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Important Days and Dates

1. When is the 'World Population Day' observed?
 - (a) July 8th
 - (b) July 10th
 - (c) July 11th
 - (d) July 19th

2. When is 'Hindi Diwas' celebrated?
 - (a) October 12th
 - (b) October 19th
 - (c) September 14th
 - (d) September 7th

3. 'International Literacy Day', celebrated on September 8th, was proclaimed by in 1965.
 - (a) WHO
 - (b) Virginia Literacy Foundation
 - (c) UNESCO
 - (d) Feed The Minds

4. When is 'Quit India day' celebrated?
 - (a) September 8th
 - (b) August 19th
 - (c) August 9th
 - (d) None of the above

5. When is "World Peace Day"?
 - (a) January 1
 - (b) February 22
 - (c) September 2
 - (d) December 31

6. 'World Food Day' is celebrated on:
 - (a) Oct 15th
 - (b) Oct 19th
 - (c) Oct 12th
 - (d) Oct 16th

7. 'National Consumer Rights Day' is observed on:
 - (a) December 7th
 - (b) December 4th
 - (c) December 24th
 - (d) December 10th

8. In the context of global environment, February 2nd is observed as:
 - (a) World Birds Day
 - (b) World Wetland Day

- (c) World Animal Day
- (d) None of these

9. 'World Forestry Day' is celebrated on

- (a) February 21st
- (b) January 12th
- (c) March 21st
- (d) April 19th

10. 'World Arthritis Day' is observed every year on:

- (a) June 12th
- (b) October 29th
- (c) December 19th
- (d) October 12th

11. 'World Disability Day' is observed annually on:

- (a) December 10th
- (b) December 3rd
- (c) November 29th
- (d) December 15th

12. When is "Global Family Day"?

- (a) January 1
- (b) July 1
- (c) June 19
- (d) May 22

13. When is 'Common Service Centre Divas' observed?

- (a) July 14th
- (b) July 16th
- (c) July 29th
- (d) August 4th

14. The construction of the Berlin Wall, which recently completed 50 years, was started on, 1961?

- (a) August 13th
- (b) September 12th
- (c) September 2nd
- (d) September 9th

15. National Sports Day, in tribute to the legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand, is celebrated every year on in India.

- (a) August 29th
- (b) August 16th
- (c) August 12th
- (d) August 20th

16. When is "International Womens' Day"?

- (a) January 2

- (b) March 8
- (c) March 2
- (d) March 22

17. National Youth Day has been celebrated onevery year (since 1985) on the birthday of Swami Vivekananda:

- (a) January 10th
- (b) January 12th
- (c) January 13th
- (d) January 1st

18. Army Day is celebrated on in India in recognition of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa's taking over as the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army from Sir Francis Butcher, in 1948.

- (a) January 20th
- (b) January 12th
- (c) January 15th
- (d) December 26th

19. Which day has been declared by the Californian Governor as 'Steve Jobs Day'?

- (a) October 5th
- (b) October 4th
- (c) October 16th
- (d) October 20th

20. 'World Cancer Day' is observed every year on:

- (a) February 19th
- (b) February 4th
- (c) February 12th
- (d) January 17th

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Correct Answers :

1. (c)
2. (c)
3. (c)
4. (c)
5. (a)
6. (d)
7. (c)
8. (b)
9. (c)
10. (d)
11. (b)
12. (a)
13. (b)
14. (a)
15. (a)
16. (b)
17. (b)
18. (c)
19. (c)
20. (b)

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Conferences, Summits, Fairs, Agreements

1. According to the Forbes List of The World's Billionaires, who is the richest person in the world?
 - (a) Lakshmi Mittal
 - (b) Bill Gates
 - (c) Warren Buffet
 - (d) Carlos Slim Helu
2. Which country tops the list of the 'Most Failed States' recently released by Foreign Policy magazine?
 - (a) Pakistan
 - (b) Nepal
 - (c) Somalia
 - (d) Sudan
3. Which city recently hosted the first ever India-China strategic economic dialogue?
 - (a) Shanghai
 - (b) Hong Kong
 - (c) Beijing
 - (d) Guangzhou
4. Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) came into force recently, which was signed between India and:
 - (a) China
 - (b) Australia
 - (c) United States of America
 - (d) Japan
5. Where was the Fifth Conference of the Association of SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians held?
 - (a) Bangkok
 - (b) New Delhi
 - (c) Mumbai
 - (d) Chennai
6. Where was the 14th Yearly Meet of the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering held?
 - (a) Thiruvananthapuram
 - (b) Kochi
 - (c) Pune
 - (d) Mumbai
7. The limit of overseas investment in government bonds/ securities has been raised from \$ 15 Billion to _____
 - (a) \$20 Billion
 - (b) \$25 billion
 - (c) \$30 Billion
 - (d) \$35 billion

8. In which country was the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting recently held?

- (a) India
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Australia
- (d) England

9. Who among the following has been appointed as chairman of expert Committee on GAAR for examining issues on General Anti-Avoidance rules (GAAR)?

- (a) Sudhir Gupta
- (b) C. Rangrajan
- (c) N. Rangachary
- (d) Parthasarathi Shome

10. India, United States of America and held the first of its kind trilateral meeting in Washington on December 19.

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Russia
- (d) Sweden

11. Name the 14th Dalai Lama, who was in India recently to attend a Buddhist Conference in New Delhi.

- (a) Thubten Gyatso
- (b) Tenzin Gyatso
- (c) Khedrup Gyatso
- (d) Trinley Gyatso

12. The International Conference on Nanoscience and Technology (ICONSET – 2012) was recently held in:

- (a) Bangalore
- (b) Indore
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) New Delhi

13. Which country became a major non-NATO ally of the United States recently.

- (a) Japan
- (b) Israel
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Newzeland
- (e) Afganistan

14. The 15th World Sanskrit Conference organized jointly by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan and Indian Association of Sanskrit Studies was recently held in:

- (a) Haridwar

- (b) Coimbatore
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Amritsar

15. The 18th Annual Congress of the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine, or CritiCare 2012, was recently held in:

- (a) Nagpur
- (b) Ahmadabad
- (c) Pune
- (d) Darbhanga

16. Gangasagar Mela, known as the second largest congregation of mankind, second only to the Kumbha Mela, was recently held at:

- (a) Haridwar
- (b) Ujjain
- (c) Nasik
- (d) Sagar Island

17. The first ever Indo-US Higher Education Summit was held in:

- (a) Washington, D.C.
- (b) Houston
- (c) New York
- (d) Los Angeles

18. 2014 Commonwealth Games will be held in:

- (a) Glasgow (Scotland)
- (b) New Delhi (India)
- (c) Islamabad (Pakistan)
- (d) None of these

19. Kyoto Protocol, the first phase of which will end in 2012, came into force in:

- (a) 1997
- (b) 2000
- (c) 2005
- (d) 2009

20. The third edition of India Aviation 2012, international exhibition and conference on civil aviation was organized in:

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Chennai

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Correct Answers

1. (d)
2. (c)
3. (c)
4. (d)
5. (b)
6. (b)
7. (a)
8. (c)
9. (d)
10. (b)
11. (b)
12. (c)
13. (e)
14. (c)
15. (c)
16. (d)
17. (a)
18. (a)
19. (c)
20. (c)

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World records, National records

1. Who was recently elected as Thailand's first woman Prime Minister?
 - (a) Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner
 - (b) Dilma Rousseff
 - (c) Julia Gillard
 - (d) Yingluck Shinawatra

2. According to the social networking website Twitter, which of the following events created the world record of 7,196 tweets per second?
 - (a) Copa America quarterfinal match between Brazil and Paraguay
 - (b) Women's World Cup final between Japan and United States
 - (c) Osama Bin Laden's death
 - (d) Super Bowl

3. The world's longest periscope was recently built for Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) at:
 - (a) Chennai
 - (b) Kalpakkam
 - (c) Sivakasi
 - (d) Hyderabad

4. Asia's longest solar power plant, recently inaugurated in Gujarat, is built by:
 - (a) Moser Baer
 - (b) Tata-BP Solar
 - (c) Astonfield
 - (d) None of the above

5. Which Chinese swimmer recently broke the oldest World record in the history of the sport, to win 1500 meters freestyle in 14 minutes 34.14 seconds at the FINA World Championships in Shanghai?
 - (a) Ryan Cochrane
 - (b) Gergo Kis
 - (c) Sun Yang
 - (d) None of the above

6. Which technology giant recently dethroned Exxon to become the most valuable public company in the world?
 - (a) Apple
 - (b) Google
 - (c) Amazon
 - (d) Groupon

7. Who recently became the first woman to command warship in the United Kingdom naval history?
 - (a) Lieutenant Commander Eileen Kripps
 - (b) Lieutenant Commander Riya S. Crimson

- (c) Lieutenant Commander Sarah West
- (d) None of the above

8. Which Indian singer recently entered the Guinness Book of World Records for most Single Studio Recordings?

- (a) Lata Mangeshkar
- (b) Asha Bhosle
- (c) Jagjit Singh
- (d) Banumathi

9. Jyoti Amge has been named as the world's shortest woman by the Guinness Book of World Records. She suffers from a condition named which makes it almost impossible for her to grow further.

- (a) Achondroplasia
- (b) Polio
- (c) Hypochondroplasia
- (d) None of the above

10. Which country test launched the first 3-D television broadcast in the world on January 1, 2012?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Taiwan
- (c) China
- (d) Malaysia

11. Baluarte Bridge, the highest cable stayed bridge in the world, was recently unveiled in:

- (a) India
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) USA
- (d) Mexico

12. Chandra Bahadur Dangi, at 21.5 inches (54.6 cm) has recently been declared as the World's Shortest Living Man by the Guinness World Records. He is a/an resident.

- (a) Indian
- (b) Nepalese
- (c) Pakistani
- (d) British

13. Gerlinde Kaltenbrunner, who recently became the first woman to climb K2 without supplementary oxygen, is the resident of:

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) England
- (c) Austria
- (d) Australia

14. Which batsman recently surpassed Amol Mazumdar to become the highest run getter ever in the Ranji Trophy?

- (a) Amarjeet Kaypee
- (b) Pankaj Dharmani
- (c) Akash Chopra
- (d) Wasim Jaffer

15. Which country recently opened the World's first women-only university?

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Germany
- (c) Saudi Arabia
- (d) Spain

16. Pratibha Patil recently honoured SPR Shanti Tigga at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. Shanti Tigga is the:

- (a) First female jawan of the Indian Army
- (b) Second female IAS officer of India
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

17., aged 44 years, recently became the second oldest winner ever in the history of the British Open.

- (a) Dustin Johnson
- (b) Phil Mickelson
- (c) Darren Clarke
- (d) None of the above

18. The consortium of which of the following companies recently won the patent auction, hailed as the biggest in history, for the patent portfolio of Nortel Networks Corp., a bankrupt telecom major?

- (a) Apple, Microsoft and RIM (and others)
- (b) Google, RIM and Apple (and others)
- (c) Google, RIM and Microsoft (and others)
- (d) Sony, Apple, Microsoft and Google (and others)

19. A new Guinness World Record, for the longest hockeygame of all time, was set recently by 40 women in:

- (a) New York
- (b) Colorado
- (c) Connecticut
- (d) Burnaby

20. Who recently became the first cricketer to play in 100 test wins?

- (a) M.S. Dhoni
- (b) Kumar Sangakkara
- (c) Ricky Ponting
- (d) Michael Clarke

Correct Answers:

1. (d)
2. (b)
3. (b)
4. (a)
5. (c)
6. (a)
7. (c)
8. (b)
9. (a)
10. (c)
11. (d)
12. (b)
13. (c)
14. (d)
15. (c)
16. (a)
17. (c)
18. (a)
19. (d)
20. (c)

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National and International Awards

1. Who bagged the 'Best Director' award at the 58th National Film Awards?
 - (a) Mr. Salim Kumar
 - (b) Mr. Sanjay Leela Bhansali
 - (c) Mr. Vetrимaran
 - (d) None of the above

2. Who won the 'Best Actress' award at the 64th Cannes Film Festival?
 - (a) Angelina Jolie
 - (b) Kristen Stewart
 - (c) Kristen Dunst
 - (d) None of the above

3. Thomas Sargent, who has recently been conferred the Nobel Prize in Economics, hails from which country?
 - (a) England
 - (b) United States of America
 - (c) China
 - (d) Norway

4. Which of the following films was adjudged as the 'Best Film on Social Issues' at the 58th National Film Awards?
 - (a) Guzaarish
 - (b) Brihaspati
 - (c) Champions
 - (d) None of the above

5. Bharatendu Harishchandra award, recently awarded to fourteen persons, is given in the field of:
 - (a) Film-making
 - (b) Journalism
 - (c) Mass Communication
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

6. The 'Best Actor' award was shared by Dhanush and at the 58th National Film Awards.
 - (a) Prakash Raj
 - (b) Amitabh Bachchan
 - (c) Salim Kumar
 - (d) Saif Ali Khan

7. Who amongst the following coaches (former) was awarded the Dronacharya Award?
 - (a) Rajinder Singh
 - (b) Rajinder Singh Jr.
 - (c) Vasudevan Bhaskaran
 - (d) None of the above

8. Leila Lopes, who has been recently crowned Miss Universe, hails from which country?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Angola
- (d) China

9. Shabbir Ali was recently awarded the Dhyan Chand award for which of the following sports?

- (a) Football
- (b) Wrestling
- (c) Swimming
- (d) Athletics

10. Who won the inaugural UEFA Best Player in Europe Award?

- (a) David Villa
- (b) Lionel Messi
- (c) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (d) Xavi Hernandez

11. Which foundation was recently conferred the Rajiv Gandhi International Prize for Technology in Education, an award instituted by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)?

- (a) Acumen Fund
- (b) Bharat Sevashram Sangh
- (c) Azim Premji Foundation
- (d) Dean Foundation –India

12. Tomas Transtromer, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, is from which country?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Sweden
- (c) England
- (d) Germany

13. The first S.K. Singh award for excellence in Indian Foreign Service (IFS) has recently been conferred by UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi to:

- (a) Ranjan Mathai
- (b) A.K. Seth
- (c) D. Bala Venkatesh Varma
- (d) None of the above

14. Aung San Suu Kyi, a Burmese pro-democracy activist, has recently been awarded the prestigious 'National Order of the Legion of Honour' by the government of:

- (a) Germany
- (b) France
- (c) Spain
- (d) Russia

15. Sukhada Tatke, winner of Prabha Dutt Fellowship, is a Senior Correspondent of which of the following newspapers?
- (a) The Hindu
 - (b) The Indian Express
 - (c) Dainik Bhaskar
 - (d) The Times of India
16. Who has been awarded this year's Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award for Mathematics, the highest academic honour of India?
- (a) Amit Prakash Sharma
 - (b) Mahan Maharaj
 - (c) Shirshendu De
 - (d) Shankar Doraiswamy
17. Who was recently selected for the 21st Vyas Samman for his work *Aam Ke Patte*?
- (a) Shrilal Shukla
 - (b) Kedarnath Singh
 - (c) Ramdarash Mishra
 - (d) Mannu Bhandari
18. International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) recently awarded Jamaican Usain Bolt andSally Pearson with 'Athlete of the Year' award in Monaco.
- (a) Australian
 - (b) Jamaican
 - (c) Kenyan
 - (d) Cuban
19. Which Indian film has won the award in the Generation KPlus category at the 62nd Berlin Film Festival?
- (a) Udaan
 - (b) Gattu
 - (c) Peepli Live
 - (d) None of the above
20. Which city has recently bagged the Conde Nast Traveller (CNT) award for the best leisure destination in India?
- (a) Bhopal
 - (b) Jaipur
 - (c) Udaipur
 - (d) Gwalior

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Correct Answers:

1. (c)
2. (c)
3. (b)
4. (c)
5. (d)
6. (c)
7. (a)
8. (c)
9. (a)
10. (b)
11. (c)
12. (b)
13. (c)
14. (b)
15. (d)
16. (b)
17. (c)
18. (a)
19. (b)
20. (c)

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Company Chiefs, Takeovers and Economic Affairs

1. Arthur Levinson has recently been named as Apple Inc's new:
 - (a) Director
 - (b) Regional Director
 - (c) Senior Manager
 - (d) Non-executive Chairman

2. The Book Depository, the UK based online bookseller was recently taken over by:
 - (a) Flipkart
 - (b) Amazon
 - (c) EBay
 - (d) Facebook

3. Which company recently toppled Reliance Industries to become India's most valuable company?
 - (a) Reliance Power
 - (b) Coal India
 - (c) ICICI Bank
 - (d) BPCL

4. Who was the editor of the tabloid News of the World, which closed its operations in July, 2011?
 - (a) Colin Myler
 - (b) Bob Bird
 - (c) Dan Wootton
 - (d) Victoria Newton

5. Name the co-founder of Twitter who quit recently to work for his other company, The Obvious Corporation.
 - (a) Biz Stone
 - (b) Evan Williams
 - (c) Jason Goldman
 - (d) Jack Dorsey

6. Pawan Goenka has recently been appointed as the Chairman of:
 - (a) Hindustan Motors
 - (b) Ssangyong Motor
 - (c) Tata Motors
 - (d) General Motors

7. Jill Abramson was recently appointed as the executive editor of, thus becoming the first ever woman executive editor in its 160-year old history.
 - (a) The Guardian
 - (b) The New York Times
 - (c) News of the World
 - (d) The Sunday Times

8. Contract of which iconic company was recently auctioned by Sotheby's, one of the world's oldest auction house?

- (a) Apple
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) IBM
- (d) Nestle

9. Name the current CEO of Infosys, who succeeded Kris Gopalakrishnan in August, 2011.

- (a) N.R.Narayana Murthy
- (b) S.D. Shibulal
- (c) Nandan Nilekani
- (d) K.V. Kamath

10. Starbucks, an international coffeehouse chain, is foraying into the Indian market in collaboration with:

- (a) Tata Investment Corporation
- (b) Tata Global Beverages
- (c) Tata International
- (d) All of the above

11. K.V. Kamath recently took over as the Chairman of:

- (a) ICICI
- (b) IDBI
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Reliance Communications

12. Meg Whitman, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hewlett-Packard, is the erstwhile President of which of the following companies?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) EBay
- (c) Apple
- (d) Microsoft

13. Who recently stepped down as the President of Standard and Poor's?

- (a) Douglas Peterson
- (b) Deven Sharma
- (c) Arun Deodhar
- (d) None of the above

14. Caron Bartz, the former CEO of Yahoo Inc. who was fired recently, was the former executive chairperson of:

- (a) Google
- (b) Autodesk
- (c) Apple
- (d) AltaVista

15. Which internet titan, based on the model of deal-of-the-day, recently debuted at NASDAQ?

- (a) Groupon
- (b) Crunchbase
- (c) LivingSocial
- (d) StealTheDeal

16. Which multi-national company's "Unhate" campaign has recently prompted the Vatican to threaten legal action against them?

- (a) Levi's
- (b) United Colors of Benetton
- (c) Nike
- (d) Adidas

17. Scott Thompson was recently named as the new CEO of Yahoo Inc. *immediately* replacing:

- (a) Carol Bartz
- (b) Roy Bostock
- (c) Tim Morse
- (d) David Filo

18. Vikram Akula recently resigned as the Chairperson of which micro-finance company of India?

- (a) Share Microfin Limited
- (b) SKS Microfinance Ltd.
- (c) Asmitha Microfin Ltd.
- (d) None of the above

19. Which American airline has recently filed a bankruptcy petition?

- (a) Continental
- (b) Virgin Airlines
- (c) American Airlines
- (d) None of the above

20. Ginni Rometty recently became the first woman CEO of which multi-national company?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) IBM
- (c) HP
- (d) Microsoft

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Correct Answers:

1. (d)
2. (b)
3. (b)
4. (a)
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12. (b)
13. (b)
14. (b)
15. (a)
16. (b)
17. (c)
18. (b)
19. (c)
20. (b)

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Sports

1. Sanjiv Sachdeva, who has recently resigned from his post was the:
 - (a) Chief National Badminton Coach of India (Seniors)
 - (b) Chief National Badminton Coach of India (Juniors)
 - (c) Chief National Badminton Coach of India (Women)
 - (d) None of the above

2. Which legendary Chinese basketball player announced retirement recently?
 - (a) Ding Jinhui
 - (b) Liu Wei
 - (c) Sun Yue
 - (d) Yao Ming

3. India's new hockey coach is:
 - (a) Jack Nobbs
 - (b) Sean Collings
 - (c) Dhanraj Pillai
 - (d) Joaquim Carvalho

4. Who has been appointed as the official ambassador of the FIFA World Cup, 2014?
 - (a) Ronaldinho
 - (b) Zico
 - (c) Pele
 - (d) Ronaldo

5. Name the newly appointed assistant coach of the Indian National Hockey team.
 - (a) Mukesh Kumar
 - (b) Dhanraaj Pillai
 - (c) Michael Nobbs
 - (d) None of the above

6. Who was recently elected as the President of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA)?
 - (a) Dilip Vengsarkar
 - (b) Ravi Shastri
 - (c) Sunil Gavaskar
 - (d) Vilasrao Deshmukh

7. The newly appointed Manager of West Indies under-19 cricket team is:
 - (a) Courtney Walsh
 - (b) Brian Lara
 - (c) Michael Holding
 - (d) Garry Sobers

8. Which U.S. football coach was removed recently, thus paving way for Jurgen Klinsmann?
 - (a) Bob Bradley

- (b) Carlos Bocanegra
- (c) Cabi Jones
- (d) None of the above

9. Who was recently appointed as the coach of the Sri Lankan Cricket Team?

- (a) Arjuna Ranatunga
- (b) Sanath Jayasuriya
- (c) Rumesh Ratnayake
- (d) Trevor Bayliss

10. was recently re-elected as the Secretary General of Olympic Council of Asia for the sixth consecutive term.

- (a) Randhir Singh
- (b) A.B. Yadav
- (c) Nirupama Sen
- (d) None of the above

11. Ogrodnik, India's athletics coach who was fired due to the doping fiasco, is from which country?

- (a) Ukraine
- (b) Jamaica
- (c) USA
- (d) Cuba

12. Who has been appointed as the coach of the Argentinean National Football team after their early exit from Copa America?

- (a) Diego Maradona
- (b) Kliaster Campbell
- (c) Alejandro Sabella
- (d) None of the above

13. Vijay Hazare Cricket Trophy, also known as the Ranji One Day Trophy, was lifted by in 2012 by defeating Mumbai in the finals.

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) West Bengal

14. Who won the 1st Hangzhou Women Grandmaster Chess Tournament, concluded in China?

- (a) Ju Wenjun
- (b) Dronavalli Harika
- (c) Koneru Humpy
- (d) Padmini Rout

15. Jacques Rogge is the current President of:

- (a) London Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG)
- (b) International Olympic Committee
- (c) International Paralympic Committee

(d) Only (a) and (b)

16. Who recently became the first Indian to win the Canadian Junior World Tennis Championships?

- (a) Ambika Khursheed
- (b) Ambika Pande
- (c) Tanushree Charkha
- (d) None of the above

17. Which of the following Indian cricketers was not in the 'All Time Greatest Test Team' released by ICC recently?

- (a) Sachin Tendulkar
- (b) Virender Sehwag
- (c) Anil Kumble
- (d) All of the above cricketers were in the list.

18. Novak Djokovic defeated to win the Serbia Open.

- (a) Feliciano Lopez
- (b) Del Potro
- (c) Rafael Nadal
- (d) None of the above

19. Which country recently dissolved its cricket board amidst allegations of corruption and mismanagement?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) England

20. A.K. Khan, the acting President of Stepped down in March, 2012 in wake of allegations of financial mismanagement.

- (a) Cricket South Africa
- (b) Pakistan Cricket Board
- (c) Afghanistan Cricket Board
- (d) New Zealand Cricket

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Correct Answers:

1. (b)
2. (d)
3. (a)
4. (d)
5. (a)
6. (d)
7. (a)
8. (B)
9. (c)
10. (a)
11. (a)
12. (c)
13. (d)
14. (b)
15. (b)
16. (b)
17. (c)
18. (a)
19. (b)
20. (a)

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Indians Holding Global Positions

1. Which Indian company has recently been awarded the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) BEST award?

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Wipro
- (c) InfoTech
- (d) TCS

2. Who recently became the first Indian officer to be inducted into the 'Hall of Fame' of U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, USA?

- (a) Gen. J.J. Singh
- (b) Gen. V.K. Singh
- (c) Lt. Gen. Bikram Singh
- (d) None of the above

3. Who has recently been appointed as the new Chairman of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI)?

- (a) Vinod Rai
- (b) Pranab Mukherjee
- (c) V.N. Kaul
- (d) V.K. Shunglu

4. Who has recently been appointed by the United Nations as the Chairman of its panel of external auditors?

- (a) V.K. Shunglu
- (b) V.N. Kaul
- (c) Vinod Rai
- (d) C.G. Somiah

5. Who was recently appointed as the first Sikh judge of the Royal Courts of Justice in U.K.?

- (a) Rabinder Singh QC
- (b) Mota Singh QC
- (c) Harendra Singh QC
- (d) None of the above

6. Indo-Canadian Karna Gupta has been appointed as the President and CEO of:

- (a) Certicom Corp.
- (b) Bell Canada
- (c) Softchoice Corp.
- (d) Information Technology Association of Canada (ITAC)

7. Piyush "Bobby" Jindal, a Republican U.S. politician of Indian origin, has recently been re-elected as the Governor of:

- (a) Minnesota
- (b) Texas

- (c) Alaska
- (d) Louisiana

8. Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Corporate President of Sun International, has recently been selected as the President of:

- (a) FICCI
- (b) SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- (c) ILO
- (d) None of the above

9. Name the President of the Centre for American Progress, a public policy research and advocacy organization of the United States of America.

- (a) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
- (b) Satish K. Tripathi
- (c) C.M. Naim
- (d) Neera Tandon

10. Name the newly appointed British Deputy High Commissioner representing United Kingdom in Karnataka.

- (a) Richard Hyde
- (b) Ross Reid
- (c) Ian Felton
- (d) None of the above

11. Rajat Kumar Gupta was recently arrested by the FBI on insider trading charges. He was the former Managing Director of:

- (a) Bain and Company
- (b) The Boston Consulting Group
- (c) McKinsey & Company
- (d) All of the above

12. Who amongst the following do *not* figure in the list of the 50 most influential people released by New Statesman?

- (a) Ratan Tata
- (b) Anil Ambani
- (c) Sonia Gandhi
- (d) Tim Cook

13. Which Indian movie found a place in the list of the 'All Time 25-Best Sports Movies', compiled by Time Magazine?

- (a) Chak de India
- (b) Lagaan
- (c) Iqbal
- (d) 42 Kms

14. Which Indian-American has recently been appointed as the Senior Advisor to the U.S. State Department?

- (a) Mitul Desai
- (b) Naveen Junaid

- (c) Nikki Haley
- (d) Kamala Harris

15. Who recently became the first Indian to win the 'Special Book Award', the highest literary award of China?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Chetan Bhagat
- (c) Prof. B.R. Deepak
- (d) Prof. K.P. Sudheer

16. Which tennis player recently became the first Indian to complete career Grand Slam after winning the Australian Open?

- (a) Leander Paes
- (b) Mahesh Bhupati
- (c) Rohan Bopanna
- (d) Somdev Dev Varman

17. Prof. Amartya Sen was recently honoured with by the United States of America.

- (a) National Medal of Arts
- (b) National Medal of Humanities
- (c) National Medal of Economics
- (d) None of the above

18. Who amongst the following was re-elected as the Chairperson of 'Partners in Population Development', an inter-governmental alliance of twenty-four developing nations?

- (a) Ghulam Nabi Azad
- (b) Shameem Dev Azad
- (c) S. Gandhiselvan
- (d) Sudip Bandyopadhyay

19. Which former Indian tennis player has been selected for the IOC Women and Sport Awards World Trophy by the International Olympic Committee for promoting women in sports?

- (a) Tara Iyer
- (b) Manisha Malhotra
- (c) Sanaa Bhambri
- (d) Ankita Bhambri

20. Name the only Indian company to figure in the recently released Aon Hewitt's 'Top Companies for Leaders' global list.

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Wipro
- (c) Tata Steel
- (d) Reliance Power

Correct Answers :

1. (b)
2. (b)
3. (a)
4. (c)
5. (a)
6. (d)
7. (d)
8. (b)
9. (d)
10. (c)
11. (c)
12. (b)
13. (b)
14. (a)
15. (c)
16. (a)
17. (b)
18. (a)
19. (b)
20. (b)

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Miscellaneous

1. The website launched by J.K. Rowling for legal access to Harry Potter books is:
 - (a) Pottermore
 - (b) Harrypottermore
 - (c) Hogwartsinn
 - (d) RowlingJK

2. Who is the Director of the Lollywood film 'Bol'?
 - (a) Shoiab Mansoor
 - (b) Atif Aslam
 - (c) Iman Ali
 - (d) Sajjad Ali

3. Name the temple in Pakistan whose gates were recently re-opened after 60 years following a High Court order.
 - (a) Badami Cave Temple
 - (b) Kailash Temple
 - (c) Mukteshwara Temple
 - (d) Goraknath Temple

4. The US recently upgraded India to countries on its Human Trafficking List.
 - (a) Tier I
 - (b) Tier II
 - (c) Tier III
 - (d) Tier IV

5. 'Slutwalk', recently in news especially in Delhi and Bhopal, was started from:
 - (a) Morocco
 - (b) Canada
 - (c) Australia
 - (d) New Zealand

6. Which country did Arab League recently suspend, following its crackdown on anti-Government protestors?
 - (a) Syria
 - (b) Libya
 - (c) Yemen
 - (d) Palestine

7. Palestine recently became a full member of:
 - (a) United Nations
 - (b) UNESCO
 - (c) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - (d) World Health Organization (WHO)

8. 'Aarakshan' movie is produced by:
 - (a) Saif Ali Khan
 - (b) Sachin Krishn

- (c) Amitabh Bachchan
- (d) Prakash Jha

9. Which of the following is *not* a media partner of the whistle-blower website Wikileaks?

- (a) The Guardian
- (b) The New York Times
- (c) El Pais
- (d) The Associated Press

10. Roald Amundsen's feat was recently in news for completion of its 100 years. He was the:

- (a) First person to reach the North Pole
- (b) First person to reach both North and South Pole
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above

11. Who is the director of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows- Part II?

- (a) David Heymen
- (b) David Yates
- (c) John Williams
- (d) Bel Hixon

12. Newly formed country South Sudan became the member of the United Nations.

- (a) 190th
- (b) 188th
- (c) 193rd
- (d) 202nd

13. Which of the following stealth fighter planes is jointly developed by India and Russia, as a direct rival to the U.S. F-22 Raptor?

- (a) B-2 Spirit
- (b) Sukhoi T-50
- (c) F-22
- (d) F-35

14. According to a WHO report released recently, the global average life expectancy in 2009 was?

- (a) 76 years
- (b) 67 years
- (c) 68 years
- (d) 71 years

15. Which one of the following is the newest entrant on the World Heritage List published by UNESCO?

- (a) Ningaloo Coast
- (b) Borobudur Temple Compounds
- (c) Persepolis

(d) Uluru

16. Name the project of Mozilla's operating system that is set to work on mobile devices and tablets.

- (a) Moz. MT
- (b) Boot to Gecko (B2G)
- (c) Bootstrapper
- (d) Thunderbird

17. Why was Spanish judge Baltasar Garzon recently in news?

- (a) He has been convicted by the Spanish High Court in an illegal wiretapping case
- (b) He has been convicted of conspiracy to overthrow the current government
- (c) He has been convicted in a disproportionate assets case
- (d) All of the above

18. What is the name of the spacecraft launched by NASA for its Jupiter mission?

- (a) Atlas V 551
- (b) Jupite
- (c) Juno
- (d) Atlas

19. Antrix Corp is the wing of ISRO.

- (a) Advertising
- (b) Marketing
- (c) Relations
- (d) Technical

20. The Capital of the newly formed country South Sudan is:

- (a) Juba
- (b) Warrap
- (c) Abekr
- (d) Abyei

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Correct Answers:

1. (a)
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3. (d)
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5. (b)
6. (a)
7. (b)
8. (d)
9. (d)
10. (b)
11. (b)
12. (c)
13. (b)
14. (c)
15. (a)
16. (b)
17. (a)
18. (c)
19. (b)
20. (a)

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