

**IIFT GK Questions – Paper 1**

**Directions for questions 1 to 50:** Select the correct alternative from the given choices.

- Which of the following is a protein deficiency disease?  
 (a) Scurvy (b) Xerophthalmia  
 (c) Kwashiorkar (d) Pernicious Anaemia
- Which dynasty founded the Vikramshila University?  
 (a) Mauryas (b) Palas  
 (c) Guptas (d) Rashtrakutas
- Which of the following Indus Valley Civilization sites was a flourishing port?  
 (a) Lothal (b) Harappa  
 (c) Kalibangan (d) Mohenjodaro
- The Battle of Wandiwash was fought in AD 1760, between  
 (a) the English and Tipu Sultan.  
 (b) the English and Hyder Ali.  
 (c) the French and Tipu Sultan.  
 (d) The French and the English.
- Match the following countries with their parliaments.  

<u>Country</u>	<u>Parliament</u>
A. Denmark	i. Althing
B. Sweden	ii. Storting
C. Norway	iii. Folketing
D. Iceland	iv. Riksdag

 (a) A – i B – ii C – iii D – iv  
 (b) A – ii B – i C – ii D – iii  
 (c) A – iii B – iv C – ii D – i  
 (d) A – iii B – ii C – iv D – i
- Match the following books with their authors.  

<u>Book</u>	<u>Author</u>
A. Shame	i. Mulk Raj Anand
B. Kanthapura	ii. Raja Rao
C. Coolie	iii. Sir V. S. Naipaul
D. A House for Mr. Biswas	iv. Salman Rushdie

 (a) A – iii B – i C – iv D – ii  
 (b) A – iv B – iii C – i D – ii  
 (c) A – iv B – ii C – i D – iii  
 (d) A – ii B – i C – iv D – iii
- Which among the following was India's first satellite, launched in 1975?  
 (a) Bhaskara – I (b) INSAT – 1A  
 (c) Rohini (d) Aryabhata
- Match the following.  

A. Study of fingerprints	i. Pomology
B. Study of animal behaviour	ii. Ethology
C. Study of Moon	iii. Selenology
D. Study of fruits	iv. Dactylography
- Match the following.  

A. Vilayat Khan	i. Violin
B. Doraiswamy Iyengar	ii. Sitar
C. L. Subramanyam	iii. Veena
D. Ali Akbar Khan	iv. Sarod

 (a) A – iv B – iii C – i D – ii  
 (b) A – iii B – iv C – i D – ii  
 (c) A – ii B – iii C – i D – iv  
 (d) A – iii B – iv C – i D – ii
- Who among the following is the Chairman of Zee Group?  
 (a) Naresh Goyal (b) Subhash Chandra  
 (c) Kunal Dasgupta (d) Aron Purie
- Which one of the following types of coal contains a higher percentage of carbon than the rest?  
 (a) Anthracite (b) Bituminous  
 (c) Lignite (d) Peat
- The paintings of Abanindranath Tagore are classified as  
 (a) revivalistic. (b) impressionistic.  
 (c) realistic. (d) socialistic.
- Endoscopy, a technique used to explore the stomach or other inner parts of the body is based on the phenomenon of  
 (a) diffraction. (b) interference.  
 (c) total internal reflection. (d) refraction.
- Economic Survey of India is published officially every year by the  
 (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry.  
 (b) Ministry of Finance.  
 (c) Reserve Bank of India.  
 (d) Planning Commission.
- Which east flowing Indian river has a rift valley due to down warping?  
 (a) Krishna (b) Damodar  
 (c) Cauvery (d) Mahanadi
- The number of chromosomes in a normal human body cell is  
 (a) 43. (b) 44. (c) 45. (d) 46.
- Pollination by insects is called  
 (a) ornithophily. (b) entomophily.  
 (c) anemophily. (d) hydrophily.
- From which part of the plant is turmeric, a commonly-used colourant and anti-septic obtained?  
 (a) Stem (b) Flower (c) Root (d) Fruit

19. Which of the following is not an alloy?  
 (a) Brass (b) Steel (c) Copper (d) Bronze
20. The boundary between USA and Canada is called  
 (a) 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel. (b) 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel.  
 (c) 24<sup>th</sup> Parallel. (d) 17<sup>th</sup> Parallel.
21. Who among the following presides over a joint session of the Parliament?  
 (a) President  
 (b) Speaker  
 (c) Prime Minister  
 (d) Minister of Parliamentary Affairs
22. Find the incorrect match.  
 (a) Prithipal Singh — CMD, BSNL  
 (b) Sunil Mittal — CMD, Bharti  
 (c) Anil Ambani — CMD, Reliance Infocomm  
 (d) Asim Ghosh — CEO, Hutchison India
23. Recently Arnold Schwarzenegger became the Governor of which American state?  
 (a) Arizona (b) Iowa  
 (c) California (d) New Mexico
24. Which city played host to the inaugural Afro-Asian Games 2003?  
 (a) Cairo (b) Hyderabad  
 (c) New Delhi (d) Durban
25. Match the following.
- | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Unit</u>  |
|-----------------|--------------|
| A. High Speed   | i. Mach      |
| B. Wavelength   | ii. Angstrom |
| C. Pressure     | iii. Pascal  |
| D. Energy       | iv. Joule    |
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 (d) A – i B – ii C – iii D – iv
26. Who among the following was the first to calculate India's national income?  
 (a) Naoroji  
 (b) M. G. Ranade  
 (c) R. C. Dutta  
 (d) Satyendranath Tagore
27. According to Forbes magazine, which country has emerged as the best destination for business process outsourcing (BPO) in 2003?  
 (a) China (b) India (c) Ireland (d) Mexico
28. Where is the National Board of Trade, India's biggest commodity exchange, located?  
 (a) Pune (b) Ahmedabad  
 (c) Indore (d) Agra
29. Richard Grasso, who resigned amid controversy over his massive pay package, was the Chairman of the  
 (a) London Stock Exchange.  
 (b) Nasdaq.  
 (c) EuroNext Stock Exchange.  
 (d) New York Stock Exchange.
30. Who was the Chief Guest at the 54<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi in January 2003?  
 (a) Abdul Gayoom  
 (b) Mohammad Khatami  
 (c) Hosni Mubarak  
 (d) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
31. In which river is the world's biggest river island, Majuli, situated?  
 (a) Brahmaputra (b) Ganga  
 (c) Narmada (d) Tapti
32. Where is India's first 'Textile Park' being set up?  
 (a) Ahmedabad (b) Sholapur  
 (c) Surat (d) Tirupur
33. The year AD 1773 is associated with  
 (a) Bloodless Revolution in England.  
 (b) Boston Tea Party in America.  
 (c) storming of the Bastille in France.  
 (d) Battle of Plassey in India.
34. Which athlete became the first Indian to win a medal at the World Athletics Championship held in Paris?  
 (a) Sunita Rani (b) J J Shobha  
 (c) Anju George (d) Harwant Kaur
35. Which of the following companies are often referred to the 'Big Blue' and the 'Big Yellow' respectively?  
 (a) IBM and Kodak Eastman  
 (b) HP and Royal Shell  
 (c) IBM and Exxon Mobil  
 (d) Royal Shell and IBM
36. Which corporate group's punchline is 'Improving the quality of life'?  
 (a) Reliance (b) Tata  
 (c) A V Birla (d) Essar
37. Arun Sarin is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of  
 (a) Sun Microsystems.  
 (b) Computer Associates.  
 (c) Apple Computers.  
 (d) Vodafone.
38. Who among the following is the new Chairperson of the Children's Film Society of India?  
 (a) Shabana Azmi (b) Kiron Kher  
 (c) Juhi Chawla (d) Raveena Tandon

39. Which international organization was founded by Peter Berenson in 1961?  
 (a) International Labour Organisation  
 (b) Amnesty International  
 (c) Interpol  
 (d) International Committee of the Red Cross
40. Which among the following is India's smallest state in area?  
 (a) Goa (b) Sikkim  
 (c) Nagaland (d) Mizoram
41. Who among the following has been awarded the Gandhi Peace Prize in 2003?  
 (a) Vaclav Havel (b) Lech Walesa  
 (c) Kofi Annan (d) The Dalai Lama
42. In which state is the controversial Tehri Hydel Dam Project located?  
 (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Uttaranchal  
 (c) Himachal Pradesh (d) Punjab
43. In which of the following business dailies has the world renowned British daily 'Financial Times' picked up a 13.85% stake in October 2003?  
 (a) The Economic Times  
 (b) The Financial Express  
 (c) Business Standard  
 (d) Business Line
44. In which year was mother Teresa awarded the Bharat Ratna? (Hint: She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979).  
 (a) 1979 (b) 1980 (c) 1981 (d) 1982
45. Match the following shortlisted titles for 2003 Booker Prize with their authors.
- | <u>Book</u>           | <u>Author</u>       |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| A. Brick Lane         | i. Damon Galgut     |
| B. Oryx and Crake     | ii. Margaret Atwood |
| C. Notes on a Scandal | iii. Monica Ali     |
| D. The Good Doctor    | iv. Zoe Heller      |
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46. Which among the following has become the world's first country to completely ban smoking (Throughout the territory)?  
 (a) Bhutan (b) Finland  
 (c) Seychelles (d) Mauritius
47. Who said "Cowardice and ahimsa do not go together any more than water and fire"?  
 (a) Subhash Chandra Bose  
 (b) Mahatma Gandhi  
 (c) Chandrasekhar Azad  
 (d) Mohammad Ali Jinnah
48. On what date did Gandhiji return to India in 1915? (Hint: This day is now observed as Bharatiya Pravasi Divas for this reason).  
 (a) January 9 (b) March 16  
 (c) August 2 (d) October 19
49. Iraq does not share its borders with  
 (a) Turkey. (b) Saudi Arabia.  
 (c) Lebanon. (d) Jordan.
50. Which Indian film actor was honoured for lifetime achievement at the 2003 Moroccan International Film Festival held at Rabat?  
 (a) Dilip Kumar (b) Mohanlal  
 (c) Amitabh Bachchan (d) Victor Bannerjee

**Answers for IIFT GK Paper-1**

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| 2.  | b | 12. | a | 22. | c | 32. | d | 42. | b |
| 3.  | a | 13. | c | 23. | c | 33. | b | 43. | c |
| 4.  | d | 14. | b | 24. | b | 34. | c | 44. | b |
| 5.  | c | 15. | d | 25. | d | 35. | a | 45. | c |
| 6.  | c | 16. | d | 26. | a | 36. | b | 46. | a |
| 7.  | d | 17. | b | 27. | b | 37. | d | 47. | b |
| 8.  | d | 18. | a | 28. | c | 38. | d | 48. | a |
| 9.  | c | 19. | c | 29. | d | 39. | b | 49. | c |
| 10. | b | 20. | a | 30. | b | 40. | a | 50. | c |