



General Knowledge – Question Bank 1

1. Find the odd one out from the following –

- A. Future Generali B. Subhiksha C. Pantaloon D. Central

2. Which of the following are NOT part of the Himalayan mountain range?

- A. Pamir B. Karakoram C. Ural D. Hindu Kush

3. Which of the following chronological order is correct?

- A. Fodder Scam, Stamp Paper Scam, Telecom Scam, Securities Scam
B. Stamp Paper Scam, Telecom Scam, Fodder Scam, Securities Scam
C. Securities Scam, Fodder Scam, Telecom Scam, Stamp Paper Scam
D. Telecom Scam, Securities Scam, Fodder Scam, Stamp Paper Scam

4. Which of the following country-river-notorious criminal syndicate combination is correct?

	Country	River	Criminal Syndicate
A.	USA	Danube	Cosa Nostra
B.	France	Seine	CCC
C.	Germany	Rhine	Red Army
D.	Spain	Po	ETA

5. Which of the following old name – new name combination is incorrect?

	Old Name	New Name
A.	Formosa	Indonesia
B.	Mesopotamia	Iraq
C.	Canton	Guangzhou
D.	Indochina	Vietnam

6. Who is the first Finance Minister of India who later on became India's Prime Minister as well?

- A. Morarji Desai B. Vishwanath Pratap Singh
C. Atal Bihari Vajpayee D. Dr. Manmohan Singh

7. Who has coined the word 'Toxic Assets' to describe sub-prime mortgages?

- A. Barack Obama B. George Soros C. Ben Bernanke D. Angelo Mozilo

8. Which of the following initial name of the company and current name combinations are incorrect?

	Old Name	New Name
A.	Integrated Electronic Systems Inc.	Intel
B.	Blue Ribbon Sports	Adidas
C.	Tokyo Electrical and Electronic Appliances	Sony
D.	Haloid Photoimaging	Xerox

9. Which of the following countries have NOT signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)?

A. Iran B. China C. North Korea D. Israel

10. Which company pioneered the invention of GUI (Graphic User Interface) in Computers?

A. Microsoft B. Xerox C. Toshiba D. Dell

11. According to the theory of Plate Tectonics, what was the name of the sea in which all continents were floating before the Tectonic shift?

A. Pangaea B. Sial C. Abyss D. Tethys

12. Which Indian pharmaceutical giant was started of by Bhai Mohan Singh, Ranbir Singh and Gurubaksh Singh in 1937 as a distribution outlet?

A. Zydus Cadilla B. Ranbaxy C. Cipla D. Lupin

13. Which train in India covers the maximum distance?

A. Rajdhani Express B. Kamrup Express C. Jhelum Express D. Himsagar Express

14. Thomas C. Mapother is popularly known as

A. Sean Connery B. Harrison Ford C. Tom Cruise D. John Travolta

15. In 1998, Al Qaeda had started their 'war' against US by bombing a US embassy in –

A. Nairobi, Kenya B. Harare, Zimbabwe
C. Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania D. Cairo, Egypt

16. Which is the highest peacetime Military award in India?

A. Param Vir Chakra B. Param Vishisht Seva Medal
C. Ati Param Vishisht Seva Medal D. Padma Vibhushan

17. Which language has got the maximum number of Jnanpith awards?

A. Hindi B. Bengali C. Urdu D. Marathi

18. In which Cricket World Cup the Duckworth – Lewis rule was applied first?
A. 1987 B. 1992 C. 1996 D. 1999
19. Which of the following players have represented South Africa in Cricket as well as Hockey?
A. Daryl Cullinan B. Brian McMillan C. Jonty Rhodes D. Fannie de Villiers
20. Who has said this – ‘Let us never negotiate out of fear but let us never fear to negotiate’
A. Barack Obama B. John F. Kennedy C. Abraham Lincoln D. Martin Luther King
21. Who has said this – ‘A Leader is a dealer in hope’.
A. Adolf Hitler B. Mahatma Gandhi C. Bill Clinton D. Napoleon Bonaparte
22. Which out of the following is the first novel in which the character of James Bond 007 appeared first?
A. Goldfinger B. Dr. No C. Casino Royale D. Thunderball
23. Which of the following films was the last part of the first Star Wars trilogy?
A. The Phantom Menace B. The Empire Strikes Back
C. The Revenge of the Sith D. The Return of the Jedi
24. Who has authored the book – ‘The Clash of Civilizations’?
A. Samuel Huntington B. Shashi Tharoor C. Edward de Bono D. Francis Fukuyama
25. Find the odd one out from the following
A. Helium B. Radon C. Polonium D. Thorium
26. Who invented the satellites of Jupiter?
A. Isaac Newton B. Galileo C. Johanne Kepler D. Edmund Halley
27. China has now become the highest user of fossil fuel (Petrol and Diesel). Which country has China pushed back in the consumption terms?
A. USA B. Russia C. India D. UK
28. Apart from Tennis, with which game or sport the term ‘Grand Slam’ is associated?
A. Golf B. Bridge C. Chess D. Billiards
29. Which, out of the following is NOT a topic from the State list?
A. Law and Order B. Education C. Environment D. Agriculture

30. As per the United Nations Development Report 2009, which country ranks first in terms of Human Development Index?

A. Sweden

B. France

C. Spain

D. Norway



Answer Key with Explanations

Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A	Q	A
1.	B	7.	D	13.	D	19.	C	25.	A
2.	C	8.	B	14.	C	20.	B	26.	B
3.	C	9.	C	15.	C	21.	D	27.	A
4.	C	10.	B	16.	B	22.	C	28.	B
5.	A	11.	D	17.	A	23.	D	29.	C
6.	A	12.	B	18.	B	24.	A	30.	D

1. The other options are part of the Future Group by Kishore Biyani.
2. Ural Mountains lie in Crimea, which is in European part of Russia.
3. Securities Scam by Harshad Mehta was in 1991, Fodder Scam was in Bihar in 1998 and then CM Lalu Prasad Yadav was one of the accused, Telecom Scam had then Union Telecom Minister Sukh Ram in the net and it surfaced in 2001 and the Stamp Paper Scam was by Abdul Karim Telgi and it was exposed in 2003.
4. Cosa Nostra is an organized crime syndicate in US a.k.a. Mafia but the river Danube is in East Europe. Seine river flows through France but CCC is active in Belgium. ETA is active in Spain but Po river flows through Italy.
5. Formosa is now known as Taiwan.
6. Morarji Desai was Finance Minister in Lal Bahadur Shastri's cabinet in 1965-66 and also in Indira Gandhi's cabinet till 1971. He became the PM of India in 1977 till 1979.
7. Angelo Mozilo is the CEO and MD of Countrywide Financial and he coined this term to refer to the Non-Performing assets of Investment Banks and Mortgage companies.
8. Blue Ribbon Sports is now known as NIKE. It was established by Phil Knight and Bill Bowerman.
9. North Korea, along with India and Pakistan has not signed the CTBT, preventing its ratification in 1996.
10. Xerox had lost a lot of money in their computer venture but GUI was one of their major R & D breakthroughs.
11. According to this theory, due to tectonic shifts, the continents moved away from each other and came to the present state. The one omnipresent ocean is known as Tethys.

12. These three gentlemen were cousins. The name Ranbaxy is from *Ranbir Singh* and *Gurbaksh Singh*'s names. Bhai Mohan Singh bought them out in 1952 but continued with the name.
13. Himsagar Express runs from Jammu Tawi to Kanyakumari. It covers 3,745 km (2,327 miles) in about 74 hours and 55 minutes.
14. Tom Cruise, one of the most popular Hollywood actors was born as Thomas Cruise Mapother. He took this name on the insistence of his publicist.
15. Osama bin Laden had declared the *jihad* of the Muslim World on US and the Western World soon after he was ousted from Saudi Arabia and then Sudan in 1997. He took refuge in Afghanistan, which was then under the Taliban rule. This was his first large-scale attack against US, after which US and Interpol put him on the list of 50 most wanted terrorists in the World.
16. Param Vir Chakra is the highest Gallantry award in India for the efforts when India is officially in a state of war with another country. Param Vishisht Seva Medal or PVSM is given in the peacetime.
17. Hindi and Kannada are the two languages which have been conferred upon the Jnanpith award maximum number of times – 7 times since its inception.
18. The Duckworth –Lewis or D/L rule is used to determine the revised targets in One-Day matches if the number of overs get reduced. 1992 World Cup, which was organized by Australia and New Zealand was the first instance of the use of this rule. One of its victims was South Africa. In the semi-final against England, due to this rule they had an impossible target of 22 runs in 1 ball and England won the match.
19. Jonathan 'Jonty' Rhodes had made a mark in Cricket because of his excellent fielding. He has represented South African for Hockey in 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta Olympic games.
20. John F. Kennedy, the charismatic US President had made this statement regarding the Cuban Missile Crisis.
21. Napoleon had said this statement before his campaign in Russia, in which he lost miserably due to Russia's famous winter.
22. Casino Royale was the first James Bond novel written by Ian Fleming. However, the film on that was made recently.
23. The first Star Wars trilogy is one of the most successful series of films ever made in the World. Directed by George Lucas, *The Return of the Jedi* was released in 1983.
24. Samuel Huntington is a Professor of Political Science at Harvard University and he has written this book to state his theory about Cultural and Ethnic Identity.
25. Helium is not radioactive. Rest all are.
26. Jupiter has about 15 satellites but the main 4 are – Io, Europa, Callisto and Ganymede – were discovered by Galileo. They are known as Galilean Satellites of Jupiter.
27. USA has always been the highest consumer of fossil fuel but in 2005, China surpassed US.

28. A Rubber in bridge is a series of many games. If a pair wins the decisive game in the Rubber by making all 13 hands, then it is known as a Grand Slam.

29. Environment is a topic on Concurrent List. So, both, the Union Government and the States can make laws on it.

30. Scandinavian countries such as Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark are always ahead in the HDI data due to excellent governance, landmark social security systems and law and order.

