

Diwali Mega Quiz- 1

Static GK



1. _____ was the first to draw maps, and is also regarded as the first cartographer.

- A. Anaximander
- B. Herodotus
- C. Thales
- D. Strabo

2. Who was the first recipient of the Bharatiya Jnanpith Award?

- A. Tara Shankar Bandopadhyay
- B. G. Sankara Kurup
- C. Vishnu Dey
- D. Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar'

3. Which state has the highest reserves of Manganese in India ?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh

4. Which among the following is the World's largest Wetland System?

- A. Okavango (Botswana)
- B. Everglades (USA)
- C. Pantanal (South America)
- D. Camargue (France)
- E. None of these

5. Apart from India, in which of the following two countries, Tamil is an official language?

- A. Mauritius and Malaysia
- B. Sri Lanka and Singapore
- C. Malaysia and Indonesia
- D. Sri Lanka and Mauritius
- E. None of these

6. What is the full form of IEDS?

- A. Indian Enterprise Development Services
- B. International Enterprise Development Services
- C. Indian Economy Development Services
- D. Indian Enterprises Division Services
- E. International Economy Development Services

7. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has built on the _____ platforms.

- A. Initial Payment Service
- B. Immediate Paid Scheme
- C. Income Payment Service
- D. Immediate Payment Service
- E. None of these

8. What is a GPU in Android?

- A. Graphical Performance Utility
- B. Graphical Portable Unit
- C. Grouped Processing Unit
- D. Graphic Processing Unit
- E. Grouped Performance Utility

9. What is the tenure of Vice President of India?

- A. 7 years
- B. 4 years
- C. 6 years
- D. 5 years
- E. None of these

10. _____ the first international airport in the world to be fully powered by solar energy.



- A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- B. Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport
- C. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- D. Goa International Airport
- E. Cochin International Airport

11. In which of the following states of India is the 'Ambubachi Mela' held every year?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Sikkim
- C. Kerala
- D. Assam

12. Who is referred to as the 'Darwin of the 20th Century'?

- A. Katherine Esau
- B. Ernst Mayr
- C. Har Gobind Khorana
- D. Marshall Warren Nirenberg

13. The steel plant at Bokaro was set up in collaboration with _____.

- A. Germany
- B. Soviet Union
- C. France
- D. United Kingdom

14. How many times has Pakistan reached the final of ICC Men's World Cup?

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 0
- D. 2

15. Who amongst the following established an institution named 'Kalashram' for imparting training in dance and associated disciplines?

- A. Shambhu Maharaj
- B. Pandit Birju Maharaj
- C. Sitara Devi
- D. Lachhu Maharaj

16. Who among the following authored the book 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India'?

- A. Rajagopalachari
- B. Dadabhai Naoroji
- C. Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- D. Raja Ram Mohan Roy
- E. None of the above/More than one of the above

17. 'Hori Habba' is a popular bull-catching celebration in which state of India?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka
- D. West Bengal

18. The National Education day is celebrated on _____.

- A. 5 March
- B. 5 June
- C. 11 November
- D. 16 December

19. World Alzheimer's day is recognised on which date?

- A. 5 March
- B. 23 August
- C. 21 September
- D. 22 April



20. Who was the first Israeli president to visit India?

- A. Benjamin Netanyahu
- B. Ariel Sharon
- C. Ezer Weizman
- D. Shimon Peres

21. Operation Goodwill is related to which of the following?

- A. Humanitarian tasks in J&K
- B. International Human Rights
- C. Multilateral Asian Talks
- D. Friendship operation between Israel and Philistine

22. Which of the following statements is NOT true about the game of Kho Kho?

- A. It is one of the oldest traditional tag games of India
- B. Ten players take the field in the beginning to start the match
- C. It is a team game
- D. Three defenders of opposite team try to avoid being touched by the chasers

23. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose wrote the book:

- A. Poverty and Un-British Rule in India
- B. The Indian Struggle
- C. Unhappy India
- D. Anandamath

24. Bhootada Kola is a spiritual folk dance in which some rituals involve walking on a bed of hot coal and is practised in coastal districts of _____.

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh

25. The Ashok Chakra Class-III was renamed as the _____ in 1967.

- A. Vir Chakra
- B. Mahavir Chakra
- C. Shaurya Chakra
- D. Kirti Chakra



###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. A.

Anaximander was the first to draw maps and he is also regarded as the first cartographer. Thales and Anaximander are jointly considered as the Father's of Mathematical Geography. Roman geographer Strabo (64 B.C - 36 A.D.) considered Earth to be oblong.

2. Ans. B.

G. Sankara Kurup became the first recipient of the Bharatiya Jnanpith Award (the highest Indian literary honour) in 1965 when he was awarded for his work 'Odakkuzhal' in Malayalam language. Importantly, he also served as a nominated member of the Rajya Sabha from 1968 to 1972 and received the Padma Bhushan, the third highest Indian civilian award, in 1967. He was also a recipient of Sahitya Akademi Award, Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award and Soviet Land Nehru Award.

3. Ans. C.

India has the second largest Manganese reserve in the world after Zimbabwe. In terms of the production of Manganese, India holds the fifth position globally. The majority distribution of the Manganese reserves among the Indian states are: Odisha (44%), Karnataka (22%), Madhya Pradesh (12%), Maharashtra (7%), Goa (7%), Andhra Pradesh (4%) and Jharkhand (2%).

4. Ans. C.

Pantanal (South America)
The world's largest wetland is the Pantanal, which covers 200,000 square kilometres (during the wet season) through Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia,

although 80% of it is in Brazil. It is a land of flooded grasslands, savannas and tropical forests.

5. Ans. B.

Sri Lanka and Singapore
Apart from India, Tamil is an official language in Sri Lanka and Singapore. In Malaysia and Mauritius, it is a recognized minority language.

6. Ans. A.

The Union Cabinet gave its approval to the Cadre review and formation of a new service in the name of Indian Enterprise Development Services (IEDS). Decision in this regard was taken by the Union Cabinet meeting presided by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

7. Ans. D.

Unified Payments Interface is a system that powers multiple bank accounts. Several banking services features like fund transfer and merchant payments in a single mobile application.

8. Ans. D.

It is a chip dedicated to performing 3D calculations.

9. Ans. D.

The Vice- President of India holds office for five years. The Vice-President can be re-elected any number of times.

10. Ans. E.

Cochin International Airport is an international airport situated in the city of Kochi in the state of Kerala, India. Cochin International Airport became the first airport in the world to be fully



powered by solar energy by commissioning a 12 MWp solar power plant.

11. Ans. D.

- The Ambubachi Mela is an annual Hindu mela held at Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam. This yearly mela is celebrated during the monsoon season that happens to fall during the Assamese month Ahaan, around the middle of June. It is the celebration of the yearly menstruation course of goddess Kamakhya.

12. Ans. B.

- Ernst Mayr established evolutionary biology as a separate field of research in the United States which earned him the name "Darwin of the 20th century."
- His work contributed to the conceptual revolution that led to the modern evolutionary synthesis of Mendelian genetics, systematics, and Darwinian evolution and to the development of the biological species concept.

13. Ans. B.

- Bokaro Steel Plant is located in the Bokaro district of Jharkhand. It is the fourth integrated public sector steel plant in India built with the help of the Soviet Union. It was incorporated as a limited company in 1965. It was later merged with the state-owned Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).
- SAIL operates and owns five integrated steel plants at Bhilai, Rourkela, Durgapur, Bokaro, and Burnpur and three special steel plants at Salem, Durgapur, and Bhadravathi.

14. Ans. D.

- Pakistan cricket team has reached the finals of the ICC Men's World Cup two times. In 1992 Pakistan won the World Cup beating England by 22 runs, and in 1997 Australia beat Pakistan by 8 wickets.
- International Cricket Council (ICC) is headquartered in Dubai, UAE. Its CEO is Manu Sawhney from India, and Chairperson is Greg Barclay from New Zealand.

15. Ans. B.

- Pandit Birju Maharaj established an institution named 'Kalashram' for imparting training in dance and associated disciplines.
- Kalashram focusses on imparting training mainly in the field of Kathak.

16. Ans. B.

- Dadabhai Naoroji authored the book 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India'.
- His book Poverty and Un-British Rule in India brought attention to the draining of India's wealth into Britain.
- In this book, he explained the Drain of wealth theory.
- Dadabhai Naoroji was known as the "Grand Old Man of India".

17. Ans. C.

- * 'Hori Hobba' is a popular bull catching celebration in Karnataka state.
- * In this festival tamed cattle and bulls are made to run through huge crowds.



And an individual efforts to catch and control the cattle.

* The festival is associated with ethnic and religious sentiments of folks.

* Jallikattu is a similar festival celebrated in Tamil Nadu.

* On 7 May 2014, the Supreme Court of India struck down the State law and banned jallikattu. On 21 January 2017, the governor of Tamil Nadu issued a new ordinance that authorized the continuation of jallikattu events.

18. Ans. C.

* The National Education day is celebrated on 11 November.

* The day is celebrated in the honour of birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India.

* On 11 September 2008, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) announced to celebrate this day every year.

19. Ans. C.

* World Alzheimer's day is recognised on 21 September.

* The theme for the year 2019 is 'Let's Talk About Dementia.'

* Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disease. It starts with forgetting things and worsens with time.

* Most cases of Alzheimer's occur in people age 65 and older.

20. Ans. C.

• Ezer Weizman was the first president of Israel to visit India in 1997.

• In 2003, Ariel Sharon was the first Israeli Prime Minister to visit India.

• In 2000, L.K Advani became the first Indian minister to visit the state of Israel.

• Pranab Mukherjee became the first President of India to visit Israel from October 13 to 15, 2015.

21. Ans. A.

• Operation Goodwill is related to Humanitarian Tasks in J&K.

• It was initiated in 1998 and operating till present.

• It is also referred as Operation Sadhbhawna.

• It aims at Winning the Hearts and Minds of the people of the region. The slogan of this operation is Jawan aur Aawam, Aman hai Mukaam.

• Educational Initiatives, Women Empowerment Centres, Model Villages, Educational Tours, Health Care initiatives, Sports Activities etc are being conducted under this operation to mitigate differences between army and Local population.

22. Ans. B.

• Ten Players taking the field in the beginning to start the match is not true about the game of Kho-Kho.

• Nine Players enter the field in the beginning to start the match.

• There are 12 players in a Kho-Kho team.

• The first tournament of Kho-Kho was organized in 1914.



23. Ans. B.

- Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose wrote the book The India Struggle.
- Dadabhai Naoroji wrote the book Poverty and Un-British Rule in India.
- Unhappy India is a book written by Lala Lajpat Rai.
- Bankim Chandra Chatterjee is the author of Ananda math.

24. Ans. C.

- Bhootada Kola is a spiritual folk dance in which some rituals involve walking on a bed of hot coal and is practised in coastal districts of karnataka.
- It is also known as the worship of Daivas or Bhootas.
- Some popular gods worshipped are Panjurli, Pilipoota, Kalkuda, Pilicham undi, Koti Chennaiya etc.

25. Ans. C.

- The Ashok Chakra Class-III in 1967 was renamed as Shaurya Chakra.
- It is awarded for valour, courageous action or self-sacrifice.
- It is the peacetime equivalent of the Vir Chakra.
- Ashok Chakra India's highest peacetime military decoration.



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