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1. Which one of the following films was **not** directed by Satyjit Ray?

- A. Aparajita
- B. Charulata
- C. PatherPanchalt
- D. Sulaam Bombay

Ans. D

Sol. Satyajit Ray (2 May 1921 – 23 April 1992) was an Indian filmmaker. Ray was born in the city of Calcutta into a Bengali family prominent in the world of arts and literature. Starting his career as a commercial artist, Ray was drawn into independent filmmaking after meeting French filmmaker Jean Renoir and viewing Vittorio De Sica'sItalian neorealist film Bicycle Thieves (1948) during a visit to London.

- 2. 'Jhum' is
- A. A folk dance
- B. The name of a river
- C. A tribe in the North-East of India
- D. A type of cultivation
- Ans. D

Sol. 'Jhum' is a type of cultivation. It is primitive form of agriculture and is also called 'Slash and burn' type of cultivation.' Jhum cultivation, also known as the slash and burn agriculture, is the process of growing crops by first clearing the land of trees and vegetation and burning them thereafter. The burnt soil contains potash which increases the nutrient content of the soil.

3. Which of the following gods are worshipped in the sanctum of Badrinath and Kedarnath temples respectively?

- A. Vishnu and Shiva
- B. Shiva and Vishnu
- C. Shiva and Parvati
- D. Vishnu and Brahma
- Ans. A

Sol. Badrinath Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu which is situated in the town of Badrinath in Uttarakhand, India. Kedarnath Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is on the Garhwal Himalayan range near the



Mandakini river in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand in India.

4. Which day is celebrated as World's Daughter Day?

- A. 12 June
- B. 14 July
- C. 28 September
- D. 18 October
- Ans. C
- Sol.

• World Daughters Day is celebrated on **September 28.** 

• It is celebrated to erase the stigma in some countries attached to having a girl instead of a boy child.

• National Son and Daughter Day is celebrated on **August 11** of every year

5. National Institute of Nutrition is a research institute located in the State of A. Telangana

- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- Ans. A

Sol. The National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is an Indian Public health, Biotechnology and Translational research center located in Hyderabad, India. The institute is one of the oldest research centers in India, and the largest center, under the Indian Council of medical Research, located in the vicinity of Osmania University.

6. Which country is popularly called 'The Land of the Maple Leaf'?

- A. Japan
- B. Switzerland
- C. Canada
- D. Russia
- Ans. C

Sol. Canada is popularly called 'The Land of the Maple Leaf".

7. Which currency is costliest in the world?

- A. US Dollar
- B. Swiss Franc

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C. Euro D. Kuwaiti Dinar Ans. D Sol.

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**Kuwaiti Dinar** is the costliest currency in the world.

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There are 1000 fils in one Kuwaiti Dinar and this is currently worth \$3.31.

8. Which one of the following was the last Buddhist text produced in India?

- A. Divya Vandana
- B. Dohakosa
- C. Vajrachedika
- D. Vamsathapakasini

Ans. D

Sol. Vamsathapakasini was the last Buddhist text produced in India

9. The famous painting 'Monalisa' was the creation of:

- A. Michael-Angelo
- B. Leonardo-Da-Vinci
- C. Piccasso
- D. Van Gogh
- Ans. B

Sol. The Mona Lisa is a half-length portrait of a woman by the Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci, which has been acclaimed as "the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, the most parodied work of art in the world". Hence option B is the right answer.

10. Sanjukta Panigrahi was famous for which dance?

- A. Bharatnatyam
- B. Kathak
- C. Manipuri
- D. Odissi
- Ans. D
- Sol.

• Sanjukta Panigrahi was a dancer from India, who was the foremost exponent of Indian classical dance Odissi. • Sanjukta was the first Odia girl to embrace this ancient classical dance at an early age and ensure its grand revival.

11. 'Satyameva Jayate', engraved on the Indian emblem is taken from
A. Rig Veda
B. Matsyapurana
C. Bhagavad Gita
D. Mundakopanishad
Ans. D
Sol. "Satyameva Jayate" is a mantra from the ancient Indian scripture Mundaka
Upanishad. Upon independence of India, it was adopted as the national motto of India.
12. Konark which has famous "Sun God

12. Konark which has famous "Sun God Temple' with wonderful specimens of Hindu architecture lies in the state of:

- A. Odisha
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- Ans. A

Sol. Konark Sun Temple is a 13th-century Sun Temple at Konark in Odisha, India. Konark is a small town in the Puri district in the state of Odisha, India. It lies on the coast by the Bay of Bengal, 65 kilometers from the capital of the state, Bhubaneswar.

13. Who wrote the song 'Sare Jahan Se Accha Hindustan Hamara'? A. Ashafagullah Khan

- B. Sahir Ludhianvi
- C. Mohammad Igbal
- D. Ramprasad Bismil
- Ans. C
- Sol.

• Sir Muhammad Iqbal was a poet, philosopher, and politician who is widely regarded as having inspired the Pakistan Movement.

• He is considered one of the most important figures in Urdu literature with literary work in both the Urdu and Persian languages.

• He wrote the song 'Sare Jahan Se Accha Hindustan Hamara'.

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14. Who wrote 'Indica'?A. I-tsingB. MegasthenesC. Fa-hienD. Hieun TsangAns. B

Sol. **Indica** is the name of a short book about India written by Arrian, one of the main ancient historians of Alexander the Great. The book mainly tells the story of Alexander's officer Nearchus' voyage from India to the Persian Gulf after Alexander the Great's conquest of the Indus Valley. However, much of the importance of the work comes from Arrian's in depth asides describing the history, geography, and culture of the ancient Indian subcontinent. Arrian wrote his *Indica* in the Ionic dialect, taking Herodotus for his literary mode.

15. Nehru Cup is associated with:

- A. Hockey
- B. Football
- C. Kabaddi
- D. Table Tennis (Women)
- Ans. B

Sol. The Nehru Cup was an international association football tournament organised by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

16. The main watchdog of International Trade is

- A. World Trade Organization (WTO)
- B. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- C. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D. World Bank (WB)

Ans. A

Sol. The World Trade Organization intergovernmental (WTO) is an organization which regulates international trade. The WTO officially commenced on 1 January 1995 under the Marrakesh Agreement, signed by 123 nations on 15 April 1994, replacing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which commenced in 1948. The WTO deals of with regulation trade between participating countries by providing a framework negotiating for trade agreements and a dispute resolution

process aimed at enforcing participants' adherence to WTO agreements, which are signed by representatives of member governments and ratified by their parliaments. Most of the issues that the WTO focuses on derive from previous trade negotiations, especially from the Uruguay Round (1986–1994).

17. Human Rights Day is observed on

A. 10th March

B. 10th July

C. 10th September

D. 10th December

Ans. D

Sol. The UN General Assembly proclaiModerate 10 December as Human Rights Day in 1950, to bring to the attention 'of the peoples of the world' the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations.

18. Where was the first Buddhist Council held?

- A. Vaishali
- B. Kashmir
- C. Rajagriha
- D. Pataliputra
- Ans. C

Sol. According to late commentarial accounts, King Ajātasattu sponsored the council. Tradition holds that on the full moon day of Shravan lunar month the Council was held in a hall erected by Ajātasattu outside Saptaparni Cave in Rajgir, three months after Gautama Buddha had died. Detailed accounts of the council can be found in the Khandhaka sections of the canonical Vinayas. Other sources state that the Buddha died 218 years before the coronation of Asoka in 269 BCE, so by this definition, the Buddha died in 483 BCE, which matches the reign of Ajātasattu.

19. Pongal festival is celebrated in which of the following states of India?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Maharashtra

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C. Assam D. Mizoram Ans. A Sol. Pongal festival (four-day) is being celebrated in Tamil Nadu and the Indian Union Territory of Puducherry. It marks the first day of the auspicious month in Tamil calendar, "Thai." The day marks the start of the sun's six-D. Manipur month-long journey northwards (the Ans. A Uttaraayanam). 20. Nicosia is a capital of which of the following countries? A. Brunei B. Armenia C. Azerbaijan D. Cyprus Ans. D Sol. Brunei- Bandar Seri Begawan Armenia- Yerevan Azerbaijan- Baku Jordan- Amman Cyprus- Nicosia 21. What is the currency of Bolivia? A. Shekel B. Rupiah C. Boliviano D. Tenge Ans. C Sol. The boliviano is the currency of Bolivia. It is divided into 100 cents or centavos in Spanish. Bolivia has its constitutionally recognized capital in Sucre, while La Paz is the seat of government.

22. The 'World Television Day' is observed throughout the world on

- A. November 22
- B. December 2
- C. December 1
- D. November 21

Ans. D

Sol. United Nations General Assembly proclaimed November 21 as `World Television Day' commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996. The Day recognizes that



Television plays a major role in presenting the different issues that affect people.

23. Which of the following state has Dabolim airport?

- A. Goa
- B. Tripura
- C. Meghalaya

Sol. Dabolim airport is located in the state of Goa. It is sole airport in the state of Goa and also known as Goa international Airport.

24. In which of the following states is the 'Lakhwar Dam' located?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand
- Ans. D

Sol. The Lakhwar Dam is a gravity dam currently under construction on the Yamuna River near the town of Lakhwar in Dehradun district of Uttarakhand, India.

25. The Keoladeo National Park is located in which of the following states of India?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Haryana
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan
- Ans. D

Sol. Keoladeo National Park is a World Heritage Site situated in eastern Rajasthan.

**Note:** It is a famous avifauna sanctuary that hosts thousands of birds, especially during the winter season.

26. Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which of the following State?

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Gujarat
- D. Chhattisgarh
- Ans. C

Sol. Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Narmada district of Gujarat.

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27. "Korba" Super Thermal Power Plant is situated in \_\_\_\_. A. Gujarat B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Maharashtra

D. Chhattisgarh

Ans. D

Sol.

Korba Super Thermal Power Plant located in the Korba district of Chhattisgarh, with 2600MW of installed capacity, also ranks as the seventh largest thermal power plant in India. It is a coal-fired power plant owned and operated by NTPC.

28. What is the Currency of Malaysia?

A. Ringgit

B. Koruna

C. Litas

D. Rufiya

Ans. A

Sol. The Malaysian ringgit formerly the Malaysian dollar) is the currency of Malaysia. It is divided into 100 sen (cents). The ringgit is issued by the Bank Negara Malaysia.

Malaysia Capital- Kuala Lumpur

29. What is the capital of Nigeria?

A. Abuja

B. Male

- C. Baghdad
- D. Tokyo

Ans. A

Sol. **Abuja** is the **capital** and **Naira** is the currency of **Nigeria**.

**Note:** Nigeria is a federal constitutional republic in **West Africa**, bordering Benin in the west, Chad and Cameroon in the east, and Niger in the north. Its coast in the south lies on the Gulf of Guinea in the Atlantic Ocean.

30. Uri dam is constructed across which of the following rivers?

A. Jhelum

B. Chenab

C. Beas

D. Satluj

Ans. A



Sol. Uri Dam is constructed on the river Jhelum. This dam is situated in the Baramula district in the Jammu and Kashmir state. This power station is a run of river type without a large dam, and thus is built under a hill with a 10KM tunnel.

31. 'Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary' is located in which state?

A. Jharkhand

B. Chhattisgarh

C. Bihar

D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. B

Sol. The Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary is an Indian sanctuary in Mungeli district, Chhattisgarh State.

32. What is the prize money given with Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award ?

A. 5 lakhs

- B. 10 lakhs
- C. 7.5 lakhs
- D. 8. 5 lakhs
- Ans. C

Sol. The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award was instituted in the year **1991-1992** and was awarded by the **Ministry of Youth** Affairs And Sports.

• It is the India's highest honour given for achievement in **Sports**.

• The Award carries a cash prize of ₹ 7.5 Lakh.

• The Award is named after late **Rajiv Gandhi**, former Prime Minister of India .

• The first recipient of the award was **Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand**, who was honoured for the performance in the year **1991–1992**.

33. Which is the only country whose postage stamps do not bear its name

A. U.S.A.

B. U.K.

C. Japan

D. Pakistan

Ans. B

Sol. "Britain is the only country whose postage stamps do not feature the name of the country issuing them. This is because

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Britain was the first country to produce stamps."

34. In which categories did Marie Curie win her two different Nobel Prizes?A. Physics and Chemistry

B. Chemistry and Medicine

- C. Physics and Medicine
- D. Chemistry and Peace

Ans. A

Sol. Marie Curie won her two different Nobel Prizes in Physics and Chemistry. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize twice.

Hence, option A is correct.

35. Who among the following is a famous flute player?

A. Hari Prasad Chaurasia

B. Asad Ali Khan

C. Rehman Khan

D. Pt. Ravi Shankar

Ans. A

Sol. Hariprasad Chaurasia is a renowned Indian flute player whose repertoire is in Eastern Classical music. He has been honoured with several awards of which the most prominent one is the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award of India.



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