

XAT 2023

General Knowledge

78. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of India in November 2022?

- A** Justice U. U. Lalit
- B** Justice Dhananjay (D.Y) Chandrachud
- C** Justice S.J. Mukhopadhaya
- D** Justice Yashwant (Y.V.) Chandrachud
- E** Justice N. V. Ramana

79. Which institution was renamed as "Niti Aayog"?

- A** Policy Aayog of India
- B** Planning Commission of India
- C** Infrastructural and Development Commission
- D** Government Policy Commission
- E** Economic Planning Council

80. Which institution published the cartoon book titled Raju & The Forty Thieves - A Booklet on Modus Operandi of Financial Fraudsters?

- A** The Punjab National Bank
- B** The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India
- C** The Ministry of Finance, Government of India
- D** The Reserve Bank of India
- E** The State Bank of India

81. Identify the sectors into which the Indian economy is divided, for the calculation of GDP?

- A** Agriculture, Manufacturing and Services
- B** Government, Private and Social
- C** Agriculture, Manufacturing and E-commerce
- D** Agriculture, Defence, Information Technology and Manufacturing
- E** Primary and non-primary

82. Which of the following was NOT a reason associated with Sri Lankan economic crisis of 2022?

- A** Decline in FOREX reserves
- B** Shift towards organic agriculture
- C** COVID-19
- D** Decline of fisheries
- E** Decline of tourist inflow

83. From the following, choose the Article in the Constitution of India that proclaims: "It shall be the obligation of every citizen of India to safeguard and develop the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers, and animals, and to have compassion for living beings."

- A** Article 14A
- B** Article (13b)
- C** Article 51A (g)
- D** Article 15
- E** Article 21

84. Match the United Nation's Secretary Generals with their citizenships, at the time of appointment.

A. Kurt Waldheim	1. Austria
B. Kofi Annan	2. South Korea
C. Antonio Guterres	3. Portugal
D. Ban Ki Moon	4. Ghana

- A** A2, B3, C4, D1
- B** A4, B3, C1, D2
- C** A1, B4, C2, D3

D A2, B4, C1, D3

E A1, B4, C3, D2

85. BTS (Bangtan Boys), the pop-music band, belongs to which country?

A South Korea

B USA

C India

D UK

E Australia

86. Which company developed Vikram-S, India's first private space rocket, that was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on November 18, 2022?

A Brahmos Aerospace Private Limited

B Lockheed Martin India Private Limited

C Mahindra Aerospace

D Skyroot Aerospace

E Indian Rotorcraft

87. Which of the following animals are on the State Emblem of India?

A Lion, Tiger, and Bull

B Lion, Bull, and Elephant

C Lion, Bull, and Horse

D Lion, Elephant, and Horse

E Lion, Tiger, and Cow

88. Which of the following is the world's largest River delta?

A The Mississippi River delta

B The Mekong River delta

C The Nile River delta

- D The Amazon River delta
- E The Ganges River delta

89. Which of the following breakthrough decisions was taken at the COP 27 (8-20 Nov 2022, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt)?

- A Establish and operationalize a “loss and damage” fund
- B Establish and operationalize a “global ecosystem services payments mechanism”
- C Establish and operationalize a “global early warning system” for weather events
- D Accept and operationalize a “global carbon tax and trading mechanism”
- E Accept and operationalize a “Net zero” target for every country

90. Match the famous CEOs with the title of their biographies.

A. Indra Nooyi	1. Zero to one
B. Gregory Zuckerman	2. The man who solved the market
C. Peter Thiel	3. My life in full: work Family and our futur
D. Sheryl Sandberg	4. Lean In: Women work and will to lead

- A A1, B2, C3, D4
- B A3, B2, C1, D4
- C A4, B3, C1, D2
- D A1, B3, C4, D2
- E A2, B1, C4, D3

91. The first ever Wildlife conservation bond (a financial instrument) in the world, was floated to conserve which of the following critically endangered species?

- A Black Rhino in South Africa
- B Opossum in Australia
- C Cheetah in India
- D Giant Panda in China
- E Water Buffalo in Africa

92. Which of the following is the right description of INS-Arihant?

- A Destroyer
- B Corvette
- C Frigate
- D Aircraft Carrier
- E Nuclear powered Submarine

93. Which price index is being used to measure inflation by the Reserve Bank of India?

- A Industrial Cost and Price Indices
- B GDP Deflator
- C Consumer Price Index
- D Purchasing Power Parity based Index
- E Wholesale Price Index

94. Who scored the maximum number of goals in the recently concluded FIFA world cup, 2022?

- A Marcus Rashford
- B Kylian Mbappe
- C Neymar da Silva Santos Junior
- D Lionel Messi
- E Olivier Giroud

95. Match the new names of the given companies with their respective old names.

Old Name	New Name
A. Google	1. Altria
B. Facebook	2. Alphabet
C. Phillippe Morris	3. Meta
D. McAfee	4. Intel Security

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- B A2, B3, C1, D4

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96. Which of the following is NOT attributed as a reason for Russian invasion of Ukraine?

A Ukraine's refusal to export wheat to Russia

B NATO's expansion into East Europe and Ukraine

C Ukraine has citizens of different ethnicities

D Saving people of Russian origin in the eastern region of Ukraine

E Russia fears that Ukraine, with the support of NATO, will claim back Crimea

97. Which organization, in October 2022, imposed a penalty on Alphabet for violating anti-trust laws in India?

A Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices

B Supreme Court of India

C Niti Aayog

D Government of India

E Competition Commission of India

98. Which of the following is not a site associated with the Indus Valley Civilization?

A Mohenjo-Daro

B Lothal

C Harappa

D Ropar

E Bhimbetka

99. Which former Prime Minister of India wrote "Kaidi Kavirai Ki Kundalian," a poetic compilation, while being lodged in jail?

A Jawaharlal Nehru

- B Chandra Shekhar
- C I.K. Gujral
- D Lal Bahadur Shastri
- E Atal Bihari Vajpayee

100. Match the following animals/birds with the Wildlife Sanctuary, National Park or a region that they naturally occur.

A. Great Indian bustard	1. Manas National Park
B. Nilgaur	2. Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary
C. Jerdon's Courser	3. Desert National Park
D. Pigmy Hog	4. Nicobar Island Sanctuary

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101. Who of the following is not a Gig worker?

- A Zomato delivery Boy
- B Plumber on call
- C Freelance worker
- D Person running a salon
- E Uber driver

102. Which of the following countries did not qualify for FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022?

- A Senegal
- B Morocco
- C Italy
- D Switzerland
- E Australia

Essay

103. Choose ONE of the three arguments given below and develop a coherent essay that critically evaluates it. Support your analysis with relevant claims, reasons and/or examples. The essay should not exceed 250 words.

Argument I. Risk is the essential need of soul. The absence of risk produces a kind of boredom which paralyses in a different way from fear, but almost as much.

Argument II. Rapid decarbonization to fulfill India's Net Zero commitment will have business consequences.

Argument III. Someone with half your IQ is making 10X as you because they aren't smart enough to doubt themselves.

Answer Question no. 1 if you choose Argument I.

Answer Question no. 2 if you choose Argument II.

Answer Question no. 3 if you choose Argument III.

In today's world, when people talk of risk, they are mostly discussing a financial investment or a business decision. However, there are several types of risk - many of which are never considered or factored in while making decisions. For example, most people understand credit risk or financial risk, but rarely do we consider the moral risk or social risk of a decision. However, when it comes to the mind and soul of a person, these are exactly the types of risks that are relevant. And as people are risk-taking or risk-averse in a financial sense, they are similarly risk-taking or risk-averse when it comes to the other risks. Often, risk-averse behaviour, in moral or social spheres, leads to an atrophy of the mind and a decay of the soul. When one thinks of social risk, the first example that comes to mind is the oft-repeated refrain - 'what will people say'. This one refrain prevents people from seeking out happiness and doing things that would truly make them happy. When people choose not to take any social risk, they end up being inauthentic versions of themselves - an imposter of their true self. Similarly, when someone cannot risk failure in life choices, be it by leaving a job to start a business or choosing a field that they are well-suited for which isn't mainstream, they risk ossifying in life choices that prevent them from reaching their true potential. At a society level, when people refuse to testify to the truth or refuse to rise up to a tyrant because they cannot take the risk of failure, the society and the individual both suffer. Thus, risk is essential to reach one's true potential and to become one's authentic self. Without risk, there is no growth, and without growth, an individual will be a stunted version of themselves. The risk-reward framework that is often quoted for investment returns is also true for other forms of risk - the higher the risk, the greater the reward; for a person's mind and soul.

104. Argument II. Rapid decarbonization to fulfill India's Net Zero commitment will have business consequences.

105. Argument III. Someone with half your IQ is making 10X as you because they aren't smart enough to doubt themselves.

Answers

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86. D	87. C	88. E	89. A	90. B	91. A	92. E	93. C
94. B	95. B	96. A	97. E	98. E	99. E	100. A	101. D
102. C							

Essay

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