

## Unit - G General Knowledge

### Chapter

# 1

## World Panorama

1. Which of the following are correctly matched?

[1995]

1. Hamas : Palestinian extremist group
2. Sinn Fein : I.R. A's political wing
3. True Path Party : A major constituent of the ruling coalition in Turkey

**Codes :**

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 2 and 3

2. Which one of the following had legalised Euthanasia?

[1996]

- (a) Texas in the USA  
(b) Northern Territory in Australia  
(c) Quebec in Canada  
(d) Maharashtra in India

3. What are the official languages of the U.N.O.? [1998]

- (a) English, French and Russian  
(b) English, French, German, and Russia  
(c) English, French, Russian, Chinese and Hindi  
(d) English, French, Chinese, Russian, Arabic and Spanish

4. World Environment Conference to discuss global warming was held in 1997 in :

[1998]

- (a) Stockholm (b) Riodejaneiro  
(c) Paris (d) Kyoto

5. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [1998]

**List-I**

- A. Ringgit  
B. Baht  
C. Rupiah  
D. Won

**List-II**

1. Indonesia  
2. South Korea  
3. Thailand  
4. Malayasia

**Codes :**

- (a) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2 (b) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-2  
(c) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3 (d) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3

6. According to Meadows (1972), if the present trends in world population, industrialisation, pollution, food production and resource depletion continue unchanged, the "Limits to Growth" on our planet will be reached in the next: [1998]

- (a) 50 years (b) 100 years  
(c) 150 years (d) 200 years

7. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched?

1. Dow Jones : New York  
2. Hang Seng : Seoul  
3. FTSE-100 : London

[1998]

Select the correct answer using the codes given below:

**Codes:**

- (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3  
(c) 1 and 2 (d) 1 and 3

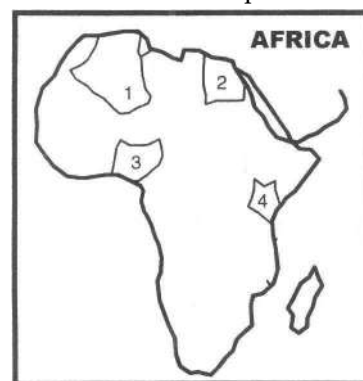
8. 'MERCOSUR' consists of group of countries of: [1998]

- (a) Africa (b) Asia  
(c) Latin America (d) South East Asia

9. The economist who was associated with the WTO draft document is: [1998]

- (a) A.K. Sen (b) T.N. Srinivasan  
(c) J.N. Bhagwati (d) Avinash Dixit

10. Which one of the countries labelled as 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the given map was granted membership of G-15 in its VII Summit at Kuala Lumpur? [1999]

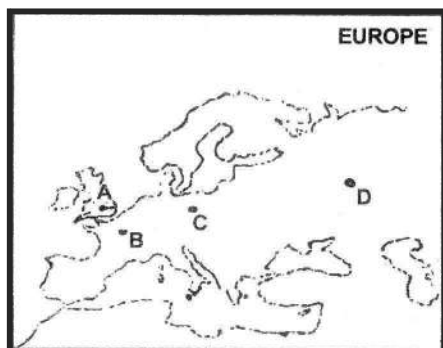


- (a) 1 (b) 2  
(c) 3 (d) 4

11. Consider the following statements about the European Union: [1999]

1. The European Union was known earlier as the European Community
2. The Single European Act (1986) and the Maastricht Treaty were milestones in its formation
3. Citizens of European Union countries enjoy dual citizenship
4. Switzerland is a member of the European Union

- Which of the above statements are correct ?  
 (a) 2 and 4 (b) 1 and 3  
 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2 and 3
12. Which one of the following statements is not correct?  
 Dinar/New Dinar is the currency of : [1999]  
 (a) Sudan (b) Yugoslavia  
 (c) U.A.E (d) Tunisia
13. Which one of the following statements is correct? [1999]  
 (a) Kacchativu and Tin Bigha were territories acquired by Indian Republic from the French  
 (b) Kacchativu and Tin Bigha are territories handed over to Sri Lanka and Bangladesh sovereignty respectively by the Government of India  
 (c) Kacchativu and Tin Bigha are areas that were annexed by the Chinese in the 1962 Sino-Indian war  
 (d) Kacchativu and Tin Bigha are enclaves which were transferred to India by less arrangements with Sri Lanka and Pakistan respectively
14. Which one of the following is known as the "Coffee port" of the world? [2000]  
 (a) Sao Paulo (b) Santos  
 (c) Rio de Janeiro (d) Buenos Aires
15. At which one of the cities labelled as A, B, C and D on the given map of Europe was the historic treaty between NATO and warsaw pact countries signed in 1998 ? [2000]



- (a) A (b) B  
 (c) C (d) D
16. Gilt-edged: [2000]  
 (a) bullion market  
 (b) market of Government securities  
 (c) market of guns  
 (d) market of pure metals
17. Consider the following organisations: [2001]  
 1. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
 2. International Finance Corporation  
 3. International Fund for Agricultural Development  
 4. International Monetary Fund  
 Which of these are agencies of the United Nations?  
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

18. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2001]

**List-I (Books)****List-II (Author)**

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. The Struggle in My Life      | 1. Lech Walesa           |
| B. The Struggle and the Triumph | 2. Nelson Mandela        |
| C. Friends and Foes             | 3. Leonid Brezhnev       |
| D. Rebirth                      | 4. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto   |
|                                 | 5. Sheikh Mujibur Rehman |

**Codes:**

- (a) A-1; B-2; C-5; D-3 (b) A-2; B-1; C-5; D-3  
 (c) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4 (d) A-2; B-1; C-3; D-4

19. Falun Gong is : [2001]

- (a) an ethnic minority in Eastern China  
 (b) an insurgency outfit in Western China  
 (c) a pro-democracy movement in China  
 (d) a spiritual movement in China

20. Who is the scientist in whose honour the "Chandra" X-ray telescope has been named? [2001]

- (a) Chandrashekhar Venkat Raman  
 (b) Jagdish Chandra Bose  
 (c) Prafulla Chandra Roy  
 (d) Subramanyam Chandrashekhar

21. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2001]

**List-I (Important Day)****List-II (Date)**

- |                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| A. World Environment Day | 1. March 20     |
| B. World Forestry Day    | 2. June 5       |
| C. World Habitat Day     | 3. September 16 |
| D. World Ozone Day       | 4. October 3    |
|                          | 5. December 10  |

**Codes:**

- (a) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-5 (b) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3  
 (c) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4 (d) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3

22. Match List-I (Ethnic Community) with List-II (Country) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2002]

**List-I (Ethnic Community)****List-II (Country)**

- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| A. Apatani | 1. China     |
| B. Dyak    | 2. India     |
| C. Dinka   | 3. Indonesia |
| D. Uighur  | 4. Sudan     |

**Codes:**

- (a) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (b) A-3; B-2; C-4; D-1  
 (c) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 (d) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4

23. Berber speaking community, frequently in the news, lives in: [2002]

- (a) Afghanistan (b) Algeria  
 (c) Argentina (d) Australia

24. Consider the following countries: [2002]  
 1. Angola 2. Colombia  
 3. Congo 4. Sudan  
 Which of these countries has/have been suffering from civil war?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3  
 (c) 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
25. Match List-I (Organisation) with List-II (Headquarters) and select the correct answer using the codes below the lists: [2002]
- | List-I (Organisation)                                    | List-II (Headquarters) |
|--|------------------------|
| A. International Atomic Energy Agency                    | 1. Brussels            |
| B. International Telecommunication Union                 | 2. Geneva              |
| C. Council of the European Union                         | 3. Paris               |
| D. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development | 4. Viena               |
- Codes:**  
 (a) A-1; B-2; C-4; D-3  
 (b) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-2  
 (c) A-1; B-3; C-4; D-2  
 (d) A-4; B-2; C-1; D-3
26. "World Development Report" is an annual publication of: [2002]  
 (a) United Nations Development Programme  
 (b) International Bank of Reconstruction and Development  
 (c) World Trade Organisation  
 (d) International Monetary Fund
27. Consider the following statements: [2002]  
 1. The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) is a specialized agency of United Nations System of Organisations  
 2. WIPO has its headquarters at Rome  
 3. The Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement is binding on all WTO members  
 4. Least developed country members of WTO are not required to apply the provisions of TRIPS Agreement for a period of 20 years from the general date of application of the Agreement  
 Which of these statements are correct?  
 (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
 (c) 1, 2 and 4 (d) 1 and 3
28. Which among the following countries has the largest population? [2003]  
 (a) Indonesia (b) Japan  
 (c) Pakistan (d) Sudan
29. Which one of the following statements is correct? [2003]  
 (a) East Timor was British colony for four centuries  
 (b) The European colonial rulers handed over East Timor to Indonesia in 1975  
 (c) The United Nations took over East Timor in 1999 to prepare it for independence  
 (d) East Timor finally declared its independence in December 2001
30. As per the Human Development Index given by UNDP, which one of the following sequences of South Asian countries is correct, in the order of higher to lower development? [2003]  
 (a) India-Sri Lanka-Pakistan-Maldives  
 (b) Maldives-Sri Lanka-India-Pakistan  
 (c) Sri Lanka-Maldives-India-Pakistan  
 (d) Maldives-India-Pakistan-Sri Lanka
31. In which one of the following countries is rupee its currency? [2003]  
 (a) Bhutan (b) Malaysia  
 (c) Maldives (d) Seychelles
32. Which one of the following countries is land locked? [2003]  
 (a) Bolivia (b) Peru  
 (c) Surinam (d) Uruguay
33. Which one among the following languages has largest number of speakers in the world? [2003]  
 (a) Bengali (b) French  
 (c) Japanese (d) Portuguese
34. Which among the following countries was the earliest to give women the right to vote? [2003]  
 (a) Iceland (b) India  
 (c) New Zealand (d) U.S.A
35. Consider the following international language: [2004]  
 1. Arabic 2. French  
 3. Spanish  
 The correct sequence of the language given above in the decreasing order of the number of their speakers is :  
 (a) 3, 1, 2 (b) 1, 3, 2  
 (c) 3, 2, 1 (d) 1, 2, 3
36. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below: [2004]
- | List-I (Agency)   | List-II (Headquarters) |
|---|------------------------|
| A. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)                | 1. Nairobi             |
| B. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)                | 2. Vienna              |
| C. United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) | 3. Berne               |
| D. Universal Postal Union (UPU)                               | 4. New York            |
- Codes:**  
 (a) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (b) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3  
 (c) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (d) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1

37. World's longest ruling of government is from: [2004]  
 (a) Switzerland (b) Cuba  
 (c) Zimbabwe (d) New Zealand
38. Which one of the following cities (they were in the news in recent times) is not correctly matched with its country? [2004]  
 (a) Salamanca : Spain  
 (b) Cannes : Italy  
 (c) Cancun : Mexico  
 (d) Bruges : Belgium
39. Match List-I (State/Province/Overseas Territory) with List-II (Country) and select the correct answer using the codes given below: [2004]
- | List-I              | List-II    |
|---------------------|------------|
| A. British Colombia | 1. USA     |
| B. Bavaria          | 2. UK      |
| C. Gibraltar        | 3. Canada  |
| D. Rhode Island     | 4. Germany |
|                     | 5. Denmark |
- Codes:**  
 (a) A-1; B-2; C-5; D-3 (b) A-3; B-4; C-2; D-1  
 (c) A-1; B-4; C-2; D-3 (d) A-3; B-2; C-5; D-1
40. Match List-I (New names of the Countries) with List-II (Old names of the Countries) and select the correct answer using the codes given below: [2004]
- | List-I      | List-II             |
|-------------|---------------------|
| A. Benin    | 1. Nyasaland        |
| B. Belize   | 2. Basutoland       |
| C. Botswana | 3. Bechuanaland     |
| D. Malawi   | 4. British Honduras |
|             | 5. Dohomey          |
- Codes :**  
 (a) A-3; B-1; C-2; D-4 (b) A-5; B-4; C-3; D-1  
 (c) A-3; B-4; C-2; D-1 (d) A-5; B-1; C-3; D-4
41. Consider the following statements: [2004]  
 1. Montenegro and Serbia agreed to a new structure for the Yugoslav Federation  
 2. Croatin remained under the Hungarian Administration until the end of First World War  
 3. Claims to Macedonia Territory have long been a source of contention between Belgium and Greece  
 4. In 1991, Slovenia declared independence from Czechoslovakia  
 Which of the statements given above are correct?  
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2 and 3  
 (c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 3 and 4
42. Consider the following statements: [2005]  
 1. The Headquarters of the International Organisation for standardization are located in Rome.  
 2. ISO 9000 relates to the quality management system and standards.  
 3. ISO 14000 relates to environmental management system standards.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 3 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) none
43. Which one of the following is not an ASEAN member? [2005]  
 (a) Cambodia (b) China  
 (c) Laos (d) Philippines
44. Consider the following statements: [2005]  
 1. The Constitution of the United States of America came into force in year 1810.  
 2. All revenue bills must originate in the House of Representative of the US Congress.  
 3. George W. Bush is the only President in the history of the United States of America.  
 Which of the statement given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) 1 and 2 (d) 2 and 3
45. Consider the following statements: [2005]  
 1. The Parliament of Russia is called Federal Assembly.  
 2. The Council of the Federation in the Russian Parliament is the lower house.  
 3. The name of the upper house in the Russian Parliament is state Duma.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2  
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1 only
46. Match items in the List-I (country) with those in the List-II (Name of Parliament) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2005]
- | List-I<br>(Country) | List-II<br>(Name of Parliament) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. Netherlands      | 1. Diet                         |
| B. Ukraine          | 2. States General               |
| C. Poland           | 3. Supreme Council              |
| D. Japan            | 4. Sejm                         |
- Codes:**  
 (a) A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3 (b) A-2, B-3, C-4, D-1  
 (c) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1 (d) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3
47. Consider the following statements: [2005]  
 1. The man Booker prize is awarded to citizen of any of the countries of the British common wealth or the Republic of Ireland.  
 2. A leading London based software company underwrites the man Booker Prize presently.  
 3. The winner of the man Booker Prize in year 2004 is a South Asian.  
 Which of the statement given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3  
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
48. Consider the following statements: [2005]  
 1. The Charter of the United Nations Organization was adopted at Geneva, Switzerland in June, 1945.  
 2. India was admitted to the United Nations Organization in the year 1945.  
 3. The Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Organization was established to manage the affairs of territories detached from Japan Italy after the second World War or such territories not under the control of a country at that time.



- Which of the statements given above are correct? .  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 only
49. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2005]
- | Current Name | Old Name       |
|--------------|----------------|
| (a) Harare   | : Salisbury    |
| (b) Ethiopia | : Abyssinia    |
| (c) Ghana    | : Dutch Guiana |
| (d) Kinshasa | : Leopoldville |
50. In which country US Bandung, when the conference of African and Asian nations was held which led to establishing Non-Aligned Movement (NAM); situated? [2005]  
 (a) Thailand (b) Egypt  
 (c) Indonesia (d) Philippines
51. In which one of the following countries, is Tamil a major language? [2005]  
 (a) Myanmar (b) Indonesia  
 (c) Mauritius (d) Singapore
52. Which one of the following cities is not a former capital of the given country (Country given in the brackets)? [2005]  
 (a) Karachi (Pakistan)  
 (b) Auckland (New Zealand)  
 (c) Kyoto (Japan)  
 (d) Brisbane (Australia)
53. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2005]  
 (a) Seikan Rail Tunnel : China  
 (b) Petronas Towers : Malaysia  
 (c) Appalachian Trail : USA  
 (d) Rogum Dam : Tajikistan
54. For which one of the following countries is Spanish not an official language? [2005]  
 (a) Chile (b) Colombia  
 (c) Republic of Congo (d) Cuba
55. What was Komagata Maru ? [2005]  
 (a) A political party based in Taiwan.  
 (b) Peasant communist leader of China.  
 (c) A naval ship on voyage to Canada.  
 (d) A Chinese village where Mao Tse lung began his long march.
56. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched ? [2005]
- | British Prime         | Political Party      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) John Major        | : Conservative Party |
| (b) James Callaghan   | : Labour Party       |
| (c) Harold Wilson     | : Conservative Party |
| (d) Margaret Thatcher | : Conservative Party |
57. Which one of the following cities is the seat of Parliament of South Africa? [2005]  
 (a) Pretoria (b) Dutban  
 (c) Johannesburg (d) Cape Town
58. Where is Bundala Biosphere Reserve which has been recently added to the UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) network located? [2006]  
 (a) Russia (b) India  
 (c) Sri Lanka (d) Bangladesh
59. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2006]  
 (a) Slovenia Bratislava  
 (b) Seychelles Victoria  
 (c) Iserra Leone Freetown  
 (d) Uzbekistan Tashkent
60. What is the Universal Product Code (UPC) adopted for? [2006]  
 (a) Fire safety code in buildings  
 (b) Earthquake-resistant building code  
 (c) Bard code  
 (d) Against adulteration in eatables
61. What is the new administrative capital proposed for Myanmar? [2006]  
 (a) Bassein (b) Mandalay  
 (c) Myitkyina (d) Pyinmana
62. Consider the following statements: [2006]  
 1. Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General is from Nigeria.  
 2. Kofi Annan is the First UN Secretary General to be appointed from the ranks of the United Nations Staff.  
 3. Kofi Annan was appointed for a second term to the office of the UN Secretary General.  
 Which of the statements given above are correct?  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
63. Consider the following statements: [2006]  
 1. The Noble Prize Awarding Ceremony takes place on December 10, of every year.  
 2. The Nobel Prize for Literature was added lateron to the other five areas: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Peace and Economics.  
 Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
64. In which one of the following films did the Noble Laureate Pearl S. Buck collaborate? [2006]  
 (a) Shatranj Ke Khilari  
 (b) Guide  
 (c) Lawrence of Arabia  
 (d) Titanic
65. 'Lectures from Colombo to Almora' is based on the experiences of which one of the following? [2006]  
 (a) Veer Savarkar  
 (b) Annie Besant  
 (c) Ramkrishan Paramhansa  
 (d) Swami Vivekanand
66. Who among the following wrote 'The Communist Manifesto' along with Karl Marx? [2006]  
 (a) Emile Durkheim (b) Friedrich Engels  
 (c) Robert Owen (d) Max Weber

67. Who is Wole Soyinka? [2006]  
 (a) A well-known economist.  
 (b) A well-known football player.  
 (c) A well-known industrialist owning steel plants in many parts of the world.  
 (d) A Nobel Prize winner for literature.
68. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2006]
- | Well-known Company     | Major area of Work       |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Adobe System India | Software                 |
| (b) Sasken             | Communication technology |
| (c) Genpact            | Power generation         |
| (d) Synthite           | Export of spices         |
69. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]
- | List-I<br>(Name)       | List-II<br>(Designation)  |
|------------------------|---|
| A. Harold Pinter       | 1. Director-General, FAG  |
| B. Jacques Diouf       | 2. President, European Commission   |
| C. Jose Manuel Barroso | 3. World Bank appointed expert for adjudicating on the Baglihar Hydel Project |
| D. Raymond Lafitte     | 4. Literature   |
- Codes:**  
 (a) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1 (b) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3  
 (c) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3 (d) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1
70. Which one of the following pairs is not matched? [2006]
- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| (a) Sigmund Freud   | Psychoanalysis   |
| (b) Anna Freud      | Child psychiatry |
| (c) Milton Friedman | Economics        |
| (d) Eric R. Kandel  | Literature       |
71. Which one among the following was the first to legalize Euthanasia? [2006]  
 (a) Austria (b) Switzerland  
 (c) Netherlands (d) Canada
72. Which of the following pairs are correctly matched? [2006]
- | Inventor          | Invention            |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Christopher    | Hovercraft Cockerell |
| 2. David Bushnell | Submarine            |
| 3. J. C. Perrier  | Steamship            |
- Select the correct answer by using the codes given below:  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
73. Where is DAVOs, the venue of the annual meeting of World Economic Forum; located? [2006]  
 (a) France (b) Germany  
 (c) Switzerland (d) Luxemburg
74. Consider the following statements: [2006]  
 1. The Richter scale is a logarithmic scale and so an increase of 1 magnitude unit represents a factor of 10 times in amplitude.  
 2. Each integer reading of the Richter scale has an energy 100 times that the previous integer reading.  
 Which of the statement(s) given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
75. Which one of the following countries is not a member of the Nordic Council? [2006]  
 (a) Norway (b) Denmark  
 (c) Iceland (d) United Kingdom
76. Which one of the following countries is not a member of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)? [2006]  
 (a) Armenia (b) Belarus  
 (c) Estonia (d) Georgia
77. Which one of the following countries is not a member of ASEAN? [2006]  
 (a) Vietnam (b) Brunei Darussalam  
 (c) Bangladesh (d) Myanmar
78. Match List-I (Person) with List-II (Organization/Area of Work) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists: [2006]
- | List-I<br>(Person) | List-II<br>(Organization/<br>Area of Work) |
|--------------------|--|
| A. Chandra Kochhar | 1. Advertising                             |
| B. Amrita Patel    | 2. Banking                                 |
| C. Indra Nooyi     | 3. Dairy Development                       |
| D. Piyush Pandey   | 4. Pepsi Co                                |
- Codes :**  
 (a) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (b) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1  
 (c) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (d) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3
79. Who among the following have been the Union Finance Ministers of India? [2007]  
 1. V P Singh 2. R Venkataraman  
 3. Y B Chavan 4. Pranab Mukherjee  
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only  
 (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
80. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2007]
- | List-I<br>(Person) | List-II<br>(Position/Organization)      |
|--------------------|---|
| A. Nancy Pelosi    | 1. WTO                                  |
| B. Margaret Chan   | 2. Speaker, US House of Representatives |
| C. Pascal Lamy     | 3. WHO                                  |
| D. Steve Ballmer   | 4. Microsoft                            |
- Codes:**  
 (a) A-2; B-1; C-3; D-4 (b) A-4; B-3; C-1; D-2  
 (c) A-2; B-3; C-1; D-4 (d) A-4; B-1; C-3; D-2

81. With reference to the international meetings held in the year 2006, which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched? [2007]
1. NAM Summit : Havana
  2. APEC Meeting : Bangkok
  3. EU - India Summit : Helsinki
  4. UN Climate Change Conference : Geneva
- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) 2, 3 and 4
82. Who among the following is Chile's first woman President? [2007]
- (a) D Ortega (b) M Bachelet  
(c) E Morales (d) A Garcia
83. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists: [2007]
- | List-I<br>(Company) | List-II<br>(Major Area/Product) |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| A. Chevron          | 1. Wind energy                  |
| B. AT & T           | 2. Oil                          |
| C. AMD              | 3. Telephone, internet          |
| D. Enercon GmbH     | 4. Microprocessor               |
- Codes:**
- (a) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3 (b) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1  
(c) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1 (d) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3
84. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched? [2007]
- (a) William Dickson : Motion Picture film  
(b) Charles Babbage : Programmable Computer  
(c) Nicholas Stem : Construction technology  
(d) Brian Greene : String theory
85. Yom Kippur War was fought between which sides countries? [2008]
- (a) Turkey and Greece  
(b) Serbs and Croats  
(c) Israel, and Arab countries led by Egypt and Syria  
(d) Iran and Iraq
86. Who among the following is considered as the inventor of the World Wide Web (WWW)? [2007]
- (a) Edward Kasner (b) Bill Gates  
(c) Tim Berners-Lee (d) Vinod Dham
87. Where are the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) located? [2007]
- (a) Dubai (b) Jeddah  
(c) Islamabad (d) Ankara
88. How is Gabriel Garcia Marquez well-known as [2007]
- (a) Known for research in agriculture  
(b) A renowned football coach  
(c) A great writer who won the Nobel Prize for literature  
(d) Known for research in railway engineering
89. Where was the first conference of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs held in the year 1957? [2007]
- (a) Minnowbrook (USA)  
(b) Rhode Island (USA)  
(c) Nova Scotia (Canada)  
(d) Nagasaki (Japan)
90. Consider the following statements: [2007]
1. The series of the International Paper Sizes is based on A0 size whose area is  $0.5 \text{ m}^2$  (approximately).
  2. The area of A4 size paper is  $1/8^{\text{th}}$  of that of the A0 size paper.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only  
(b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2  
(d) Neither 1 nor 2
91. Which of the following pairs in respect of current power generation in India is/are correctly matched? [2008]
- (Rounded Figure)**
1. Installed electricity : 100000 MW  
Generation capacity
  2. Electricity generation : 660 billion kWh
- Select the correct answer using the code given below:
- Codes :**
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
92. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists: [2008]
- | List-I (Person)         | List-II (Area)              |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Sabyasachi Mukherjee | 1. Microfinance loans       |
| B. Aniruddha Bahal      | 2. Pharmaceuticals          |
| C. Vikram Akula         | 3. Fashion designing        |
| D. Yusuf Hamied         | 4. Investigative journalism |
- Codes:**
- (a) A-1; B-2; C-3; D-4  
(b) A-3; B-4; C-1; D-2  
(c) A-1; B-4; C-3; D-2  
(d) A-3; B-2; C-1; D-4
93. Ogaden region has been a source of conflict between which countries? [2008]
- (a) Morocco and Algeria  
(b) Nigeria and Cameroon  
(c) Angola and Zambia  
(d) Ethiopia and Somalia
94. Cristina Kirchner succeeded her husband to become President of a South American country. Which is that country? [2008]
- (a) Chile (b) Argentina  
(c) Colombia (d) Venezuela

95. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists: [2008]

List-I (Service/Agency)	List-II (Country)
A. Foreign Intelligence Service	1. Israel
B. Ministry of State Security	2. Britain
C. Secret Intelligence Service	3. China
D. The Mossad	4. Russia

**Codes:**

- (a) A-4; B-1; C-2; D-3  
 (b) A-2; B-3; C-4; D-1  
 (c) A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1  
 (d) A-2; B-1; C-4; D-3
96. Norman Ernest Borlaug who is regarded as the father of the Green Revolution in India is from which country? [2008]
- (a) United States of America  
 (b) Mexico  
 (c) Australia  
 (d) New Zealand
97. Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists: [2008]

List-I (Organization)	List-II (Associated Convention /Person/Place /Headquarters)
A. Amnesty International	1. Viskuli
B. Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	2. Paris
C. Danube Commission	3. Peter Benenson
D. Europe Space Agency	4. Belgrade Convention

**Codes:**

- (a) A-3; B-1; C-4; D-2  
 (b) A-4; B-2; C-3; D-1  
 (c) A-3; B-2; C-4; D-1  
 (d) A-4; B-1; C-3; D-2
98. How much is one barrel of oil approximately equal to [2008]
- (a) 131 litres (b) 159 litres  
 (c) 257 litres (d) 321 litres
99. Which of the following pairs is/are correctly matched?
1. Francis Collins : Mapping human genome  
 2. Sergey Brin : Google Search Engine  
 3. Jimmy Wales : Wikipedia
- Select the correct answer using the code given below: [2008]
- Codes:**
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

100. Consider the following pairs: [2009]

Famous place	Country
1. Cannes	: France
2. Davos	: Denmark
3. Roland Garros	: The Netherlands

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
101. Who of the following is the author of the book "The Audacity of Hope"? [2009]
- (a) Al Gore (b) Barack Obama  
 (c) Bill Clinton (d) Hillary Clinton
102. A present group of nations known as G-8 started first as G-7. Which one among the following was not one of them? [2009]
- (a) Canada (b) Italy  
 (c) Japan (d) Russia
103. Consider the following countries: [2009]
1. Switzerland 2. Malta  
 3. Bulgaria
- Which of the above are members of European Union?
- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

104. Consider the following pairs: [2009]

Organization	Location of Headquarters
1. Asian Development	: Tokyo Bank
2. Asia-Pacific Economic	: Singapore Cooperation
3. Association of South East Asian Nations	: Bangkok

Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?

- (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 3 only
105. With reference to the United Nations, consider the following statements: [2009]
1. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of UN consists of 24 member States.  
 2. It is elected by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the General Assembly for a 3-year term.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
106. Which one of the following pairs of countries fought wars over a region called Ogaden? [2009]
- (a) Eritrea and Sudan (b) Ethiopia and Somalia  
 (c) Kenya and Somalia (d) Ethiopia and Sudan
107. Consider the following countries: [2009]
1. Brunei Darussalam 2. East Timor  
 3. Laos
- Which of the above is/are member/members of ASEAN?
- (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3



- 108.** Other than Venezuela, which one among the following from South America is a member of OPEC? [2009]  
 (a) Argentina (b) Brazil  
 (c) Ecuador (d) Bolivia
- 109.** Consider the following pairs: [2009]
- | Large Bank       | Country of Origin |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ABN Amro Bank | : USA             |
| 2. Barclays Bank | : UK              |
| 3. Kookmin Bank  | : Japan           |
- Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) 1 and 2 (d) 2 and 3
- 110.** Consider the following pairs: [2009]
- | Automobile Manufacturer | Headquarters |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. BMW AG               | : USA        |
| 2. Daimler AG           | : Sweden     |
| 3. Renault S.A.         | : France     |
| 4. Volkswagen AG        | : Germany    |
- Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?  
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 3 and 4  
 (c) 4 only (d) 1, 2 and 4
- 111.** The Security Council of UN consists of 5 permanent members, and the remaining 10 members are elected by the General Assembly for a term of [2009]  
 (a) 1 year (b) 2 years  
 (c) 3 years (d) 5 years
- 112.** The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) is an international treaty drawn at [2010]  
 (a) United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 1972  
 (b) UN 'Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992  
 (c) World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, 2002  
 (d) UN Climate' Change Conference, Copenhagen, 2009
- 113.** Consider the following countries: [2010]  
 1. Brazil 2. Mexico  
 3. South Africa  
 According to UNCTAD, which of the above is/are categorized as "Emerging Economies"?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only  
 (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
- 114.** Which one of the following is not related to United Nations? [2010]  
 (a) Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency  
 (b) International Finance Corporation  
 (c) International, Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes  
 (d) Bank for International Settlements
- 115.** With reference to BRIC countries, consider the following statements: [2010]  
 1. At present, China's GDP is more than the combined GDP of all the three other countries.  
 2. China's population is more than the combined population of any two other countries.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 116.** As regards the use of international food safety standards as reference point for the dispute settlements, which one of the following does WTO collaborate with? [2010]  
 (a) Codex Alimentarius Commission  
 (b) International Federation of Standards Users.  
 (c) International Organization for Standardization  
 (d) World Standards Cooperation
- 117.** Consider the following statements: [2010]  
 1. The Commonwealth has no charter, treaty or constitution.  
 2. AU the territories/countries once under the British empire (jurisdiction/ rule/mandate) automatically joined the Commonwealth as its members.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 118.** In the context of bilateral trade negotiations between India and European Union, what is the difference between European Commission' and European Council?  
 1. European Commission represents the EU in trade negotiations whereas European Council participates in the legislation of matters pertaining to economic policies of the European Union.  
 2. European Commission comprises the Heads of State or government of member countries whereas the European Council comprises of the persons nominated by European Parliament.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct? [2010]  
 (a) 1 only (b) 2 only  
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 119.** In the context of global oil prices, "Brent crude oil" is frequently referred to in the news. What does this term imply? [2011 - I]  
 1. It is a major classification of crude oil.  
 2. It is sourced from North sea.  
 3. It does not contain sulphur.  
 Which of the statements given above is/are correct?  
 (a) 2 only (b) 1 and 2 only  
 (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

- 120.** Regarding the International Monetary Fund, which one of the following statements is correct ? [2011 - I]  
 (a) It can grant loans to any country  
 (b) It can grant loans to only developed countries  
 (c) It grants loans to only member countries  
 (d) It can grant loans to the central bank of a country
- 121.** Consider the following statements:  
 The price of any currency in international market is decided by the [2012 - I]  
 1. World Bank  
 2. demand for goods/services provided by the country concerned  
 3. stability of the government of the concerned country  
 4. economic potential of the country in question  
 Which of the statements given above are correct?  
 (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (b) 2 and 3 only  
 (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1 and 4 only
- 122.** Consider the following countries : [2014 - I]  
 1. Denmark  
 2. Japan  
 3. Russian Federation  
 4. United Kingdom  
 5. United States of America
- Which of the above are the members of the 'Arctic Council'?
- (a) 1, 2 and 3  
 (b) 2, 3 and 4  
 (c) 1, 4 and 5  
 (d) 1, 3 and 5
- 123.** Chaitra 1 of the national calendar based on the Saka Era corresponds to which one of the following dates of the Gregorian calendar in a normal year of 365 days? [2014 - I]  
 (a) 22nd March (or 21st March)  
 (b) 15th May (or 16th May)  
 (c) 31st March (or 30th March)  
 (d) 21st April (or 20th April)
- 124.** Amnesty International is [2015 - I]  
 (a) an agency of the United Nations to help refugees of civil wars  
 (b) a global Human Rights Movement  
 (c) a non-governmental organization to help people voluntary very poor people  
 (d) an inter-governmental agency to cater to medical emergencies in war-ravaged regions

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1. (c) All the pairs, 1, 2, 3 are correctly matched.
2. (a) The Texas state in U.S.A. has legalised Euthanasia. Euthanasia is the process in which if a person who is willing to die, he is given peaceful death by the doctor through an injection.
3. (d) English, French, Chinese, Russian, Arabic and Spanish are the official language of U.N.O
4. (d) World Environment conference to discuss global warming was held in 1997 in Kyoto of Japan.
5. (b) Ringgit is the currency of Malaysia. A baht is also a unit of weight for gold and is commonly used in jewellers and goldsmiths in Thailand. The currency was originally known as the tical and this name was used in the English language text on banknotes until 1925. The rupiah (Rp) is the official currency of Indonesia. The Won is the official currency of South Korea.
6. (b) According to Meadows, if the present trend of world population, industrialization, pollution remained unchanged then "limits of growth" on our planet will be reached in 100 years.
7. (d) Hang Seng is the stock market of Hong Kong not Seoul. Rest 1 and 3 are correctly matched.
8. (c) **Mercosur** or **Mercosul** is an economic and political agreement between Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Founded in 1991
9. (a) Amartya sen was associated with WTO draft document.
10. (d) Kenya was granted as the 16th member of G-15 countries, which is marked as '4' in the given map.
11. (d) All the statement given in the question is correct, without '4' because Switzerland is not a member of European Union.
12. (c) Currency of U.A.E is Dinar; Sudan's currency is Sudanese Pound; Yugoslavia's currency is New Dinar Currency of Tunisia is Tunisian Dinar.
13. (b) The Kacchativu Dispute  
A territorial dispute arose in regard to the ownership of a one square mile uninhabited island, called Kacchativu, off the Jaffna coast in the Palk straits. Pilgrims from both India and Sri Lanka used to go to Kacchativu Island every year in the month of March during the four-day St. Anthony's festival for worship at the local Roman Catholic Church. India protested over the presence of Sri Lankan police during the festival in 1968. This caused conflict. Both India and Sri Lanka were keen to avoid a serious situation. The Prime Ministers of India and Sri Lanka met twice and pending a final decision on the issue of island's title, resolved to maintain status quo in and around the island. Neither India nor Sri Lanka would send its policemen in uniform or custom officials, or resort to aerial reconnaissance or naval patrolling of adjacent waters during the St. Anthony's festival. Finally, through a comprehensive agreement India accepted Sri Lanka's ownership of the Kacchativu Island. The Teen Bigha Corridor is a strip of land formerly belonging to India on the West Bengal-Bangladesh border which has been leased indefinitely to Bangladesh so that it can access its Dehgram-Angalpota enclaves, one of the Indo-Bangladesh enclaves. This Corridor was formally transferred to Bangladesh on June 26, 1992.
14. (b) Santos port Brazil is known as "coffee port" of world.
15. (c) In the given figure of Europe the 'c' marked city is Brussels, where historic treaty between NATO and Warsaw pact was signed in 1998.
16. (b) Gilt-edged is the market in government securities guaranteed by the government – centre or state. The term means least-risk/best quality by way of least risk of default in repayment of principal and interest.
17. (d) International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was established in 1977 with the objective to fight rural poverty. Its mission is to "Enable poor rural people to overcome poverty". The **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development** (IBRD) is one of five institutions that comprise the World Bank Group.
18. (b) "The Struggle in My Life" is written by Nelson Mandela, "The Struggle and the Triumph" is written by Lech Walsesa, "Friends and Foes" is written by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and "Rebirth" is written by Leonid Brezhnev, the former president of U.S.S.R
19. (d) Falun Gong is a spiritual movement in China against which the Chinese authorities have taken stern action.
20. (c) "Chandra" X-ray telescope has been named after famous physicist of Indian origin Subramanyam Chandrasekhar.
21. (d)

Important Day	Date
A. World Environment Day	– 5th June
B. World Forestry Day	– 20th March
C. World Habitat Day	– 3rd October
D. World Ozone Day	– 16th September
22. (b) Ethnic community of Indonesia is Apatani, Dyak is the ethnic community of India, Dinka is related to ethnic community of Sudan, Vighers are the ethnic community of China.
23. (b) Berber speaking community lives in Algeria and Morocco.
24. (d) All the four countries Angola, Columbia, Congo and Sudan are suffering from civil war.

25. (d) The headquarter of International atomic Energy Agency is in Viena. The headquarters of International Telecommunication Union is in Geneva, Headquarters of Council of the European Union is in Brussels and Headquarters of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development is in Paris.
26. (b) WDR is an annual publication of World bank i.e. International Bank of Reconstruction and Development
27. (d) WIPO has its HQ at Geneva.
28. (a) Indonesia has the largest population in the given countries.
29. (c) The United Nation took over East Timor in 1999 to prepare for its independence and East Timor finally independence in September 2001.
30. (b) As per the human development index given by UNDP, Maldives ranked 84th, Sri lanka ranked 89th, India ranked 124th and Pakistan ranked 138th.
31. (d) The rupee is the currency of Seyhelles. It is locally called rroupi, it is subdivided into 100 cents. Currency of Bhutan is Ngultrum, Currency of Malaysia is Malaysian Ringget and Currency of Maldives is Maldives Rufiyaa.
32. (a) Bolivia is a land locked country, the surrounding countries are Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. Other than Bolivia Peru, Uruguay, Surinam are the countries which one side any ocean or sea is present.
33. (d) According to 2010 edition of the National encyklopedin, the largest number of speakers in the world are, Portuguese (250 million speakers); Bengali (200 millionspeakers); Japanese; (125 millon speakers); French (74 million speakers).
34. (c) New Zealand gave the right to vote to women in 1893.
35. (a) Total speaker of Spanish in world is 329 million, Arabic speakers are 220 million and French speakers are 200 million. So, the correct sequence in decreasing order of the number of speakers are Spanish, Arabic and French.
36. (b) The headquarters of United Nations Development Programme is in New york, the headquarters of United National Environment Programme is in Nairobi, The headquaters of united National Industrial Development Organisation is present in Vienna and Headquarters of Universal Postal Union is in Beru.
37. (b) World's longest ruling government is of Fidel Castro of Cuba. Fidel Castro came in power in 1959 following the Cuban revolution and became Prime Minister of Cuba in 1961 and from 1976 he became the President of Cuba till date.
38. (b) Cannes is a city organising film festival every year is present in country France.
39. (d) British Columbia is western most provinces of Canada, Bavaria is a state of Germany. Gibralter is the overseas territory of UK and Rhoda Island is the smallest state in USA.
40. (b) Benin - Dohomey  
Belize - British Honduras  
Botswana - Bechuanaland  
Malawi - Nyasaland
41. (b) All the statements excepts '4' is correct. Slovenia declared independent from Yugoslavia.
42. (c) The HQ of ISO is Geneva, Switzerland.
43. (b) China is not a member of ASEAN. It is a part of ASEAN + 3.
44. (b) The Constitution of USA came in to force in 1787. George H. W. Bush (Father) was 41<sup>st</sup> President and George W. Bush (Son) was 43<sup>rd</sup> President of USA.
45. (d) Only statement (1) is correct as statements 2 and 3 are mismatched. Federation Council is Upper House of Russian Parliament and State Duma is the Lower House. Both are located in Moscow.
46. (b) Supreme Council i.e. Verkhovna Rada is the Parliament of Ukraine. Sejm is one chamber of Polish Parliament, National Assembly. The other chamber is the Senate underwrites the man Booker Prize presently.
47. (a)
48. (c) Statement (1) is not correct. The charter of UNO was adopted at San Francisco in June 1945.
49. (c) Ghana and Dutch Guiana are not related to each other.
50. (c) In Indonesia the conference of African and Asian nations was held which established to Non-aligned movement.
51. (d) Tamil is the major language in Singapore.
52. (b) Karachi was the capital of Pakistan from 1947 – 1959. Kyoto was the capital of Japan before Tokyo. Brisbane was the capital of Australia before Cannbera in 1842 – 1859.
53. (a) Seikan Rail Tunnel is world's longest tunnel with length of 34 miles is located in Japan. Seikan railway tunnel is Japan's 53.85 km long tunnel beneath the Tsugaru Strait and connects the Aomori Prefecture on Honshu Island and the Hokkaido Island. With its track located 140m below the seabed, the Seikan tunnel is the world's deepest and longest railway tunnel.
54. (c) French is the official language of Republic of Congo, not Spanish. But spanish is the official language of chile, Columbia nad Cuba.
55. (c) Komagata Maru was a Japanese ship carrying passengers from Singapore to Vancouver. The ship was anchored at Calcutta in September 1914.
56. (c) John Major Conservative Party – 1990  
James Callaghan Labour Party – 1976  
Harold Wilson Conservative Party – 1974  
Margaret Thatcher Conservative Party – 1979  
Edward Heath Conservative Party – 1970  
Harold Wilson Labour Party – 1964
57. (d) Since, 1910 as the seat of Parliament, Cape Town has been the legislative capital of South Africa, Pretoria the Administrative capital and Bloemfontein the Judicial Capital.



58. (c) The Bundala Biosphere Reserve is located on the southeast Coast of Sri Lanka. The core area of Bundala Biosphere is national park and includes brackish water lagoon is added to UNESCO's man and Biosphere.
59. (a) Slovenia is the Capital of Ljubljana, but Bratislava is the capital of Slovakia.
60. (c) The Universal Product Code (UPC) is a barcode symbology (i.e., a specific type of barcode) that is widely used in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and in other countries for tracking trade items in stores.
61. (d) Pyinmana is a logging town and sugarcane refinery center in the Naypyidaw Union Territory of Myanmar. The administrative capital of Myanmar was officially moved to a militarized greenfield site two miles west of Pyinmana on November 6, 2005.
62. (c) Kofi Annan of Ghana is the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations. The first Secretary-General to be elected from the ranks of United Nations staff, he began his term on 1 January 1997. On 29 June 2001, acting on a recommendation by the Security Council, the General Assembly appointed him by acclamation to a second term of office, beginning on 1 January 2002 and ending on 31 December 2006.
63. (a) Since 1901, the Nobel Prizes have been presented to the Laureates at ceremonies on 10 December, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death. As stipulated in the will of the Swedish-born inventor and international industrialist Alfred Nobel, which was opened after his death in 1896, the Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine and Literature are awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, while the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded in Oslo, Norway.
64. (b) The script of the film *Guide* had been written by Nobel Laureate Pearl S Buck who was signed for the film perhaps for no other reason but the fact that she was a bestselling writer worldwide whose books set in China were also known in India.
65. (d) *Lectures from Colombo to Almora* is a book of Swami Vivekananda based on his various lectures.
66. (b) The Communist Manifesto was written by Karl Marx with the assistance of Friedrich Engels.
67. (d) Akinwande Oluwole "Wole" Babatunde Soyinka is a Nigerian playwright and poet. He was awarded the 1986 Nobel Prize in Literature, the first African to be honored in that category.
68. (c) Genpact Limited is a multinational business process outsourcing and information technology services company, domiciled in Bermuda with executive headquarters in New York.
69. (c) Harold Pinter was a Nobel Prize-winning English playwright, screenwriter, director and actor. Jacques Diouf is a Senegalese diplomat who was Director-General of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization from January 1994 to 31 December 2011. José Manuel Durao Barroso is a Portuguese leftist politician who was the 11th President of the European Commission, serving from 2004 to 2014.
- During 1999-2004 India and Pakistan held several rounds of talks on the design of projects, but could not reach an agreement. After failure of talks on January 18, 2005, Pakistan raised six objections to the World Bank, a broker and signatory of Indus Water Treaty. In April 2005 the World Bank determined the Pakistani claim as a 'Difference', a classification between the less serious 'Question' and more serious 'Dispute', and in May 2005 appointed Professor Raymond Lafitte, a Swiss civil engineer, to adjudicate the difference.
70. (d) Eric Richard Kandel is an American neuropsychiatrist. He was a recipient of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his research on the physiological basis of memory storage in neurons.
71. (c) In April 2002, the Netherlands became the first country to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. It imposed a strict set of conditions: the patient must be suffering unbearable pain, their illness must be incurable, and the demand must be made in "full consciousness" by the patient.
72. (a) The Hovercraft invented by Christopher Cockerell is officially launched in Southampton. Sir Christopher Cockerell invented the hovercraft, the vehicle which can travel across land or water on a cushion of air. David Bushnell is credited as the inventor of the submarine, which was first used to launch explosives against British ships during the American Revolution (1775-83). Steam ship was invented by J.C Perrier in the year 1775.
73. (c) Davos is host to World Economic Forum, an annual meeting of global political and business elites and the home of huge ski resort is a town of Switzerland.
74. (a) The magnitude of intensity of energy released by an earthquake is measured by Richter Scale. The number indicating magnitude on Richter Scale ranges between 0 and 9 but in fact the scale has no upper limited of number because it is a logarithmic scale. But each integer reading of the Richter Scale has in energy 32 times of previous integer reading. So the statement is not correct.
75. (d) The member of Nordic Council are Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden with the autonomous territories Greenland, Faroe Island and Aland.
76. (c) 77. (c) 78. (c)
79. (d) VP Singh (1985-87), R Venkataraman (1980-82), YB Chavan (1971-75), Pranab Mukherjee (1982-85; Feb 2009-present)

80. (c) Nancy Patricia D'Alesandro Pelosi is the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives and served as the 60th Speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 2007 to 2011. Dr Margaret Chan is the Director-General of WHO and was first appointed by the World Health Assembly on 9 November 2006. Dr Chan's current term began on 1 July 2012 and will continue until 30 June 2017. Pascal Lamy is a French political consultant and businessman. He was the Director-General of the World Trade Organization until 1 September 2013. Steven Anthony "Steve" Ballmer is an American businessman who was the chief executive officer of Microsoft from January 2000 to February 2014.
81. (b) 14th Nam Summit was held in Havana(Cuba) from 15-16 September 2006. The 17th EU India summit was held in Helsinki on 13 October 2006. 14th APEC Summit was held on 18-19 November 2006 in Hanoi(Vietnam). The 2006 United Nations Climate Change Conference took place between November 6 and 17, 2006 in Nairobi, Kenya.
82. (b) Michelle Bachelet was the first female president of Chile from 2006 to 2014. In December 2013, Bachelet was re-elected as President of Chile with over 62% of the vote. She is the first person since 1932 to win the presidency of Chile twice in competitive elections.
83. (c) Chevron Corporation is an American multinational energy corporation and one of the successor companies of Standard Oil headquartered in California. AT and T Inc. is an American multinational telecommunications corporation, headquartered at Whitacre Tower in downtown Dallas, Texas. Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. is an American worldwide semiconductor company based in Sunnyvale, California, United States, that develops computer processors. Enercon GmbH is the fourth-largest wind turbine manufacturer in the world based in Germany.
84. (c) Nick was appointed as a lecturer in Bioengineering at Southampton University in January 2011.
85. (c) The Yom Kippur War, also known as the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, was a war fought by the coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria against Israel from October 6 to 25, 1973.
86. (c) "Tim" Berners-Lee is best known as the inventor of the World Wide Web.
87. (b) The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the second largest inter-governmental organization after the United Nations. Its headquarters is situated in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
88. (c) Gabriel Garcia Marquez was a Colombian novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and journalist. He was awarded with Nobel Prize in Literature in 1982.
89. (c) The Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs is an international organization that brings together scholars and public figures to work toward reducing the danger of armed conflict and to seek solutions to global security threats. It was founded in 1957 by Joseph Rotblat and Bertrand Russell in Pugwash, Nova Scotia, Canada.
90. (d) The A0 size has an area of 1 square metre.  
 $A0 = 1$  square metre  
 $A1 = 1/2$  square metre  
 $A2 = 1/4$  square metre  
 $A3 = 1/8$  square metre  
 $A4 = 1/16$  square metre
91. (b)
92. (b) Sabyasachi Mukherjee is an Indian fashion designer from Kolkata. Aniruddha Bahal is an Indian journalist, author, founder and editor of the online magazine Cobrapost.com. Vikram Akula is a pioneer in market-based approaches to financial inclusion. Yusuf Khwaja Hamied is an Indian scientist and chairman of Cipla.
93. (d) Ogaden region has been a source of conflict between Ethiopia and Somalia.
94. (b) Cristina Kirchner is the current President of Argentina and widow of former president Néstor Kirchner. She was sworn into a second term on 10 December 2011.
95. (c) The Foreign Intelligence Service is Russia's external intelligence agency, mainly for civilian affairs. The Ministry of State Security (MSS) is the intelligence agency and security agency of the People's Republic of China. The Secret Intelligence Service (commonly known as MI6) is the British intelligence agency which supplies the British Government with foreign intelligence. Mossad is the national intelligence agency of Israel.
96. (a) Norman Ernest Borlaug was an American biologist who has been called "the father of the Green Revolution.
97. (a) Peter Benenson was a British lawyer and the founder of human rights group Amnesty International. The Commonwealth of Independent States was established in December 1991 to assist in settling down the major issues of the independent states' formation and preserving historically established ties. December 8, 1991 - the leaders of the Republic of Belarus, the Russian Federation and Ukraine signed the Commonwealth of Independent States Creation Agreement in Viskuli - Belarusian government residence in the Bialowieza Forest. The Danube Commission is an international intergovernmental organization established by the Convention regarding the regime of navigation on the Danube signed in Belgrade on 18 August 1948. ESA's Headquarters are located in Paris.
98. (b) The one barrel of crude consist of appx 159 Liters.
99. (d) Francis Sellers Collins is an American physician-geneticist noted for his discoveries of disease genes and his leadership of the Human Genome Project. Sergey Mikhaylovich Brin is an American computer

- scientist and internet entrepreneur who, together with Larry Page, co-founded Google, one of the world's most profitable Internet companies. Jimmy Donal "Jimbo" Wales is an American Internet entrepreneur best known as the co-founder and promoter of the online non-profit encyclopedia Wikipedia
100. (a) Davos is a town in Switzerland and Roland Garros is in England.
  101. (b) The Audacity of Hope is a 2006 autobiographical work by Barack Obama.
  102. (d) The Group of Seven (G7) is an informal bloc of industrialized democracies—the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom that meets annually to discuss issues such as global economic governance, international security, and energy policy. Russia belonged to the forum from 1998 but was suspended after its annexation of Crimea in March of that year.
  103. (b) The EU countries are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the UK.
  104. (c) The headquarters of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation is in Singapore. The headquarters of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is in Jakarta, Indonesia.
  105. (b) The United Nations Economic and Social Council has 54 member states which are elected by the United Nations General Assembly for overlapping three-year terms. They are elected by the General Assembly for overlapping three-year terms. Seats on the Council are allotted based on geographical representation with fourteen allocated to African States, eleven to Asian States, six to Eastern European States, ten to Latin American and Caribbean States as well as thirteen to Western European and other States. They are elected by 2/3rd majority of the General Assembly.
  106. (b) Ethiopia and Somalia fought wars for Ogaden.
  107. (c) The **Association of Southeast Asian Nations**, is a geo-political and economic organization of 10 countries located in Southeast Asia, which was formed on 8 August 1967 by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Since then, membership has expanded to include Brunei, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.
  108. (c) The **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** is a cartel of twelve developing countries made up of Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela.
  109. (b) **ABN AMRO Bank N.V.** is a Dutch bank with headquarters in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. **Barclays PLC** is a global financial services company headquartered in London, United Kingdom. **KB Kookmin Bank** is the largest bank by both asset value and market capitalization in South Korea.
  110. (b) BMW AG and Daimler AG are Head quartered in Germany.
  111. (b) Five permanent members: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and ten non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly (with end of term date).
  112. (b) The United Nations framework convention on climate change is an international treaty drawn at UN conference on Environment and development, Rio de Janeiro, 1992.
  113. (d) Newly industrialized countries are emerging markets whose economies have not yet reached first world status but have, in a macroeconomic sense, outpaced their developing counterparts. The Big Emerging Market (BEM) economies are: Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea and Turkey.
  114. (d) The World Bank (established in 1944, HQ - Washington, D.C.) is a vital source of financial and technical assistance to developing countries around the world. It is not a bank in the common sense; we are made up of two unique development institutions owned by 187 member countries: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA). The IBRD aims to reduce poverty in middle-income and creditworthy poorer countries, while IDA focuses on the world's poorest countries. Their work is complemented by that of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) and the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
  115. (a) Item – China Brazil Russia India  
 GDP (\$billions) - 4.667 1.346 1.371 1.256  
 Population-1,338,612,968 191,796,000 141,927,297 1,189,703,000
  116. (a) The Codex Alimentarius (Latin for "food book") is a collection of internationally recognized standards, codes of practice, guidelines and other recommendations relating to foods, food production and food safety. Its name derives from the Codex Alimentarius Austriacus. Its texts are developed and maintained by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, a body that was established in 1963 by FAO and WHO.
  117. (d) The Charter of the Commonwealth was adopted on 19 December 2012 and was officially signed by Queen Elizabeth II at Marlborough House, London, on the Commonwealth Day on 11 March 2013. The Commonwealth of Nations is a voluntary association of 53 independent sovereign states, most of which were once part of the British Empire. The Commonwealth's membership includes both republics and monarchies. The head of the Commonwealth of Nations is Queen Elizabeth II, who reigns as monarch directly in 16 member states known as Commonwealth realms.

- 118. (d)** The European Commission is the EU's executive body. It represents the interests of the European Union as a whole (not the interests of individual countries). While the European Council has no formal legislative power, it is a strategic body that provides the union with general political directions and priorities, and acts as a collective presidency. The members of the European Council are the heads of state or government of the 28 EU member states, the European Council President and the President of the European Commission. The Commission operates as a cabinet government, with 28 members of the Commission. One of the 28 is the Commission President proposed by the European Council and elected by the European Parliament. The Council then appoints the other 27 members of the Commission in agreement with the nominated President, and the 28 members as a single body is then subject to a vote of approval by the European Parliament.
- 119. (d)** It contains sulphur which is even higher than WTI crude oil.
- 120. (c)** IMF is an Inter-Governmental organization that oversees the global financing system by following macro-economic policies of its member countries (187), in particular those with an impact on exchange rate mechanism and balance of payment.
- 121. (b)** Price of any currency in international market is determined by the demand for goods/services produced by the country. If the demand for the product is high then the currency would be strong. The current depreciation of the Indian Rupee is due to rising oil prices. The stability of the government of the concerned country has no role to play in determining the prices of a currency.
- 122. (d)** The Arctic Council is a high-level intergovernmental forum that addresses issues faced by the Arctic governments and the indigenous people of the Arctic. It has eight member countries: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States.
- 123. (a)** Chaitra 1 of the national calendar based on the Saka Era corresponds to 22nd March of the Gregorian calendar in a normal year of 355 days and on 21 March in leap year.
- 124. (b)** Amnesty International is a non-governmental organisation focused on human rights. It was founded in London in 1961 by the lawyer Peter Benenson. It draws attention to human rights abuses and campaigns for compliance with international laws and standards.

