

APSC 2013 Prelims General Studies Question Paper (Part I):

1. Which one of the following is not included in the state list in the constitution of India?

- A. Criminal Procedure Code
- B. Police
- C. Law and order
- D. Prison

Answer: A (Criminal Procedure Code)

2. The Rajya Sabha has exclusive jurisdiction in

- A. Creation and abolition of States
- B. Approving a proclamation of emergency
- C. the election of the Vice President
- D. authorizing Parliament to legislate on a subject in the State list

Answer: D (Rajya Sabha can authorize Parliament to legislate on a subject in the State list)

3. Which one of the following is not a part of the Directive Principles of the State Policy?

- A. Right against exploitation
- B. Right to work
- C. Right to education
- D. Right to public assistance in the case of unemployment

Answer: A (Right against exploitation)

4. The Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution deals with

- A. administration of OBC/MOBC population
- B. State reorganization based on language
- C. the provisions for administration of tribal areas in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram
- D. welfare of the SC/ST population

Answer: C (6th schedule is about tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram)

5. Which one of the following words was not originally included in the Preamble to the Constitution of India?

- A. Sovereign
- B. Socialist

- C. Secular
- D. Republic

Answer: C

6. The President of India does not deny his consent to a Money Bill because

- A. it is urgent in nature
- B. it is initiated by the Finance Minister
- C. it is initiated by the Finance Minister on the recommendation of the President
- D. it is initiated in the Lok Sabha

Answer: C (Money bill is initiated by the Finance Minister on the recommendation of the President)

7. When did the Constituent Assembly of India have its first meeting?

- A. December 10, 1946
- B. July 18, 1947
- C. August 14, 1947
- D. August 15, 1947

Answer: A (December 10, 1946)

8. Fundamental Duties were appended to the constitution of India by the 42nd amendment on the recommendation of

- A. Swarn Singh Committee
- B. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Committee
- C. K. C. Pant Committee
- D. C. D. Deshmukh Committee

Answer: A

9. Ashok Mehta Committee stated that

- A. the Zila Parishad should be made responsible for planning at the district level
- B. in all States, there shall be a Gram Sabha
- C. periodic elections are to be held
- D. one-third of the total seats should be reserved for women

Answer: A (Zilla parishad is responsible for planning at the district level)

10. The division of power between Centre and States is contained in the Constitution of India in the

- A. Third Schedule
- B. Fifth Schedule

C. Seventh Schedule

D. Eighth Schedule

Answer: C (7th schedule of constitution of India)

11. Which of the following is the legal document created in 1947 that allowed the Princely states to join either India or Pakistan?

A. The Act of Accession, 1947

B. Instrument for Accession

C. Legal Document for Accession

D. None of the above

Answer: B (Instrument of accession)

12. During national emergency, the President can suspend the judicial enforcement of the Fundamental Rights except the two Articles which are

A. 15, 16

B. 18, 19

C. 20, 21

D. 32, 33

Answer: C

13. Arrange the following President of India in the correct chronological sequence:

I) Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma

II) Dr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed

III) Neelam Sanjiva Reddy

IV) Giani Zail Singh

A. II, III, IV, I

B. IV, II, III, I

C. III, II, IV, I

D. II, IV, III, I

Answer: A

14. Which of the following is not a Money Bill?

A. Budget

B. Appropriation Bill

C. Bill seeking Vote on Account

D. Finance Bill

Answer: A

15. The term secular was added to the Preamble of the Constitution of India by the

- A. 40th Amendment
- B. 41st Amendment
- C. 42nd Amendment
- D. 43rd Amendment

Answer: C (42nd Amendment)

16. Which Article of the Indian Constitution has empowered the parliament to regulate the citizenship matters?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. 11

Answer: D (Article 11 of Indian Constitution empowers parliament to regulate citizenship matters in the country)

17. GSAT-7, the first Indian satellite for defense purpose, was launched from

- A. Sriharikota
- B. Kourou
- C. Baikanour
- D. Cape Canaveral

Answer: B (Kourou in French Guiana)

18. UN in its report World Population Prospects, 2012 has noted that India will be the world's largest populated country, leaving behind China, by the year

- A. 2022
- B. 2028
- C. 2035
- D. 2050

Answer: B (2028)

19. The popular uprising in Assam known as Patharughat Battle took place in the year

- A. 1861
- B. 1862
- C. 1893
- D. 1894

Answer: D (**Patharughator Ron** took place in the year 1894)

20. In which year, Kaziranga wildlife Sanctuary was elevated to a National Park?

- A. 1974
- B. 1975
- C. 1976
- D. 1977

Answer: A (**Kaziranga** became a national park in 1974)

21. Who was the President of Swaraj Party formed in Assam during the Freedom Movement?

- A. Maniram Dewan
- B. Vishnuram Medhi
- C. Gopinath Bordoloi
- D. Tarun Ram Phukan

Answer: D (Tarun Ram Phukan formed Swaraj Party in Assam)

22. Name of the Submarine which was destroyed in a major accident in 2013 is

- A. INS Sindhurakshak
- B. INS Shalki
- C. INS Godavari
- D. INS Yamuna

Answer: A (INS Sindhurakshak)

23. The famous musician Zubin Mehta was in news recently which had an Indian connection because

- A. of his refusal to perform in Israel
- B. he is a foreign citizen of Indian origin
- C. of a concert in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
- D. None of the above

Answer: C (Zubin Mehta's concert in Srinagar was opposed by separatists led by Syed Ali Shah Geelani protested, saying the concert was an attempt to legitimise India's rule in the disputed region.)

24. The ship MV Bingo was drowned due to cyclone Phailin on October 12, 2013. The 18 member crew on board was rescued after 40 hours by

- A. Dornier Aircraft CG 970
- B. Dornier Aircraft CG 790
- C. Dornier Aircraft CG 079

D. Boeing 777

Answer: B (Dornier Aircraft CG 790 of Indian coast guard rescued the crew of drowned ship MV Bingo)

25. Which of the following has announced its plan to launch the world's largest solar sail in 2014?

A. NASA

B. ISRO

C. European Space Agency

D. Japanese Space Agency

Answer: A (NASA to launch as world's largest solar sail till date in 2014)

26. Female literacy rate in India as per the Census Data, 2011 stands at

A. 64.6%

B. 70.3%

C. 62.5%

D. 68.2%

Answer: A (As per India Census 2011 data, female literacy rate in India is 64.6%)

27. In the last one decade, which among the following sectors has attracted the highest foreign direct investment inflows into india?

A. Chemicals other than fertilizers

B. Service Sector

C. Food processing

D. Telecommunication

Answer: B. As per official GOI data, FDI contribution is highest in Service Sector.

28. Which Indian economist helped create the United Nations Human Development Index?

A. Jagdish Bhagwati

B. Amartya Sen

C. Arvind Panagariya

D. Ashok Desai

Answer: B (Amartya Sen)

29. In India, which one among the following formulates the fiscal policy?

A. The planning Commission

B. The ministry of finance

- C. The finance commission
- D. The reserve bank of India

Answer: C (The Ministry of Finance)

30. The committee that recommended abolition of tax rebate under Section 88 is

- A. Chelliah Committee
- B. Kelkar Committee
- C. Shome Committee
- D. None of the above

Answer: B (Kelkar Committee recommended abolition of tax rebate under Section 88)

31. VAT is imposed

- A. Directly on consumer
- B. on the first stage of production
- C. on the final stage of production
- D. on all stages between production and final sale

Answer: D (VAT is imposed in all stages from production to sale)

32. SEBI is a/an

- A. statutory body
- B. advisory body
- C. constitutional body
- D. non-statutory body

Answer: A (SEBI is now a statutory body)

33. In Indian inflation is measured on the basis of

- A. Consumer Price Index
- B. Wholesale price Index
- C. Human Development Index
- D. Market Forces

Answer: B (Wholesale Price Index)

34. The terra-cotta industry in Assam has developed in

- A. Goalpara District
- B. Barak Valley
- C. Dhubri District
- D. Tinsukia District

Answer: C (Dhubri District)

35. A rise in the general price level may be caused by

- A. a decrease in the aggregate level of output
- B. an increase in the effective demand
- C. an increase in the supply of money
- D. (A) and (c) only

Answer: D

36. In single-brand retail, the Government of India has raised FDI limit through FIPB from 49% to

- A. 51%
- B. 74%
- C. 100%
- D. None of the above

Answer: C (FDI in single-brand retail has been increased to 100%)

37. The recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission have been operational for the period

- A. 2010-2015
- B. 2011-2016
- C. 2012-2017
- D. None of the above

Answer: A (2010-2015)

38. Which of the following statements is correct for the Planning Commission of India?

- A. It is not defined in the Indian Constitution.
- B. Members and the Vice Chairman do not have fixed working duration
- C. Its members do not require any minimum educational qualification
- D. All of the above

Answer: D

39. Decentralized planning on the basis of Panchayati Raj institutions was recommended by

- A. Ashok Mehta Committee
- B. Gadgil Committee
- C. Mahalanobis Committee
- D. Balwant Rai Mehta Committee

Answer: D (Balwant Rai Mehta Committee)

40. The minimum Needs Programme was introduced in the

- A. Fourth Plan
- B. Fifth Plan
- C. Sixth Plan
- D. Seventh Plan

Answer: B. Minimum Needs Programme was introduced in Fifth Five Year Plan(1974–78)

41. There was a plan holiday in India during

- A. 1955-1958
- B. 1961-1964
- C. 1971-1974
- D. None of the above

Answer: D (Plan holiday was in 1966-1969).

42. What was set up in 1950 for conducting large-scale surveys to meet the data needs of the country for the estimation of the national income and related aggregates?

- A. The Planning Commission
- B. The National Sample Survey
- C. The Bureau of Industrial Costs
- D. The Central Statistical Organization

Answer: B

43. Which of the following is not correct in respect of the term disinvestment?

- A. Reduction of public debt
- B. A process of privatization
- C. Release of large amounts of public resources locked up in non-strategic public sector enterprise
- D. Revival of public sector enterprises

Answer: A

44. Which is the new tax regime proposed to be introduced in the country?

- A. GST (Goods Services Tax)
- B. VAT (Value Added Tax)
- C. Agricultural Income Tax
- D. Central Excise

Answer: A (GST)

45. The first systematic attempt of economic planning in India was made in the year

- A. 1934
- B. 1937
- C. 1943
- D. 1944

Answer: A (M. Visvesvaraya attempted economic planning in 1934)

46. The minimum amount of calorie-based definition of poverty in India was accepted in them

- A. Fourth Plan
- B. Fifth Plan
- C. Sixth Plan
- D. Seventh Plan

Answer: C (Sixth Plan)

47. Under decentralized planning, a planning committee is set up at which level?

- A. Block
- B. Subdivision
- C. District
- D. Gaon Panchayat

Answer: C

48. Which is the largest plain of the world?

- A. Siberian Plain
- B. Indo-Gangatic Plain
- C. The Prairies
- D. The Steppe Land

Answer: A (Siberian Plain)

49. How much percent of the Indian landmass is covered by the State of Assam?

- A. 3.39%
- B. 2.39%
- C. 4.39%
- D. 2.93%

Answer: B

50. Which of the following seas is without a coastline?

- A. Black Sea

B. Mediterranean sea

C. Sargasso sea

D. Sea of Azov

Answer: C (Sargasso sea)