1. Which university hosted the 105th session of Indian Science Congress in March 2018?
   a. Tezpur University  b. Manipur University  c. Osmania University  d. Tripura University

2. Namaste Shalom is a magazine devoted to India's relations with -
   a. Israel  b. Japan  c. Russia  d. Oman

3. Which country hosted the Nidahas Trophy cricket tournament in March 2018?
   a. West Indies  b. Bangladesh  c. Australia  d. Sri Lanka

4. With which of the following universities was Stephen Hawking associated at the time of his death in March 2018?

5. What is the number of billionaires in India as per Hurun Global Rich list 2018?
   a. 101  b. 111  c. 121  d. 131

6. With which of the international awards was Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi felicitated recently?
   a. Pulitzer Prize  b. Pritzker Prize  c. Magsaysay Award  d. Right Livelihood Award

7. What is the rank of India's military in the Global Firepower List 2017?
   a. Second  b. Third  c. Fourth  d. Fifth

8. Kadaknath breed of chicken which was granted GI tag recently, is local to which State?

9. Where are the headquarters of Animal Welfare Board of India located?

10. Who of the following recipient of Nari Shakti Puraskar is known as ‘Mother of Orphans’?
    a. Dr. S Siva Sathya  b. Dr. Sindhutai Sapkal  c. Dr. Anita Bharadwaj  d. Dr. Bharti Kashyap

11. Which of the following is NOT a place where the Ministry of Tourism is organizing a music series under the Incredible India Heritage Series?

12. Who of the following has been awarded the 2018 Abel Prize (for mathematics)?
13. With which country has India recently signed a memorandum of understanding for mutual recognition of educational qualifications?
   a. Germany  
   b. China  
   c. Russia  
   d. France

14. Rashid Khan who became the youngest captain in international cricket belongs to –
   a. Afghanistan  
   b. Bangladesh  
   c. Zimbabwe  
   d. South Africa

15. Which of the following has inducted 25-year old Prakriti as its first direct-entry combat officer?
   a. CRPF  
   b. ITBP  
   c. BSF  
   d. CISF

16. Which State has been conferred the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017 for its contribution to women’s welfare?
   a. Uttarakhand  
   b. Kerala  
   c. Goa  
   d. Punjab

17. Mahanadi water dispute is between which two States?
   a. Madhya Pradesh and Odisha  
   b. Jharkhand and Odisha  
   c. Chhattisgarh and Odisha  
   d. West Bengal and Odisha

18. Which film has been awarded the Best Picture Academy Award 2018 (Oscar)?
   a. The Shape of Water  
   b. Darkest Hour  
   c. The Post  
   d. Lady Bird

19. For what amount of loan has the Govt made it mandatory for banks to collect passport details of borrowers?
   a. Rs. 50 lakhs  
   b. Rs. 1 crore  
   c. Rs. 50 crores  
   d. Rs. 100 crores

20. Which of the following days is not observed in March?
   a. International Women’s Day  
   b. World Consumer Rights Day  
   c. World Water Day  
   d. World Health Day

21. Who of the following was awarded the Sportsman of the Year 2018 at the Laureas World Sports Awards?
   a. Usain Bolt  
   b. Roger Federer  
   c. Virat Kohli  
   d. Lionel Messi

22. With which athletic event is Tejaswin Shankar associated?
   a. High Jump  
   b. Javelin throw  
   c. Marathon  
   d. Gymnastics

23. Which of the following awards was given to the film Coco at the 90th Academy Awards?
   a. Best Picture  
   b. Best Foreign Language Film
c. Best Animated Feature Film

d. Best Documentary

24. Juniper Cobra is a joint military exercise conducted by the United States of America and –
  a. France
  b. South Korea
  c. Canada
  d. Israel

25. For treatment of which of the following diseases has the drug QOL-2C been developed?
  a. Diabetes
  b. Cancer
  c. Leprosy
  d. Hypertension

26. Which country was ranked at the first position in the World Happiness Report 2018?
  a. Finland
  b. Bhutan
  c. Norway
  d. Switzerland

27. Which of the following countries fired the hypersonic missile named Kinzhal?
  a. Israel
  b. North Korea
  c. China
  d. Russia

28. Kochon Prize is given annually for contribution to ending which of the following diseases?
  a. Malaria
  b. Cancer
  c. Tuberculosis
  d. Leprosy

29. Which State recently declared Jackfruit to be its official fruit?
  a. Kerala
  b. Bihar
  c. Assam
  d. Karnataka

30. Khanjar V is a joint military exercise conducted by India with –
  a. Kazakhstan
  b. Kyrgyzstan
  c. Turkmenistan
  d. Uzbekistan

31. Which country recently removed the two-term limit for election to the post of its President?
  a. Russia
  b. U.S.A.
  c. France
  d. China

32. Which team has won the Irani Trophy 2017-18 season?
  a. Vidarbha
  b. Karnataka
  c. Saurashtra
  d. Mumbai

33. In which country did the President Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurate the World Hindi Secretariat recently?
  a. Sri Lanka
  b. Mauritius
  c. Mali
  d. Maldives

34. ALLBANK FINACE LTD is a subsidiary of which bank?
  a. Bank of Baroda
  b. State Bank of India
  c. Allahabad Bank
  d. Andhra Bank

35. Which country has won the 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah trophy?
  a. Australia
  b. Malaysia
  c. England
  d. South Korea

36. With which of the following subjects was the case Common Cause vs Union of India related?
  a. Triple Talaq
  b. Passive Euthanasia
  c. LGBT rights
  d. Linking of rivers
37. Which country is the largest producer of electricity in the world?
   a. China  
   b. U.S.A.  
   c. Russia  
   d. India

38. What was the theme of International Day of Forests observed on 21 March 2018?
   a. My Forest Our Future  
   b. Forests and Energy  
   c. Forests and Climate Change  
   d. Forests and Sustainable Cities

39. Which of the following was India’s official entry at the 90th Academy Awards 2018?
   a. Newton  
   b. Lucknow Central  
   c. Tubelight  
   d. A Death in the Gunj

40. With which country did India launch a Cool EMS service recently?
   a. China  
   b. Japan  
   c. Singapore  
   d. Indonesia

Answers

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Additional information on some questions

2. Dr Jitendra Singh launched the social media of magazine on the occasion of Holi which coincided with the Jewish festival of Purim.

5. The list is topped by China which has 819 billionaires followed by the USA which has 571. India is at the third position and has added 31 new billionaires in this list.

7. USA, Russia and China are at the top 3 position and Pakistan is at the 13th position.

9. The headquarters were recently shifted to Ballabhgarh from Chennai.

11. The music series organised through SPIC MACAY was held over a period of 6 weekends with the objective to promote the rich cultural heritage of the country and to reinforce the principle of ‘Tourism for All’. The Delhi leg of the series started on 10th March, 2018 at Red Fort.

13. For the first time, a government to government MoU was signed to mutually recognize academic qualifications at the first high-level India-France Knowledge Summit at Pravasi Bharatiya Bhawan, New Delhi.

17. The Central govt has recently constituted the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal with Mr Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, Judge, Supreme Court of India as its Chairman and Dr Justice Ravi Ranjan, Judge, Patna High Court and Mrs Justice Indermeet Kaur Kochhar, Judge, Delhi High Court as Members.
22. He recently set a new national record of jumping 2.28 m high at the 22nd Federation Cup Senior Athletic Championships in Patiala, Punjab.

25. The drug has been developed by Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), an autonomous body under the Ministry of AYUSH.

28. Kochon Prize for 2017 was given to Indian Council of Medical Research.

31. The National People’s Congress of China voted for removal of two-term limit for President and Vice-President. Xi Jinping has been re-elected as the President for the second five-tenure. The Presidents of USA, France and Russia have a 4, 5 and 6-year term respectively and a person can serve only 2 terms as the President.

34. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has recently approved the amalgamation of ABFL with Allahabad.

37. According to a February 2018 report by India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a trust established by the commerce ministry, India is the 3rd largest producer of electricity in the world behind China and United States of America.

40. The service launched by Ministry of Communications from 29.03.2018 is one-way service from Japan to India which allows customers in India to import Japanese food items for personal use which is allowed under Indian regulations. Initially, Cool EMS Service will be available in Delhi only. Food items will be carried by Japan Post in special cool boxes containing refrigerant to preserve the quality of the food items and addressee will collect them from Foreign Post office, Kotla Road, New Delhi.