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- Q1.** What is the third most abundant element besides Nitrogen and Oxygen?
Argon.
- Q2.** Marie Curie Noble Prize is awarded for the field:
Physics and Chemistry.
- Q3.** What was Albert Einstein's profession when he gave the theory of relativity?
A professor at the Berlin Academy of Sciences.
- Q4.** After Dr. Radhakrishnan who got a second term as Vice President of India.
Mohammed Hamid Ansari.
- Q5.** Which new company's tagline is "Be Whats Next"?
Microsoft.
- Q6.** Which country's currency is interchangeable by Indian currency?
Bhutan.
- Q7.** Dog Star is also known as:
Sirius.
- Q8.** Who won the award for best Actress at Oscars for the film –The Iron Lady?
Meryl Streep.
- Q9.** Who is NASSCOMM New Head?
Natarajan Chandrasekaran.
- Q10.** Which month is Halloween Celebrated?
October.
- Q11.** Who Signature is required on Indian currency note?
Governor of RBI.
- Q12.** For what was CTBT treaty signed?
Nuclear test treaty.
- Q13.** Where was Napoleon's last battle?
Battle of Waterloo.
- Q14.** What was the rank of Indian Hockey Team in Olympics 2012?
12th position.
- Q15.** Who is the self-regulatory body of advertising in India?
Advertising Standards Council of India
- Q16.** What does the economic term 'Oligopoly' mean?
A market dominated by a small number of participants who are able to collectively exert control over supply and market prices.
- Q17.** Who is the owner of Blackburn Rovers football club?
Venky's
- Q18.** When did the Mughals invade the Indian Sub continent?
1526 AD
- Q19.** What is the common name for Sodium Bicarbonate?
Baking Soda
- Q19.** What is Denmark's currency?
Krone
- Q20.** Which company started the future scientist programme?
Intel
- Q21.** What is the full form of NSDL?
National Securities Depository Limited
- Q22.** Which athlete has highest number of medals?
Michael Phelps
- Q23.** Which Indian director has won maximum national awards?
Satyajit Ray
- Q24.** Which country gifted Statue of liberty to US?
France
- Q25.** Which state of India is having the least population?
Sikkim
- Q26.** From whose life is the movie "Amadeus" inspired?
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- Q27.** Which country is associated with St. Patrick Day?
Ireland
- Q28.** What is the full form of NABARD?
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- Q29.** To which country did Karl Marx belong?

Germany

Q30. What is the present Lok Sabha?
15th Lok Sabha

Q31. What is the Initial Public Offering (IPO) priced for Facebook?
\$38 a share.

Q32. What are the symbols of the Democratic and Republican parties in America?

The Donkey: Presidential candidate Andrew Jackson was the first Democrat ever to be associated with the donkey symbol. His opponents during the election of 1828 tried to label him a "jackass" for his populist beliefs and slogan, "Let the people rule." Jackson was entertained by the notion and ended up using it to his advantage on his campaign posters.

But cartoonist Thomas Nast is credited with making the donkey the recognized symbol of the Democratic Party. It first appeared in a

cartoon in Harper's Weekly in 1870, and was supposed to represent an anti-Civil War faction. But the public was immediately taken by it and by 1880 it had already become the unofficial symbol of the party.

The Elephant: Political cartoonist Thomas Nast was also responsible for the Republican Party elephant. In a cartoon that appeared in Harper's Weekly in 1874, Nast drew a donkey clothed in lion's skin, scaring away all the animals at the zoo. One of those animals, the elephant, was labeled "The Republican Vote." That's all it took for the elephant to become associated with the Republican Party.

Q33. Bharatnatyam is the folk dance of which state?
Tamil Nadu

Q34. For what was SAARC formed?
Regional Co- operation. SAARC - The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation - was established in 1985 by Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It was formed to provide a platform for the people of South Asia to work together to accelerate the process of economic and social development among the Member states. In 2005, Afghanistan became a member.

Q35. Name the classical dance which is in the form of a drama?
Kathakali

Q36. What does a capital market consist of?
Share markets and bond markets

Q37. What is it called when foreign companies invest in Indian markets?
Foreign Indirect Investment

Q38. What was the constitutional status of India on 26th January 1950?
Sovereign Democratic Republic.

Q39. Who was the first elected Prime Minister of Nepal?
Bishweshwar Prasad Koirala in 1959

Q40. Who attended all the 3 Round Table Conferences?
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Q41. Ringgit is the currency of which country?
Malaysia

Q42. Who was the chairman of the organizing committee of London Olympics?
Lord Sebastian Coe

Q43. What is teaser rate?
An initial rate on an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM)

Q44. Which instrument did Ustad Alla Rakha play?
The tabla

Q45. Against whom did Sachin Tendulkar complete his 100th 100?
Bangladesh

Q46. Name the capital of Turkey?
Ankara

Q47. Dominique Strauss Kahn is Managing Director of which company?
International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Q48. What did Edward Jenner discover?
Small pox vaccination

Q49. What is the origin of the river Brahmaputra?
Angsi Glacier

Q50. Who is the founder of Wikipedia?
Jimmy Wales

Q51. Panchsheel treaty is signed between which countries?
India & China in 1954

Q52. The national Stock Exchange was founded in?
The National Stock Exchange of India was set up by the Government of India on the recommendation of Pherwani Committee in 1991. Promoted by leading Financial institutions essentially led by IDBI at the behest of the Government of India, it was incorporated in November 1992 as a tax-paying company. In April 1993, it was recognized as a stock exchange under the Securities -

Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956. NSE commenced operations in the Wholesale Debt Market (WDM) segment in June 1994. The Capital market (Equities) segment of the NSE commenced operations in November 1994, while operations in the Derivatives segment commenced in June 2000.

- Q53.** Name the President of Russia from 200-2008 and re-elected in 2012?
Vladimir Putin
- Q54.** Name the 12 UN Countries?
China, France, Gabon, Libya, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Panama, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Syria, Turkey and Uruguay
- Q55.** Which product gained popularity branded by Unilever?
NIRMA washing powder
- Q56.** The documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" is made by whom?
Davis Guggenheim
- Q57.** Mohiniyattam dance form is from which state?
Kerala
- Q58.** Bombay Stock exchange was established in which year?
1875
- Q58.** The Russian President to serve 3 terms is:
Vladimir V. Putin
- Q59.** Which Veda talks about magical charms and spells?
"Atharva"
- Q60.** In 2011, which country held maximum of US debt securities?
China
- Q61.** List the member countries of SAARC:
Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan
- Q62.** What is the term coined Mr. Raj Krishna?
Hindu Rate of Growth.
- Q63.** Name the first player to get out after being declared run out by the 3rd umpire?
Sachin Tendulkar
- Q64.** The only non-Indian to receive the Bharat Ratna?
Nelson Mandela
- Q65.** What is the tagline of Sprite?
Bhujaye Only Pyaas, Baki Sab Bakwaas

- Q66.** Name the bus service between India and Pakistan?
Delhi Lahore bus (official name: Sada-e-Sarhad)
- Q67.** Where was Lord Buddha born?
Lumbini in 563 BC
- Q68.** Capital of Maurya Dynasty?
Patliputra
- Q69.** Which newspaper does Bennett & Coleman Co. own?
The Times of India
- Q70.** Which countries are members of G7?
United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada, and Italy.
- Q71.** Which countries are members of G8?
Canada, France, Japan, US, UK, Germany, Italy and Russia.
- Q72.** To which country does the Oscar winner Jean Dujardin belong?
France
- Q73.** Name the President of France?
François Gérard Georges Nicolas Hollande (15th May 2012)
- Q74.** Who wrote the book 'Bourne Ultimatum'?
Robert Ludlum
- Q75.** Which company is the largest manufacturer of tyres?
Lego Group
- Q76.** Lakme is a product of which company?
Unilever
- Q77.** The highest number of Olympics is held in which city?
London
- Q78.** What is the maximum number of seats in the Rajya Sabha?
250 seats
- Q79.** Which US president has served 2 terms?
Grover Cleveland
- Q80.** Which party is in power in Palestine?
Fatah & Hamas
- Q81.** Which city would be hosting 2016 Olympics?
The city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
- Q82.** Which is the capital city of Mongolia?
Ulaanbaatar
- Q83.** What is a Gilt-Edged Market?

Gilt-Edged securities are a high-grade investment with very low risk. Typically, these are issued by blue-chip companies that dependably meet dividend or interest payments because they are well-established and financially stable.

- Q84.** What are mirages formed due to?
Refraction and total internal reflection of light
- Q85.** Who is the writer of the book 'An Inconvenient Truth'?
Al Gore
- Q86.** What happens in case of motion of no confidence?
The cabinet dissolves
- Q87.** Norah Jones is the daughter of which singer?
Pandit Ravi Shankar
- Q88.** Name the brand launched by Hindustan Unilever which is similar to Nirma.
Wheel
- Q89.** Where is the famous Ashoka pillar situated?
Sarnath
- Q90.** Name the first Indian satellite?
Aryabhata
- Q91.** Name the dance form of Uttarakhand?
Barada Nati, Bhotiya Dance, Chancheri, Chhapeli, Choliya Dance, Jagars, Jhora, Langvir Dance, Langvir Nritya, Pandav Nritya, Ramola, Shotiya Tribal Folk Dances, Thali-Jadda and Jhainta
- Q92.** What is the maximum number of seats in the Lok Sabha?
552 members
- Q93.** Which two organizations were formed after the World War II to protect against war?
UN & NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)
- Q94.** In 2006 who won the Noble peace prize for Micro-finance?
Muhammed Yunus
- Q95.** Aga Khan Cup is related to which game?
Hockey
- Q96.** Which is the world's youngest major religion?
Sikhism
- Q97.** What is the duration of Indian National Anthem?
52 seconds
- Q98.** Define Double Dip Recession
When gross domestic product (GDP) growth slides back to negative after a quarter or two of positive growth. A double

-dip recession refers to a recession followed by a short-lived recovery, followed by another recession.

- Q99.** The class of particles that obey Bose-Einstein statistics, bosons, was named after whom?
Satyendra Nath Bose
- Q100.** Who appoints the Election Commission of India?
President of India
- Q101.** 'The Social Network', an American drama film stars Jesse Eisenberg in the role of which founder?
Mark Zuckerberg
- Q102.** With which company did Aditya Birla enter into an agreement in February 2007?
Novelis Inc.
- Q103.** 'Pride and Prejudice' is a novel by?
Jane Austen
- Q104.** River Ganga is known as what in Bangladesh?
River Padma
- Q105.** Warsaw is the capital of which country?
Poland
- Q106.** What is the full form of TRIPS?
Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights
- Q107.** Nitrous oxide is commonly known as what?
Laughing Gas
- Q108.** Where is the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF) located?
Avadi in Chennai
- Q109.** The term 'Tee' is associated with which sport?
Golf
- Q110.** When did the UN peacekeeping force win the Nobel Peace prize?
1988
- Q111.** Name the Austrian capital?
Vienna
- Q112.** Gurumukhi script belongs to which language?
Punjabi language
- Q113.** Name the president of Maldives.
Mohammed Waheed Hassan Manik, since 7th February 2012
- Q114.** Where did Lord Buddha attain enlightenment?

Bodh Gaya, under a fig tree (now called a Bodhi Tree, where Bodhi means enlightenment)

Q115. Directive Principles of State Policy is borrowed from which constitution?
Irish Constitution

Q116. Which Telugu actor died recently (2012)?
Bharat alias Yasho Sagar died in road accident near Tumkar in Karnataka

Q117. Which state government allotted Rupees 200 crores for organic farming?
Karnataka Govt.

Q118. Gulf of Mannar belongs to which state in India?
Tamil Nadu

Q119. Who is Lord Shiva's 1st wife?
Sati

Q120. Who is Baba Ramdev's aide?
Acharya Balkrishna

Q121. Which Indian cabinet minister, minister of external affairs, contested for election of UN secretary general?
Shashi Tharoor

Q122. Ray Kroc is associated with which fast food chain?
McDonald

Q123. Atomic number is determined by what?
Number of protons in the nucleus

Q124. What is Chandrayaan?
Chandrayaan-1 was India's first unmanned lunar probe. It was launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation in October 2008, and operated until August 2009. The mission included a lunar orbiter and an impact probe.

Q125. Who has acquired the Rainbow Warrior?
Greenpeace. The Rainbow Warrior (1955, former fishing trawler, Sir William Hardy, acquired by Greenpeace in 1978, sunk by the French intelligence service (DGSE) on 10th July 1985.

Q126. Name the only country where you can see the sun rise on the Pacific and set on the Atlantic
Panama

Q127. What is the role of the RBI?
Following are the roles of the RBI:
a. Issue of notes
b. Banker, Agent & Advisor to the Govt.
c. Banker's Bank

d. Custodian of foreign Exchange Reserves
e. Regulation of Banking System
f. Clearing House Functions
g. Credit Control

Q128. What are the causes of tides?
Tides are the rise and fall of sea levels caused by the combined effects of the gravitational forces exerted by the Moon and the Sun and the rotation of the Earth.

Q129. Which year was declared as the 'Year of Mathematics'?
Year 2012. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has declared 2012 as "National Year of Mathematics" as tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan, an enigmatic mathematics maverick who despite dying aged just 32 had already achieved enough to still be spoken of alongside Isaac Newton, Euclid and Archimedes.

Q130. Where is the headquarters of IAEA (The International Atomic Energy Agency) located?
The IAEA has its headquarters in VIENNA, Austria. Two "Regional Safeguards Offices" are located in Toronto, Canada; and Tokyo, Japan. The IAEA has two liaison offices, located in New York, USA; and Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, it has laboratories in Seibersdorf and Vienna, Austria; Monaco; and Trieste, Italy.

Q131. Where was conference of World Economic forum on Africa held?
In Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 2012

Q132. Indian Railways earns maximum revenue from which source?
Transportation of goods, passengers, advertisement and lease rentals.

Q133. Who is Kathryn Bigelow?
Kathryn Ann Bigelow is an American film director, film producer, screenwriter and television director

Q134. Who is the first person to get insured under the ESIC? (Employee State Insurance Corporation):
Our first Prime Minister – Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Q135. 'Pateti' is a festival celebrated by which community?
Parsis

Q136. The term, 'Under Cutting' is associated with which sport?
Golf / Baseball

Q137. Daichi Sanyo is a company from which country?
Japan

Q138. Which instrument does Shiv Kumar Sharma play?
Indian Santoor

- Q139. Which monument resembles the Taj Mahal?
Bibi - ka- Maqbara in Aurangabad
- Q140. Which article states the Abolition of Untouchability?
Article 17 of the Constitution abolishes the practice. Abolition of Untouchability was passed on 29th April 1947 as per Article 17, Constitution of India.
- Q141. Name the director of "The Hurt Locker".
Kathryn Bigelow.
- Q142. Name the currency of Bangladesh
Taka
- Q143. Yakshaganam is a folk art form of which state?
Kerala
- Q144. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is aimed for education to all children aged between which age group?
Children aged 6-14 years.
- Q145. What is Brent Crude Oil?
Brent Crude is a major trading classification of sweet light crude oil comprising Brent Blend, Forties Blend, Oseberg and Ekofisk crudes (also known as the BFOE Quotation). Brent Crude is sourced from the North Sea. It contains 0.37% sulphur.
- Q146. Name the longest river in the world.
River Nile
- Q147. Name the longest river in the India.
River Ganga
- Q148. Which countries are members of G-20?
Argentina Australia Brazil Canada
China France Germany India
Indonesia Italy Japan Mexico
Russia Saudi Arabia South Africa Korea
Turkey United Kingdom United States European
Union
- Q149. Dronacharya award is given in which field?
Dronacharya Award is an award presented by the Government of India for excellence in sports coaching. The award comprises a bronze statuette of Dronacharya, a scroll of honour and a cash component of Rs.500,000. The award was instituted in 1985.
As the best sportsperson award is named Arjuna Award, it is appropriate that the coaching award is named after Dronacharya, as he was the Guru of Arjuna. Shri B.I. Fernandez is the first foreign Coach who was awarded by Dronacharya Award in 2012.
- Q150. Name the CEO of Yahoo.

- Marissa Ann Mayer. She is an American business executive. As of 2012 she is the president and CEO of Yahoo!. Previously, she was a long-time executive and key spokesperson for Google.
- Q151. Name the members of IBSA.
India, Brazil, South Africa
- Q152. What is the full form of UNESCO?
United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization.
- Q153. Name the world's largest and most diversified company.
Nestle
- Q154. Which facility of the following is not provided by Post Office?
1. Mutual Fund 2. Savings Retails
3. Demand Draft 4. Stamp Paper
Demand Draft
- Q155. Mutual funds is regulated by which body?
SEBI (Securities Exchange Board of India).
- Q156. Who has written the book 'My World Within'?
Kapil Sibal
- Q157. Daiichi Sankyo recently merged with which company?
Ranbaxy
- Q159. To whom is the President's resignation addressed to?
The President of India resigns by a letter of resignation addressed to the Vice President and communicated to him by the Speaker of the House of the People - Article 56 of the Constitution of India
- Q160. Barak Obama is from which party?
Democratic

"Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people."

- John Adams