

# Diwali Quiz-1

## General Knowledge



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1. The archaeological materials found in Alamgir in Meerut district bear the imprints of Harappan civilization. It was excavated by

- A. Yagya Dutt Sharma
- B. R.D. Banerji
- C. Daya Ram Sahni
- D. Alexander Cunningham

2. Public Safety Act (PSA) allows the central government to detain a person for how many years without trial, if he/she is perceived to be a threat to public safety?

- A. 5 year
- B. 2 years
- C. 3 years
- D. 4 years

3. The annual Hindu Festival 'Bonalu' is celebrated in which state of India?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Bihar
- C. Telangana
- D. West Bengal

4. Which of the following are recognised 'Sikh takhts'?

- A. Akal Takht (Amritsar)
- B. Takht Keshgarh Sahib (Anandpur Sahib)
- C. Takht Damdama Sahib (Talwandi Sabo)
- D. Takht Patna Sahib (Bihar)

5. Renowned personality Soli J Sorabjee passed away recently, he was former \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- B. Attorney General
- C. Solicitor General
- D. Advocate General
- E. Chief Election Commissioner

6. How many Commercial Banks were nationalised till 19th July 1969?

- A. 20
- B. 17
- C. 12
- D. 28
- E. 14

7. If the coins are minted by and for the government only, the system is known as \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. Free Coinage
- B. Gratuitous Coinage
- C. Seigniorage
- D. Brassage Mintage
- E. Restricted Coinage

8. Which among the following Seal was used during Indus Valley Civilisation?

- A. Pashupati seal
- B. Chalcedony Seal
- C. Abbey of Rayamont seal
- D. Ellen Seal

9. Which Island is located on Indus River?

- A. Majuli
- B. Bukkur
- C. Diviseema
- D. Vypin
- E. Butcher

10. Which of the following is not a tributary of Indus River?

- A. Chenab
- B. Sutlej
- C. Shyok
- D. Kurram
- E. Ganga



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11. Thomas Alva Edison discovered an electric lamp. Edison was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. British Scientist
- B. American scientist
- C. French Scientist
- D. German Scientist

12. Which of the following is NOT correctly matched?

- A. Hopman Cup - Tennis
- B. Azlan Shah cup - Hockey
- C. Sudirman Cup - Chess
- D. Uber Cup - Badminton

13. Rouff is a folk dance. It has its origin in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Jammu-Kashmir
- B. Mizoram
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Tripura

14. Who was the first Indian to get the Oscar for lifetime achievements in the field of cinema?

- A. Anil Kapoor
- B. Bhanu Athaiya
- C. Satyajit Ray
- D. Bimal Roy

15. Which of the following is not a member of BIMSTEC?

- A. Srilanka
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Thailand
- D. China

16. On which date is National Sports Day observed in India?

- A. 17th September
- B. 5th July
- C. 29th August
- D. 4th May

17. The Mission of the Ramsar Convention is to conserve \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Wetlands
- B. Oceans
- C. Deserts
- D. Rivers

18. In the context of UN Sustainable Development Goals, which of the following pairs is INCORRECT?

- A. Zero Hunger – SDG 2
- B. Quality Education – SDG 3
- C. Decent Work and Economic Growth – SDG 8
- D. No Poverty – SDG 1

19. With reference to dances and their native states, which of the following pairs is correct?

- A. Gomira – Uttar Pradesh
- B. Sattariya – Manipur
- C. Yakshagana – Karnataka
- D. Kalaripayattu – Karnataka

20. How many medals did India win in the 2012 Summer Olympics?

- A. 3
- B. 6
- C. 4
- D. 5



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21. Vellodrome is associated with which game?

- A. Swimming
- B. Boxing
- C. Cycling
- D. Table Tennis

22. Airport Authority of India is which type of a body?

- A. Statutory
- B. Constitutional
- C. made by Executive notification
- D. Judicial

23. Nishant Bagh is located at\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Srinagar
- C. Lucknow
- D. Kolkata

24. Which was the first product of India declared under GI tag?

- A. Kashmir Pashmina
- B. Coorg Orange
- C. Madhubani Paintings
- D. Darjeeling Tea

25. The Census in India is done by office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner which comes under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Information and Technology
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs
- C. Ministry of Urban Planning
- D. Ministry of Defence



## ###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. A.

The archaeological materials found in Alamgir in Meerut district bear the imprints of Harappan civilization. It was excavated in 1958 by Yagya Datt Sharma. It is located on the banks of Hindon river. It is the eastern ancient place of Harappan civilization. It represents the later stage of Harappan civilization.

2. Ans. B.

\* Former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah has been detained under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

\* Ironically, the draconian Act of 1978, which allows the central government to detain a person for two years without trial if he or she is perceived to be a threat to public safety.

\* This is the first time that a former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir has been booked under the PSA.

\* PSA was first introduced in 1978

\* The PSA was first introduced in 1978 during the Sheikh Abdullah government in Jammu and Kashmir.

\* Under this, a person can be kept in custody for two years without trial. It is believed that it was meant to catch timber smugglers.

3. Ans. C.

Bonalu is an annual festival of Telangana celebrated in Twin Cities Hyderabad, Secunderabad and other parts of Telangana.

It is celebrated every year in a grand manner in the state during the first month of the monsoon season.

Bonalu is celebrated to ward off diseases and usher in good health, peace and prosperity.

Women, attired in colourful robes, carry the 'Bonalu' (decorated pots containing food) on their heads to the temples for offering them to the Goddess.

4. Ans. E.

Takht is a Persian word that means imperial throne. At present Sikhs recognise five places as

takhts. Three are in Punjab —Akal Takht (Amritsar); Takht Keshgarh Sahib (Anandpur Sahib);

Takht Damdama Sahib (Talwandi Sabo) — and the other two are Takht Patna Sahib (Bihar)

and Takht Hazur Sahib (Nanded, Maharashtra). More than one options are correct. Hence, option E is the correct answer.

5. Ans. B.

- The former attorney general of India Soli J Sorabjee (91) passed away.

- Sorabjee was awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2002 for his defence of the freedom of expression and the protection of human rights.

- He was known for his contribution to the field of constitutional law.

- He had also helped India win in the International Court of Justice against Pakistan in the Atlantique downing case of 1999.



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6. Ans. E.

7. Ans. E.

8. Ans. A.

9. Ans. B.

10. Ans. E.

11. Ans. B.

- Thomas Alva Edison discovered an electric lamp and Edison was an American scientist.

- He developed many devices in fields such as electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording and motion pictures.

- He also established the first industrial research laboratory.

12. Ans. C.

- Sudirman Cup - Chess is not correctly matched.

- The Sudirman cup is named after Dick Sudirman and is related to badminton.

- It is the world mixed team badminton championship which takes place every two years.

13. Ans. A.

- Rouff is a folk dance and It has its origin in the Muslim community of the state of Jammu-Kashmir in India.

- Some other famous dances are Kud dance, Dumhal Dance, Bhand Pather ,Hafiza Dance, Bacha Nagma , Wuegi - Nachun.

14. Ans. C.

- Satyajit Ray was the first Indian to get the Oscar for lifetime achievements in the field of cinema.

- He also won the National Award for the Best Director six times which is the most by any filmmaker so far.

- The Oscars Awards are given for artistic and technical merit in the film industry.

15. Ans. D.

- China is not a member of BIMSTEC.

- The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation is full form BIMSTEC.

- Its headquarters is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand are members of BIMSTEC.

16. Ans. C.

- National Sports Day is observed on 29 August.

- It is celebrated on 29 August in the honour of hockey legend Major Dhyanchand.

- He won 3 gold medals in Olympics for India in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936.

- He scored over 400 goals in his career, from 1926 to 1948.

17. Ans. A.

- The Mission of the Ramsar Convention is to conserve Wetlands.

- The Convention on Wetlands is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and





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international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

18. Ans. B.

- The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".

- The SDGs, set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and intended to be achieved by the year 2030, are part of UN Resolution 70/1, the 2030 Agenda.

- SDG 1 - No Poverty.

- SDG 2 - Zero hunger.

- SDG 3 - Good health and Well being.

- SDG 4 - Quality Education.

- SDG 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth.

19. Ans. C.

- Gomira - West Bengal

- Sattriya - Assam

- Yakshagana - Karnataka

- Kalaripayattu - Kerala

20. Ans. B.

- \* The 2012 London Olympics was a good event for India, winning 6 individual medals.

- \* 2 silver and 4 bronze doubling the nation's previous record (3 medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics). Two medals each were awarded to the athletes in shooting and wrestling.

21. Ans. C.

- Vellodrome is a cycle racing track specially with steeply banked curves.

- Pool is the playing field for Swimming.

- Mat is court or field of Judo, Karate and Taikwondo.

- Rink is the field or court for Curling Ice Hockey.

- Diamond is the area of baseball that is enclosed by 3 bases and home plate infield.

- Course is the field on which Golf is played.

22. Ans. A.

- \* Airport Authority of India is a statutory body formed under AAI act, 1994.

- \* It was formed by merging the International Airports Authority of India and the National Airports Authority.

- \* It is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing civil aviation infrastructure in India.

- \* It's headquarters are located in New Delhi.

- \* Arvind Singh is it's present Chairman.

23. Ans. B.

- Nishant Bagh is located at Srinagar.

- It is a terraced Mughal garden located on the side of Dal Lake.

- The Bagh was designed and built in 1633 by Asif Khan, elder brother of Nur Jehan.



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24. Ans. D.

- Darjeeling Tea became the first GI tagged product in India in 2004-05.
- A GI is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured products originating from a definite geographical territory.
- The registration of a geographical indication is valid for a period of 10 years though it can be renewed.
- In India, Geographical Indications registration is administered by the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- At International Level, GI is governed by WTO's TRIPS agreement.

25. Ans. B.

- The Census in India is done by office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner which comes under Ministry of Home.
- The first census was done in 1872 during British time, it is done every 10<sup>th</sup> year, last done in 2011 and all set to conduct 2021 census, the 16<sup>th</sup> one.
- The Census Act, 1948 provides the scheme of conduction census with duties and responsibilities of census officers.
- Presently Dr. Vivek Joshi is the Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.





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