1. TM Krishna, who was awarded the Indira Gandhi Award for Nationa Integration 2015-16 is a well-known -

2. Ghogha and Dahej which were connected by ro-ro ferry recently are separated by –
   a. Gulf of Khambhat   b. Gulf of Kutch   c. Sir Creek   d. Tapti river

3. In which country is Catalonia located?
   a. Spain   b. France   c. Italy   d. Turkey

4. Which country did India defeat to win the 2017 Asia Cup hockey tournament?
   a. Japan   b. Malaysia   c. Pakistan   d. South Korea

5. In the recently released Global Passport Power Rank 2017 which country was ranked at No. 1 position?

6. In which country did the world’s first negative emissions power plant start its operations recently?
   a. Netherlands   b. Iceland   c. Hungary   d. Switzerland

7. Who of the following has been awarded the Best FIFA Men’s Player Award 2017?

8. Vigilance Awareness Week was observed by the Govt of India from –
   a. 23 Oct to 30 Oct   b. 30 Oct to 07 Nov   c. 15 Oct to 22 Oct   d. 08 to 14 Oct

9. In which city was the India International Science Festival held from 13 to 16 October 2017?

10. Which book has been awarded the 2017 Man Booker Prize?
    a. Lincoln in the Bardo   b. History of Wolves
    c. The Ministry of Utmost Happiness   d. Underground Railroad

11. Who of the following is the new Chairperson of State Bank of India?
    a. Bibek Debroy   b. Rajnish Kumar   c. Dineshwar Sharma   d. NK Singh

12. In which city is India’s first All India Institute of Ayurveda located?
13. Who of the following has been chosen for the Tata Literature Lifetime Achievement Award 2017?
   a. Girish Karnad  
   b. Javed Akhtar  
   c. Veerappa Moily  
   d. Arundhati Roy

14. Which place in Uttar Pradesh was declared a sacred site by the Govt in Oct 2017?
   a. Varanasi  
   b. Ayodhya  
   c. Vrindavan  
   d. Gorakhpur

15. Which airport was ranked the best airport in the category of 2-5 million passengers in ACI-ASQ Survey?
   a. Jaipur  
   b. Ahmedabad  
   c. Amritsar  
   d. Lucknow

16. Jacinda Ardern recently took over as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries?
   a. Australia  
   b. United Kingdom  
   c. Ireland  
   d. New Zealand

17. International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) which has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2017 has its headquarters at –
   a. London  
   b. Paris  
   c. Geneva  
   d. New York

18. Indian Railways has introduced a special Rajdhani Express without flexi-fare from New Delhi to -
   a. Mumbai  
   b. Chennai  
   c. Ahmedabad  
   d. Kolkata

19. Which organisation released the Doing Business Report 2018 in which India was ranked at 100th position?
   a. IMF  
   b. World Bank  
   c. Moody’s Corp  
   d. UNDP

20. What is the nationality of the 2017 Nobel Prize (Literature) winning author Kuzuo Ishiguro?
   a. British  
   b. American  
   c. Swedish  
   d. Finnish

21. Indian peace-keeping forces in which of the following countries were recently awarded UN Medal for their professionalism and service in protecting civilians and building durable peace in the conflict-ridden country?
   a. Somalia  
   b. South Sudan  
   c. Congo  
   d. Sierra Leone

22. Which country hosted the 2017 Asia Cup hockey tournament in October 17?
   a. Malaysia  
   b. Japan  
   c. India  
   d. Bangladesh

23. Girija Devi who passed away recently was popularly known as the Queen of –
   a. Ghazal  
   b. Khayal  
   c. Thumri  
   d. Tarana

24. On which of the following expressways did the Indian Air Force carry out major landing operations?
   a. Agra – Delhi  
   b. Agra – Lucknow  
   c. Delhi – Jaipur  
   d. Ahmedabad – Vadodara
25. George Saunders, who has been awarded the 2017 Man Booker Prize belongs to which country?
   a. United Kingdom     b. Australia     c. Canada     d. USA

26. Kavita Devi who has become the first Indian woman to sign with WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) has earlier represented India in –

27. With which country did India hold a three-day anti-submarine warfare exercise in the Indian Ocean region?
   a. Indonesia     b. U.S.A.     c. France     d. Japan

28. Who is the new Chairperson of Film and Television Institute, Pune?

29. At which place in Himachal Pradesh is AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) being set up?

30. To which country did India send its first shipment using Chabahar port of Iran?

31. Mitra Shakti is a joint military exercise conducted by India and –

32. Who of the following has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics?

33. Which country recently witnessed a deadly truck bomb blast which killed more than 500 people?
   a. Syria     b. France     c. Somalia     d. United Kingdom

34. In which city was the Rashtriya Sanskrit Mahotsav held in Oct 17?

35. Which Indian cricketer announced his retirement from all formats of the game in October 2017?
   a. Ashish Nehra     b. Yuvraj Singh     c. Parthiv Patel     d. MS Dhoni

36. Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi (Retd) was recently appointed Lt Governor/Governor of –
   a. Lakshadweep islands     b. Andaman & Nicobar islands
   b. Puducherry     d. Arunachal Pradesh
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Additional information on some answers

3. Recently a controversial referendum was held in the autonomous region of Spain. The referendum which asked the voters if they wanted Catalonia to become independent was later declared illegal.

6. The EU-backed project at one of the world’s largest geothermal power plants in Hellsheidi, Iceland, will capture CO2 from ambient air for permanent storage underground.

9. The 3rd edition of IISF 2017 was held at various venues which include Anna University, Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) and IIT-Madras.

12. The institute was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister on the Ayurveda Day.

15. Srinagar was ranked second in the Air Service Quality survey conducted by Airport Council International.

18. The train will run thrice in a week without flexi-fare from October 16.

21. The Indian peacekeepers are part of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and stationed at Bor in the Jonglei region of South Sudan. They were presented with the award recently by UNMISS Force Commander General Frank Mushyo Kamanzi.

24. A total of sixteen aircraft participated in the operation which comprised IAF’s Sukhoi-30, Mirage-2000 and Jaguar fighter aircraft. These aircraft took off from Bareilly, Gwalior and Gorakhpur respectively. In addition, the IAF carried out drills in which Garud Commandos were inserted and extricated for ground operations, by the C-130H Super Hercules transport aircraft which took off from Hindon airbase. The steel for the construction of the expressway was supplied by SAIL.

31. The shipment of wheat was flagged off from Kandla port in Gujarat.

33. The blast occurred in its capital Mogadishu and has been attributed to al Shabaab.

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