

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS – FEBRUARY 2017

1. Which was the theme State at the Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2017 held in February 2017?

- (a) Bihar (b) Jharkhand (c) Gujarat (d) Madhya Pradesh

2. At which of the following places has an Indian Institute of Information and Technology, Design and Manufacturing been set up recently?

- (a) Kurnool (b) Nellore (c) Vijayawada (d) Visakhapatnam

3. The first Antyodaya Express was flagged off recently to run from Howrah to –

- (a) Kanya Kumari (b) Chennai (c) Bengaluru (d) Ernakulam

4. Which of the following is the 21st district of West Bengal?

- (a) Bankura (b) Kalimpong (c) Nadia (d) Birbhum

5. Shri Joginder Singh who passed away on 03 February was the former head of -

- (a) UPSC (b) CBI (c) UGC (d) Planning Commission

6. Who won the Women's title at the 81st Senior Badminton National Championship recently?

- (a) Rituparna Das (b) PC Thulasi (c) PV Sindhu (d) Sri Krishna Priya

7. Vaccine against which disease has been added to measles vaccine to form a single vaccine and included in the Universal Immunization Programme by the Govt?

- (a) Polio (b) Malaria (c) Rubella (d) Cholera

8. Which of the following is the first State in India to make its public distribution system (PDS) completely cashless?

- (a) Rajasthan (b) Telangana (c) Haryana (d) Gujarat

9. Which type of animal is Kheleo, the official mascot of the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017?

- (a) Rhinoceros (b) Clouded Leopard (c) Hippopotamus (d) Nilgiri Tahr

10. Which English player has scored the highest runs in Test cricket?

- (a) Alastair Cook (b) Graham Gooch (c) AJ Stewart (d) Geoff Boycott

11. Of the 104 satellites launched by ISRO in February, 96 satellites belonged to which country?

- (a) USA (b) Israel (c) Singapore (d) The Netherlands

12. Who of the following is the new Chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India?

- (a) UK Sinha (b) Ajay Tyagi (c) Pankaj Patel (d) Urjit Patel

13. National Deworming Day is observed on -

- (a) 05 February (b) 07 February (c) 08 February (d) 10 February

14. At which of the following places was the statue of Adiyogi, Lord Shiva unveiled by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently?

- (a) Kanya Kumari (b) Coimbatore (c) Rameshwaram (d) Madurai

15. Anish Kapoor is a well-known -

- (a) Sculptor (b) Singer (c) Film Director (d) Sportsman

16. What is the name of star around which NASA has discovered 7 planets about the size of earth?

- (a) Gliese 412 (b) Kruger 60 (c) Trappist 1 (d) Lacaille

17. Which Naval base was the first to get Integrated Underwater Harbour Defence and Surveillance System (IUHDSS)?

- (a) Mumbai (b) Kochi (c) Port Blair (d) Visakhapatnam

18. Altamas Kabir who passed away recently was the former –

- (a) Chief Election Commissioner (b) Chief Information Commissioner
(c) Comptroller and Auditor General (d) Chief Justice of India

19. Which country recently witnessed large scale stranding of pilot whales resulting in death of many of them?

- (a) Canada (b) Japan (c) New Zealand (d) Spain

20. Who of the following has won the New Zealand Grand Prix motor racing event in February 2017?

- (a) Jehan Daruvala (b) A Vaidyanathan (c) Karun Chandhok (d) N Karthikeyan

21. At what price have the Base Metal Stents (used to clear blockages in coronary arteries and prevent heart attacks) been capped by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority?

- (a) Rs. 9,340/- (b) Rs. 7,260/- (c) Rs. 29,600/- (d) Rs. 5,870/-

22. Who of the following has been awarded the Laureus World Sports Award for the Sportswoman of the Year 2017?

(a) Serena Williams (b) Carli Lloyd (c) Simone Biles (d) Maya Moore

23. What type of animal is Bao Bao which is being shifted from Smithsonian National Zoo, Washington DC to China?

(a) Giant Panda (b) Snow Leopard (c) Alpaca (d) Polar Bear

24. Which team did India defeat in the finals to win the T20 Blind World Cup cricket tournament?

(a) Pakistan (b) Australia (c) South Africa (d) Sri Lanka

25. Who was the Man of the Match at the India-Bangladesh test match played in Hyderabad?

(a) R Ashwin (b) Murali Vijay (c) Ravindra Jadeja (d) Virat Kohli

26. To which of the following companies has Hindustan Motors sold its iconic motor car brand "Ambassador"?

(a) Toyota (b) Peugeot (c) Volkswagen (d) BMW

27. Which Ministry confers the Kayakalp Awards?

(a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (b) Ministry of Commerce

(c) Ministry of Home Affairs (d) Ministry of Railways

28. Which of the following is not a member country of South Asia Regional Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC)?

(a) Bangladesh (b) Nepal (c) Maldives (d) Pakistan

29. Where is the South Asia's only confirmed active volcano located?

(a) Ross Island (b) Narcondam Island (c) Barren Island (d) Viper Island

30. What is the target date specified in Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan for achieving digital literacy in rural India?

(a) March 2018 (b) March 2019 (c) January 2020 (d) January 2021

31. Dr. Shurhozelie Liezietsu is the new Chief Minister of which state?

(a) Nagaland (b) Manipur (c) Mizoram (d) Tripura

32. Mission XI Million is a campaign launched by the Central Govt to encourage children to play which game?

(a) Cricket (b) Kabaddi (c) Kho Kho (d) Football

33. National Science Day is observed on 28 February each year to mark which event?

(a) Birth of Sir C.V. Raman (b) Award of Nobel Prize to Sir C.V. Raman

(c) Discovery of Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman (d) Death of Sir C.V. Raman

34. With which of the following was the famous scientist Peter Mansfield associated?

(a) X-Rays (b) MRI (c) Polio vaccine (d) Ebola vaccine

35. On which island is the Radhanagar Beach located?

(a) Neil Island (b) Rutland Island (c) Viper Island (d) Havelock Island

Answers

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (a)
11. (a) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (b) 15. (a) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (c) 20. (a)
21. (b) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (a) 25. (d) 26. (b) 27. (a) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (b)
31. (a) 32. (d) 33. (c) 34. (b) 35. (d)

Additional information on answers to the above questions

2. The Indian Institutes of Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2017 has been approved by the Parliament to include the aforesaid IITDM alongwith IITs at Jabalpur, Allahabad, Kancheepuram and Gwalior.

5. Shri Joginder Singh served as Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) chief between 1996 and 1997 and also authored some books namely, 'Make a Way Where There is None', '50 Days to Top', 'Inside CBI', 'Some Untold Tales', 'Without Fear and Favour' and 'Inside India'.

7. The Govt has launched a special drive in 5 States/UTs namely Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Goa and Lakshadweep to administer children more than 9 months and less than 15 years with the Measles Rubella (MR) vaccine.

10. Alastair Cook recently resigned as the Captain of the English test team.

13. The third National Deworming Day is being observed this year. It is set to reach approximately 34 crore children in the age group of 1-19 years in 34 states and union territories in government and government-aided schools, anganwadis, and private schools.

15. He is a British sculptor of Indian origin. He was recently awarded Israel's prestigious one million dollar Genesis Prize for his commitment to Jewish values.

17. The project designed by Israeli Aerospace Industries was first deployed at Kochi. Recently (February 2017) it has also been deployed at Mumbai.

19. The incident occurred at a place called Farewell Spit. Over 600 whales got stranded on the beach and hundreds died before rescuers could help them get back to the waters.

21. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has capped the price of drug eluting stents (DES) and bioresorbable vascular scaffolds (BVS) at Rs 29,600 and bare metal stents (BMS) at Rs 7,260. Including VAT, these stents are expected to cost Rs 31,080 and Rs 7,623, respectively.

23. The giant panda is being shifted as a part of the Zoo's cooperative breeding agreement with the China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA) under which all cubs born at the Zoo move to China by the time they turn 4 years old.

25. India won the test match by 208 runs. It was a single match series between the two countries.

27. The awards are conferred to promote cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public health care facilities. AIIMS, New Delhi, has won the first prize, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, won the second prize and Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh.

29. The volcano has recently been erupting in small episodes of five to 10 minutes.

35. The beach was ranked 8th Best Beach in the world among the top 10 in TripAdvisor's World's Travelers Choice Award-Winning Beaches.