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# Preface

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This comprehensive text book on General Studies explains the subject matter in a brief and simple style. The authors are very well aware of the requirements of examinations conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Examinations, Railways Examinations and Public Sector Examinations. This book has been very well targeted covering all the aspects of subject matter required for various examinations.

Since last one decade, authors have closely studied the marks of various candidates appeared & selected in government sectors and other examinations and found that those who have scored below average or poor marks in General Studies section, are either not able to get selection or get poor ranks, hence it has been realized that general studies section should be given significant importance.

There is no good book available to the readers in the market, which covers all the aspects of Geography, Polity, History, Life Science, Economy, General knowledge, General Science, Environment, Basics of Computer Applications and Science & Technology that may satisfy the requirements of various competitive examinations conducted for aspirants. In this edition authors have put sincere efforts to satisfy all the requirements of various examinations. The book is thoroughly revised and updated. Authors have tried to incorporate previous year questions of UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Examinations, Railways examinations and Public Sector Examinations.

The authors feel that this book will be sufficient and highly useful for all the competitive examinations conducted for graduates from every discipline.


Any suggestions from the readers for the improvement of the book are most welcome.

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# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

## Basic General Knowledge of India & World

### NATIONAL SYMBOLS

#### National Flag

- The National Flag of India is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (Kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is 2:3. In the centre of the white band a navy-blue wheel is located which represents the Chakra.
- It was adopted by Constituent Assembly of India on July 22, 1947.
- A tricolour flag was first accepted by the Indian National Congress in 1931, having Charkha in place of today's Chakra.
- The horizontal colour strip of deep Saffron at top represents courage, sacrifice and renunciation, White at middle shows truth and purity in thoughts and dark Green at the bottom is the symbol of life abundance and prosperity.
- A wheel (Chakra) in centre of the white strip is the symbol of progress and movement. It has 24 spokes.
- Supreme Court declared the right to hoist flag as a Fundamental Right under Article 19 (i) (a) of the Constitution in 2002. Flag hoisting in India is regulated by Flag Code of India, 2002.
- The Flag was designed by **Pingali Venkayya** and first time, the flag was hoisted by **Sacchindra Prasad Bose** in 1906 in Calcutta and later on in the year 1907 an another tricolour flag was unfurled by **Madam Bhikaji Cama** in Stuttgart, Germany.
- The first flag committee was headed by **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**.

#### National Emblem

- The National Emblem of India is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. It was adopted by the Government of India on January 26, 1950.
- In this emblem, only three lions are visible, the fourth lion being hidden from view. The wheel appears in relief in the centre of the abacus with a **bull** on **right** and a **horse** on **left**. The bell shaped lotus (as in the original) has been omitted. The other animals present in the emblem are an Elephant and a Lion.
- The words *Satyameva Jayate* are inscribed below the abacus in Devanagari script. These words are taken from *Mundaka Upanishad*.

#### National Anthem

- The song *Jana gana mana* is the National Anthem of India which was composed by **Rabindra Nath Tagore**, originally in Bengali.
- It was adopted by Constituent Assembly on January 24, 1950 in its Hindi version.
- The song Jana gana mana was first published in January, 1912 under the title '**Bharat Vidhata**' in Tattva Bodhini Patrika.
- The song was translated in English in 1919 with the title "**Morning Song of India**".
- It was first sung at the Calcutta Session of Congress on December 27, 1911.
- Playing time of full version of National Anthem is 52 seconds while it is 20 seconds for first and last lines of the stanza.

## National Song

- “*Vande Mataram*” is the National song of India, which was composed by **Bankim Chandra Chatterjee**, originally in Sanskrit.
- It was adopted on January 24, 1950, providing it equal status with National Anthem *Jana gana mana*.
- It is taken from his novel **Anand Math** published in 1882. Its English translation was done by Sri Aurobindo.
- It was sung for the first time at the Congress Session of 1896.

## National Calendar

- National Calendar is based on Saka Era (began on 78 A.D.) with Chaitra as its first month and Phalgun as its last month with a normal year of 365 days adopted from March 22, 1957 along with the Gregorian Calendar.
- First day of Chaitra normally falls on March 22 and on March 21 in leap year.

## National Animal

- The Tiger (*Panthera Tigris*) is the National Animal of India. It has a thick yellow coat of fur with dark stripes.
- Lion was the National Animal of India till 1972. Later on, it was replaced by Tiger.

### Other Indian National Symbols

National Bird	Peacock ( <i>Pavo Cristatus</i> )
National Flower	Lotus ( <i>Nelumbo Nucipera Gaertn</i> )
National River	Ganga
National Tree	Banyan ( <i>Ficus Benghalensis</i> )
National Fruit	Mango ( <i>Mangifera Indica</i> )
National Aquatic Animal	Ganges River Dolphin
National Heritage Animal	Elephant
National Game (De-facto)	Hockey

### National Emblems of Countries

Country	Emblem
India	Sarnath Lion Capital
Australia	Kangaroo
Bangladesh	Water Lily
Canada	White Lily
France	Lily
Germany	Corn flower
Iran	Rose
Italy	White Lily
Japan	Chrysanthemum
Pakistan	Crescent
Spain	Eagle
Sri Lanka	Sword & Lion
Russia	Sickle and Hammer
Norway	Lion
United Kingdom	Rose
USA	Golden Rod

### Significance of Signs and Symbols

Symbol	Meaning
Red triangle	Family planning
Red cross	Hospital/Ambulance
Red light	Danger/Emergency
Green light	Line clear signal
Olive branch	Peace
Black arm-band	Sign of mourning/protest
Dove	Peace
Black flag	Demonstration of protest
Red flag	Sign of danger, revolution
Yellow Flag	Displayed by ship with infectious disease on board or ship in quarantine.
White Flag	Truce
Tricolour	National Flag of India

Significance of Signs and Symbols	
Symbol	Meaning
Union Jack	National Flag of UK
Lotus	Culture and civilization
Wheel	Progress
Flag flown half mast	National mourning
Flag flown upside down	Distress
A blind-folded woman holding a balance	Justice
Pen	Symbol of Culture and Civilization

Country Symbols	
Country	Symbol
India	Royal Bengal Tiger
China	Dragon
Russia	Brown Bear
USA	Bald Eagle
Spain	Red Carnation
Japan	Cherry Blossom
England	Rose
Australia	Golden Wattle Flower
South Africa	Blue Crane
Greece	Olive Branch

Official Publications of Countries/Organizations	
Publication	Issued/Released by
Blue Book	Report by the British Government
Green Book	Government of Italy and Iran
Grey Book	Japanese and Belgium Government
Orange Book	Government of the Netherlands
White Book	Official publication of Germany, Portugal and China
White Paper (Shwet Patrika)	Issued by the Government of India
Yellow Book	Issued by the Government of France
Economic Survey	Ministry of Finance (Government of India)
Report on Currency and Finance	Reserve Bank of India
Wholesale Price Index	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
National Accounts Statistics	Central Statistical Organization

## FIRST AMONG INDIANS

Sl.	Particulars	Name
1	Chief Justice of India .....	Justice Harilal J. Kania
2	Indian origin woman Vice President of the USA .....	Kamala Harris
3	Indian Governor of a British Province .....	Lord S.P. Sinha
4	Indian Commander-in-Chief (Chief of Staff) .....	Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa
5	Indian to get the Bharat Ratna Award .....	C. Rajagopalachari
6	Indian Governor of the Reserve Bank of India .....	Dr. C.D. Deshmukh
7	Indian to become President of the UN General Assembly .....	Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
8	Woman Cabinet Minister of an Indian state .....	Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
9	Youngest woman Minister of a State .....	Sushma Swaraj (Haryana)
10	Woman to become a Union Cabinet Minister .....	Rajkumari Amrit Kaur
11	Indian C.A.G. ....	C.V. Narahari Rao
12	Attorney General of India .....	M.C. Setalvad
13	Indian woman Governor .....	Sarojini Naidu (UP, 1963-67)
14	Indian woman President of the Congress .....	Sarojini Naidu
15	Woman Chief Minister of an Indian State .....	Sucheta Kripalani (UP)
16	Indian woman High Court Judge .....	Anna Chandy (Kerala)
17	Indian woman Supreme Court Judge .....	M. Fathima Beevi
18	Indian woman to conquer the Everest .....	Bachhendri Pal
19	Indian in Space .....	Sqdn. Ldr. Rakesh Sharma
20	Indian woman to swim across the English Channel .....	Aarti Saha
21	Indian to become President of the International Court of Justice .....	Dr. Nagendra Singh (1970)
22	Indian to win an Oscar Award .....	Bhanu Athaiya
23	Indian woman to win an Olympic Medal .....	Karnam Malleswari
24	Indian to get the Booker Prize (Britain's top literary prize) .....	Salman Rushdie
25	Indian woman to get the Booker Prize .....	Arundhati Roy
26	Indian to receive the Ramon Magsaysay Award .....	Acharya Vinoba Bhave (1958)
27	Chief of Army Staff .....	Gen. Maharaj Rajendra Singhji
28	Woman to swim across the Strait of Gibraltar .....	Arti Pradhan
29	Indian actress to be awarded Padma Shri .....	Nargis Dutt (1958)
30	Musician to get Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan .....	M.S. Subbulakshmi
31	Woman Foreign Secretary of India .....	Chokila Iyer
32	Indian Captain of Independent India's Cricket team .....	Lala Amarnath
33	Indian woman candidate to contest elections (1926) .....	Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya

Sl.	Particulars	Name
34	Woman President of India.....	Pratibha Patil (2007-2012)
35	Woman Speaker of Lok Sabha.....	Meira Kumar (2009-2014)
36	Chief of RAW (Research & Analysis Wing).....	Rameshwar Nath Kao
37	Woman Chairperson of UPSC.....	Roze Millian Bethew
38	Woman to receive Bharat Ratna .....	Indira Gandhi
39	Woman to receive Ashoka Chakra.....	Neerja Bhanot
40	Indian ICS officer .....	Satyendra Nath Tagore
41	Woman to win an Asiad Gold.....	Kamaljit Sandhu (1970)
42	Indian Talkie Film .....	Alam Ara (1931)
43	Chief Election Commissioner .....	Sukumar Sen (1950-58)
44	Submarine .....	INS Kalyani (commissioned in 1967)
45	Aryabhatta Medal Winner .....	K.R. Ramanathan (1977)
46	Captain of Test Cricket .....	C.K.Nayudu (1932)
47	Century in Test Cricket .....	Lala Amarnath (1933-1934)
48	Chief of Naval Staff .....	R.D. Katari (1958-1962)
49	Cricketer to have batted in all positions (1 to 11) .....	Vinoo Mankad
50	Dada Saheb Phalke Award Winner .....	Devika Rani Roerich (1969)
51	Woman amputee to scale Mount Everest.....	Arunima Sinha
52	Deputy Prime Minister .....	Vallabhbhai Patel (1947-1950)
53	Woman Scientist to receive Fellowship in London's Royal Society .....	Gagandeep Kang
54	Elected President .....	S. Radhakrishnan (1962-1967)
55	Field Marshal of India .....	S.H.F.J. Manekshaw (1973)
56	Film Star Chief Minister .....	M.G. Ramachandran (Tamil Nadu, 1977)
57	Woman Chief Election Commissioner .....	V. S. Rama Devi (1990)
58	Home Minister.....	Vallabhbhai Patel (1946)
59	Lady of the Indian Film .....	Devika Rani Roerich
60	First Indian Female Physician .....	Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi
61	Man to climb Mount Everest .....	Tanqing Norgay (with Edmund Hillary, 1953)
62	Man to make solo flight (from US to India).....	Satish Soman (1994)
63	Man to swim across English Channel .....	Mihir Sen (1966)
64	Man to swim several Straits in one calender year.....	Mihir Sen (1966)
65	Member of British Parliament.....	Dadabhai Naoroji (1862)
66	Member of Viceroy's Executive Council .....	S.P. Sinha (1909)
67	Miss Universe .....	Sushmita Sen (1994)
68	Miss World .....	Reita Faria (1966)

Sl.	Particulars	Name
69	Woman to climb Mount Everest twice .....	Santosh Yadav
70	Musician to get Ramon Magsaysay Award .....	M.S. Subbulakshmi (1974)
71	Nishan-i-Pakistan Award Winner .....	Morarji Desai (1991)
72	Nobel Prize Winner .....	Rabindranath Tagore (for Gitanjali in 1913)
73	Olympic Medal Winner .....	Norman Pritchard (Silver, 1900)
74	Presentation of Budget .....	R.K. Shanmugham Chetty, Finance Minister (1947)
75	Presentation of General Budget.....	C.D. Deshmukh, Finance Minister (1952)
76	President.....	Rajendra Prasad (1950-1962)
77	President of Indian National Congress.....	W.C. Bannerjee (1885)
78	President to die in harness .....	Zakir Hussain (1967-1969)
79	Prime Minister .....	Jawaharlal Nehru (1947-1964)
80	Women Director General of Police (DGP) .....	Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya (Uttarakhand)
81	Prime Minister to die in harness.....	Jawaharlal Nehru (1964)
82	Prime Minister to head a minority government.....	Ch. Charan Singh (July 28, 1979 – Jan. 14, 1980)
83	Prime Minister to resign from office.....	Morarji Desai (1979)
84	Prime Minister who did not face Parliament.....	Ch. Charan Singh (July 28, 1979-Jan 14, 1980)
85	Woman Railway Minister .....	Mamta Banerjee
86	Recipient of Stalin Peace Prize .....	Saifuddin Kitchlew (1954)
87	Recipient of World Food Prize .....	M.S. Swaminathan (1987)
88	Slave Ruler of India.....	Qutb-ud-din Aibak (1206-1210)
89	Speaker in Hindi at the UN .....	Atal Bihari Vajpayee (1977)
90	Speaker of Lok Sabha .....	Ganesh Vasudeo Mavalankar (1952-1957)
91	Test-tube Baby.....	Harsha or Indira (1986)
92	Vice-President.....	S. Radhakrishnan (1952-1962)
93	Woman Chief Justice (of High Court).....	Leila Seth (Himachal Pradesh, 1991)
94	Woman to go in Space.....	Dr.Kalpana Chawla (November 1997)
95	Woman IAS Officer.....	Anna Rajam George (1950)
96	Woman IPS Officer.....	Kiran Bedi (1974)
97	Woman Jnanpith Award Winner .....	Ashapurna Devi (1976)
98	Woman Pilot (Commercial).....	Prem Mathur (Deccan Airways, 1951)
99	Woman Prime Minister .....	Indira Gandhi (1966-1977, 1980-1984)
100	Chief of Defence Staff .....	Bipin Rawat (2019 - till date)

### Some Disputed Territories of the World Area

Territory	Dispute Between
Banaba Island	Kiribati and Fiji
Bougainville	Papua New Guinea & the Solomon Island.
Shebba farms	Israel, Syria and Lebanon
Lower Kurile Islands	Russia and Japan
Minerva Reef	Tonga and Fiji
Sir Creek	India and Pakistan
Sabah (North Borneo)	Philippines and Malaysia
South Sandwich Islands	UK and Argentina
Hans Island	Denmark and Canada
Falkland Island	UK and Argentina
Strail of Juan de Fuca	USA and Canada
Isla Pereji-I	Spain and Morocco
Ilemi Triangle	Sudan and Kenya
Bakassi	Nigeria and Cameroon
Melilla	Spain and Morocco

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

## GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- Q.1** 'World Development Report' is an annual publication of
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
  - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
  - World Trade Organization (WTO)
  - International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- Q.2** Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) is made up of
- 10 Members
  - 15 Members
  - 11 Members
  - 8 Members

- Q.3** Maastricht Treaty is related to
- Global warming
  - Bio-diversity
  - Biological weapons
  - European Community

- Q.4** Which of the following is not a member of SAARC?  
(a) Bhutan (b) Bangladesh  
(c) Myanmar (d) Maldives
- Q.5** The first regular session of the General Assembly of the UN was held at  
(a) New York (b) Paris  
(c) London (d) Moscow
- Q.6** The first month of Indian National Calendar is  
(a) Phalguna (b) Magha  
(c) Jaishtha (d) Chaitra
- Q.7** The National Anthem of India (Jana gana mana) was first sung in  
(a) 1912 (b) 1919  
(c) 1929 (d) 1911
- Q.8** Which of the following is correctly matched with regard to thermal power projects?  
(a) Korba .....UP  
(b) Ramagundam..... MP  
(c) Talcher .....AP  
(d) Kawas .....Gujarat
- Q.9** Which of the following types is used by computed tomography employed for visualisation of the internal structure of human body?  
(a) X-rays  
(b) Sound waves  
(c) Magnetic resonance  
(d) Radio isotopes
- Q.10** The nearest planet to the sun is  
(a) Venus (b) Mars  
(c) Mercury (d) Jupiter
- Q.11** Which one of the following is not correctly matched?  
(a) Indian Rare Earths Ltd. – Mumbai  
(b) Uranium Corporation of India – Jaduguda  
(c) Radio Astronomy Centre – Mysuru  
(d) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics – Kolkata
- Q.12** Nomadic elephant is the exercise between?  
(a) India-Mangolia  
(b) India-US  
(c) India-Japan  
(d) India-China
- Q.13** START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) is a treaty between/among  
(a) China and Japan  
(b) USA and Russia  
(c) USA and European Union  
(d) China, India, USA and Russia
- Q.14** Pinaka is a  
(a) Multi barrel Rocket Launcher System  
(b) Unmanned Aerial Vechicle  
(c) Anti Tank Missile System  
(d) Nuclear Submarine
- Q.15** India's first indigenously built sub-marine is  
(a) INS Shahkul  
(b) INS Savitri  
(c) INS Vibhuti  
(d) INS Shalki
- Q.16** With which one of the following games is the Hopman Cup associated?  
(a) Badminton  
(b) Lawn Tennis  
(c) Hockey  
(d) Football
- Q.17** Who of the following is not associated with Sitar?  
(a) Amir Khusrau  
(b) Ravi Shankar  
(c) Vilayat Hussain Khan  
(d) Amjad Ali Khan
- Q.18** Which of the following Indian States has the largest number of Scheduled Tribe population?  
(a) Bihar (b) Odisha  
(c) MP (d) Assam
- Q.19** Who of the following was not the acting President of India?  
(a) V. V. Giri  
(b) B. D. Jatti  
(c) Muhammad Hidayatullah  
(d) Zakir Hussain
- Q.20** The first Chief Justice of India was  
(a) M. Patanjali Sastri  
(b) Mehar Chand Mahajan  
(c) Hiralal J. Kania  
(d) B. K. Mukherjee

- Q.21** The first Chief Election Commissioner of India was  
 (a) K.V.K. Sundaram  
 (b) S. P. Sen Verma  
 (c) T. Swaminathan  
 (d) Sukumar Sen
- Q.22** Rial is the currency of  
 (a) Sudan (b) Saudi Arabia  
 (c) Jordan (d) Iran
- Q.23** The first recipient of the Jnanpith Award was  
 (a) T. S. Bandopadhyay  
 (b) Uma Shankar Joshi  
 (c) G. Shankar Kurup  
 (d) Sumitra Nandan Pant
- Q.24** In India, Book Royalty is given upto  
 (a) 50 years  
 (b) 60 years  
 (c) Life + 50 years  
 (d) Life + 60 years
- Q.25** Spherical shape of rain droplet is due to  
 (a) cohesion (b) surface tension  
 (c) adhesion (d) capillary action
- Q.26** Which of the following is busiest airport of India?  
 (a) Delhi (b) Mumbai  
 (c) Bengaluru (d) Chennai
- Q.27** The film **The Making of the Mahatma** has been directed by  
 (a) Peter Ustinov  
 (b) Richard Attenborough  
 (c) Shyam Benegal  
 (d) Mira Nair
- Q.28** Battle of Waterloo was fought in  
 (a) 1805 (b) 1809  
 (c) 1813 (d) 1815
- Q.29** The biggest city of the world in area is  
 (a) New York (b) Tokyo  
 (c) Mount Isa (d) Paris
- Q.30** Which of the following islands is renamed as Kalaallit Nunaat?  
 (a) Micronesia (b) Greenland  
 (c) Melanesia (d) Polynasia
- Q.31** Bibi-ka-Maqbara is located in India at  
 (a) Hyderabad  
 (b) Fatehpur Sikri  
 (c) Aurangabad  
 (d) Bijapur
- Q.32** New York is located on the bank of river  
 (a) Potomac (b) Tiber  
 (c) Hudson (d) Spree
- Q.33** Mesopotamia is the old name of  
 (a) Iran (b) Iraq  
 (c) Turkiye (d) Egypt
- Q.34** 'Knesset' is the name of the parliament of  
 (a) Poland (b) Spain  
 (c) Israel (d) Norway
- Q.35** Which of the following is known as the Playground of Europe?  
 (a) Italy (b) Germany  
 (c) France (d) Switzerland
- Q.36** The highest milk producing breed of goat in India is  
 (a) Barbari (b) Jamnapuri  
 (c) Blackbengal (d) Beetal
- Q.37** Match **List-I** (Specialised Agencies of UNO) with **List-II** (Headquarters) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:
- | <b>List-I</b>  | <b>List-II</b>   |
|--|------------------|
| <b>A.</b> United Nations Industrial Development Organization               | <b>1.</b> Geneva |
| <b>B.</b> Food and Agricultural Organization                               | <b>2.</b> Paris  |
| <b>C.</b> World Health Organization  | <b>3.</b> Berne  |
| <b>D.</b> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization | <b>4.</b> Rome   |
|  | <b>5.</b> Vienna |
- Codes:**
- |     | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) | 3        | 4        | 2        | 1        |
| (b) | 5        | 2        | 4        | 3        |
| (c) | 4        | 3        | 2        | 5        |
| (d) | 5        | 4        | 1        | 2        |

**Q.38** Why does the sky look blue?

- (a) Sky is actually blue in colour
- (b) Sky is the reflection of the sea water so it appears blue
- (c) Blue colour light is of short wave length so can be scattered by dust particles and water vapours
- (d) None of these

**Q.39** Match **List-I** (Fuel Gases) with **List-II** (Major Constituent) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

<b>List-I</b>	<b>List-II</b>
<b>A.</b> CNG	<b>1.</b> Carbon monoxide and Hydrogen
<b>B.</b> Coal gas	<b>2.</b> Butane and Propane
<b>C.</b> LPG	<b>3.</b> Methane and Ethane
<b>D.</b> Water gas	<b>4.</b> Hydrogen, Methane and Carbon-monoxide

**Codes:**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
(a)	2	1	3	4
(b)	3	4	2	1
(c)	2	4	3	1
(d)	3	1	2	4

**Q.40** The satellite launching centre of Indian Space Research Organization is in

- (a) Thiruvananthapuram
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Thumba
- (d) Sriharikota

**Q.41** Who wrote the book– “The Story of the Integration of the Indian States”?

- (a) B.N. Rau
- (b) C. Rajagopalachari
- (c) Krishna Menon
- (d) V.P. Menon

**Q.42** The 32nd Olympic Games in 2020 will be held at

- (a) Rome
- (b) Tokyo
- (c) Moscow
- (d) Paris

**Q.43** Match **List-I** (Artist) with **List-II** (Art) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

**List-I**

- A.** Hiren Bhattacharya
- B.** Malini Rajurkar
- C.** Pratibha Prahlad
- D.** Vempati Chinna Satyam

**List-II**

- 1.** Bharatanatyam
- 2.** Hindustani vocal
- 3.** Kuchipudi
- 4.** Puppetry

**Codes:**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
(a)	4	2	1	3
(b)	3	1	2	4
(c)	4	1	2	3
(d)	3	2	1	4

**Q.44** Match **List-I** (Religions) with **List-II** (Sacred Books) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

<b>List-I</b>	<b>List-II</b>
<b>A.</b> Judaism	<b>1.</b> Sutras
<b>B.</b> Taoism	<b>2.</b> Torah
<b>C.</b> Zoroastrianism	<b>3.</b> Hadis
<b>D.</b> Buddhism	<b>4.</b> Avesta
	<b>5.</b> Tao-te-ching

**Codes:**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
(a)	3	4	2	5
(b)	2	5	4	1
(c)	3	5	4	2
(d)	2	4	3	1

**Q.45** Surti is a breed of

- (a) cattle
- (b) buffalo
- (c) sheep
- (d) goat

**Q.46** When was the STD service started in India?

- (a) 1960
- (b) 1958
- (c) 1974
- (d) 1952

**Q.47** Which cities were first connected by the STD services?

- (a) Delhi and Mumbai
- (b) Delhi and Kolkata
- (c) Kanpur and Delhi
- (d) Kanpur and Lucknow

**Q.48** Match **List-I** (Countries) with **List-II** (Currencies) and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

<b>List-I</b>	<b>List-II</b>
<b>A.</b> China	<b>1.</b> Pound
<b>B.</b> Egypt	<b>2.</b> Yuan
<b>C.</b> Germany	<b>3.</b> Rial
<b>D.</b> Iran	<b>4.</b> Dinar
	<b>5.</b> Deutsche Mark

**Codes :**

	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
(a)	2	1	5	3
(b)	3	4	5	2
(c)	3	2	4	1
(d)	2	5	3	4

**Q.49** The Dronacharya Award for sports coaches was instituted in the year

- (a) 1984
- (b) 1985
- (c) 1987
- (d) 1988

**Q.50** The Pulitzer Prize is associated with which one of the following?

- (a) Environmental protection
- (b) Olympic Games
- (c) Journalism
- (d) Civil Aviation

**Q.51** Instrument used for measuring humidity is

- (a) barometer
- (b) thermometer
- (c) hygrometer
- (d) hydrometer

**Q.52** Who is the author of the book New Dimension of India's Foreign Policy?

- (a) A. B. Vajpayee
- (b) Jaswant Singh
- (c) P. C. Alexander
- (d) Yashwant Sinha

**Q.53** The famous Rajarani Temple is located at

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Bhubaneswar
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Udaipur

**Q.54** SpaceX, a spacecraft manufacturing and launching company, is headquarter at which of the following countries?

- (a) UK
- (b) USA
- (c) China
- (d) Japan

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## ANSWER KEY

1. (b)	2. (a)	3. (d)	4. (c)	5. (c)	6. (d)	7. (d)	8. (d)	9. (a)
10. (c)	11. (c)	12. (a)	13. (b)	14. (a)	15. (d)	16. (b)	17. (d)	18. (c)
19. (d)	20. (c)	21. (d)	22. (d)	23. (c)	24. (d)	25. (b)	26. (a)	27. (c)
28. (d)	29. (c)	30. (b)	31. (c)	32. (c)	33. (b)	34. (c)	35. (d)	36. (b)
37. (d)	38. (c)	39. (b)	40. (d)	41. (d)	42. (b)	43. (a)	44. (b)	45. (b)
46. (a)	47. (d)	48. (a)	49. (b)	50. (c)	51. (c)	52. (a)	53. (b)	54. (b)