

## Current Affairs December 2014

**1. Who was recently awarded with the Asian of the Year 2014 by The Straits Times?**

- a) Chinese President Xi Jinping
- b) Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
- c) Myanmar President Thein Sein
- d) Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Ans. d

**2. The first Adaptation Gap Report on Climate Change was recently released by**

- a) World Bank
- b) United Nations Development Organisation
- c) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- d) United Nations Environment Programme

Ans. d

**3. Recently American geologists discovered the most abundant mineral on earth's lower mantle known as**

- a) Calcite
- b) Aragonite
- c) Muscovite
- d) Bridgmanite

Ans. d

**4. Name the places that will be connected by the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor which was inaugurated by Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on 29 November 2014**

- a) Lahore in Pakistan and Xinjiang in China
- b) Gwadar Port in Pakistan and Xinjiang in China
- c) Xinjiang in China and Gilgit in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir
- d) Lahore in Pakistan with Shanghai in China

Ans. b

**5. Who on 30 November 2014 won the 2014 presidential elections of Uruguay?**

- a) Jose Mujica
- b) Luis Lacalle Pou
- c) Tabare Ramon Vazquez Rosas
- d) Juan Pedro Bordaberry Herran

Ans. c

**6. State Government of Gujarat on 5 December 2014 declared 353 villages of a district as completely or partially scarcity affected. Name the district?**

- a) Bhuj
- b) Kutch
- c) Mandvi
- d) Adipur

Ans. b

**7. Indian Navy in the first week of December 2014 selected a company to fulfill the service's Multi-Role Helicopter requirement for anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare among other maritime roles. Name the company.**

- a) Finmeccanica
- b) AgustaWestland
- c) Sikorsky Aircraft Corp
- d) Rafael

Ans. c

**8. Mahaparinirwan Diwas was observed across India on 6 December 2014. The day is observed to pay tribute to whom of the following?**

- a) Lord Buddha
- b) Dr BR Ambedkar
- c) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- d) Rajendra Prasad

Ans. b

**9. Union Government on 5 December 2014 sent five Indian Air Force (IAF) transport aircraft and one naval vessel carrying a large consignment of potable water to a country which was facing a national water crisis. Name the country?**

- a) Pakistan
- b) Maldives
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Myanmar

Ans. b

**10. A State Government on 5 December 2014 decided to ban health camps without prior approval of district civil surgeons. Name the state that banned health camps?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Bihar
- d) Meghalaya

Ans. a

**11. Air India on 4 December 2014 signed an MoU for implementation of the monetisation of assets of Air India at various locations on joint venture basis with**

- a) National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited
- b) Tata Realty and Infrastructure Ltd
- c) Star Alliance
- d) Boeing

Ans. a

**12. Justice V. R. Iyer died on 4 December 2014 at the age of 100. Which of the following statement**

**is/are true in context of this personality?**

I. He was born in 1914 at Vaidyanathapuram near Palakkad, in Malabar region of Kerala in a Tamil Brahmin family

II. He is the last but one Supreme Court judge who have previously served as a politician

III. He served as the Home Minister in the first Communist Ministry in Kerala.

IV. He never served as a Law Commission Chairman

- a) Only Statement I is only true
- b) Only Statement IV is only true
- c) Only Statement I, II and III are true
- d) All four statements are true

Ans. c

**13. Raninder Singh an accomplished international level trap shooter was in news in December 2014 for**

- a) Becoming the first Indian to get elected as a member of the executive committee of ISSF
- b) Being elected as the President of Sports Authority of India
- c) Becoming the first Indian to get elected to the executive committee of International Olympics Committee.
- d) Being elected as the President of Badminton Association of India

Ans. a

**14. Infosys on 4 December 2014 appointed a Stanford Professor as an Independent member on its Board of Directors (BoD). Name him?**

- a) Ashton Carter
- b) John W. Etchemendy
- c) John L Hennessy
- d) Condoleezza Rice

Ans. b

**15. Indian Oil on 4 December 2014 won the 119th Bighton Cup after defeating Punjab National Bank in tie-breaker at the SAI Eastern Centre in Kolkata. Bighton Cup is associated with which game?**

- a) Kho Kho
- b) Hockey
- c) Football
- d) Kabbadi

Ans. b

**16. Deodhar Trophy of cricket for the season 2014-15 was won by?**

- a) East Zone
- b) West Zone
- c) South Zone
- d) North Zone

Ans. a

**17. Supreme Court constituted a Social Justice Bench, comprising of two judges for delivery of speedy justice in a range of social issues. The bench will be headed by?**

- a) Justice T.S. Thakur
- b) Justice Madan B Lokur
- c) Justice U U Lalit
- d) Justice Anil R. Dave

Ans. b

**18. Name the author of the book titled Prince of Gujarat: The Extraordinary Story of Prince Gopaldas Desai (1887-1951)?**

- a) Rajmohan Gandhi
- b) Sundarajan Padmanabhan
- c) Madhav Khosla
- d) Rajdeep Sardesai

Ans. a

**19. Name the head of the 15-member Committee that was formed by State Government of Meghalaya on 3 December 2014 to speed up the process of getting Khasi included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India?**

- a) R C Laloo
- b) Rowell Lyngdoh
- c) Prestone Tynsong
- d) Deborah C Marak

Ans. a

**20. Name the person who was recently appointed as the new Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**

- a) Acharya Shivpoojan Sahay
- b) Ranjit Sinha
- c) Anil Kumar Sinha
- d) Sharad Kumar

Ans. c

**21. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 December 2014 approved Regional Rural Banks (Amendment) Bill, 2013. The Bill seeks to amend the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) Act passed in?**

- a) 1975
- b) 1976
- c) 1977
- d) 1979

Ans. b

**22. Recently, second-generation asteroid explorer Hayabusa 2 was launched by which country?**

- a) The US
- b) Japan

- c) Russia
- d) United Kingdom

Ans. b

**23. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) on 3 December 2014 issued Press Note 10 of 2014 series to relax FDI norms for which sector of Indian economy?**

- a) Defence
- b) Railways
- c) Insurance
- d) Construction development

Ans. d

**24. Navy Day was observed on 4 December 2014. It is observed to commemorate?**

- a) The success of India over Pakistan in 1971 war
- b) The participation of Royal Indian Navy in World War-II
- c) The success of Operation Trident of Indian Navy in 1971
- d) The establishment day of Royal Indian Navy in 1945

Ans. c

**25. RBI on 4 December 2014 notified norms to set up Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS). The TReDS will facilitate the financing of bills of which sector of Indian economy?**

- a) MSME sector
- b) Khadi and Rural sector
- c) Agriculture sector
- d) All of the above

Ans. a

**26. Researchers led by Professor Gene K Beare developed World's fastest 2D camera at the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, Washington University. Which new technique is used in this 2D camera?**

- a) Compressed ultrafast photography
- b) Compressed imaging photography
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of these

Ans. a

**27. The US President Barack Obama on 5 December 2014 nominated the next defence secretary of US. Name the personality**

- a) Ashton Carter
- b) Chuck Hagel
- c) James V Forrestal
- d) Robert M Gates

Ans. a

**28. Recently, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) relaxed FDI norms for the construction development sector. In this context consider the following statements.**

I. 100 percent of FDI is allowed through the automatic route

II. The minimum floor area requirement is 20000 square metres in construction development projects.

Which is/are correct?

a) I only

b) II only

c) Both I and II

d) Neither I nor II

Ans. c

**29. Recently, International Criminal Court withdrew the charges of crimes against humanity against the President of a country of African continent. Name the country**

a) Kenya

b) Ethiopia

c) Nigeria

d) South Sudan

Ans. a

**30. United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation observed the World's First Soil Day on which date of the year 2014?**

a) 1 December

b) 30 November

c) 4 December

d) 5 December

Ans. d

**31. The Union Cabinet on 10 December 2014 gave its approval for creation of five posts of Additional Solicitors General (ASG), one each for the High Courts of certain states. Which of the below is not a part for it?**

a) Punjab & Haryana, Patna, Jharkhand,

b) Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu

c) Punjab & Haryana, Patna and Gujarat

d) Karnataka and Jharkhand

Ans. b

**32. Ebola fighters were collectively named as the TIME's Person of the Year 2014. Who of the following was named as the TIME's Person of Year 2013?**

a) Mark Zuckerberg

b) The Protester

c) Pope Francis

d) Barack Obama

Ans. c

**33. Nine new species of bush frogs were discovered recently in the Western Ghats by scientists**

**from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. These bush frogs belong to the family of**

- a) Micrixalus
- b) Raorchestes
- c) Micrixalidae
- d) None of the above

Ans. b

**34. Recently on 8 December 2014, World Economic Forum (WEF) released The 2013 Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index. What is the rank of India in the index?**

- a) 30
- b) 65
- c) 98
- d) 125

Ans. b

**35. Name the Indian bank that on 9 December 2014 launched two indices named Monthly Composite Index and Yearly Composite Index to track monthly and yearly economic trends.**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) HDFC
- c) IDBI
- d) State Bank of India

Ans. d

**36. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) on 9 December 2014 ruled against a country's decision to impose high duty on imports of certain steel products from India. Name the country against which the verdict was given?**

- a) Germany
- b) Russia
- c) United States
- d) China

Ans. c

**37. German Chancellor Angela Merkel was re-elected unopposed as head of a party on 9 December 2014. Name the party?**

- a) Christian Social Union of Bavaria
- b) German People's Party
- c) Conservative Christian Democrats
- d) People's National Reich Association

Ans. c

**38. Four European nations, namely Germany, France, Luxembourg and Belgium on 6 December 2014 decided to suspend marketing authorisations for 25 drugs of a pharmaceutical company from India. Name the company**

- a) Novartis
- b) GVK Biosciences

- c) Roche
- d) Merck & Co.

Ans. b

**39. Name the web-based taxi service company that was recently banned from providing services in the national capital?**

- a) Uber
- b) Ola
- c) Taxi for Sure
- d) TaxiPixi

Ans. a

**40. Hockey Olympian Grihanandan Singh alias Nandy Singh died on 7 December 2014 in New Delhi. He was a part of the National Hockey team that won the Olympic Gold in which years?**

- a) 1932 and 1936
- b) 1944 and 1948
- c) 1948 and 1952
- d) 1952 and 1956

Ans. c

**41. The United States (US) and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) recently ended their combat mission in Afghanistan. The combat mission formally came to end on**

- a) 8 December 2014
- b) 10 December 2014
- c) 12 December 2014
- d) 11 December 2014

Ans. a

**42. Delhi Court on 8 December 2014 convicted three Anandmargis and an advocate for the charges of murder and criminal conspiracy for killing a former Railway Minister. Name the leader?**

- a) Lalit Narayan Mishra
- b) Beant Singh
- c) Gopinath Munde
- d) None of the above

Ans. a

**43. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on 5 December 2014 approved the proposed 4 billion dollars merger of Ranbaxy with which pharmaceutical company ?**

- a) Abbott Laboratories
- b) Sun Pharmaceutical
- c) Pfizer
- d) GlaxoSmithKline

Ans. b



**44. Nedanuri Krishnamurthy who died on 8 December 2014 in Visakhapatnam was?**

- a) Carnatic vocalist
- b) Politician in Andhra Pradesh
- c) Chirographer
- d) Writer

Ans. a

**45. Indian Blind Cricket team on 7 December 2014 won the 2014 Blind Cricket World Cup (BCWC) by defeating**

- a) Pakistan
- b) South Africa
- c) Australia
- d) New Zealand

Ans. a

**46. The International Cricket Council (ICC) on 7 December 2014 suspended an off-spinner from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect for illegal bowling action. Name him?**

- a) Sachitra Senanayake
- b) Mohammad Hafeez
- c) Saeed Ajmal
- d) Marlon Samuels

Ans. b

**47. China on 7 December 2014 rejected the UN arbitration to resolve the South China Sea maritime dispute with its neighbors. The UN mediation to resolve the dispute was demanded from which country?**

- a) Brunei
- b) Taiwan
- c) Philippines
- d) Japan

Ans. c

**48. India on 7 December 2014 set the Guinness Record for largest human formation of a national flag in the world. The previous record was held by?**

- a) Pakistan
- b) United States
- c) China
- d) Australia

Ans. a

**49. Name the NASA's spacecraft mission that came out of hibernation on 6 December 2014 for its long-awaited 2015 encounter with the Pluto system?**

- a) Cassini
- b) Opportunity

- c) Apollo-Soyuz
- d) New Horizons

Ans. d

**50. Which Indian Company on 8 December 2014 commissioned the Nyaborongo Hydro Electric Project in Rwanda?**

- a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- b) Coastal Projects Limited
- c) Tata Hydroelectric Power Supply Company
- d) Jaiprakash Power Ventures Limited

Ans. a

**51. Which organisation on 9 December 2014 translated the Indian Constitution into Arabic language?**

- a) International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
- b) National Democratic Institute
- c) Institute for Democracy and Cooperation
- d) Institute for Democratic Education in America

Ans. a

**52. The Union Government recently divested its 5 percent stake in which company?**

- a) Oil And Natural Gas Corporation
- b) Coal India Limited
- c) Steel Authority of India Limited
- d) National Thermal Power Corporation

Ans. c

**53. Which organisation on 10 December 2014 banned the sale of 80 generic drugs produced in India on the grounds that their clinical trials were insufficient?**

- a) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization
- b) Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
- c) International Generic Drug Regulators
- d) Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices

Ans. d

**54. Name the person who died recently and had developed the Brown Box console video game system**

- a) Michel Ancel
- b) Ed Averett
- c) Ralph Henry Baer
- d) Richard Bartle

Ans. c

**55. Consider the following statements in reference to Amendments to Insurance Laws**

**(Amendment) Bill 2008 that was recently approved by a Parliamentary Standing Committee.**

- I. The bill allows a composite cap of 49 percent on foreign direct investment in insurance.
- II. The bill aims to dissolve the defaulting insurance companies.
- III. The bill allows insurer to challenge life insurance policy for any reasons.

Which statement is/are correct?

- a) I and II
- b) II and III
- c) I Only
- d) III Only

Ans. c

**56. Consider the following statements in context of Web Index 2014 that was released on 10 December 2014.**

- I. The Web Index measures the internet's contribution to social, economic and political progress in the world.
- II. India ranks at the 48th with 48.6 score in the index.

Which is the correct statement(s)?

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I & II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. a

**57. Who won the Confucius Peace Prize 2014 recently which is also considered as Chinese Nobel Prize?**

- a) Yi Cheng
- b) Malala Yousafzai
- c) Vladimir Putin
- d) Fidel Alejandro Castro Ruz

Ans. d

**58. Who on 11 December 2014 succeeded Anthony Banbury as the head of UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response?**

- a) Marat Aldangorovich Sarsembaev
- b) Boutros Boutros-Ghali
- c) Javier Perez de Cuellar
- d) Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed

Ans. d

**59. The 2013 Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index was released on 8 December 2014 by World Economic Forum (WEF) under which theme?**

- a) Reducing Barriers to Economic Growth and Job Creation
- b) Environmental sustainability

- c) Safety and security
- d) Health and hygiene

Ans. a

**60. Which Indian cricket commentator was recently appointed by Tourism Australia as brand ambassador?**

- a) Harsha Bhogle
- b) Ravi Shastri
- c) Sunil Gavaskar
- d) Saurav Ganguly

Ans. a

**61. Which country won the Hockey Champions Trophy for the year 2014?**

- a) Germany
- b) Australia
- c) Pakistan
- d) India

Ans. b

**62. Who won the Miss World title for the year 2014 in December 2014?**

- a) Megan Young
- b) Rolene Strauss
- c) Elizabeth Safrit
- d) Edina Kulcsar

Ans. b

**63. Name the Indian participant in Miss World 2014 competition**

- a) Vanya Mishra
- b) Priyanka Chopra
- c) Koyal Rana
- d) Navneet Kaur Dhillon

Ans. c

**64. China recently developed a long-range and non-lethal Pain Beam weapon. Name it?**

- a) Active Denial System
- b) Hotwave system
- c) Poly WB-1
- d) None of the above

Ans. c

**65. Global Illicit Financial Flows Report 2014 was released on 15 December 2014 by**

- a) Moody's Corporation
- b) The World Bank
- c) Global Financial Integrity
- d) International Monetary Fund

Ans. c

**66. Consider the following statements regarding the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971?**

- I. The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 has never been amended before.
- II. The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Bill, 2014 redefines public premises to include the companies in which at least 51 percent of the paid-up share capital is held by Central and state governments.

Which of the statement(s) is correct?

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. b

**67. Who on 15 December 2014 was appointed as the 16th Pakistan Ambassador to the United Nations?**

- a) Masood Khan
- b) Syeda Abida Hussain
- c) Bapsi Sidhwa
- d) Maleeha Lodhi

Ans. d

**68. Who on 15 December 2014 was appointed as the 19th Surgeon General of America?**

- a) Vivek Hallegere Murthy
- b) Boris Lushniak
- c) Walter Wyman
- d) Regina Benjamin

Ans. a

**69. Consider the following statements regarding Google's Year in Search Report 2014.**

- I. According to Google's Top Trending Global Searches, searches for the late actor Robin Williams topped the list.
- II. Elections 2014 topped the list of top Trending Searches in India.

Which of the following statement(s) is correct?

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. c

**70. The historic Geeta Press announced its lockout for an indefinite period because**

- a) It failed to market its publications in the markets.
- b) Clashes between the management and employees over wage issues
- c) Conflicts between the trustees of the press
- d) All of the above

Ans. b

**71. Who among the following Indian-origin woman was recently appointed as the Chairman of Santander UK Bank?**

- a) Nina Davuluri
- b) Renu Khator
- c) Shriti Vadera
- d) Subra Sudesh

Ans. c

**72. Consider the following statements regarding Global status report on violence prevention 2014.**

I. Global status report on violence prevention 2014 is aimed to describe the state of the problem of interpersonal violence worldwide.

II. The report reveals that 475000 people were murdered in 2012 and homicide is the third leading cause of death globally for males aged 15–44 years.

Which of the above statement(s) is not correct?

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. d

**73. The Reserve Bank of India on 17 December 2014 imposed monetary penalty on two banks for violation of its instructions regarding norms on Know Your Customer (KYC) and Anti Money Laundering (AML). Name the banks.**

- a) ICICI bank and State Bank of Patiala
- b) ICICI bank and Bank of Baroda
- c) Axis bank and State Bank of India
- d) Bank of Baroda and State Bank of India

Ans. b

**74. ISRO recently test-fired GSLV Mark-III from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. GSLV Mark-III is?**

- a) A educational satellite
- b) Heaviest rocket of India
- c) A satellite launched to study ozone over earth
- d) A re-entry module

Ans. b

**75. To check cross-border influx of illegal Bangladeshis into Assam, Supreme Court on 17 December 2014 directed the Union Government to complete fencing work along Indo-Bangladesh border within?**

- a) Three-months
- b) Six-months
- c) Nine-months
- d) Twelve-months

Ans. a

**76. Name the world's first twin and siblings who on 16 December 2014 achieved the feat of climbing the highest peaks of the seven continents.**

- a) Tashi and Nungshi Malik
- b) Khushi and Aparajita Agarwal
- c) Liam and Aidan O'Donnell
- d) Jason and Kristopher Simmons

Ans. b

**77. Rio 2016 Olympics and Paralympics Games mascot have been named as**

- a) Vinicius and Tom
- b) Oba and Eba
- c) Tiba Tuque and Esquindim
- d) Oba and Tom

Ans. a

**78. The Lok Sabha on 16 December 2014 passed the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Amendment Bill, 2014. The Bill seeks to amend**

- a) National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act, 2005
- b) National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act, 2009
- c) National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act, 2011
- d) National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Second Act, 2013

Ans. c

**79. Name the Marathi film that was nominated in the Best Picture Category of the 87th Academy Awards, popularly known as Oscars**

- a) Shwaas
- b) Ek Hazarachi Note
- c) Kapus Kondyachi Goshta
- d) Fandry

Ans. c

**80. Name the person, who was recently appointed as Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB)?**

- a) Arun Majumdar
- b) Nehchal Sandhu
- c) Syed Asif Ibrahim
- d) Dineshwar Sharma

Ans. d

**81. Name the winner of 2014 London Classic Chess title**

- a) Anish Giri
- b) Viswanathan Anand
- c) Michael Adams
- d) Fabiano Caruana

Ans. b

**82. 14th Finance Commission on 15 December 2014 submitted its report to the President of India. Name the person who headed the commission**

- a) Vijay L. Kelkar
- b) YV Reddy

- c) AN Jha
- d) KC Neogy

Ans. b

**83. Name the corporate group that in the second week of December 2014 acquired the iconic old war office building of Winston Churchill of Britain.**

- a) Hinduja Group
- b) Arcelor Mittal Group
- c) Tata Group
- d) Reliance Group

Ans. a

**84. Name the Indian-American who on 17 December 2014 was appointed as the Federal judge of district of Columbia?**

- a) Susan Graber
- b) Amit Priyavadan Mehta
- c) Richard Verma
- d) Shriti Vadera

Ans. b

**85. Who was appointed as the first Chairman of Telangana State Public Service Commission on 17 December 2014?**

- a) Chitta Ranjan Biswal
- b) Samedur Rahman
- c) Ranjit Borthakur
- d) Ghanta Chakrapani

Ans. d

**86. Consider the following statements regarding Companies (Amendment) Bill 2014.**

- I. Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2014 proposes to exempt corporate from the need to get shareholders' nod in the case of related party transactions valued lower than 100 crore rupees.
- II. The bill does not prescribe punishments for those raising illegal deposits from the public.

Which of the above statement(s) is correct?

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. a

**87. Who was recently appointed as the first female bishop of the Church of England?**

- a) Reverend Libby Lane
- b) Reverend Katharine Jefferts
- c) Reverend Barbara Clementine
- d) Reverend Marjorie Matthews

Ans. a



**88. Lens-free on-chip Microscope was primarily developed to**

- a) image samples that are transparent to the eye
- b) magnify images of small samples
- c) image pathology samples
- d) All of the above

Ans. c

**89. Consider the following statements regarding the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2014.**

- I. The Bill brings e-carts and e-rickshaws under the ambit of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.
- II. The Bill states that the driver licences can be issued for e-cart or e-rickshaw in the same manner as for light motor vehicle.

Which of the above statement(s) is correct?

- a) Only I
- b) Only II
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. a

**90. Who recently won the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry 2014?**

- a) John Agard
- b) Douglas Dunn
- c) Imtiaz Dharker
- d) Fleur Adcock

Ans. c

**91. Name the first non-tribal Chief Minister of Jharkhand who was sworn-in as tenth Chief Minister of the State on 28 December 2014?**

- a) Louis Marandi
- b) Neelkanth Singh Munda
- c) Chandra Prakash Choudhary
- d) Raghubar Das

Ans. d

**92. Pompadour Green Pigeon, a native of the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka was spotted on 28 December 2014 over a Bar tree (Ficus bengalensis) of Barkheda village in Rajasthan. What is the scientific name of Pompadour Green Pigeon?**

- a) *Treron pompadora*
- b) *Ectopistes migratorius*
- c) *Columba livia*
- d) *Zenaidura macroura*

Ans. a

**93. Name the photojournalist who died on 26 December 2014? He was acclaimed for chronicling Indo-US relations from Washington DC, for more than half-a-century.**

- a) Ritam Banerjee
- b) Pablo Bartholomew
- c) Darogha Ubbas Alli
- d) Rajan Devadas

Ans. d

**94. Operation All Out was in news on 23 December 2014. What is it?**

- a) International army operation against ISIS militants
- b) International operation to discover AirAsia flight that went missing
- c) Indian Army operation to flush out Bodo militants in Assam
- d) Cricket operation to ban players suspected of betting and fixing

Ans. c

**95. Name the former left handed batsman of England who died on 25 December 2014 at the age of 79?**

- a) Geoff Pullar
- b) Fred Spofforth
- c) Herbert Sutcliffe
- d) Arthur Mailey

Ans. a

**96. India observed National Mathematics Day on 22 December 2014 to commemorate birth anniversary of**

- a) Nilakantha Somayaji
- b) Satyendra Nath Bose
- c) Srinivasa Ramanujan
- d) Aryabhata

Ans. c

**97. Board of Control for Cricket in India on 28 December 2014 banned an Indian bowler from bowling in competitive matches after his bowling action was found illegal. Name the bowler who was banned?**

- a) Abhinav Bali
- b) Pragyan Ojha
- c) Sreesanth
- d) Amit Yadav

Ans. b

**98. Which country on 20 December 2014 won the men's title of the fifth edition of Kabaddi World Cup 2014 held in Punjab?**

- a) Pakistan
- b) New Zealand
- c) India
- d) Denmark

Ans. c

**99. To bring transparency and curb irregularities in the state administration, State Government of Maharashtra on 18 December 2014 decided to make e-tendering compulsory for projects over what amount?**

- a) 3 lakh rupees
- b) 5 lakh rupees
- c) 10 lakh rupees
- d) 15 lakh rupees

Ans. a

**100. The Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) on 19 December 2014 announced that it had partnered with a company to transform Surat into a smart city. Name the company/institution?**

- a) Infosys
- b) Tata Consultancy Services
- c) Mindtree
- d) Microsoft India

Ans. d

**101. The women's title of the fifth edition of the Kabaddi World Cup 2014 was won by India on 20 December 2014. India defeated which country to win the title?**

- a) Spain
- b) Pakistan
- c) New Zealand
- d) Australia

Ans. b

**102. US and NATO on 28 December 2014 officially ended their combat mission in Afghanistan and replaced it with training and support mission under the name**

- a) Resolute Support
- b) Resolute Peace
- c) Enduring Support
- d) Enduring Peace

Ans. a

**103. What was the level of Foreign Exchange Reserves in India on 26 December 2014 as revealed by RBI Data on Foreign Exchange?**

- a) 320 billion US dollars
- b) 295 billion US dollars
- c) 330 billion US dollars
- d) 272 billion US dollars

Ans. a

**104. As revealed by Union Ministry of Law and Justice on 28 December 2014, how many States have ratified the National Judicial Appointments Commission Bill, 2014?**

- a) 14
- b) 15
- c) 16
- d) 17

Ans. c

**105. Dubai Customs on 28 December 2014 released the trade data for the first nine months of 2014. In this context consider the following statements**

- I. India is the second largest trading partner of Dubai after China
- II. Among Arab nations, India is the largest trading partner with trade volume of 10 billion US dollars

Which is/are correct?

- a) I Only
- b) II Only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. c

**106. Name the country where first municipal elections were held in 60 years on 27 December 2014.**

- a) Cuba
- b) North Korea
- c) China
- d) Myanmar

Ans. d

**107. The gecko gripper to grab space debris being developed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California was in news on 19 December 2014. In this context, consider the following statements.**

- I. Gecko grippers are adhesive gripping tool with characteristic feature of permanent stickiness
- II. These grippers will grab space debris by using the van der Waals force

Which is/are correct?

- a) I Only
- b) II Only
- c) Both I and II
- d) Neither I nor II

Ans. b

**108. Union Government announced on 24 December 2014 to confer the Bharat Ratna on which two personalities?**

- a) P V Narasimha Rao and Deen Dayal Upadhayay
- b) Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Madan Mohan Malaviya
- c) Deen Dayal Upadhayay and Atal Behari Vajpayee
- d) Madan Mohan Malaviya and Deen Dayal Upadhayay

Ans. b

**109. Name the country which on 22 December 2014 launched the construction of an inter-oceanic canal linking the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific Ocean?**

- a) Panama
- b) Costa Rica
- c) Nicaragua
- d) Canada

Ans. c

**110. Consider the following statements on global Arms Trade Treaty that came into force on 24 December 2014.**

- I. It aims to regulate the industry and keep weapons out of the hands of human rights violators worldwide
- II. It is the first major arms accord since the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in 1996
- III. The treaty has been signed by 130 countries and ratified by 60 countries, including India

Which is/are correct?

- a) I and II
- b) II and III
- c) I and III
- d) All of the above

Ans. a

**111. What is the name of the Committee constituted by Union government on 23 December 2014 to examine the possibility of constitution of Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe anti-Sikh riots of 1984?**

- a) Justice Nanavati Commission
- b) Justice Mathur Committee
- c) Justice Khosla Committee
- d) Justice V K Iyer Committee

Ans. b

**112. Nepal on 23 December 2014 signed agreement with which country to expand the use of local currency for border trade?**

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh

- c) Bhutan
- d) China

Ans. d

**113. As per the announcement of the Union government on 22 December 2014, which State is going to host the 13th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in January 2015?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Gujarat
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) Delhi

Ans. b

**114. Consider the following statements on STAP technique of stem cells which was in news due to resignation of Japanese stem cell scientists on 19 December 2014.**

- I. STAP stands for Stimulus-triggered acquisition of pluripotency
- II. It requires neither nuclear transfer nor the introduction of transcription factors
- III. In this pluripotent stem cells are generated by subjecting ordinary cells to certain types of stress
- IV. The stress includes either the application of a bacterial toxin or submersion in a weak acid or physical squeezing

Which is/are correct?

- a) I, II and III
- b) II, III and IV
- c) I, III and IV
- d) All of the above

Ans. d

**115. Who headed the Advisory Group for Integrated Development of Power, Coal and Renewable Energy which submitted its report to the Union Ministry of Power and Coal on 22 December 2014?**

- a) Suresh Prabhu
- b) Pratyush Sinha
- c) Partho Bhattacharya
- d) Vallabh Bhansali

Ans. a

**116. Which one is the incorrect definition of Non-Cooperative Borrower as defined in the RBI Guidelines on Non-Cooperative Borrower issued on 22 December 2014?**

- a) who does not engage constructively with his lender by defaulting in timely repayment of dues while having ability to pay
- b) who thwarts lenders' efforts for recovery of their dues by not providing necessary information sought
- c) who have aggregate fund-based and non-fund based facilities of 10 crore rupees from the concerned bank/financial institution (FI)
- d) All of the above definitions are incorrect

Ans. c

**117. Name the space mission that has been named as the Breakthrough of the Year 2014 by Journal Science on 19 December 2014**

- a) New Horizon
- b) Rosetta
- c) Mangalyaan
- d) Hayabusa 2

Ans. b

**118. What is the name of the world's smallest hearing aid developed by an international team of researchers in the fourth week of December 2014?**

- a) Atomicplug
- b) Marinoviplug
- c) Nanoplug
- d) Zivicplug

Ans. c

**119. Who on 22 December 2014 won the Tunisian Presidential Elections?**

- a) Moncef Marzouki
- b) Beji Caid Essebsi
- c) Habib Bourguiba
- d) Zine El Abidine Ben Ali

Ans.b

**120. India exported first warship to Mauritius on 20 December 2014. What is the name?**

- a) CGS Barracuda
- b) INS Sukanya
- c) INS Sumitra
- d) CGS Varaha

Ans. a