

# PSC General Knowledge Questions

1. Name the only tribal leader whose portrait is present in the Central Hall of the Indian Parliament?

**Ans: Birsa Munda**

2. The strange hobby of visiting cemeteries and enjoying funerals is known as:

**Ans: Taphophilia**

3. Which British newspaper is known in the nickname of 'The Earl Grey Lady'?

**Ans: The Guardian**



4. The Berne Convention of 1886 was the first international agreement governing:

**Ans: Copyright**

5. Who were the signatories of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960?

**Ans: Jawaharlal Nehru & Ayub Khan**

6. Who was the first military dictator of Pakistan?

**Ans: General Ayub Khan**

7. Which fort in Karnataka is famous by the legend of Onake Obavva?

**Ans: Chitradurga fort**

8. Which British Colonel led wars in India later became the Prime Minister of Britain?

**Ans: Colonel Arthur Wellesley**



9. Who wrote the military manual 'Fathul Mujahidin' at the instruction of Tippu Sultan?

**Ans: Zainul Abedin Shustari**

10. Any industry located in a rural area which produces any goods or renders any service with or without the use of power and in which the fixed capital investment per head of a worker does not exceed one lakh rupees is known as:

**Ans: Village Industry**

11. The film industry of which Indian state is colloquially known as the 'Bollywood'?

**Ans: Odisha**



12. The terms of 'tin, telltale, oak tree, Philadelphia and die' are associated with which racquet game?

**Ans: Squash**

13. Name the Jamaican author of the book 'A Brief History of Seven Killings'?

**Ans: Marlon James**

14. What was the popular name of 'A Brief Memorandum Outlining a Plan of Economic Development for India', prepared by a group of industrialists in 1944?

**Ans: Bombay Plan**

15. Which Article of the Indian Constitution deals with 'Gram Sabha'?

**Ans: 243-A**



16. The medicines sold directly to a consumer without a prescription is known as:

**Ans: Over-the Counter drugs (OTC)**

17. Which tree so common in the African continent is known as the Fever Tree?

**Ans: Vachellia xanthoploea**

18. What is measured in the Scoville scale?

**Ans: Pungency of chilli peppers**

19. Which international organization prepares 'Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger'?

**Ans: UNESCO**



20. Which Indian state's major spoken language is Kumaoni?

**Ans: Uttarakhand**

21. Which is the first Grama Panchayat in Kerala to declare its own water policy?

**Ans: Perumanna (Kozhikode District)**

22. The presence of which biological molecules are detected through the Molisch's test?

**Ans: Carbohydrates**

23. Which Ocean's marginal seas are the Beaufort Sea & Chukchi Sea?

**Ans: Arctic Ocean**



24. Which chemical is also known in the nickname of 'the English Salt'?

**Ans: Magnesium sulphate**

25. The lake Tsomgo, famous for its changing colors is situated in which Indian state?

**Ans: Sikkim**

26. Which award is instituted by Union Home Ministry for honouring persons who show courage in saving the life & property of members of another community or caste?

**Ans: Kabeer Puraskar**

27. Name the rebellion occurred in Chhotanagpur during the period of 1820-1837?



**Ans: Kol rebellion**

28. What was the way of Satyagraha by the first individual Satyagraha Vinoba Bhave?

**Ans: Making anti-war speech**

29. In which year Jahangir issued the Charter to East India Company for establishing the trade establishments in India?

**Ans: 1617**

30. Which important incident occurred in Indian history on 9th August 1925?

**Ans: Kakori Train Robbery**

31. In which year the Constitution for India was drafted by the Nehru Committee?

**Ans: 1928**



32. Through which mission the British Government for the first time recognized 'the Right of Dominion for India'?

**Ans: Cripps Mission**

33. Who was the Vice-President of the Interim Government formed in 1946?

**Ans: Jawaharlal Nehru**

34. Who is known as the Father of Renaissance of Western India'?

**Ans: M.G. Ranade**

35. Who founded the Widow Marriage Association in 1861?

**Ans: M.G. Ranade**



36. Who was the Political Guru of Gopal Krishna Gokhale & Bal Gangadhar Tilak?

**Ans: M.G. Ranade**

37. Who is often called as 'the Hindu Luther of Northern India'?

**Ans: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar**

38. Which river enters India through Shipki La from Tibet?

**Ans: Satluj**

39. In which Union Territory is the Saddle Peak National Park situated?

**Ans: Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

40. Which is the only tributary of Ganga that rises in the plains?

**Ans: Gomti**



41. Which was the first country to grant voting rights to women in 1893?

**Ans: New Zealand**

42. Who is the only scientist to lead India's both Antarctic and Arctic expedition teams?

**Ans: Rasik Ravindra**

43. Which art form is the combination of Mohiniyattam & Kathakali?

**Ans: Kerala Natanam**

44. Which element has the highest melting point?

**Ans: Carbon**

45. Name the Swedish chemist, who was the first to describe the Global warming &



Greenhouse effect in 1896?

**Ans: Svante Arrhenius**

46. Which' is the only state party to perform as the main opposition in the Lok Sabha?

**Ans: Telugu Desam Party**

47. Which is the largest tribal community in India?

**Ans: The Santals**

48. Who did the first scientific attempt to calculate the national income of India in 1931-32?

**Ans: Dr. V.K. Rao**

49. Name the Pakistani economist who was behind the preparation of the first Human



Development Report published by UNDP?

**Ans: Mahbuh-ul-Huq**

50. Who translated Edwin Arnold's 'Light of Asia' into Malayalam?

**Ans: Nalappat Narayana Menon**

51. Which element is used to coat the photocopying drum of Xerox machine?

**Ans: Selenium**

52. Which spiritual leader's throne is the Lion Throne?

**Ans: Dalai Lama**

53. In India, where is Nasi I and Nasi II islands are situated?

**Ans: Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary  
(Odisha)**



54. Which metal is industrially produced through the Kroll Process?

**Ans: Titanium**

55. Whose birthday is observed as the World Thinking Day?

**Ans: Robert Baden Powell (February 22)**

56. Which international service club was founded by Paul P Harris in 1905?

**Ans: Rotary International**

57. Which city hosted the first regular session of the U N General Assembly?

**Ans: London**

58. Which organisation is the largest vaccine supplies of the world?

**Ans: UNICEF**



59. Where is India's first and only military base outside its territory is situated?

**Ans: Farkhor (Tajikistan)**

60. Which was the first Indian company to be listed on the American Stock Exchange NASDAQ?

**Ans: Infosys**

61. Which local wind has the nickname of 'Doctor'?

**Ans: Harmattan**

62. The main source of lead, zinc ores in India, the Zawar mines are located in which state?

**Ans: Rajasthan**



63. In which year was the 'Twenty point programme introduced for the first time?

**Ans: 1975**

64. Which scheme's component is 'Sneha Shivar'?

**Ans: Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)**

65. Name the bank set up in 1969 by the Government of India with the main objective of rehabilitating repatriants from Burma and Sri Lanka?

**Ans: Repco Bank**

66. In which state of USA is the famous 'Death Valley' situated?

**Ans: California**



67. The famous Galilean moons are the satellites of which planet?

**Ans: Jupiter**

68. Which Indian state is best known for monazite sands, source of thorium?

**Ans: Kerala**

69. The Ukai reservoir is built across the river \_\_\_\_\_?

**Ans: Tapti**

70. Which country was the first to be granted a loan by the World Bank?

**Ans: France**

71. Which part of the human body absorbs oxygen directly from the air?

**Ans: Cornea of eye**



72. Where in India is Flame of Freedom (Swatantra Tyothi) lit?

**Ans: The Cellular Jail in Andamans**

73. Who presented the first budget in Indian history?

**Ans: Sir James Wilson**

74. Which was the first Indian State to institute a Disaster Management Authority?

**Ans: Kerala**

75. Which mineral has the relative hardness of 10 in the Mobs Scale?

**Ans: Diamond**

76. Who was the first judge against whom the impeachment proceedings were started



in Loksabha?

**Ans: Justice V. Ramaswamy**

77. For the God of Small Things Arundhathi Roy was awarded which prize in the year 2004.

**Ans: Sydney Peace prize**

78. Which place in India did Albuquerque conquer in 1510?

**Ans: Goa**

79. The national flag of India was designed by:

**Ans: Pingali Venkkayya**

80. Rocket Propellant Plant (RPP), Thumba was commissioned in the year.

**Ans: 1969**



81. Fidel Castro has served as the president of Cuba for approximately:

**Ans: 30 years**

82. The book Poverty and Unbritish Rule in India was written by:

**Ans: Dadhabai Naoroji**

83. The chakra at the centre of the National Flag was:

**Ans: 24 spokes**

84. The first session of UN was held at:

**Ans: London**

85. Tripoli agreement is also known as:

**Ans: Libya Accord**



86. Who was the author of the book  
Suitable Boy?

**Ans: Vikram Seth**

87. Who holds the world record for  
maximum number of song recordings?

**Ans: Laths Mangeshkar**

88. The first Indian to win an individual gold  
medal in the Olympics was:

**Ans: Abhinav Bindra**

89. Goa liberation day is celebrated on:

**Ans: 18th June**

90. The Indian National Song was first  
published in:

**Ans: Ananda Math**



91. The news paper Bengali started by Surendra Nath Banerjee was in which language?

**Ans: English**

92. Who was the first person to reach South Pole was:

**Ans: Captain Amundsen**

93. Which book has been printed in the maximum number of languages?

**Ans: The Bible**

94. Self help title 'you can win' has been written by:

**Ans: Shiv khera**



95. In which year was Abdul khafter khan awarded Bharath Ratna?

**Ans: 1987**

96. Edward Jenner was the founder of:

**Ans: RabiesVaccine**

97. Templeton awards are conferred in the field of:

**Ans: Religion**

98. Who has been awarded the Oscar for Lifetime Achievement in cinema?

**Ans: Satyajith Rai.**

99. Indian national calendar was adopted in:

**Ans: 1957**



100. Who were the first Indian women to sail around the world?

**Ans: Ujjwala Rai**

101. Who were the decedents of original inhabitants of India?

**Ans: Dravidian**

102. Which is the largest union territory in India?

**Ans: Andaman Nicobar**

103. Who was the last governor general of free India?

**Ans: C. Rajagopalachari**

104. Who was served as the president of International Court of Justice?

**Ans: Nagendra Singh**



105. Which is the India's first experimental Geo stationary Satellite?

**Ans: APPLE**

106. Bhaba Atomic Research Centre is located at:

**Ans: Trombay**

107. Indian Tsunami Early Warning Centre (ITEWC) was set up in the year?

**Ans: 2008**

108. Asia's first atomic power station is located in:

**Ans: Tarapur**

109. The preamble of the UN charter was prepared by:

**Ans: Jan Smuts**



110. Sabir Bhatia is most closely associated with:

**Ans: Hot Mail**

111. Who was the founder of Green Belt Movement?

**Ans: Wangari Maathai**

112. The first Indian women to receive the Raman Magsaysay Award was:

**Ans: Mother Theresa**

113. The Chief of Army Staff holds the rank of:

**Ans: General**

114. The first test tube baby in India delivered at which hospital?



**Ans: King Edward Memorial Hospital,  
Mumbai**

115. By whom was Abraham Lincoln  
assassinated?

**Ans: John Wilks Booth**

116. Who was the founder of Nazi Party?

**Ans: Adolf Hitler**

117. Which type of machine was Charles  
Babbage's first invention?

**Ans: Calculating**

118. Who was also called lady with a lamp?

**Ans: Florence Nightingale**

119. Who was the first woman to receive  
the Nobel Prize?

**Ans: Mary Curie**



120. How many countries participated in the first Asian Games held in 1951?

**Ans: 11**

121. The airline of Germany is called?

**Ans: Lufthansa**

123. The birth anniversary of Fakruddin Ali Ahmed was celebrated as:

**Ans: Solidarity day**

124. Worlds largest railway platform was situated in:

**Ans: India**

125. Who was the first Muslim woman to sit on the throne of Delhi?

**Ans: Razia Sulthana**



126. Who was the first Indian to climb Mount Everest?

**Ans: Tensing Noergay**

127. Which is the longest tunnel in India?

**Ans: Pir panjal**

128. Largest zoo in India is situated at:

**Ans: Kolkatta**

129. Who is considered as the founding father of Indian space programme?

**Ans: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai**

130. The National Institute of Immunology was located at:

**Ans: New Delhi**



131. Who was the first Secretary General of Commonwealth?

**Ans: Arnold smith**

132. Which is the largest constituency in terms of area?

**Ans: Ladakh**

133. The first book by an Indian writer to receive booker prize was:

**Ans: God of small things**

134. Vande Mataram was originally composed in which language?

**Ans: Sanskrit**

135. Which is the last month of Indian national calendar?

**Ans: Phalguna**



136. The congress lost the loksabha elections for the first time in:

**Ans: 1977**

137. Which state was started Janbhagidara scheme

**Ans : Madhya Pradesh**

138. The book Edward Vijayam written by

**Ans : K.P.Karuppan**

139. Similipal National Park situated in

**Ans : orissa**

140. The First Rubber Dam in India situated at which State

**Ans : Madhya Pradesh**

141. The smallest butterfly of india

**Ans : The grass jewel**



142. Pench National Park situated in

**Ans : Madhya Pradesh**

143. First malayali to get Padmavibhushan

**Ans : V. K.Krishnamenon**

144. First malayali to get Padmabhushan

**Ans : Vallathol Narayana Menon**

145. First malayali to get padmashree

**Ans : Prakash Vargheese Benjamin**

146. The term Preethibhojanam is related to

**Ans : Vagbhadanandan**

147. Mission Indradhanush is related to

**Ans : Child Vaccination**



148. The Article which related to  
Impeachment of President

**Ans : Article 61**

149. Dachigam National Park situated in

**Ans : Jammu and Kashmir**

150. Sagar Mala Project is related to

**Ans : Modernisation of ports**

151. Dona Paula Port situated in

**Ans : Goa**

152. The president of 1889 INC Conference

**Ans : William Wedderburn**

153. Head Quarters of International Atomic  
Energy Agency is

**Ans : London**



154. Sukanya Samridhi Account can be opened from

**Ans : Post office and Public sector banks**

155. The voice of the Art book written by

**Ans : Mrinalini Sarabhai**

156. Ranthambore National Park situated in

**Ans : Rajasthan**

157. The three East flowing Rivers in Kerala

**Ans : Kabani,Bhavani,Pambar**

158. The length of Kabani River

**Ans : 240 km(in Kerala 57 km)**

159.The length of Bhavani River

**Ans : 217 km( in Kerala 38 km)**



160. The length of Pambar River

**Ans : 31km ( in Kerala 25 km)**

161. The longest east flowing River in Kerala

**Ans : Kabani**

162. The smallest east flowing River in Kerala

**Ans : Pambar**

163. Kabani River originates from which place

**Ans : Thondarmudi**

164. Bhavani River originates from which place

**Ans : Siruvani(Palakkad)**



165. Pambar River originates from which place

**Ans : Benmore**

166. The only river from Kerala which flows to Karnataka

**Ans : Kabani**

167. The another name of Kabani River is

**Ans : Kapila**

168. The another name of Pambar River is

**Ans : Thalayar**

169. The place where Kabani River merges into Kaveri River

**Ans : Thirumakkudal**

170. The major tributaries of Bhavani River

**Ans : Siruvani River and Varayar**



171. The major tributaries of Pambar River

**Ans :Eravikulam,Chengalar and Myladi**

172. Largest Earth Dam in India Banasura  
Sagar Dam(wayanad) situated in

**Ans : Kabani River**

173. Kuruva Island (Wayanad) is situated in

**Ans : Kabani River**

174. The River which flowing through  
Attapadi

**Ans : Siruvani River**

175. The water fall situated in Pambar River

**Ans : Thoovanam Waterfall**

176. The River which flows through Chinnar  
wildlife Sanctuary

**Ans : Pambar**



177. The person who says that “sanitation is more important than independence”

**Ans : Gandhiji**

178. Brand Ambassador of “Beti bachao, Beti padhao” campaign

**Ans : Madhuri dixit**

179. ICDS was launched on

**Ans : 1975 October 2**

180. What is the full form of BRGF

**Ans : Backward Regional Grant Fund**

181. Make in India campaign is completely control by

**Ans : central government of India**

182. New name of Aajeevika skills development programme



**Ans : Deen dayal upadhyaya grameen  
kaushalya yojana**

183. The first fully blood donation  
panchayat in Kerala

**Ans :madikai**

184. Telegram service in India stopped in

**Ans :2013 July 14**

185. The book Prisoner 5990 is written by

**Ans ; R.Balakrishna pillai**

186. The number of languages in the 8th  
Schedule

**Ans : Twenty two**

187. The smallest island in lakshadweep

**Ans : Bitra**



188. Pazhassi Tourism Centre is situated in

**Ans : wayanad**

189. Golden temple of dambulla is situated in

**Ans :Sri Lanka**

190. The director of the film vigatha kumaran

**Ans : J.C.Daniel**

191. Computer chip is also know as

**Ans : Micro chip**

192.The first bank in India get ISO Certificate

**Ans : canara bank**

193. The biggest pass in Kerala

**Ans : palakkad Pass**



194. The autobiography of :puthuppally  
raghavan

**Ans : Viplava smaranagal**

195. The biggest library in the World

**Ans : library of congress (USA )**

196. The National library is situated in

**Ans : Kolkata**

197. The winner of Hridaynath Mangeshkar  
Award 2016

**Ans : Viswanathan Anand**

198. The book Wandering in Many Worlds is  
written by

**Ans : Justice V.R.Krishna Iyar**



199. The winner of the 2016 US Master Golf title

**Ans : Danny Willet**

200. 'Sreenikethan Experiment' was introduced by

**Ans : Rabendranath Tagore**