



**DPS - MODERN INDIAN SCHOOL, DOHA- QATAR**

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**GENERAL STUDIES QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

1. Which ancient Mesopotamian ruler is credited with compiling one of the earliest and most complete written legal codes in human history, famous for the principle of "an eye for an eye"?

A) Nebuchadnezzar II

B) Hammurabi

C) Sargon of Akkad

D) Ashurbanipal

Answer: B) Hammurabi

2. During the Pax Romana, which Roman Emperor was the last of the "Five Good Emperors" and authored the famous Stoic philosophical text Meditations?

A) Augustus

B) Marcus Aurelius

C) Trajan

D) Nero

Answer: B) Marcus Aurelius

3. Which trade network, established during the Han Dynasty of China, connected Asia with the Mediterranean world and facilitated the exchange of goods, religion, and technology for over a millennium?

- A) The Trans-Saharan Route
- B) The Amber Road
- C) The Silk Road
- D) The Incense Route

Answer: C) The Silk Road

4. In 1789, the storming of which medieval fortress and prison in Paris marked the formal beginning of the French Revolution?

- A) Palace of Versailles
- B) The Bastille
- C) Conciergerie
- D) Tuileries Palace

Answer: B) The Bastille

5. Which leader played the central role in leading the Bolshevik Revolution of October 1917, ultimately establishing the Soviet state?

- A) Joseph Stalin
- B) Leon Trotsky
- C) Vladimir Lenin
- D) Mikhail Gorbachev

Answer: C) Vladimir Lenin

6. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in 1914 triggered the outbreak of World War I. Which city did this assassination take place in?

- A) Sarajevo
- B) Vienna
- C) Belgrade
- D) Berlin

Answer: A) Sarajevo

7. Which major battle on the Eastern Front (1942–1943) is widely considered the primary turning point of World War II in Europe, resulting in the complete destruction of the German 6th Army?

- A) Battle of Midway
- B) Battle of El Alamein
- C) Battle of Stalingrad
- D) Battle of the Bulge

Answer: C) Battle of Stalingrad

8. Which movement, led by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930, served as a major direct-action campaign of nonviolent resistance against the British salt monopoly in colonial India?

- A) Non-Cooperation Movement
- B) Quit India Movement
- C) Salt March (Dandi March)
- D) Swadeshi Movement

Answer: C) Salt March (Dandi March)

9. Which 1962 confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union brought the two superpowers to the brink of nuclear war over military installations in the Caribbean?

- A) The Berlin Blockade
- B) The Cuban Missile Crisis
- C) The Suez Crisis
- D) The Korean War

Answer: B) The Cuban Missile Crisis

10. Following the historical expansion of NATO, which nation officially joined as its 32nd member state?

- A) Finland                  B) Sweden                  C) Ukraine                  D) North Macedonia

Answer: B) Sweden

11. Which is the world's largest island by land area that is not classified as a continent?

- A) Madagascar          B) Greenland          C) Borneo          D) New Guinea

Answer: B) Greenland

12. Which strait separates the continents of Asia and North America, connecting the Arctic Ocean with the Bering Sea?

- A) Gibraltar Strait  
B) Malacca Strait  
C) Bering Strait  
D) Cook Strait

Answer: C) Bering Strait

13. What is the capital city of Australia?

- A) Sydney                  B) Melbourne                  C) Canberra                  D) Brisbane

Answer: C) Canberra

14. Which layer of Earth's atmosphere contains the ozone layer and absorbs most of the Sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation?

- A) Troposphere          B) Stratosphere          C) Mesosphere          D) Thermosphere

Answer: B) Stratosphere

15. The world's longest international land border is shared between which two countries?

- A) Russia and China
- B) United States and Canada
- C) Argentina and Chile
- D) Brazil and Bolivia

Answer: B) United States and Canada

16. Which African lake is the largest tropical lake in the world and the principal reservoir of the Nile River?

- A) Lake Tanganyika
- B) Lake Malawi
- C) Lake Victoria
- D) Lake Chad

Answer: C) Lake Victoria

17. On a topographic map, what do lines called contour lines represent when they are drawn close together?

- A) Flat land
- B) Steep terrain
- C) Water bodies
- D) Forest boundaries

Answer: B) Steep terrain

18. Which country has the longest coastline in the world?

- A) Indonesia
- B) Russia
- C) Canada
- D) Australia

Answer: C) Canada

19. What is the capital of Kazakhstan, which was renamed back to its original name from Nur-Sultan in 2022?

- A) Almaty
- B) Astana
- C) Bishkek
- D) Tashkent

Answer: B) Astana

20. What name is given to the warm ocean current that originates in the Gulf of Mexico and influences the climate of Western Europe?

- A) Humboldt Current
- B) Benguela Current
- C) Gulf Stream
- D) California Current

Answer: C) Gulf Stream

21. What is the fundamental unit of heredity in living organisms, composed of DNA sequences?

- A) Chromosome
- B) Gene
- C) Ribosome
- D) Protein

Answer: B) Gene

22. Which subatomic particle carries a negative electrical charge and orbits the nucleus of an atom?

- A) Proton
- B) Neutron
- C) Electron
- D) Positron

Answer: C) Electron

23. Which element on the periodic table has the highest electrical conductivity at room temperature?

- A) Copper
- B) Gold
- C) Silver
- D) Aluminum

Answer: C) Silver

24. What is the minimum velocity required for an object to break free from Earth's gravitational pull without further propulsion?

- A) 7.9 km/s
- B) 11.2 km/s
- C) 15.0 km/s
- D) 29.8 km/s

Answer: B) 11.2 km/s

25. Who is credited with the invention of the telephone, receiving the first official U.S. patent for the device in 1876?

- A) Thomas Edison
- B) Nikola Tesla
- C) Alexander Graham Bell
- D) Guglielmo Marconi

Answer: C) Alexander Graham Bell

26. NASA's Artemis program aims to achieve which primary objective in modern space exploration?

- A) Landing the first humans on Mars
- B) Returning humans to the Moon and establishing a sustainable presence
- C) Sending a crewed mission to Jupiter's moon Europa
- D) Building a permanent colony on Venus

Answer: B) Returning humans to the Moon and establishing a sustainable presence

27. What organelle is often referred to as the "powerhouse of the cell" because it generates most of the cell's ATP supply?

- A) Nucleus
- B) Endoplasmic Reticulum
- C) Mitochondrion
- D) Golgi Apparatus

Answer: C) Mitochondrion

28. In physics, what physical property measures a material's resistance to a change in its state of motion?

- A) Momentum
- B) Inertia
- C) Velocity
- D) Acceleration

Answer: B) Inertia

29. Which chemical phenomenon causes iron to rust when exposed to oxygen and moisture?

- A) Reduction
- B) Oxidation
- C) Neutralization
- D) Sublimation

Answer: B) Oxidation

30. In computing and quantum technology, what is the basic unit of quantum information called?

- A) Bit
- B) Qubit
- C) Byte
- D) Logic Gate

Answer: B) Qubit

31. Which ancient city of the Indus Valley Civilization was famous for its advanced urban planning and the discovery of the "Great Bath"?

- A) Harappa
- B) Mohenjo-daro
- C) Kalibangan
- D) Lothal

Answer: B) Mohenjo-daro

32. Who was the founder of the Maurya Empire, who unified most of India for the first time in history with the assistance of Chanakya?

- A) Ashoka the Great
- B) Chandragupta Maurya
- C) Bindusara
- D) Chandragupta I

Answer: B) Chandragupta Maurya

33. During which ruler's reign was the famous Sun Temple at Konark constructed in Odisha?

- A) Narasimhadeva I
- B) Rajaraja Chola I
- C) Krishnadevaraya
- D) Akbar

Answer: A) Narasimhadeva I

34. In which year did the historic Revolt of 1857, also known as India's First War of Independence, break out?

- A) 1757
- B) 1857
- C) 1885
- D) 1905

Answer: B) 1857

35. Which Indian classical dance form originated in the temples of Tamil Nadu and is known for its intricate footwork and sign language (Mudras)?

- A) Kathakali
- B) Bharatanatyam
- C) Kathak
- D) Odissi

Answer: B) Bharatanatyam

36. The historic Dandi March launched by Mahatma Gandhi in 1930 was aimed at protesting against which British colonial law?

- A) Rowlatt Act
- B) Salt Laws
- C) Vernacular Press Act
- D) Indian Councils Act

Answer: B) Salt Laws

37. Who presided over the historic 1929 Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress where the resolution for "Purna Swaraj" (Complete Independence) was passed?

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A) Mahatma Gandhi       | B) Jawaharlal Nehru         |
| C) Subhash Chandra Bose | D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel |

Answer: B) Jawaharlal Nehru

38. Which UNESCO World Heritage Site in India was built by Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife, Mumtaz Mahal?

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|--------------|-------------------|
| A) Red Fort  | B) Fatehpur Sikri |
| C) Taj Mahal | D) Humayun's Tomb |

Answer: C) Taj Mahal

39. Who is universally known as the "Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution" and served as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee?

- A) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
- B) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- C) C. Rajagopalachari
- D) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: A) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar

40. Which traditional Indian style of mural art and textile printing originated in Andhra Pradesh and relies entirely on natural dyes and bamboo pens?

- A) Madhubani
- B) Kalamkari
- C) Warli
- D) Phulkari

Answer: B) Kalamkari

41. Which organ of the United Nations serves as its primary judicial body and is seated at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands?

- A) International Criminal Court (ICC)
- B) International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- C) UN Security Council
- D) UN Human Rights Council

Answer: B) International Court of Justice (ICJ)

42. What is the total number of permanent members on the United Nations Security Council that hold veto power?

- A) 5
- B) 10
- C) 12
- D) 15

Answer: A) 5

43. Which fundamental human rights document was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris in 1948?

- A) Magna Carta
- B) Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- C) Treaty of Versailles
- D) Geneva Conventions

Answer: B) Universal Declaration of Human Rights

44. Where is the headquarters of the World Health Organization (WHO) located?

- A) New York, USA
- B) Geneva, Switzerland
- C) Paris, France
- D) Vienna, Austria

Answer: B) Geneva, Switzerland

45. Which political system divides government power between a central national authority and individual regional states or provinces?

- A) Unitary System
- B) Federal System
- C) Totalitarian System
- D) Absolute Monarchy

Answer: B) Federal System

46. Which international organization succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1995 to regulate global trade?

- A) World Bank
- B) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

C) World Trade Organization (WTO)

D) Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Answer: C) World Trade Organization (WTO)

47. What is the minimum age required for a citizen to be eligible for election as the President of India under the Indian Constitution?

A) 25 years

B) 30 years

C) 35 years

D) 40 years

Answer: C) 35 years

48. Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty forms the basis of NATO's core defense policy. What principle does it establish?

A) Freedom of maritime navigation

B) Collective defense (an attack against one is an attack against all)

C) Mandatory global troop deployment

D) Non-proliferation of nuclear weapons

Answer: B) Collective defense (an attack against one is an attack against all)

49. Which feature of a democratic constitution prevents any single branch of government from exercising absolute power?

A) Judicial Immunity

B) Direct Democracy

C) Separation of Powers

D) Unicameralism

Answer: C) Separation of Powers

50. Which intergovernmental alliance was formed in 2009 (and later expanded) by major emerging economies to foster economic cooperation and geopolitical balance?

- A) G7
- B) ASEAN
- C) BRICS
- D) European Union

Answer: C) BRICS

51. What economic term measures the total monetary value of all finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period?

- A) Gross National Product (GNP)
- B) Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- C) Net National Product (NNP)
- D) National Income

Answer: B) Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

52. What economic law states that, keeping other factors constant, as the price of a good increases, the quantity demanded for that good decreases?

- A) Law of Supply
- B) Law of Demand
- C) Law of Diminishing Returns
- D) Law of Marginal Utility

Answer: B) Law of Demand

53. What term describes a persistent rise in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time?

- A) Deflation
- B) Stagflation
- C) Inflation
- D) Recession

Answer: C) Inflation

54. Which central bank serves as the monetary authority of the United States and sets its national interest rates?

- A) European Central Bank
- B) Bank of England
- C) Federal Reserve System
- D) Bank of Japan

Answer: C) Federal Reserve System

55. What is the official currency of the United Kingdom?

- A) Euro
- B) Swiss Franc
- C) Pound Sterling
- D) Krona

Answer: C) Pound Sterling

56. What international trade agreement replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)?

- A) USMCA
- B) Trans-Pacific Partnership
- C) Mercosur
- D) EFTA

Answer: A) USMCA

57. What specialized agency of the United Nations is primarily responsible for providing financial assistance and development loans to low- and middle-income countries?

- A) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- B) World Bank
- C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- D) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Answer: B) World Bank

58. What market condition occurs when a single seller dominates the entire market for a particular product or service?

- A) Oligopoly
- B) Monopsony
- C) Perfect Competition
- D) Monopoly

Answer: D) Monopoly

59. What economic situation occurs when an economy experiences simultaneous high inflation and stagnant economic growth?

- A) Hyperinflation      B) Stagflation      C) Deflation      D) Disinflation

Answer: B) Stagflation

60. Which international institution acts as a global monetary referee, working to ensure global financial stability, facilitate international trade, and reduce poverty worldwide?

- A) World Trade Organization      B) World Economic Forum
- C) International Monetary Fund      D) Bank for International Settlements

Answer: C) International Monetary Fund

61. Which atmospheric gas is the primary contributor to Earth's anthropogenic greenhouse effect due to its high volume of emissions?

- A) Methane
- B) Carbon Dioxide
- C) Nitrous Oxide
- D) Ozone

Answer: B) Carbon Dioxide

62. What term describes a biogeographic region that is both a significant reservoir of biodiversity and threatened with destruction?

- A) Biosphere Reserve
- B) Biodiversity Hotspot
- C) Ecozone
- D) Sanctuary

Answer: B) Biodiversity Hotspot

63. What landmark international environmental accord was adopted in 2015 with the goal of limiting global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels?

- A) Kyoto Protocol
- B) Montreal Protocol
- C) Paris Agreement
- D) Copenhagen Accord

Answer: C) Paris Agreement

64. Which protocol, adopted in 1987, is celebrated as one of the most successful environmental treaties for phasing out substances that deplete the ozone layer?

- A) Kyoto Protocol
- B) Montreal Protocol
- C) Basel Convention
- D) Ramsar Convention

Answer: B) Montreal Protocol

65. What ecological term describes the maximum population size of a species that an ecosystem can sustainably support over time?

- A) Biotic Potential
- B) Carrying Capacity
- C) Trophic Level
- D) Ecological Niche

Answer: B) Carrying Capacity

66. Which energy source is generated by harnessing heat energy stored deep beneath the Earth's surface?

- A) Biomass Energy
- B) Hydroelectric Energy
- C) Geothermal Energy
- D) Solar Thermal Energy

Answer: C) Geothermal Energy

67. What international treaty, signed in 1971, provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources?

- A) CITES
- B) Ramsar Convention
- C) Convention on Biological Diversity
- D) Bonn Convention

Answer: B) Ramsar Convention

68. Which ecosystem is known as the "rainforests of the sea" due to harboring high biodiversity despite covering less than 0.1% of the ocean floor?

- A) Mangrove Swamps
- B) Coral Reefs
- C) Kelp Forests
- D) Estuaries

Answer: B) Coral Reefs

69. What phenomenon occurs when the ocean absorbs excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, lowering the pH level of seawater?

- A) Eutrophication
- B) Ocean Acidification
- C) Thermal Expansion
- D) Salinization

Answer: B) Ocean Acidification

70. What designation is given to international organizations and species protection under CITES?

- A) International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List
- B) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Fauna
- C) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora
- D) Global Wildlife Conservation Standard

Answer: C) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

71. Which ancient epic poem, composed by Homer, narrates the story of the Trojan War and the Greek siege of the city of Troy?

- A) The Odyssey
- B) The Aeneid
- C) The Iliad
- D) The Epic of Gilgamesh

Answer: C) The Iliad

72. Who painted the iconic Renaissance masterpiece Mona Lisa displayed in the Louvre Museum?

- A) Michelangelo
- B) Leonardo da Vinci
- C) Raphael
- D) Sandro Botticelli

Answer: B) Leonardo da Vinci

73. What foundational philosophy, originating in ancient China and associated with the teacher Kong Fuzi, emphasizes moral integrity, filial piety, and social harmony?

- A) Daoism                      B) Legalism                      C) Confucianism                      D) Shinto

Answer: C) Confucianism

74. Which architectural style, dominant in Europe from the 12th to the 16th century, is characterized by pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses?

- A) Romanesque                      B) Gothic                      C) Baroque                      D) Neoclassical

Answer: B) Gothic

75. In Greek mythology, who is the king of the gods and ruler of Mount Olympus, wielding the thunderbolt as his primary weapon?

- A) Poseidon                      B) Hades                      C) Zeus                      D) Apollo

Answer: C) Zeus

76. Which world religion follows the Noble Eightfold Path as a practical guide to end suffering and achieve enlightenment?

- A) Hinduism                      B) Buddhism                      C) Jainism                      D) Sikhism

Answer: B) Buddhism

77. Who authored the famous 16th-century play Hamlet, considered one of the greatest literary works in the English language?

- A) William Shakespeare  
B) Christopher Marlowe  
C) John Milton  
D) Geoffrey Chaucer

Answer: A) William Shakespeare

78. What architectural masterpiece in Agra, India, built entirely of white marble, represents a classic example of Mughal architecture?

- A) Qutub Minar
- B) Red Fort
- C) Taj Mahal
- D) Hawa Mahal

Answer: C) Taj Mahal

79. Which famous 19th-century Russian novel, written by Leo Tolstoy, traces the impact of the Napoleonic invasion on five aristocratic families?

- A) Crime and Punishment
- B) The Brothers Karamazov
- C) War and Peace
- D) Fathers and Sons

Answer: C) War and Peace

80. Which Spanish surrealist painter created the famous 1931 artwork The Persistence of Memory, featuring melting pocket watches?

- A) Pablo Picasso
- B) Salvador Dalí
- C) Joan Miró
- D) Frida Kahlo

Answer: B) Salvador Dalí

81. In which city were the first modern Olympic Games held in 1896?

- A) Paris
- B) Athens
- C) London
- D) Rome

Answer: B) Athens

82. Which nation has won the highest number of FIFA Men's World Cup titles in history?

- A) Germany                      B) Italy                      C) Argentina                      D) Brazil

Answer: D) Brazil

83. In Grand Slam tennis, which tournament is played exclusively on traditional grass courts?

- A) Australian Open  
B) Roland-Garros (French Open)  
C) Wimbledon  
D) US Open

Answer: C) Wimbledon

84. What is the maximum possible break score a player can achieve in a single frame of snooker under standard rules?

- A) 100                      B) 147                      C) 150                      D) 180

Answer: B) 147

85. Which track and field legend holds the official world record for both the men's 100m and 200m sprint events?

- A) Carl Lewis  
B) Usain Bolt  
C) Justin Gatlin  
D) Michael Johnson

Answer: B) Usain Bolt

86. How many players are on the field for a single team during a standard game of rugby union?

- A) 11                      B) 13                      C) 15                      D) 18

Answer: C) 15

87. Which country hosted the 2024 Summer Olympic Games?

- A) Tokyo, Japan
- B) Paris, France
- C) Los Angeles, USA
- D) Brisbane, Australia

Answer: B) Paris, France

88. What term in golf refers to a score of two strokes under par on a single hole?

- A) Birdie
- B) Eagle
- C) Albatross
- D) Bogey

Answer: B) Eagle

89. Which team won the 2022 FIFA Men's World Cup held in Qatar?

- A) France
- B) Croatia
- C) Argentina
- D) Morocco

Answer: C) Argentina

90. What is the duration of a standard regulation professional basketball game in the NBA, excluding overtime periods?

- A) 40 minutes
- B) 48 minutes
- C) 60 minutes
- D) 30 minutes

Answer: B) 48 minutes

91. Who was the first person to travel into space, completing a single orbit around Earth in 1961 onboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft?

- A) Neil Armstrong
- B) Yuri Gagarin
- C) John Glenn
- D) Buzz Aldrin

Answer: B) Yuri Gagarin

92. Who became the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and remains the only person to win Nobel Prizes in two different scientific fields?

- A) Rosalind Franklin
- B) Marie Curie
- C) Ada Lovelace
- D) Irène Joliot-Curie

Answer: B) Marie Curie

93. Which two mountaineers became the first confirmed individuals to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953?

- A) George Mallory and Andrew Irvine
- B) Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay
- C) Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler
- D) Jim Whittaker and Nawang Gombu

Answer: B) Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay

94. What is the highest civilian award of the United States, bestowed by the President for exceptional contributions to national security, peace, or culture?

- A) Congressional Gold Medal
- B) Presidential Medal of Freedom
- C) Distinguished Service Cross
- D) Legion of Merit

Answer: B) Presidential Medal of Freedom

95. Who was the first female Prime Minister in the world, taking office in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon) in 1960?

- A) Indira Gandhi
- B) Sirimavo Bandaranaike
- C) Margaret Thatcher
- D) Benazir Bhutto

Answer: B) Sirimavo Bandaranaike

96. In 1901, who received the very first Nobel Peace Prize alongside Frédéric Passy for his role in founding the International Red Cross?

- A) Henry Dunant
- B) Woodrow Wilson
- C) Albert Schweitzer
- D) Theodore Roosevelt

Answer: A) Henry Dunant

97. What is the highest civilian award in India, instituted in 1954 to recognize exceptional service of the highest order?

A) Padma Vibhushan

B) Padma Bhushan

C) Bharat Ratna

D) Param Vir Chakra

Answer: C) Bharat Ratna

98. Who was the first human to step onto the surface of the Moon during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969?

A) Buzz Aldrin

B) Michael Collins

C) Neil Armstrong

D) Alan Shepard

Answer: C) Neil Armstrong

99. Which award is widely considered the highest international honor in the field of Mathematics, often referred to as the equivalent of a Nobel Prize?

A) Turing Award

B) Fields Medal

C) Abel Prize

D) Breakthrough Prize

Answer: B) Fields Medal

100. Who was the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy, and peace through the Green Belt Movement?

A) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

B) Wangari Maathai

C) Leymah Gbowee

D) Nadia Murad

Answer: B) Wangari Maathai