

HPAS 2015 PRELIMS : PAPER 1 - GENERAL STUDIES

WITH ANSWER KEY (HELD ON: 7TH JUNE-2015)

1. Name the site where Harappan ploughed field has been found:
 - (A) Harappa
 - (B) Banawali
 - (C) Rakhigarhi
 - (D) Kalibanga
 2. Who among the following is the author of Milind Panho?
 - (A) Nagasen
 - (B) Ashwaghosh
 - (C) Dharmapal
 - (D) Devardhi
 3. Name the place where Jaina texts were finally compiled?
 - (A) Pawagrah
 - (B) Kalinga
 - (C) Sharvanbelgola
 - (D) Vallabhi
 4. Find out among the following author of Muasir-i-Alamgiri:
 - (A) Alberuni
 - (B) Barni
 - (C) Mustaid Khan
 - (D) Sams-i-Siraj
 5. The temples located in the region between the Vindhyas and the Krishna river are known as:
 - (A) Dravid style
 - (B) Nagar Style
 - (C) Vakataka Style
 - (D) Hybrid style
 6. Which of the following Marathas was given a Manasab of 7000/7000 by Aurangzeb?
 - (A) Shivaji
 - (B) Sambhaji
 - (C) Rajaram
 - (D) Shahuji
 7. Who abolished Dual Government in Bengal?
 - (A) Sir John Shore
 - (B) Lord Curzon
 - (C) Robert Clive
 - (D) Warren Hasting
 8. Sidhu and Kanhu were associated with which one of the following?
 - (A) The Kol uprising
 - (B) The Munda rebellion
 - (C) The Khasi Rising
 - (D) The Santhal rebellion
 9. Match the List I with List II

List I	List II
A. Dadabhai Naoroji	1. Satyarth Prakash
B. Dayanand Saraswati	2. Anand Math
C. Bal Gangadhar Tilak	3. Poverty and Un-British Rule of India
D. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee	4. Gita Rahasya
- Select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- Codes:
- (A) (a-2),(b-3),(c-4),(d-1)
 - (B) (a-3),(b-1),(c-4),(d-2)
 - (C) (a-3),(b-4),(c-1),(d-2)
 - (D) (a-4),(b-2),(c-1),(d-3)
10. Who was the head of the boundary commission which demarcated the boundaries of India and Pakistan?

- (A) Redcliffe
(B) McMahon
(C) Simon
(D) None of the above
11. What is the local name of shifting cultivation in Malaysia?
(A) Jhum
(B) Kumri
(C) Podu
(D) Ladang
12. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?
- | Towns | Rivers |
|--------------|------------|
| (A) Ayodhya | Saryu |
| (B) Surat | Tapti |
| (C) Bareilly | Ganga |
| (D) Kurnool | Tungbhadra |
13. Tropic of cancer does not pass through
(A) Tripura
(B) Mizoram
(C) Manipur
(D) Chhattisgarh
14. Which is the second most spoken language in India?
(A) Urdu
(B) Hindi
(C) Bengali
(D) Telugu
15. Great Salt Lake is located in:
(A) Australia
(B) Tunisia
(C) Canada
(D) U.S.A.
16. Which of the following is the correct order of rivers from north to south?
(A) Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Satluj

- (B) Jhelum, Ravi, Chenab, Satluj
(C) Ravi, Jhelum, Chenab, Satluj
(D) Ravi, Chenab, Jhelum, Satluj
17. Which of the following has the lowest sex ratio in India?
(A) Punjab
(B) Haryana
(C) Dadar and Nagar Haveli
(D) Daman and Div
18. Diego Garcia Island is located in
(A) Pacific Ocean
(B) Atlantic Ocean
(C) Indian Ocean
(D) Arctic Ocean
19. Which of the following statements is/are correct?
(i) Recorded temperature decreases from North to South India
(ii) Rainfall increases from West to East in Northern Plains of India
(A) Only (i)
(B) Only (ii)
(C) Both (i) and (ii)
(D) Neither (i) nor (ii)
20. Which of the following is the largest coal producer?
(A) China
(B) U.S. A.
(C) India
(D) Australia
21. According to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, which of the following articles of the Indian Constitution was to remain a dead-letter?
(A) Article 360
(B) Article 356
(C) Article 352
(D) Article 32

22. The elected members of the state legislative assembly participate in the elections of

1. The President of India
2. The Vice President of India
3. Members of Rajya Sabha
4. Member of Legislative Council

- (A) (1), (2) and (3)
(B) (1), (3) and (4)
(C) (1), (2) and (4)
(D) (1), (2), (3) and (4)

23. Which of the following are the exclusive committees of Rajya Sabha?

1. Committee on Subordinate legislation
2. Committee on government assurances
3. Committee on welfare of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes
4. Committee on public undertakings

Select the correct answer from the codes given below

- (A) (1) and (3)
(B) (1) and (2)
(C) (1), (2) and (3)
(D) All of the above

24. The tenure of the chief election commissioner of India is

- (A) Five years
(B) Five years or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier
(C) Six years or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier
(D) Six years or 70 years, whichever is earlier

25. Which of the commissions/Committees has recommended that there should be Minister of Panchayati Raj?

- (A) Ashok Mehta Committee
(B) L M Singhvi Committee
(C) G V K Rao Committee
(D) Second Administrative Reforms commission

26. Which of the following amendments to the Indian

constitution has made the right of education a fundamental right?

- (A) 84th
(B) 86th
(C) 91st
(D) 92nd

27. Which of the following statements are correct about the national human right commission?

- (i) The National Human Rights Commission is an independent body
(ii) It is not a constitutional body
(iii) It is a statutory body
(iv) It is a multimember body

Select the correct answer from the code given below

- (A) (i) and (ii)
(B) (i), (ii) and (iii)
(C) (i), (ii) and (iv)
(D) All of the above

28. What is the correct sequence of the following four stages in the public policy formulation process?

- (i) Making policy decisions
(ii) Putting public problems on policy agenda
(iii) Identifying public problems
(iv) Formulating policy proposals to deal with the problem

Select the correct answer from the code given below

- (A) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)
(B) (iii), (ii), (iv) and (i)
(C) (i), (iii), (ii) and (iv)
(D) (ii), (iv), (iii) and (i)

29. The responsibility of law and order rests with the police commissioner in the cities of

- (i) Chandigarh
(ii) Delhi
(iii) Mumbai
(iv) Kolkata

Select the correct answer from the code given below

- (A) (i), (ii), (iii)
- (B) (i), (ii), and (iv)
- (C) (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- (D) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

30. Which one of the following functions does not figure in the 11th schedule of the constitution (73rd Amendment)?

- (A) Libraries
- (B) Cultural activities
- (C) Fire services
- (D) Family welfare

31. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna was launched on

- (A) 15th August, 2014
- (B) 1st January, 2015
- (C) 26th January, 2015
- (D) 28th August 2014

32. Earth Summit 2012 for sustainable development was held in

- (A) New Delhi, India
- (B) Rio-Di-Janeiro, Brazil
- (C) Johannesburg, South Africa
- (D) New York, USA

33. According to Planning Commission estimates for 2011-12 which of the following states have maximum percentage of population below poverty line

- (A) Chhattisgarh
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Jharkhand
- (D) Odisha

34. The World Investment Report (WIR) is published by

- (A) International Monetary Fund
- (B) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- (C) General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)
- (D) Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

35. SEBI was established in the year

- (A) 1988
- (B) 1990
- (C) 1991
- (D) 1985

36. NITI in NITI Aayog stands for

- (A) National Institution for Transforming India
- (B) National Institute of Transforming India
- (C) National Initiative for Transforming India
- (D) National Institution for Translating India

37. Annual Summit 2015 of BRICS nations will be held in

- (A) New Delhi, India
- (B) Fortaleza, Brazil
- (C) Ufa in Bashkortostan, Russia
- (D) Durban, South Africa

38. As per the population census 2011, what is the percentage of urban population in Himachal and India respectively

- (A) 15.05 and 35.60
- (B) 10.03 and 31.16
- (C) 10.03 and 35.60
- (D) 12.65 and 31.16

39. Recently, the government of India has decided to revise the base year for estimating the GDP from

- (A) 2001-02 to 2010-11
- (B) 2004-05 to 2013-14
- (C) 2004-05 to 2011-12
- (D) 2001-02 to 2011-12

40. National Sample Survey Office was established in the year :

- (A) 1950
- (B) 1951

- (C) 1947
(D) 1948
41. How many biosphere reserves are there in India
(A) 12
(B) 18
(C) 26
(D) 32
42. The UN Convention on Biodiversity was ratified by the Indian government in the year
(A) 1992
(B) 1993
(C) 1994
(D) 1997
43. Apart from Carbon-dioxide, which of the following gases also have a role in climate change?
(A) Methane
(B) Nitrogen Dioxide
(C) Sulphur Dioxide
(D) Helium
44. At present, which country is the maximum emitter of Carbon-dioxide
(A) USA
(B) China
(C) Russia
(D) France
45. As per the IPCC 4th Assessment Report, the average sea level during the period 1961-2003 increased approximately at the rate of
(A) 1.8 cm per year
(B) 5.9mm per year
(C) 4.1mm per year
(D) 1.8mm per year
46. In India, the forest cover percentage of the total geographical area of the country is appox.
(A) 18%
(B) 29%
(C) 21%
(D) 31%
47. Driving force for an eco-system is
(A) Solar energy
(B) Vegetation
(C) Producers
(D) Bio-Mass
48. Which of the following has the maximum bio-diversity?
(A) Mangroves
(B) Corel reefs
(C) Temperature regions
(D) Tropical regions
49. At present, the primary energy source in the world is
(A) Hydro power
(B) Fossil fuels
(C) Nuclear power
(D) Solar power
50. World Ozone day is celebrated on
(A) June 19th
(B) August 19th
(C) September 16th
(D) November 19th
51. The world's largest highest ground based telescopic observatory is located in:
(A) Colombia
(B) India
(C) Nepal
(D) Switzerland
52. The hormone insulin is a:
(A) Glycolipid
(B) Fatty acid
(C) Peptide
(D) Sterol

53. The sensation of fatigue in the muscle after prolonged strenuous physical work is caused by:

- (A) A decrease in the supply of oxygen
- (B) Minor wear and tear of muscles fibres
- (C) The depletion of glucose
- (D) The accumulation of lactic acid

54. Which of the following agriculture practices is eco-friendly?

- (A) Organic farming
- (B) Shifting cultivation
- (C) Cultivation of high yielding
- (D) Growing plants in glass-houses

55. According to the World Health Organization, the disease which causes the death of the largest number of people today is:

- (A) AIDS
- (B) Tuberculosis
- (C) Malaria
- (D) Ebola

56. The normal temperature of human body in Kelvin scale is:

- (A) 280
- (B) 290
- (C) 300
- (D) 310

57. The only snake that builds a nest is:

- (A) Chain viper
- (B) King Cobra
- (C) Krait
- (D) Saw-scaled viper

58. Which of the following does not contain silver?

- (A) Horn Silver
- (B) German Silver
- (C) Ruby Silver
- (D) Lunar Silver

59. Aluminum surfaces are often 'anodized' this

means the deposition of a layer of:

- (A) Chromium Oxide
- (B) Aluminum Oxide
- (C) Nickel Oxide
- (D) Zinc Oxide

60. Which one of the following polymers is widely used for making bullet proof material?

- (A) Polyvinyl chloride
- (B) Polyamides
- (C) Polyethylene
- (D) Polycarbonates

61. When a CD (compact disc used in audio and video systems) is seen in sunlight, rainbow like colours are seen. This can be explained on the basis of the phenomenon of:

- (A) Reflection and diffraction
- (B) Reflection and transmission
- (C) Diffraction and transmission
- (D) Refraction, diffraction and transmission

62. Which one of the following does a TV remote control unit to use to operate a TV set?

- (A) Light Waves
- (B) Sound Waves
- (C) Micro Waves
- (D) Radio Waves

63. The working principle of a washing machine is:

- (A) Centrifugation
- (B) Dialysis
- (C) Reverse osmosis
- (D) Diffusion

64. A fuse is used in main electric supply as safety devices. Which one of the following statements about the fuse is correct?

- (A) It is connected in parallel with the main switch
- (B) It is made mainly from silver alloys
- (C) It must have a low melting point

- (D) It must have a very high resistance
- 65. A simple machine helps a person in doing:**
- (A) Less Work
 - (B) The same amount of work with lesser force
 - (C) The same amount of work slowly
 - (D) The same amount of work much faster
- 66. Domestic electrical wiring is basically a:**
- (A) Series connection
 - (B) Parallel connection
 - (C) Combination of series and parallel connection
 - (D) Series connection within each room and parallel connection elsewhere
- 67. The most widely used antacid is:**
- (A) Cetrizine
 - (B) Iproniazid
 - (C) Chlorpheniramine
 - (D) Zantac
- 68. Which of the following drugs reduces fever?**
- (A) Analgesic
 - (B) Antipyretic
 - (C) Antibiotic
 - (D) Tranquilizer
- 69. The latitude that passes through Sikkim also passes through**
- (A) Himachal Pradesh
 - (B) Jammu and Kashmir
 - (C) Rajasthan
 - (D) Bihar
- 70. Which of the following peaks are in Himachal Pradesh?**
- (i) Abi gamin
 - (ii) Reo-Purjil
 - (iii) Rangrik Range
 - (iv) Gya
- Choose the correct answer:**
- (A) only (iv)

- (B) only (i)
 - (C) None of the above
 - (D) All of the above
- 71. Which of the following is/are treated as artificial currency?**
- (A) ADR
 - (B) SDR
 - (C) GDR
 - (D) Both ADR and GDR
- 72. Disguised unemployment generally means:**
- (A) Large number of people remains unemployed
 - (B) Alternative employment is not available
 - (C) Marginal productivity is zero
 - (D) Productivity of worker is low
- 73. In India, which of the following have the highest share in the disbursement of credit to agriculture and allied activities?**
- (A) Commercial Banks
 - (B) Micro Finance Institutions
 - (C) Regional Rural Banks
 - (D) Co-operative Banks
- 74. Mars Orbitor Mission is called:**
- (A) Pushpyan
 - (B) Spaceyan
 - (C) Mangalyan
 - (D) Missionyan
- 75. Almost all major oil produces including Saudi Arabian have become dependent on high prices, with break-even level usually over \$90 per barrel to meet their fiscal obligations. Consider the following can be termed as explanation for the present decline in oil prices?**
- (i) The world markets are flush with supplies for which there are not enough consumers.
 - (ii) The global economic slowdown is the principal culprit: with China's national growth

projected at around 7% per year, increase in oil demand is negligible

- (iii) Europe is also not expected to contribute to increased demand due to its sluggish growth.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) (i)
(B) (ii)
(C) Both (i) and (ii)
(D) All of the above

76. Modi Government re-launched the Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) investment scheme to top house hold saving for funding infrastructure development in the country.

Consider the following statements about this and pick the correct statement:

- (i) The saving instrument will be available in the denomination of Rs. 1000, Rs 5000, Rs 10,000 and Rs. 50,000.
(ii) There will be no upper ceiling on investment.
(iii) No tax benefits would be available on this investment.

Answer(s) is/are:

- (A) (i)
(B) (ii)
(C) (i) and (iii) only
(D) All of the above

77. Based upon the relations between India and Pakistan, Khurshid M. Kasuri, the Ex-foreign Minister of Pakistan has recently penned down a book. What is the title of the book?

- (A) India-Pakistan in War and Peace
(B) Neither a Hawk nor a Dove
(C) The Origins of War in South Asia: The Indo-Pakistan Conflicts Since 1947
(D) India and Pakistan: A Political Analysis

78. Shanta Kumar Committee has submitted its report on restructuring of Food Corporation of India (FCI) to Mr. Modi.

Read the following recommendations and find the incorrect ones:

- (i) FCI Procurement should focus on the Western belt, where farmers get the minimum support price.
(ii) FCI should hand over the procurement of Wheat and Rice to four states which include Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.
(iii) Proposed uniform tax of minimum 3% and maximum 4% on Wheat and Rice and the same to be included in the minimum support price.

The answer is:

- (A) (i) and (ii)
(B) (i) and (iii)
(C) (ii) and (iii)
(D) None of the above

79. Read the following statements regarding the recently released NTCA report on the status of tigers in India, 2014.

Find out the incorrect ones:

- (i) The report showed a 30% increase in tiger population to 2226 from 1706 in 2010.
(ii) The largest increase was recorded in Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Tamil Nadu.
(iii) The Mudumalai-Bandipur-Nagarhole-Wayarad Complex hold the world's largest tiger population currently estimated at over 570 tigers.

The correct answer is:

- (A) (i) and (ii)
(B) (ii) and (iii)

- (C) (iii) only
(D) None of the above

80. India has recently signed an agreement on transfer of sentenced persons with the Hong-Kong special administrative region. Which among the following statements is/are correct ones in this regard?

- (i) The agreement will mostly apply to Hong-Kong prisoners.
(ii) Most of the Indian Prisoners have been jailed for serious crimes like drug dealing.
(iii) India has similar agreement with several other countries but none with Mainland China.

The Right answer is:

- (A) (i)
(B) (ii)
(C) (iii)
(D) All of the above

81. Who among the following translated Kalhana's Rajatarangini into English?

- (A) Sir Alexander Cunningham
(B) Sir Aurel Stein
(C) Jonaraja
(D) Sirivara

82. What is the script of the earliest epigraphical rock inscriptions at Pathyur and Kanhiyara in Kangra?

- (A) Brahmi and Tankri
(B) Kharoshthi and Tankri
(C) Brahmi and Kharoshthi
(D) Kharoshthi and Persian

83. Which Mughal ruler is said to have given the title of 'Mian' to the Rajput princes of Punjab Hill states who were held hostages in the royal court?

- (A) Akbar
(B) Jahangir

- (C) Shah Jahan
(D) Aurangzeb

84. Ruler of which of the following hill states were from a common ancestor?

- (A) Mandi, Mangal and Bhajji
(B) Suket, Mandi and Bhagal
(C) Mandi, Suket and Keonthal
(D) Keonthal, Suket and Jubbal

85. Which Raja of Spiti invaded Kullu and made it a tributary?

- (A) Samudra Sena
(B) Chet Sena
(C) Hemat Sena
(D) Rajendra Sena

86. The Raja of Bushahar princely state was assisted by three hereditary Wazir families. One of them was Kohal. Where did it come from?

- (A) Kullu
(B) Garhwal
(C) Kinnaur
(D) Jubbal

87. When was the Department of Public Relations created in Himachal Pradesh?

- (A) 1951
(B) 1952
(C) 1954
(D) 1956

88. In which district of HP is Saryanj Sarma watershed project?

- (A) Una
(B) Sirmaur
(C) Bilaspur
(D) Solan

89. When was 'Beti Hai Anmol' Yojna launched in Himachal Pradesh?

- (A) January 2009

- (B) July 2010
(C) October 2011
(D) December 2012
- 90. Which Raja of Mandi gave the Shivratri Fair the form of a cultural festival?**
(A) Suraj Sen
(B) Bahu Sen
(C) Bir Sen
(D) Ban Sen
- 91. Find the mismatch in the following pairs:**
(A) Tieun Dhar - Chamba
(B) Jakh Dhar - Hamirpur
(C) Haripur Dhar - Sirmaur
(D) Sanjhi Dhar – Shimla
- 92. What is Shingni-Mingni?**
(A) a variety of fish
(B) a herbal-medicinal plant
(C) a folk dance of Kinnaur
(D) a folk song popular in Sirmaur
- 93. Who started the Ice-Skating Rink at Shimla around 1920?**
(A) Peter Ta-Tung
(B) Blessington
(C) Daniel Wilson
(D) William Hay
- 94. In which district of HP is Yunam-so Lake?**
(A) Lahaul-Spiti
(B) Kinnaur
(C) Chamba
(D) Kullu
- 95. When did the number of members in the HP Vidhan Sabha increase from 36 to 41?**
(A) 1971
(B) 1967
(C) 1963
(D) 1954
- 96. Which one of the following is a Pagoda style temple in HP?**
(A) Hateshwari Devi in Jubbal Valley
(B) Hidimba Temple in Manali Valley
(C) Lakshna Devi in Bharmaur
(D) Shakti Devi in Chhatrari
- 97. Which district of HP occupies top position in the production of ginger?**
(A) Sirmaur
(B) Bilaspur
(C) Una
(D) Mandi
- 98. Identify the correct order of density of population among the following districts of HP according to 2011 census data (in descending order):**
(A) Bilaspur, Una, Solan, Mandi
(B) Una, Bilaspur, Solan, Mandi
(C) Una, Mandi, Bilaspur, Solan
(D) Bilaspur, Solan, Una, Mandi
- 99. What was the annual growth rate in the economy of Himachal Pradesh during the 2012-13 fiscal?**
(A) 5.7
(B) 5.9
(C) 6.1
(D) 6.6
- 100. Polworth, Corriedole, Blackpace and Bingi are varieties:**
(A) Vegetables
(B) Spices
(C) Sheep
(D) Buffaloes

ANSWER KEY

1.	D	2.	A	3.	D	4.	C	5.	D	6.	D	7.	D	8.	D	9.	B	10.	A
11.	D	12.	C	13.	C	14.	C	15.	D	16.	A	17.	D	18.	C	19.	B	20.	A
21.	B	22.	B	23.	B	24.	C	25.	A	26.	B	27.	D	28.	B	29.	C	30.	C
31.	D	32.	B	33.	A	34.	B	35.	A	36.	A	37.	C	38.	B	39.	C	40.	A
41.	B	42.	C	43.	A	44.	B	45.	D	46.	\$	47.	A	48.	D	49.	B	50.	C
51.	B	52.	C	53.	D	54.	A	55.	B	56.	D	57.	B	58.	B	59.	B	60.	#
61.	D	62.	#	63.	A	64.	C	65.	B	66.	B	67.	D	68.	D	69.	C	70.	\$
71.	B	72.	C	73.	A	74.	C	75.	D	76.	D	77.	B	78.	A	79.	D	80.	C
81.	B	82.	C	83.	B	84.	C	85.	D	86.	B	87.	C	88.	D	89.	B	90.	A
91.	A	92.	B	93.	B	94.	A	95.	D	96.	B	97.	A	98.	B	99.	C	100.	C

Note:

i) \$ Denotes questions scrapped & weightage to all.

ii) # Denotes two options for questions:-

▶ Que. No. 60 'C' or 'D' Que. No. 62 'A' or 'D'