1. Which portfolio was held by Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the first cabinet of free India (1947)?
   a. Minister of Commerce   b. Minister of Health
   c. Minister of Food and Agriculture   d. Minister of Defence

2. In which State is the Adichanallur urn burial site located?

3. Cervantes Prize is given for contribution in the field of –

4. Which part of the flower becomes the seed?

5. Which of the following has the highest calorific value?
   a. Petrol   b. Methane   c. LPG   d. Hydrogen

6. Who was awarded the Bharat Ratna for ushering in the Green Revolution?

7. Who was the first to use the term ecosystem in 1935?
   a. AG Tansley   b. Charles Elton   c. Evelyn Hutchinson   d. Howard Odum

8. In which country are Steppe grasslands known as Pustza?
   a. Spain   b. Hungary   c. France   d. Switzerland

9. Web development language HTML was developed by –
   a. Tim Berners-Lee   b. Bill Gates   c. Dennis Ritchie   d. Larry Wall

10. Which article of the Indian Constitution has abolished conferment and acceptance of titles?
    a. Article 16   b. Article 17   c. Article 18   d. Article 19

11. Who said that the Constitution of India has been drafted after ransacking all the known constitutions of the world?
    a. BR Ambedkar   b. Jawaharlal Nehru   c. Sachidanand Sinha   d. Lord Mountbatten
12. Parsec is the unit of –
   a. Time          b. Distance          c. Magnetic intensity          d. Electrical power

13. Which community in India celebrates Cheti Chand?

14. Which of the following countries has pound as its currency?

15. The edible part of which of the following is a flower?

16. With which of the following is a velodrome associated?

17. Inventory stock in a business is the highest during –
   a. Depression          b. Recession          c. Recovery          d. Boom

18. Which organisation was founded by Peter Benensen in 1961?
   a. International Red Cross          b. Transparency International
   c. Amnesty International          d. Rotary International

19. Which of the following means - the thinking man?

20. Which of the following was the kingdom of Holkar dynasty?
   a. Gwalior          b. Indore          c. Ahmednagar          d. Mysore

21. What type of creature is a tarantula?

22. In which state is the festival Sajibu Cheiraoba celebrated?
   a. Sikkim          b. Manipur          c. Assam          d. West Bengal

23. Which President of the USA ordered the dropping of atomic bombs?
   a. Franklin Roosevelt          b. DD Eisenhower          c. Harry Truman          d. Herbert Hoover

24. Which bank in India was the first to launch mutual funds?
25. Which of the following is the largest member of the cat family?
   a. Lion  b. Tiger  c. Leopard  d. Puma  b

26. Which of the following is India’s indigenously built nuclear-powered submarine?
   a. INS Arihant  b. INS Kalvari  c. INS Chakra  d. INS Sindhughosh

27. Manu Bhaker is associated with which of the following sports?

28. The Union list, State list and Concurrent list are specified in which schedule of the Indian Constitution?
   a. Sixth  b. Seventh  c. Eighth  d. Ninth

29. Salil Shetty is the Secretary General of –
   c. Commonwealth of Nations  d. Transparency International

30. Olduvai Gorge which helps us understand human evolution is located in –
   a. Tanzania  b. Germany  c. Brazil  d. China

31. Which part of the body is affected by rhinitis?

32. The outermost part of the flower is known as –
   a. Corolla  b. Androecium  c. Gynoecium  d. Calyx

33. Gagan Shakti is a military exercise conducted by the –
   a. Indian Army  b. Indian Navy  c. Indian Air Force  d. Coast Guard

34. Who was the first scientist to isolate DNA?

35. Which of the following is not landlocked?

36. Which of the following is not considered a ruminant?
37. Saros Cycle is used to predict –
   a. Eclipses  b. Comet appearances  c. Earthquakes  d. Tsunamis

38. Who is the author of the book - The Story of a Brief Marriage?

39. The famous Keshavananda Bharti case related to the Constitution of India was against –

40. Governor General of Bengal was made the Governor General of India by –

41. Which Mughal emperor employed the maximum number of Hindus?

42. Which chemical is used to embalm dead bodies?

43. Which of the following is obtained from the plant Camellia sinensis?

44. Nirvachan Sadan in Delhi is the headquarters of –
   a. Election Commission  b. Vigilance Commission  
   c. Minorities Commission  d. Information Commission

45. The Sinai Peninsula is a part of which country?
   a. Saudi Arabia  b. Spain  c. Egypt  d. France

46. BC Roy Award is given in the field of –
   a. Medicine  b. Philosophy  c. Literature  d. Social work

47. Which of the following is a cue sport?
   a. Hockey  b. Skating  c. Snooker  d. Polo

48. Lincoln in the Bardo is a book written by –
   a. Stephani Garber  b. George Saunders  c. Ruth Hogan  d. Veronica Roth

49. The name of the first computer virus was –

50. Indus Water Treaty was signed in the year?
   a. 1948       b. 1960       c. 1965       d. 1971

51. How many ventricles does the brain have?
   a. None       b. One       c. Three       d. Four

52. Adikavi Pampa was a renowned poet of which language?
   a. Kannada       b. Telugu       c. Tamil       d. Malayalam

53. Who of the following called himself Sikandare-Sani (the second Alexander)?

54. Which river is known as Padma in Bangladesh?

55. Who of the following discovered nitrogen?

56. Which of the following is an example of rhizome?

57. Steradian is the unit of –
   a. Angular distance       b. Solid angle       c. Angular momentum       d. Slant distance

58. Albatross is a term related to which sport?
   a. Tennis       b. Shooting       c. Golf       d. Billiards

59. Border between which two countries is the longest in the world?
   a. Russia and China       b. India and Bangladesh
   c. Mongolia and China       d. USA and Canada

60. Berggruen Prize is awarded annually in the field of –

61. Which disease is caused by the presence of extra chromosome 21, also known as Trisomy 21?
   a. Parkinson's Disease       b. Korsakoff's Syndrome
c. Down's Syndrome  
d. Addison's Disease

62. The kingdom of Shasanka, the ancient Indian king is the modern day –

a. Goa  
b. Uttarakhand  
c. Bengal  
d. Punjab

63. Which of the following is also known as acetaminophen?

a. Aspirin  
b. Salbutamol  
c. Ibuprofen  
d. Paracetamol

64. Which of the following has the highest albedo?

a. Snow  
b. Grass  
c. Sea  
d. Desert

65. Who was India's first ODI captain?

a. Bishen Singh Bedi  
b. Ajit Wadekar  
c. Kapil Dev  
d. Sunil Gavaskar

66. Which of the following are known as inferior planets?

a. Mars and Venus  
b. Mercury and Venus  
c. Neptune and Uranus  
d. Jupiter and Saturn

67. Batteries of small devices like watches and calculators are made of –

a. Lithium  
b. Calcium  
c. Iridium  
d. Rubidium

68. The atomic bomb dropped at Nagasaki was made of –

a. Plutonium  
b. Uranium  
c. Thorium  
d. Polonium

69. Brahmaputra enters India from the State of –

a. Assam  
b. Meghalaya  
c. Tripura  
d. Arunachal Pradesh

70. The famous Golaknath case related to Constitution of India was against –

a. Union of India  
b. State of Kerala  
c. State of Punjab  
d. State of Madras

71. Francois Bernier was the personal physician of which Mughal emperor?

a. Jahangir  
b. Shahjahan  
c. Aurangzeb  
d. Bahadur Shah II

72. In which Indian State did the game of Polo originate?

a. Rajasthan  
b. Punjab  
c. Bihar  
d. Manipur
73. Bar is the unit of measurement of –

74. Which is the largest part of the brain?

75. What is the shape of the Milky Way galaxy?
   a. Spiral    b. Elliptical    c. Lenticular    d. Irregular

76. Which of the following fruits cannot be ripened artificially by ethylene?

77. Which element is used in antacids and laxatives?
   a. Sodium    b. Bromine    c. Magnesium    d. Calcium

78. Manipravalam was a literary style which used an admixture of Sanskrit and –
   a. Telugu    b. Tulu    c. Kannada    d. Malayalam

79. The valley which is called the Ruhr of India is –

80. Against which of the following was the first vaccine developed?

81. Which of the following is also known as the Battle of Rakkasa Tangadi?

82. Which is the heaviest alkaline earth metal?
   a. Barium    b. Strontium    c. Magnesium    d. Radium

83. Which of the following is an aggregate fruit?

84. Which is not a stage in the life cycle of a star?

85. Olfactory nerve is related to the human's sense of –
86. Sandalwood is the State tree of which of the following states?
   a. Kerala  b. Goa  c. Karnataka  d. Tamil Nadu

87. Who said Man is a social animal?

88. Which State has the longest route kilometers of Indian Railways?

89. The word Sikh is derived from the Sanskrit word –
   a. Shishya  b. Simha  c. Shirsha  d. Shiva

90. Which of the following Japanese term is related to music?
   a. Karaoke  b. Teriyaki  c. Samurai  d. Yukata

91. Which part of the body is affected by otitis?
   a. Eye  b. Throat  c. Stomach  d. Ear

92. Which of the following means ‘the upright man’?

93. Kabaddi is the national sport of which country?
   a. India  b. Bangladesh  c. Iran  d. Pakistan

94. A radicle is a part of the –
   a. Flower  b. Fruit  c. Root  d. Seed

95. Which of the following is the most abundant element in sea water?
   a. Calcium  b. Sodium  c. Magnesium  d. Potassium

96. The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima was made of –

97. The Ahoms were defeated by the Mughals under the leadership of –

98. The axis of earth during its revolution around the sun is pointed towards the –
99. Chilka lake lies between the deltas of –
   a. Ganga and Mahanadi   b. Godavari and Mahanadi
   c. Godavari and Krishna   d. Godavari and Narmada

100. Which of the following have continuously growing incisors in each of their jaws?

101. The motto of which organisation is Bahujan Hitaye Bahujan Sukhaye (Welfare of the many, Happiness of the many)?
   a. All India Radio   b. University Grants Commission
   c. NITI Aayog   d. Indian Army

102. The condition in which body starts losing heat faster than it can generate is known as –

103. Which part of the plant yields coffee for human consumption?
   a. Root   b. Seed   c. Leaf   d. Flower

104. Haber Bosch process is used in the production of –

105. Who among the following ruled for the longest period?

106. In which layer of the atmosphere are auroras formed?
   a. Stratosphere   b. Exosphere   c. Thermosphere   d. Troposphere

107. Who was the first captain of Indian cricket team in test matches?
   a. CK Nayudu   b. Lala Amarnath   c. Vinoo Mankad   d. MAK Pataudi

108. What is total surface area of the earth?
   a. 250 million sq km   b. 320 million sq km   c. 440 million sq km   d. 510 million sq km

109. Who said A Good Citizen makes a Good State, A Bad Citizen makes a Bad State?

110. Pampa, Ponna and Ranna are known as the three gems of _____ literature.
111. The Nizam Shahi dynasty ruled over –


112. The matter in the universe that cannot be seen is termed –


113. Where in the human body is the Circle of Willis found?


114. Who was the first Indian to score a test century?


115. Which of the following is an example of rhizome?


116. Which element is used for obtaining brilliant white light in fireworks?

a. Magnesium  b. Sodium  c. Lithium  d. Calcium

117. Who defined democracy as Government of the people, by the people, for the people?


118. Who was the first European to sail around the Cape of Good Hope in Africa?


119. Tulsidas was contemporary of which Mughal emperor?


120. Which rock gets transformed into marble?

a. Sandstone  b. Limestone  c. Siltstone  d. Shale

121. In which year did the rule of British East India Company end in India?

a. 1834  b. 1858  c. 1909  d. 1947

122. The famous Three Gorges dam has been built across the river –


123. Who of the following is commonly referred to as the Father of Geography?
124. Floral scent of a flower is produced in the –

125. Which of the following produces melatonin?

126. Lacrosse is the national sport of which country?
   a. Finland  b. Russia  c. Switzerland  d. Canada

127. Which of the following is an alkali metal?
   a. Beryllium  b. Barium  c. Sodium  d. Calcium

128. Which of the following is observed as Army Day in India?

129. King Ajatshatru of ancient India belonged to which dynasty?

130. In which State is the city Auroville located?
   a. Kerala  b. Tamil Nadu  c. Karnataka  d. Telangana

131. Mohammadan Anglo Oriental College later came to be known as –
   a. Jamia Milia Islamia  b. Aligarh Muslim University
   c. Osmania University  d. Jamia Nizamia

132. Which of the following river flows into the Atlantic Ocean?

133. Razia Sultan was the daughter of –

134. Which of the following is the main constituent of ivory?
   a. Sodium  b. Silica  c. Aluminium  d. Calcium

135. Which of the following is a plant hormone?
136. Chukka is a term associated with –

137. Candela is the unit of –
   a. Luminous intensity   b. Luminance   c. Illuminance   d. Luminous flux

138. What percentage of the mass of the solar system is the mass of the sun?
   a. 52.65%   b. 73.98%   c. 87.23%   d. 99.86%

139. The motto of National Cadet Corps is –

140. Balaji Janardhan Bhanu is better known as –
   a. Nana Fadanvis   b. Tantiya Tope   c. Birbal   d. Tansen

141. Which dynasty built the Thousand Pillar temple at Hanamkonda (Telangana)?

142. Amazon river drains into the –

143. Which element is required by plants to synthesize chlorophyll?

144. Volleyball is the national sport of –

145. Which of the following contains beryllium?

146. Original name of which sikh guru was Bhai Lehna?

147. The International Date Line passes through –
   a. Palk Strait   b. Hormuz Strait   c. Bering Strait   d. Cook Strait

148. Which Mughal emperor was also known as Alamgir?
149. The world's largest salt water lake is –
   a. Lake Superior   b. Caspean Sea   c. Lake Baikal   d. Red Sea

150. The elections to the Constituent Assembly were held in the year –
   a. 1946   b. 1947   c. 1948   d. 1949

**Answers**

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