c) South Pakistan
 - d) Old Bengal
41. Saddam Hussein was the ruler of
- a) Pakistan
 - b) Afghanistan
 - c) Libya
 - d) Iraq
42. The book *Politics among Nations: The struggle for power and peace* was written by
- a) Aristotle
 - b) Socrates
 - c) Plato
 - d) Hans. J. Morgenthau
43. The Arab spring began at the end of 2010 in
- a) Tunisia
 - b) Libya
 - c) Bahrain
 - d) Yemen
44. _____ is the most populous country of South East Asia and the largest Islamic nation of the world.
- a) Singapore
 - b) Cambodia
 - c) Indonesia
 - d) Thailand

45. Suez Canal links the Mediterranean Sea with.
- a) The Red Sea
 - b) The Black Sea
 - c) The South China Sea
 - d) The Arabian Sea
46. Indo-Sri Lanka peace accord was signed in
- a) 1998
 - b) 1987
 - c) 1897
 - d) 1999
47. _____ deals with the production and study of maps and charts.
- a) Geography
 - b) Ethnography
 - c) Cartography
 - d) Demography
48. Which UN agency provides assistance and protection for some five million registered Palestine refugees?
- a) UNHCR
 - b) UNOCHA
 - c) UNRWA
 - d) UNSC
49. Which of the following country is NOT a founder of the Non-Aligned Movement?
- a) India
 - b) Egypt
 - c) Indonesia
 - d) Malaysia
50. Jawaharlal Nehru and _____ signed the Indus water Treaty between India and Pakistan in 1960.
- a) Benazir Bhutto
 - b) Ayyub Khan
 - c) Liaqat Ali Khan
 - d) Parvez Musharraf
51. Perpetual Peace : A Philosophical Sketch is a 1795 book authored by a German philosopher.
- a) Immanuel Kant
 - b) Karl Marx
 - c) Hans Morgenthau
 - d) None of the above

52. The geographic features of West Asia and North Africa (WANA) mostly responsible for its population distribution is.
- a) Lack of Water
 - b) Oil
 - c) Gold
 - d) Mountains
53. Which of the following religion was NOT originated from West Asia?
- a) Islam
 - b) Judaism
 - c) Jainism
 - d) Christianity
54. The guerrilla resistance movement during the Bangladeshi war of Liberation.
- a) Mukti Bahini
 - b) Yunk Turks
 - c) The Peshmerga
 - d) INA
55. Which country did Saddam Hussein invade to begin the Gulf War in the early 1990s?
- a) Saudi Arabia
 - b) Israel
 - c) Iran
 - d) Kuwait
56. The Revolution of 1979 established what type of government in Iran.
- a) Democracy
 - b) Monarchy
 - c) Theocracy
 - d) Dictatorship
57. Who was the first foreign Minister of free India?
- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - b) Gulzari Lal Nanda
 - c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
 - d) IK Gujral
58. NATO stands for
- a) North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
 - b) North Asia Treaty Organisation
 - c) North Africa Treaty Organisation
 - d) Non-Aligned Treaty Organisation

59. The strategic port was handed over by Sri Lanka to China on a 99-year lease.
- a) Chabahar
 - b) Hambantota
 - c) Mumbai
 - d) Vizhinjam
60. The Waterway provides a shortcut for trade between Asia and Europe.
- a) Suez Canal
 - b) Strait of Hormuz
 - c) Panama Canal
 - d) Cape of Good Hope
61. Which among the following political movement is connected with the Palestine uprising?
- a) Intifada
 - b) Operation Cast Lead
 - c) Operation Desert Storm
 - d) Arab Spring
62. What is the geostrategic importance of the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz?
- a) Tourism
 - b) Notorious for Pirates and export of arms
 - c) Fishing industry
 - d) Production and shipment of oil
63. Which group of people does not have a country to call their own?
- a) Jews
 - b) Kurds
 - c) Buddhists
 - d) Sinhalese
64. _____ became the first country in the Middle East region to hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2022.
- a) Qatar
 - b) Oman
 - c) Kuwait
 - d) Saudi Arabia
65. The Kargil War was fought between India and Pakistan in
- a) 1999
 - b) 1962
 - c) 1965
 - d) 1971

66. The Panchsheel treaty was signed between India and
- a) Japan
 - b) Russia
 - c) China
 - d) Pakistan
67. Where is the Headquarters of the Arab League located?
- a) Baghdad
 - b) Tehran
 - c) Cairo
 - d) Makkah
68. The 'two state solution' is related to the issue of
- a) Israeli-Palestine conflict
 - b) Iran-Iraq war
 - c) Syria civil war
 - d) Sunni-Shia conflict
69. Which of these ethnic groups is NOT one that lives in WANA?
- a) Arabs
 - b) Kurds
 - c) Turks
 - d) Rohingyans
70. What does it mean to a 'rentier state'?
- a) A state that rents lands to gain revenue
 - b) A state that gains most of its income from taxes
 - c) A state that buys resources to sell to make income
 - d) A state that sells resources to gain most of its income
71. Which of the strategic location is contested by Israel and Syria?
- a) Sinai Peninsula
 - b) West Bank
 - c) Gaza Strip
 - d) Golan Heights
72. The initiative was launched by the government of India to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine.
- a) Operation Ganga
 - b) Operation Yamuna
 - c) Operation Blue star
 - d) Operation Green Hunt

73. Full form of the abbreviation UNRWA
- a) United Nations Relief and Works Agency
 - b) United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency
 - c) United Nations Rehabilitation and works Agency
 - d) United Nations Rehabilitation and welfare Agency
74. In which year the Peel commissioned proposed the partition plan for Palestine.
- a) 1917
 - b) 1927
 - c) 1937
 - d) 1947
75. Which article of the Indian constitution directs to the adoption of foreign policy?
- a) Article 51
 - b) Article 61
 - c) Article 11
 - d) Article 21
76. The word _____ means “between rivers” in Greek.
- a) Harappa
 - b) Mesopotamia
 - c) Sumer
 - d) Babylonia
77. The Ba’ath Party was founded in 1943 in Syria by _____ and Salah al-Din Bitar.
- a) Michel Aflaq
 - b) Hafez al-Assad
 - c) Bashar al-Assad
 - d) Saddam Hussein
78. The P5+1 countries are a group of nations working together on the
- a) Iran Nuclear Deal
 - b) Palestine problem
 - c) Kurdish question
 - d) States of Jerusalem
79. IAEA stands for
- a) International Atomic Energy Agency
 - b) Israel Atomic Energy Agency
 - c) Iranian Atomic Energy Agency
 - d) Intercontinental Atomic Energy Agency

80. Mossad is the national intelligence agency of
- a) India
 - b) Iran
 - c) Iraq
 - d) Israel
81. The Doklam stand-off was between India and
- a) China
 - b) Nepal
 - c) Maldives
 - d) Bhutan
82. Wahhabism is a puritanical form of Sunni Islam that originated in
- a) Pakistan
 - b) Syria
 - c) Saudi Arabia
 - d) Oman
83. The G4 is a grouping of Brazil, Germany, India and _____, which are aspiring to become permanent members of the UNSC.
- a) Japan
 - b) Pakistan
 - c) Nigeria
 - d) Iran
84. _____ are one of the world's largest peoples without a state, making up sizable minorities in Syria, Iran, Iraq, and Turkey
- a) The Druz
 - b) The Maronites
 - c) The Kurds
 - d) The Mandaean
85. Which country is the most popular destination for Keralites looking to work abroad?
- a) UK
 - b) UAE
 - c) Oman
 - d) Israel
86. C.M.S Press, the first printing press in Kerala was established in 1821 by
- a) Kuriakose Elias Chavara
 - b) Benjamin Bailey
 - c) Hermann Gundert
 - d) Poykayil Yohannan

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 - c) Arabs
 - d) Rohingyas
89. Operation Desert Storm is related to
- a) Gulf War during 1990-91
 - b) Iran-Iraq War during 1980-88
 - c) Arab Spring in 2011
 - d) Palestine Intifada during 1987-1993
90. The capital of the Abbasid Caliphate was in _____
- a) Baghdad
 - b) Damascus
 - c) Ankara
 - d) Riyadh
91. The country where drip irrigation is more efficiently used is
- a) Iran
 - b) UAE
 - c) Israel
 - d) UK
92. _____ was a medieval Moroccan Muslim traveller who wrote one of the world's most famous travelogue, *The Rihlah*.
- a) Ibn Khaldun
 - b) Ibn Battuta
 - c) Marco Polo
 - d) Genghis Khan
93. Who hailed the Temple Entry Proclamation as “a miracle of modern times”?
- a) Mahatma Gandhi
 - b) B.R. Ambedkar
 - c) Sree Chithira Thirunal
 - d) E.V. Ramaswamy Naicker

94. Which of the following West Asian country has large oil reserves?
- a) Jordan
 - b) Syria
 - c) Yemen
 - d) Saudi Arabia
95. Which Muslim empire was founded in Turkey in the 13th C which ruled much of West Asia until World War I?
- a) Roman Empire
 - b) Greek Empire
 - c) Ottoman Empire
 - d) Umayyad Dynasty
96. A belief that Judaism, Islam and Christianity share is
- a) Polytheism
 - b) Monotheism
 - c) Atheism
 - d) All of the above
97. Which country is NOT a permanent member of the UN Security Council?
- a) France
 - b) China
 - c) Russia
 - d) India
98. Who filmed the famous image of the dead migrant boy Aylan Kurdi?
- a) Kevin Carter
 - b) Nilufer Demir
 - c) Martha Rial
 - d) Stephanie Welsh
99. Which is the oldest mosque in India?
- a) Cheraman Juma Masjid
 - b) Thazhathangady Juma Masjid
 - c) Delhi Juma Masjid
 - d) Agra Juma Masjid
100. The United Arab Emirates is a federation of _____ emirates along the eastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula.
- a) 5
 - b) 6
 - c) 7
 - d) 8

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