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We have given in this material, sample questions on Legal Reasoning for you to have an idea about the kind of preparation required to crack this exam. Solutions with explanations have been provided for a few questions for your understanding.

Best wishes.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS COMPENDIUM [Sample]

- 1. **Sebastian Vettel**, age 25, of **Red Bull** became formula one's youngest triple World Champion.
- 2. An Indian origin environmentalist, **Dr.Wayne Kublalsingh**, is on a determined hunger **strike** to save a **mangrove** from destruction in **Trinidad**. He has refused to call off the strike till Ms.Bissessaar agrees to discuss the **highway** and an independent technical review. The Oropouche lagoon mangrove knows for its rare butterflies and birds was to be destroyed to build a highway
- 3. The **Chinese government** expressed interest in providing funds for modernizing the government hospital in the township of **Vengurla** in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district, on condition that it be named after the legendary Indian physician, **Dr.Dwarkanath Shantaram Kotnis**, who along with Canadian Norman Bethune helped out in china during the **Sino-Japanese war** in 1938.
- 4. As cases of economic offences, cyber crime and corruption are increasing, the **CBI** is planning to turn itself into a **multi-disciplinary agency** by opening its door to CAs, audit specialists and analysts on deputation basis.
- 5. Jenson Button won the Brazilian Grand Prix
- 6. **Nepal**'s crown Prince **Paras Shah** was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana in Thailand.
- 7. A **Cairo court** sentenced to death seven **Egyptian Christians** tried **in absentia** for participating in the anti-Islam video, the **Innocence of Muslims**
- 8. A **U.N.** war crimes court cleared **Kosovo**'s **ex-Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj** of murder and torture during the 1990s war of independence.
- 9. Indian economy is likely to grow by **6.5% in 2013** driven by favourable external demand outlook and domestic structural reforms push, according to a **Goldman Sachs report**.
- 10. **Lord Justice Leveson** submitted a 2,000 page report calling for independent regulation (free of interference from industry and government) of British press. He accused the media of putting sensationalism above the public interest. He just stopped short of calling for statutory regulation. He also commented on the nexus between politicians and the press.
- 11. Ricky Ponting announced his retirement after a cricket career spanning 17 years
- 12. **US market regulator SEC** (Securities & Exchange Commission) charged **four Indian brokerages** Ambit Capital, Edelweiss Financial Services, JM Financial and Motilal Oswal Securities for **violating registration rules** and they agreed to pay over USD 1.8 million to settle the charges.
- 13. **Fraudulent lending** and **embezzlement** by officials, including at least two Indian citizens, led to failure of **Afghanistan's Kabul Bank** and resulting in misuse of about \$935 million Afghan public

money, according to an independent report released. In September 2010, Kabul Bank ran into trouble and was later taken over by the Afghanistan's central bank.

- 14. India's patents appeal board dismissed **British drugmaker AstraZeneca**'s petition challenging an earlier ruling that **refused patent protection for a cancer-fighting drug**, in the latest blow for Big Pharma in the country.
- 15. **Pakistan** successfully tested its medium range ballistic missile **Hatf V (Ghauri)** which can carry both conventional and nuclear warheads to a distance of 1300 km.
- 16. **Sri Lanka**'s first **satellite** was launched into space from western **China** by a state-run Chinese firm. The same firm has launched satellites for a number of countries, including Pakistan, Nigeria, Bolivia and Venezuela.
- 17. The **Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan** (TTP), which has taken responsibility for numerous suicide bombings and targeted attacks across the country, has rejected the federal government's **amnesty offer** and has pledged to continue with its fight till the ouster of all secular rulers of Pakistan.
- 18. Dr.Joseph Murray who won the Nobel Prize for the first successful organ transplant died from a stroke. In the 1960s Dr. Murray helped to develop the drug Imuran, which suppressed the immune system to allow patients to accept transplants from unrelated donors. He won the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1990, sharing it with E. Donnall Thomas, who pioneered bone marrow transplants.
- 19. Euro zone finance ministers and the International Monetary Fund clinched an agreement on reducing Greece's debt in a breakthrough to release urgently needed loans to keep the near-bankrupt economy afloat. Greece's international lenders agreed on a package of measures to reduce Greek debt by 40 billion euros, cutting it to 124% of gross domestic product by 2020. ministers committed to taking further steps to lower Greece's debt to "significantly below 110%" in 2022 -- the most explicit recognition so far that some write-off of loans may be necessary from 2016, the point when Greece is forecast to reach a primary budget surplus. To reduce the debt pile, they agreed to cut the interest rate on official loans, extend their maturity by 15 years to 30 years, and grant Athens a 10-year interest repayment deferral. Greece will receive up to 43.7 billion euros in stages as it fulfills the conditions. The December installment will comprise 23.8 billion for banks and 10.6 billion in budget assistance. The IMF's share, less than a third of the total, will only be paid out once a buy-back of Greek debt has occurred in the coming weeks.
- 20. The Maldives government terminated a contract given to the GMR Group for developing Male Airport, a \$500-million project awarded to the Indian group during the previous regime of the island nation. GMR has sought over \$800 million compensation from the Maldives for the termination of the airport deal.
- 21. In its 'Credit Analysis on India', Moody's pegged India's credit outlook as stable on account of its strong economic growth and high savings and investment rates but cautioned against high fiscal deficit and inflation.
- 22. The head of the US SEC, **Mary Schapiro**, will step down this year finishing her term of four years. **Elisse Walter** has been named as the chairman-designate till a long term replacement is found

- 23. The second India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue was held in New Delhi. Both countries favoured a joint economic strategy. Bilateral trade to be stepped up from \$74 bn to \$100 bn. The planning commissions of the two nations met and signed as many as 11 MOUs worth \$5 bn allowing market access to financial institutions in either country to boost investment and expand commercial operations.
- 24. The delivery of **INS Vikramaditya** from Russia has further **been delayed** to the last quarter of 2013
- 25. 17 Indian crew members on board chemical tanker, **MT Royal Grace** which was hijacked near **Oman** by **Somali pirates**, are being held ransom.
- 26. A **cartoon armadillo** has been chosen as the official mascot for the 2014 football **World Cup** in **Brazil** and it is to be called *fuelco*
- 27. India lost to Pakistan and finished last in the four-nation Super 9 hockey tournament in Perth.

 Australia beat England to retain the trophy
- 28. Country pledges for cutting climate-altering greenhouse gas emissions could see global average temperatures rise by **three to five degrees Celsius** (5.4 to 9.0 degrees F) this century, said a **U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP)** report. The targeted limit is an increase of two degrees Celsius on pre-industrial levels. UNEP said swift action could still see the world get back on track, but it would mean increasing pledges and slashing emissions by 14% to about 44 billion tonnes in 2020 from an estimated 50.1 billion tonnes per year now..
- 29. Three Indian writers Amitav Ghosh, Jeet Thayil and Uday Prakash are among the six authors shortlisted for \$50,000 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2013. They are pitted against Pakistani novelists, Mohammed Hanif and Jamil Ahmad, and Bangladesh's Tahmima Anam. The only contender from outside the Indian subcontinent is Jason Grunebaum, an American academic, writer and translator. Mr. Ghosh has been selected for *River of Smoke*; Mr. Thayil for his debut novel *Narcopolis*; and Mr. Prakash for *The Walls of Delhi*, a collection of short stories in Hindi translated into English by Grunebaum.
- 30. The **General Synod** of the **Church of England** rejected by a narrow vote a proposal to appoint **women bishops**. Under the rules, the same issue cannot be put to a vote till 2015
- 31. In a top-secret operation codenamed **Operation X**, **Ajmal Kasab** was hanged in **Yerwada** jail in Pune. Kasab's is the second fastest mercy petition decided in India.
- 32. A team of scientists studied the hydrogen in water from the **martian interior** and found that Mars is formed from **similar building blocks** to that of Earth but that there were **differences in the later evolutions** of the two planets.
- 33. Pulling up the Delhi Police for "grave prosecution lapses" in the investigation of the 16-year-old Lajpat Nagar bomb blast case, the Delhi High Court acquitted two death sentence convicts and commuted the capital punishment to life imprisonment for another. It, however, upheld the life term awarded to the fourth accused. All the four had been held guilty and sentenced by a lower court in 2010.

- 34. **Senior IPS officer Ranjit Sinha** was appointed the next **Director of CBI** on a two-year term. A 1974-batch officer of the Bihar cadre, Mr. Sinha is now Director-General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police. He has also headed the Railway Protection Force and held senior posts in the CBI in Patna and Delhi. He replaces A.P. Singh.
- 35. Ratings agency **Fitch** downgraded the **debt ratings of Japan's Sony Corp and Panasonic Corp** to **"junk" status** citing weakness in their consumer electronics and TV operations, further diminishing the luster of the once-great Japanese brands.
- 36. The Central Government cleared the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Policy that will bring 348 essential drugs under price control, leading to reduction in prices. At present, the government through the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) controls prices of 74 bulk drugs and their formulations.
- 37. **Tony Hall**, chief executive of the Royal Opera House, was appointed the **BBC's Director-General** to succeed George Entwistle who was forced to quit after being in office for just 54 days.
- 38. Hamas claimed victory following **ceasefire** between **Israel** and Gaza strip area of **Palestine**. Under the terms of the deal, Israel has agreed to stop all hostilities on the Gaza Strip, land, sea and air including incursions and targeting of individuals. Palestinian factions, on their part, shall **stop all hostilities** from the Gaza Strip against Israel, including rocket attacks, and attacks along the border according to the text of the agreement. Israel has also committed to **open all border crossings** and **ease movement of people and goods**, 24 hours after the ceasefire takes effect.
- 39. The finalisation of a new protocol to curb illicit trade in tobacco products under the World Health Organisation's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) has been agreed to by more than 140 members of the FCTC. The Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products seeks to clearly define illegal trade, and counteract it using licensing, information sharing and legal cooperation among countries.
- 40. Nepal's president Ram Baran Yadav has formally called upon political parties to nominate a **Prime Minister** based on political consensus in the next seven days. His move comes in the wake of the government's inability to forge consensus to hold elections for a Constituent Assembly (CA) on the declared date of November 22
- 41. Egyptian President **Mohamed Morsy's decree** that endows him with sweeping powers has triggered **violent clashes** across Egypt, with the torching of Muslim Brotherhood office. Mr. Morsy had armed himself with impregnable powers, immune to the intervention by Egypt's courts. In light of the outcry against the decree, the president withdrew the decree but ensured that the Islamist version of the Constitution was put to a referendum.
- 42. In the ongoing investigations by the US retail giant **Walmart** into the allegations of **bribery and corruption**, Bharti Walmart joint venture suspended five people, including chief financial officer (CFO) **Pankaj Madan**.

- 43. **Samsung** has claimed that **Apple's iPad mini** infringes eight patented technologies. Samsung asked a U.S. judge to add Apple's 7.9-inch tablet to a list of products it claims violate patents on radio signalling technologies, among others.
- 44. The Government of India has approved extension of the 'Navratna' status of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant would be extended till November 2013.
- 45. Indian drugmaker **Ranbaxy Laboratories** Ltd has recalled its generic version of **Pfizer Inc's cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor** in the **United States** after certain batches were found to contain glass particles.
- 46. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) shot down an electronically simulated "enemy" missile and a real attacker missile with an actual interceptor from Wheeler Island, off the Odisha coast, and pulverised a modified Prithvi attacker missile, coming from Chandipur, at a height of 15 km. The four missiles were in the sky simultaneously and the two interceptions took place almost simultaneously.
- 47. India has started stamping its map on visas issued in China in response to Chinese passports depicting Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin as its territories. Beijing included Aksai Chin, Arunachal Pradesh and disputed islands in South China Sea in the map outline on the pages. While India eschewed the route of a diplomatic protest, Philippines and Vietnam lodged strong protests over inclusion of islands and waters of South China Sea over which both countries lay claim.
- 48. **Britain** plans to cut its £280 million a year aid to India following growing domestic pressure on Prime Minister David Cameron to stop funding emerging economic powers such as India, China and Brazil at a time when Britain itself faces a serious economic crisis. U.K.'s commitment to India will change radically at the end of the current eight-year £1.6 billion programme, which lasts until 2015. UK would open negotiations to **replace aid with trade**. A **transition package** will be put in place to bring down Britain's aid contributions. India has already made it clear repeatedly that it does not want British aid
- 49. **Mahesh Bhupathi** and **Rohan Bopanna** clinched the **Paris Masters** title. Earlier in the year, they won the **Dubai Tournament** and were runners-up at Cincinnati and Shanghai.
- 50. 6th SAARC Speakers and Parliamentarians Conference was held in Pakistan
- 51. Banker and New York based author **Ruchir Sharma** was awarded the **Tata Literature Live! First Book Award** for his book 'Breakout Nations: In Pursuit of the Next Economic Miracles' at the Mumbai Litfest.
- 52. Kimi Raikkonen won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix for Lotus.
- 53. **Australia's Federal court** issued a **landmark judgment** that **Standard & Poor's** misled investors by giving its highest rating to derivatives that lost almost all their value in the run-up to the 2008 global economic crisis. The Australian case marked the first time a ratings agency had faced trial

- over the complex financial products widely cited as one of the factors that triggered the crisis, and could set a **precedent for future litigation** around the world.
- 54. The Reserve Bank of India said scheduled commercial **banks** could become **members of stock exchanges** to undertake "**proprietary transactions**" in the corporate bond market.
- 55. After a record-breaking hearing process lasting more than 25 months, the **National Anti-Doping Disciplinary panel (NADDP)** ordered that all the 11 athletes who tested positive for methylhexaneamine (MHA) in the run-up to the last Commonwealth Games here be suspended for two years from decision date.
- 56. Nadia Petrova of Russia won the women's tennis Qatar Airways Tournament of champions beating Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark
- 57. The fast launched by civil rights activist **Irom Sharmila**, demanding repeal of the **Armed Forces** (Special Powers) Act, 1958, completed the 12th year. Ms. Sharmila, who has been voicing her opposition to fake encounters, decided to begin the protest after the killing of 10 persons, including a woman, on November 2, 2000 at Mallom near **Imphal** by Assam Rifles personnel. She has been detained for observing the fast. The law under which Ms. Sharmila has been detained permits the authorities to imprison her for one year at one go. At the end of each year the ritual continues: she is released only to be rearrested. The South Korean government and many organisations have conferred awards on her. But she has refused to receive them.
- 58. A three day International conference, **Ramanujan 125**, to mark the 125th birth anniversary celebration of **Srnivasa Ramanujan** took place at the **University of Florida** in the US.
- 59. The Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Co-operation sought to energise itself by admitting the **U.S.** as a dialogue partner, identifying maritime security as its main priority. A change of name was on the cards and the legal position in this respect was being examined. Addition of the U.S. as a dialogue partner (along with admission of Cameroon as the 20th member), achieved by consensus though Iran is an active full member. The Gurgaon declaration adopted at the end of the meeting said the grouping's membership was open to "all sovereign States" of the Indian Ocean rim that adhered to the principles and objectives of its Charter.
- 60. **Matteo Manassero** clinched the **Barclay's Singapore Open** title, becoming the youngest person to win the title
- 61. Former President of Brazil Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva arrived in India to receive the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.
- 62. **Rebekah Brooks**, former chief executive of Rupert Mudoch's British media group **News International**, and **Andy Coulson**, ex-communications chief of Prime Minister David Cameron, were charged with bribing police and public officials for stories when they edited **The Sun** and the now-defunct **News of the World** respectively.
- 63. The outlook for **Italy's banking sector** remains negative, Moody's said, citing rapid asset quality deterioration and limited access to market funding. Rising non-performing loans have forced Italian banks to cut lending to businesses, crimping profits and exacerbating a credit crunch in the euro zone's third largest economy.
- 64. Moody's stripped **France** of its prized **triple A badge**, cutting the sovereign credit rating on Europe's No. 2 economy by one notch to Aa1 from Aaa, citing an uncertain fiscal outlook and deteriorating economy. The downgrade follows a cut by Standard & Poor's in January. The reasons given for the negative outlook were high labour charges, loss of competitiveness, low levels of innovations, rigidities in labour & services market and gradual erosion of its export oriented industrial base. **Fitch** still has given France a AAA.

- 65. Japan has said it will soon announce funding for **the multi-billion dollar Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor** (CBIC), the third mega project that will be quarter-backed by Tokyo. The other two projects that Japan is backing are the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC).
- 66. India has **notified 22 additional items** including agricultural tools, bicycles, coal and garments in the list of items for **border trade** with **Myanmar**. 22 new items have been added to the existing list of 40 tradable items taking the number of total tradable items to 62 for border trade. Former **UBS trader Kweku Adoboli** was jailed for seven years for the **biggest fraud** (unauthorised trading) in British history, which cost the Swiss bank \$2.3 billion. UBS has been fined 29.7 mn pounds for this oversight. Key controls for detection of suspicious trading activity failed at an **Indian outsourcing unit** contributing to this loss. This is the third instance when outsourcing of key oversight jobs by global banks to India has come under the regulatory scanner abroad for **ineffective controls** against suspicious financial transactions.
- 67. **Majlis-e-itthadul muslimeen** withdraw support to the Congress at the state (Andhra Pradesh) and central level over the issue of the **Bhagyalakshmi temple** abutting the **Charminar**.
- 68. Two young women were arrested in Mumbai on charges of "promoting enmity between classes" and "sending offensive messages through [a] communication service," after one posted, and the other 'liked,' a message on Facebook on Sunday, questioning the Mumbai bandh that followed **Shiv Sena** leader Bal Thackeray's death..
- 69. **National Security Advisor Shiv Shankar Menon** travelled to Beijing to meet his counterpart **Dai Bingguo** who lays down office in March next year. The two Special Representatives will be meeting after almost a year, having last met in New Delhi this January.
- 70. **Czech Republic** lifted its first **Davis Cup** as an independent nation, beating Spain in the final. Its women team lifted the **Fed Cup** in **Prague** just weeks before the **Davis Cup** win,
- 71. Mclaren's **Lewis Hamilton** won the **US Grand Prix** at **Austin**.
- 72. The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) directed banks not to give **loans for purchase of gold** in any form, including primary gold, bullion and jewellery, to dissuade people from indulging in speculative activity. The **Monetary Policy Statement of April 2012** had formed a **Working Group** which has suggested that other than working capital finance, banks are not permitted to finance purchase of gold in any form.
- 73. Developing-8 (D-8) summit took place in Islamabad.
- 74. The **Democratic Republic of Congo** government dismissed a demand from rebels in the country's east for truce talks, saying that the insurgent force pushing towards the city of **Goma** were merely a tool of neighbouring Rwanda. **M23 rebels** say that Kinshasa broke the terms of a 2009 peace agreement that integrated them into the army as a solution to an earlier rebellion. United Nations experts back the government contention that **Rwanda**, which has intervened in Congo repeatedly over the past 18 years, is behind the M23 revolt. Rwanda denies involvement.

- 75. **JPMorgan Chase** agreed to pay \$297 million to the **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission** to settle a dispute over sale of **mortgage-backed securities**. Most of the punishable activity is attributed to Bear Stearns, the New York investment bank that JP Morgan bought urgently in 2008 in a deal organised by the Federal Reserve to prevent the imploding investment bank's losses from pulling down other banks.
- 76. A Parliamentary Select Committee besides recommending de-linking of Lokayuktas from the central Lokpal Bill in a crucial suggestion has sought that the CBI Director be appointed for a fixed tenure by a collegium comprising the Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice. The Committee has suggested that for effective implementation of the Lokpal, the CBI should have a separate Directorate of Prosecution whose chief is to be appointed by the Chief Vigilance Commission, also for a fixed period. Among other important suggestions are that the Lokpal would have the power of superintendence and transfer of officers on cases referred by it to CBI.
- 77. Prime Minister **Manmohan Singh** travelled to **Phnom Penh** to attend high-level meetings on the sidelines of the **Association of South East Asian Nations summit**
- 78. A **Madras High Court** order put the onus of preventing film-related **copyright infringements** on the web on **Internet Service Providers** (ISPs).
- 79. Outgoing **Communist Party of China** (CPC) General Secretary **Hu Jintao**, handed over the reins of the 2.3 million-strong People's Liberation Army (PLA) to **Xi Jinping**.
- 80. Online activist group **Anonymous** said that it had downed the websites of dozens of Israeli state agencies and a top bank in protest against the Jewish state's deadly air assault on Gaza. The hackers said their operation "**OpIsrael**" had either damaged or completely erased the sites of more than 650 private and public institutions that included the Bank of Jerusalem.
- 81. Asian under 10 girls' champion **N.Priyanka** won the girls' under 10 title in the **World Youth Chess Championship** at **Maribor**, **Slovenia**.
- 82. The **United States** scrapped a nearly decade-old **ban on most imports** from **Myanmar**. Barack Obama become the first sitting U.S. President to visit Myanmar.
- 83. The Chinese film 11 Flowers, a period film set in the backdrop of the Cultural Revolution, won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (NETPAC) Award at the Kolkata International Film Festival. It won the best film award in the Asian Select category, the only competitive segment at the festival.
- 84. **Europe** slipped into **recession** for the second time in three years.
- 85. The British oil giant, **BP**, agreed to pay a record criminal fine of between three to five billion U.S. dollars, thought to be the largest in U.S. history, in a deal with the U.S. Department of Justice over criminal charges related to the **2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster**. It was also expected to plead guilty to criminal misconduct in exchange for a waiver of future prosecution. The company is expected to make a final payment of \$860m into the \$20bn Gulf of Mexico compensation fund

by the end of the year. The deal would not include a range of other claims, including individual and federal claims for damages under the Clean Water Act, and state claims for economic loss. An explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig on April 20, 2010 killed 11 workers and released millions of barrels of crude into the Gulf of Mexico over 87 days.

- 86. The **Sri Lankan Army**, which is at present entirely Sinhalese, is set to recruit **Tamil women**. The selection is into the soldier (other rank) category. Last year, Sri Lanka began recruiting Tamils to the **police force**. About 1,000 persons were trained and deployed. But the majority of the force still remains Sinhalese in the Tamil majority areas.
- 87. Senior journalists **T.N. Ninan and Harish Khare** were been awarded the **Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowships o**n the occasion of 123rd birth anniversary of the country's first Prime Minister. Mr. Ninan was awarded the fellowship for his project 'India: The Next Decade,' while Mr. Khare bagged the fellowship for his 'Governing India in the 21st Century: Reinventing Nehruvian Executive Leadership Model.'
- 88. The **safety review** of units 3 and 4 of the atomic power station at **Rawatbhata in Rajasthan** by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ended with the inspection team identifying certain deficiencies in the operations of the units. However, the team also identified several "**good practices**" which would be shared by the IAEA with the global nuclear industry for their benefit in due course.
- 89. The **Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act**, 2012, which was passed by Parliament in May 2012, came into force.
- 90. The **2G spectrum auctions** ended flat with nearly half the spectrum seeing **no bids** and the government winning revenues of only Rs. 9,407.64 crore, instead of the Rs. 40,000 crore revenue target. Additionally, there were no pan-India bidders for spectrum, which was pegged at Rs. 14,000 crore by the Cabinet, after it reduced the reserve price of Rs. 18,000 crore recommended by TRAI. The Industry blamed the **high reserve price** for the debacle.
- 91. The rare 76 carat diamond mined from erstwhile Golconda kingdom, named after its first known owner **Archduke Joseph August** of Austria, was sold for a record price of €16.9 million (about Rs. 118 crore) at an auction in Geneva. It is a world record for a **Golconda diamond** and a world record price per carat for a colourless diamond.
- 92. **Pakistan** agreed to the **Afghan government** and **High Peace Council's** (HPC) pending request for release of a number of **Taliban detenus** to facilitate the peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan.
- 93. **Himalaya Drug Company** won a 15-year-old legal battle over its medicine Liv.52 with the **Delhi High Court** holding that homoeopathic firm **SBL Limited** infringed the trademark by coming up with its own preparation named as Liv-T.
- 94. India now also has the 'distinction' of **topping the percentages for 'positive' tests returned** by accredited laboratories in the year 2011 according to the statistical data released by the **World Anti-Doping Agency** (WADA). Like in the past, **steroids** top the list of banned substances

- 95. Novak Djokivic defeated Roger Federer in the final of the ATP Tour finals in London
- 96. **NASA** and **British Antarctic Survey** scientists have reported that marked changes to **Antarctic sea ice drift** caused by **changing winds** are responsible for observed increases in Antarctic sea ice cover in the past two decades.
- 97. On November 13, the sun emitted a **mid-level solar flare**. Solar flares are **powerful bursts of radiation**, which can disturb the atmosphere in the layer where communications and Global Positioning System signals travel.
- 98. The advanced version of low-cost tablet Aakash was launched by President Pranab Mukherjee. Coming at a price tag of Rs. 1,130 for students, the new version 'Aakash2', which will be made available to students of engineering colleges and universities to begin with, has been developed under the aegis of IIT Bombay with the active support of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)..
- 99. Renowned literary critic and educator Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak was awarded the prestigious Kyoto Prize in Kyoto. Instituted by the Inamori Foundation, the prize honours those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, cultural and spiritual betterment of mankind. Ms. Spivak, professor at Columbia University in the U.S., won the award in the Arts and Philosophy category. U.S. computer scientist Ivan Sutherland, regarded as a father of computer graphics, won the Advanced Technology Prize while Japanese molecular biologist Yoshinori Ohsumi was awarded the Basic Sciences Prize.
- 100. A great grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, **Shanty Gandhi**, was elected to the **Kansas District Assembly**. He contested as a Republican Party candidate.
- 101. **David Petraeus**, the retired four star general behind the US campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan and current director of CIA, **resigned** amid allegations that he had an extramarital affair with his biographer, **Paula Broadwell**, a reserve army officer.
- 102. **Gordon Brown, U.N. Special Envoy for Global Education**, asked that November 10 be observed as **'Global Action Day for Malala Yousafzai'**. The Pakistani federal government launched the **Waseela-e-Taleem** programme to educate three million children, especially girls, from the poorest of poor families.
- 103. **Compensation delayed is livelihood deprived** said the **Supreme Court**. It expressed serious concern at the inordinate delay in payment of compensation to farmers for land, holding that it amounts to deprivation of livelihood, which is a violation of **Article 21** of the Constitution..
- 104. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its nod to a proposal for disinvestment of 10% from the Centre's equity holding of 100% in Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- 105. Banks across the country have issued CTS-2010 standard compliant cheques with more security and standardised features to all its customers. From January 1, 2013, cheques which do not conform to CTS-2010 standards would not be entertained by banks. 'Cheque Truncation System (CTS)-2010 standard' is a set of benchmarks towards achieving standardisation of

cheques issued by banks across the country. These include provision of mandatory minimum security features on cheque forms such as quality of paper, watermark, bank's logo in invisible ink, void pantograph and standardisation of field placements on cheques. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued a directive** in this regard. The homogeneity in security features act as deterrent against frauds, and the fixed field placement specifications facilitate straight-through-processing at drawee banks' end through the use of optical/image character recognition technology

- 106. The Andhra Pradesh High Court set aside the lifetime ban imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) against Mohd. Azharuddin, former captain of the Indian cricket team, on charges of match-fixing.
- 107. Barack Obama won a second term as President of America. Preliminary indications suggested that voter turnout was lower in 2012 than the breathtaking levels that it soared to in 2008
- 108. The **European Union** (EU) announced that the amount of biofuels that will be required to make up the transportation energy mix by 2020 has been halved from 10% to 5%. The rollback mostly affects **first-generation biofuels**, which are produced from food crops such as corn, sugarcane, and potato. The new policy is in place to mitigate the backfiring of switching from less-clean fossil fuels to first-generation biofuels.
- 109. **Apple** has been ordered to pay \$368 million for **patent infringement** in its use of **Facetime**, an application that allows for video calls on mobile devices. Apple's iPhone and iPod Touch infringed on the patents, which allow a type of virtual private network for secure mobile video calls
- 110. The Supreme Court-appointed **Technical Expert Committee** (TEC) recommended a 10-year moratorium on all field trials of genetically modified food crops.
- 111. **Direct cash transfer** of subsidies through the **Aadhaar card** would be rolled out in 51 districts across 15 States from January 1, 2013. The scheme would aim to cover the entire country by the end of 2013. **Banks** would play an essential role in the direct cash transfer, as every person with an Aadhaar card would be asked to open a bank account to enable such transfers. **Subsidies** on LPG, kerosene, pension payments, scholarships as well as payments under MGNREGA and other government welfare programmes would be made directly.
- 112. Sierra Leone's president **Ernest Bai Koroma** was re-elected with 58% votes in an election that was peaceful and transparent. He defeated the ex-military leader Julius Maada Bio.
- 113. An **internal UN report** has blamed its own officials who were part of its mission in Colombo for failing the organisation in its mandate to protect civilians in the last months of the **Eelam war**.
- 114. **Aung san suu kyi** was on a visit to India after almost four decades.

- 115. Greek journalist **Costas Vaxevanis**, editor of the Greek magazine **Hot Doc**, who was charged with breach of privacy for revealing a list of Swiss bank account holders originally provided by French former finance minister Christine Lagarde, was acquitted of the charges
- 116. V.S.Naipaul was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Mumbai Litfest
- 117. **Arvind Kejriwal** named his party the **Aam Aadmi Party** and adopted a constitution that focuses on the ideology of decentralised democracy. The party is set to contest in the Delhi assembly election to be held in 2013
- 118. **Global Twitter Press Conference on Innovation** was hosted by Mr. **Sam Pitroda**, Adviser to the Indian Prime Minister on Public Information Infrastructure and Innovations and Chairman, National Innovation Council
- 119. **Sunita Williams** embarked on her **seventh spacewalk** to fix an ammonia leak in the radiator system (She already holds the record for longest spacewalk among women, clocking in more than 44 hours in the previous six outings)
- 120. India inked a **protocol** with **UK and Northern Ireland** to **amend tax pact** for double taxation avoidance and prevention of fiscal evasion w.r.t taxes on income and capital gains.
- 121. The Intellectual Property Appellate Board revoked a patent granted six years ago to Roche's hepatitis C drug Pegasys (pegylated interferon alfa-2a) citing lack of evidence that the drug is superior to existing treatments.
- 122. **Dr. Rakesh Mohan** has assumed charge as **Executive Director** on the Board of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. In addition to India, Dr. Mohan will also be representing three other countries in the constituency, viz. Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Bhutan on the Board of the IMF. Dr. Mohan was earlier **Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India** and also **Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs**, Government of India. The term of Dr. Rakesh Mohan at the IMF will be for a period of three years.
- 123. Sri Lankan Chief Justice **Shirani Bandaranayake**, identified is facing an impeachment motion allegedly due to six charges of improper conduct against her. The impeachment motion is the culmination of a standoff between the judiciary and the legislature, going on for many months. A recent Supreme Court view calling a bill transferring powers vested with the provincial governments to the Centre not in line with the constitution was the last straw.
- 124. Presidents and Prime Ministers from the 10 Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) attended the commemorative **ASEAN-India summit** held in **New Delhi**. At the summit, India and ASEAN finalised the much-awaited **free trade agreement** (FTA) in services and investments. This move is likely to boost trade to \$100 billion by 2015.
- 125. **Turkey**'s decision to seek **Patriot missiles** from **NATO** for deployment along the **Syrian border** caused a major disruption in its ties with Iran.

- 126. South Africa's ruling **African National Congress** (ANC) re-elected President **Jacob Zuma** as the party chief with a thumping majority, effectively paving the way for him to retain the presidency until 2017 if the ANC wins general elections in 2013.
- 127. A pair of NASA spacecraft, **Ebb and Flow**, crashed into a mountain near the moon's north pole, bringing a deliberate end to a mission that peered into the **lunar interior**. Afterward, NASA said it had dedicated the final resting spot in honour of mission team member, **Sally Ride**, the first American woman in space who died earlier this year.
- 128. The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI), in its **third mid-quarter review of monetary policy**, kept the indicative policy rates and Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) **unchanged**, reiterating that it would ease the policy in the fourth (January-March) quarter.
- 129. **Queen Elizabeth II** scripted history by attending a **Cabinet meeting** at 10 Downing Street, becoming the first British monarch since 1781 to do so.
- 130. **Ratan Tata** was made the honorary **Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons**, the holding company of the \$100 billion conglomerate, after he retired as Chairman on December 28. **Cyrus Mistry** was formally appointed his successor
- 131. The Lok Sabha passed the **Banking Laws (Amendment) Bill**, **2011**, to pave the way for **foreign investments** in the sector and **establishment of new private banks**. The government dropped the controversial provisions relating to allowing banks to trade in futures and keeping the sector outside the purview of Competition Commission. Now, the RBI would regulate the banking sector and the **Competition Commission of India** (CCI) would look into competition practices in the banking sector. The Banking Bill also seeks to raise the **voting rights** of investors in private sector banks to 26%, from 10%. It also allows the RBI to **supersede boards of private sector banks** and increase the cap on voting rights of private investors in the banks to 10%, from 1%
- 132. Global rating agency **Standard & Poor's** (S&P) has said that it expects India to grow by **6.5%** during 2013, amidst the possibility of global economic recovery continuing during the year. For China, S&P expects the growth rate to move back to the 8% level in 2013, after it slipped to 7.4% in the third quarter of 2012.
- 133. Legendary sitar maestro **Pandit Ravi Shankar**, who spearheaded the worldwide spread of Indian music and had a major influence on Western musicians like The Beatles died in San Diego at the age of 92.
- 134. Barack Obama nominated **Senator John Kerry**, the former Democratic Party presidential candidate, to replace Hillary Clinton as **U.S. Secretary of State**.
- 135. Italy's President dissolved the Italian Parliament following Premier **Mario Monti**'s **resignation**, formally setting the stage for general elections in February. Mr. Monti, appointed 13 months ago to steer Italy from a Greek-style debt crisis, stepped down after ex-Premier **Silvio Berlusconi**'s party withdrew its support for his technocratic government.

- 136. The **European Commission** charged **Samsung Electronics** with abusing its dominant position in seeking to bar rival **Apple** from using a patent deemed essential to mobile phone use. In an unrelated case, the Commission is also investigating Google and Microsoft.
- 137. A renowned Indian-American inventor at IBM, **Rangaswamy Srinivasan**, has been nominated by U.S. President Barack Obama for the prestigious **National Medal of Technology and Innovation**. The award recognises those who have made lasting contributions to America's competitiveness and quality of life and helped strengthen the nation's technological workforce.
- **138.** India's top luge athlete **Shiva Keshavan** won the gold medal for the second time in a row by setting a new Asian record of 49.590 seconds in the **Asian Championship in Nagano**.
- 139. P.Kashyap defeated Thailand's Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk, to win his maiden international badminton title in the final of the \$120,000 Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold championship.
- 140. Former Chief Justice J.S. Verma will head a three-member Commission of Inquiry that will suggest ways for improving safety and security of women, besides looking into the gang-rape incident. The Commission will suggest ways to make stricter rape laws. It will submit its report within 30 days. Justice Lalita Seth and former Solicitor General Gopal Subramaniam will be its two other members.
- **141. Sachin Tendulkar** ended his world record 463-match ODI career by informing the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) that he is through with **one-dayers**.
- 142. Nepali political forces failed to strike a deal even as **President Ram Baran Yadav's fourth deadline** to the parties, to come up with a consensus Prime Minister, ended.
- 143. Shinzo Abe was elected as Japan's Prime Minister.
- 144. The Indian Government lowered the **growth projection** for **2012-13** to **5.7-5.9%** from its earlier estimated projection of 7.6%.
- 145. In a major boost to the country's private vaccine manufacturing pharmaceutical companies, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that India's national regulatory authority Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and its affiliated institutions meet the prescribed international standards.
- Amendment Bill, 2012 was not targeted against any community, religion or caste, Parliament passed legislation that seeks to expand the definition of "terrorist act" by incorporating offences that threaten India's economic security, including circulation of high value counterfeit currency and financing of terrorist activities. The Bill amends the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 to make it more effective in preventing terrorist activities and to fulfil the obligations made with the Financial Action Task Force an Inter-governmental Organisation set up to devise policies to combat money laundering and terror financing.

- 147. Booker-nominated **Jeet Thayil** and Bengali novelist **Subrata Mukhopadhyaya** were among the 24 authors selected for this year's **Sahitya Akademi Awards**, which was dominated by poets. Thayil, whose novel **'Narcopolis'** was shortlisted for Booker Prize, was selected for his poetry collection **'These Errors are Correct'** in English category. Twelve of the 24 awards went to works of poets, which included K Sachitandandan (Malayalam 'Marannu Vacha Vazhikal'), late Bal Krishna 'Bhaura' (Dogri 'Tim—Tim Karde Tare') and Makhan Lal Kanwal (Kashmiri 'Yath Aangnaz Manz'). Among the poets, other winners are Guneswar Musahary (Bodo Boro Khonthai), Chandrakant Devtale (Hindi Pathar Fenk Raha Hoon), H.S. Shivaprakash (Kannada Mabbina Haage Kabniveyassi), Kashinath Shamba Lolienkar (Konkani Kavyasutra) and Darsan Buttar (Punjabi Maha Kambani). In Gujarati, Chandrakant Topiwala's critical study 'Gujarati Sakshibhasya' was selected for the award.
- 148. MCX Stock Exchange (MCX-SX) has received the final go-ahead from regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for going live in new product segments such as equity, wholesale debt (bonds) and interest rate derivatives.
- 149. **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)** successfully flight-tested nuclear weapons-capable **Prithvi- II** missile from **Chandipur**, off the Odisha coast. The **single-stage**, **liquid propelled missile** can carry a payload of 500 kg. The SFC successfully test-fired nuclear weapons-capable **Agni-II** for its full distance of 700 km earlier in the month.
- 150. **Miss USA Olivia Culpo** beat 88 other beauty queens to be crowned as **Miss Universe 2012** at a gala ceremony in **Las Vegas**. **Philippines**' Janine Tugonon was adjudged the first runner-up followed by **Venezuela**'s Irene Esser.
- 151. The **Supreme Court** has agreed to examine a **proposal for video-recording** court proceedings to ensure transparency as well as cut down delays in disposal of cases. At present, court proceedings are largely not recorded, and if recorded, are summarised by way of orders by the presiding officers/judges.
- 152. **South Korea** elected its **first woman President**, handing a slim but historic victory to conservative ruling party candidate **Park Geun-hye**, daughter of a former military ruler of South Korea.
- 153. **WHO** (World Health Organisation) suspended its **polio campaign** in **Pakistan** amid increasing violence against persons working for the polio immunisations campaigns.
- 154. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) increased the basic minimum capital (BMC) deposit for stock broker and trading members to up to Rs.50 lakh from the earlier maximum of Rs.10 lakh. It would be implemented by the stock exchanges by March 31, 2013.
- 155. **China** has named **Infosys** in the list of **100 key liaison service outsourcing companies**, making the IT major the only Indian company to get this recognition.
- 156. Football star **Neymar** won the prestigious **Brazilian Golden Boot** for the second time in a short career with 43 goals in 2012.

- 157. The **extraordinary General Assembly** of the **WIPO** (World Intellectual Property Organisation) referred a **treaty for visually impaired persons** to a diplomatic conference in June 2013. The treaty would allow specialist organisation to make accessible copies of books is all signatory countries, make it legal to send accessible books across national borders and make more books available for the blind.
- 158. Special forces of **India** and **Sri Lanka** held war games at **Nahan** in **Himachal Pradesh** where they also shared their experience in counter-terrorism operations. The navy plans to hold **'Slinex'** exercises with Sri Lanka but these would be held away from the coastline of the southern states.
- 159. The **Indian Navy** received the first of the eight **P-81 maritime surveillance** it is to get from the American firm, **Boeing**. India had signed \$2.1 billion deal with Boeing in January 2009 for procuring the long-rage surveillance aircraft, which is equipped with anti-submarine weaponry.
- 160. **Cyber crimes** that are grave in nature will now attract detention under the **Goondas Act in Tamil Nadu**. Departing from the principle that the preventive detention law is invoked only against habitual offenders, Ms. Jayalalithaa also announced that a single offence "which has the propensity to disturb public order" was enough for detention under the provisions of the Act.
- 161. India has expressed "serious disappointment" with the U.S. for informing a **New York court** that **Pakistan's ISI** enjoyed "**immunity**" in a case filed by American survivors and relatives of the victims of the 2008 Mumbai attacks.
- 162. **Potato**, is increasingly being promoted, in the **genetically modified organism-free European Union (EU)**, as the foremost solution for meeting the increased food demand for an estimated 6 billion world population by 2030.
- 163. Nineteen-year-old **Saachi Soni of Jaipur**, a Delhi University student, has been chosen for an expedition to **Mount Everest**, the world's highest peak, scheduled for next year.
- 164. 22 crew members, including five Indians, were freed from the clutches of Somali pirates after a 12-day operation. The rescue has ended a 32-month ordeal, which began when pirates seized **the Dubai-owned** and **Panama registered** vessel, **MV Iceberg-1** in the Gulf of Aden.
- 165. Athens Games silver medallist Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore shot 190 and won the double trap gold, with a three-point margin over Mohd. Asab, in the Sahara National shooting championship.
- 166. In a first of its kind order, market regulator SEBI has been asked by an appellate authority to provide various information about stock markets, including study materials free of cost to an under-trial prisoner.
- 167. Instagram, which allows people to add filters and effects to photos and share them easily on the Internet, was acquired by Facebook earlier this year for \$715 million. In announcing revised terms of service last week, Instagram spurred suspicions that it would sell user photos without compensation. It also announced a mandatory arbitration clause, forcing users to waive their rights to participate in a class action lawsuit except under very limited circumstances. In a

proposed class action lawsuit filed in San Francisco federal court on Friday, a California Instagram user levelled breach of contract and other claims against the company.

- 168. The **U.N. General Assembly** voted overwhelmingly to **restart negotiations** on a draft international treaty to **regulate the \$70 billion global trade in conventional arms**, a pact the powerful U.S. National Rifle Association has been lobbying hard against.
- 169. An **Internet virus** attacked computers at industrial sites in **southern Iran**, in an apparent extension of a **covert cyber war** that initially targeted the nuclear facilities. Iran has tightened online security since its uranium enrichment centrifuges were hit in 2010 by the **Stuxnet** computer worm, which Tehran believes was planted by Israel or the U. S.
- 170. Virbhadra Singh was sworn in as Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh
- 171. Under immense pressure to take concrete measures to ensure safety of women in the wake of the gang-rape of a 23-year-old woman in Delhi that led to large-scale protests, the **Union Cabinet** set up a **Commission of Inquiry** to **identify lapses and fix responsibility** for the incident. The Commission, to be headed by the former Delhi High Court judge, **Justice Usha Mehra**, will also suggest measures to make Delhi and the National Capital Region safer for women. It has been asked to submit a report within **three months**, which will be tabled in Parliament with action taken by the government. Amid this development, the Centre ruled out giving control of the city police to the Delhi government for now, saying the responsibility of law and order in the capital should remain with the Union government.
- 172. Egypt's controversial **new constitution** has been signed into law by **President Mohamed Morsy**, a day after he announced it had been approved by a large majority in a **referendum** that his opponents claim was marked by widespread irregularities.
- 173. China launched services on the **world's longest high-speed rail route**, a 2,298-km line between **Beijing and Guangzhou**. China's high-speed rail network was only established in 2007 but has fast become the world's largest.
- 174. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave its nod for sell-off of 12.5% of the Centre's equity stake in Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd (RCF). At present, the government's shareholding in the listed 'Mini-Ratna' public sector undertaking under the administrative control of the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers stands at 92.5%. The paid-up equity capital of the company is Rs.551.69 crore
- 175. The Central Government announced a slew of **incentives** to **reverse the decline in exports**, which will fall short of the \$360 billion target set for the current fiscal. The **2% interest subsidy scheme**, which was to end on March 2013, has been extended for one more year. In addition to this, more sectors have been covered under the scheme. Rising trade deficit has been cited by global rating agencies such as S&P as a key area of concern for the Indian economy. As part of the incentive package, the government announced the introduction of a pilot scheme of 2% interest subvention for project exports through EXIM Bank for countries of **SAARC region**, **Africa and Myanmar**.

- 176. The task force appointed by the **Ministry of Human Resource Development** to study the spate of **suicides** in Central government-funded technical institutions made recommendations based on the current practices for, and suggested effort in the direction of, **suicide prevention** and **mental health promotion.** It recommended **counselling** involving faculty members, parents, students and mental health professionals and creation of a proactive environment for the students.
- 177. **India** defeated Pakistan at Guangzhou to claim the inaugural **Asia Cup T20 Women's Cricket** tournament
- 178. **North Korea's Unha-3 rocket**, launched on December 12 to put an **Earth-observation satellite** in orbit, was part of its peaceful space programme. But intelligence officials and rocket scientists affiliated with the South Korean Defence Ministry said through the rocket launching, North Korea was testing a ballistic missile that could fly more than 9920 km, with a warhead of about 1,100 to 1,300 pounds, putting the West Coast of the U.S. in range. United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions ban the country, a U.N. member; from any rocket launching that uses ballistic missile technology.
- 179. NATO member **Turkey** has agreed to **lift its veto on non-military cooperation** between the alliance and **Israel** which it imposed over a deadly **raid** on a **Turkish aid ship to Gaza** in 2010. Turkey will agree to Israeli involvement in certain NATO activities but will maintain its ban on joint military manoeuvres, and Ankara reserves the right to bar activities with Israel on its own soil.
- 180. The **Palestinian State** observed its **first Christmas**. Thousands of Palestinians and tourists flocked into the West Bank city of Bethlehem to mark Christmas in the "little town" where many believe Jesus Christ was born
- 181. Reigning junior National champion **Aman Indora** (56kg) clinched India's **only gold** as the country finished third in the **Agalarov Cup youth boxing tournament** in **Baku**, **Azerbaijan**.
- 182. **India and Russia** inked a pact on a Kremlin backed **\$2 billion investment fund** and agreed to open talks on a **Comprehensive Economic Partnership** that will also involve **Belarus** and **Kazakhstan** at the 12th **Indo-Russian Summit** where Putin and Manmohan Singh met. The two countries finalised 10 agreements, among them were two military contracts, worth about Rs. 20,000 crore that had been in the works for some time.
- 183. To attract more women to science, **India and the US** launched here a **web-portal** on best practices in public and private sector and policy initiatives in the field of technology in both countries. It prioritised **"Women in Science"** as an area for **bilateral engagement** at the US-India Joint Commission Meeting on Science & Technology in June 2013.
- 184. Leading Islamic seminary **Darul Uloom Deoband** has issued a **fatwa against tattoo and use of perfume with alcohol content**. Earlier, Darul Uloom had issued fatwa against appointment of Muslim women as receptionists, calling it illegal and against sharia law because Muslim women are not allowed to appear before men without veil.

- 185. Northern Ireland's **Rory McIlroy** was voted **PGA Tour Player of the Year** by fellow players on the US Tour. World number one McIlroy won the World Tour Championship in Dubai. The 23-year-old, the youngest player to win the award since Tiger Woods in 1998, topped the money lists in Europe and the US and was also part of the victorious **European Ryder** Cup team.
- 186. The **Papal Envoy** to the **Ivory Coast**, **Indian Archbishop Ambrose Madtha** was killed in a traffic incident.
- 187. **Australia** defeated Netherlands and won a record **fifth consecutive Champions Trophy** (hockey). Pakistan won its first champions trophy medal since 2004 when it defeated India in the bronze medal match.
- 188. British astronomer **Patrick Moore** who helped map the moon, passed away.
- 189. An American doctor, **Dr.Dilip Joseph**, was **abducted** by **Taliban** insurgents in the Surobi district of Kabul province. Combined US and afghan forced killed several Taliban insurgents and conducted a pre-dawn raid and rescued the kidnapped doctor in eastern Afghanistan.
- 190. India made it clear to ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) that it was not in favour of allocation of certain terms like Indians, islam, ram bible, army, navy, air force, shiksha, halal as generic top level domain names (like '.bible') citing trade mark laws.
- 191. The government raised around **Rs.800 crore** by divesting a **5.58%** stake in **Hindustan Copper Ltd.** through an offer for sale (OFS) through the stock exchanges (OFS). The government's shareholding in the company before the OFS was at a high 99%. The bulk of the subscriptions came from the government-owned LIC and State Bank of India and other public sector banks.
- 192. India and Ukraine marked 20 years of diplomatic relations in 2012.
- 193. **Kuwaitis** elected a **new parliament** including many newcomers but the elections were also plaqued by low turnout and an opposition boycott.
- 194. International Council of Jurists Conference was held in Delhi. A resolution adopted there said that curbing terrorism and not human rights violations should be the top priority of countries.
- 195. India has been ranked 94th out of 176 countries in Transparency International's 2012 Corruption Perception Index (CPI). Last year, India was ranked 95 out of 183 countries that were studied.
- Ranjan Nag is set to go to Gujarat to look into whether there are instances of 'paid news' and other violations of press freedom during the Assembly elections. The idea of sending a committee came after the Election Commission detected many instances of paid news during the recently-concluded poll in Himachal Pradesh. A PCI report led the EC to cancel the election of an MLA in Uttar Pradesh after finding him guilty of paid news
- 197. Novak Djokovic won the World Tennis Championship in Abu Dhabi.
- 198. **Tony Greig**, Former Captain of England Cricket Team and Commentator, passed away.

- 199. Australian researchers of Sydney's Garvan Institute claimed that they discovered that a protein called ELF5 is responsible for making the tumours of breast cancer more aggressive as well as resistant to treatments.
- 200. I-League football club, **Mohun Bagan**, was slapped with a two-year suspension by the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** for abandoning their violence-marred I-League match against East Bengal on 9 December 2012. Mohun Bagan is the oldest football club in India.
- 201. Australian pace legend **Glenn McGrath** is set to be inducted into the **ICC Cricket Hall of Fame**
- 202. Oriya Novelist and Academician Pratibha Ray selected for 2011 Jnanpith Award
- 203. As per the data released by the Planning Commission of India, **Bihar** became the **fastest growing state in India** at 10.9 per cent between 2006 and 2010
- 204. Shihab Ghanem became the first Arab to receive India's Tagore Peace Prize
- 205. The 23-year old para-medical student who was gangraped in New Delhi on 16 December 2012 passed away in Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore on 29 December 2012 due to multiple organ failure and severe injuries to her brain and body. She was raped on 16 December 2012 by six men who also assaulted her with iron rods. The brutal attack led to protests all over India and especially in the NCR area. The victim was later shifted to the Singapore hospital on 27 December 2012.

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CLAT 2013: Using Learning Techniques to Race Ahead

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It is the beginning of a new year for everyone hoping to crack the CLAT this time. What better way to begin your preparation than to gear up with some techniques which will starkly improve your performance? The first rule is to 'Know thyself'. Is photographic memory your greatest aide? Does buying new stationery motivate you to study harder? One method of learning is unlikely to suit everyone - Whilst some of you may wake up at four in the morning to peruse the latest Sriram Law Times, some of you may just be going to bed at that very time, exhilarated at your performance in the latest mock!

After tabulating your scores section-wise in two mocks, identify your strengths and weaknesses by filtering the sub-sections which you may be strong/weak in. Certain weaknesses can be corrected by focusing on a certain subject for three hours (like "Percentages"), whereas some other sections may require months of preparation before you register an increase (like English Grammar) in your records. Similarly, if you work on reading difficult passages in periodicals like the Economist, you will notice a marked difference over a period of timethough you may not see an immediate reflection in your next mock.

A. English

Speed-Reading: For improving your score in Reading Comprehension, practice the technique of speed reading. Place your hand at the centre of a paragraph and read quickly along the centre. Get used to reading different types of literature to familiarize yourself with subject-matter specific vocabulary so that a reading passage pertaining to archaeology or architecture leaves you unfazed.

- Critical Reading: Apply the rules of logic while understanding how an author develops a certain argument in a paragraph – this is known as *critically* reading any given piece.
- Word-Maps: Run through different vocabulary lists and mark out works which seems completely new to you. Use Word-maps to use your photographic memory to increase your score in vocabulary tests. Place a 'root' word at the centre of a piece of paper. Connect synonyms through blue lines, and mark antonyms in red ink. Differentiate between the different senses in which the word can be used. There you have your own visual thesaurus! Whenever you find a new word, add it to your file of word maps. Divide your file into adjectives and verbs. Read literature from sources like the Economist which is guaranteed to use words which are not commonly in use because observing a word in use helps in understanding the rules on usage of the word.
- Grammar: If you identify that your foundations in English Grammar are shaky, then revisit the classic Wren and Martin and work through the text. Though it may seem laborious, it will be a worthwhile investment of your time – there are no shortcuts with grammar.

B. General Knowledge

Conceptualise Information: Take time to organize information that you commit to memory. Conceptualization of information prior to committing it to memory can result in better retention of information. For example, if you come across a newspaper article on the Pulitzer prize awardees in a given year, it will be helpful to research the history of the Pulitzer prizes, the prominent awardees, controversies and so on – though this technique may not seem to directly expose you to the questions which may be asked in the exam, it will help you develop a better conceptual sense which will help you even tackle completely unknown questions.

For those with a photographic memory, it would help to highlight the dates, awardees, names of commissions, names of important people and places in yellow and keep referring to your little book of newspaper extracts, Sriram Law Times and your GK Referencers. You could use learning aides like youtube lectures, timelines which list important dates in history and acronyms to 'fix' information in your memory.

C. Legal Reasoning

- Firstly, familiarize yourself with the list of latin terms provided to you. The key to cracking the legal reasoning portion of the paper is to practice and learn from your mistakes.
- Remain neutral whilst approaching the questions. The questions may be designed to trigger an emotional response which may interfere with your ability to reason effectively.
- Generally, the legal reasoning question has three elements: the principles, the facts, and the options. It may also contain distractions. Focus on eliminating options with the first and second reading. You will gauge the difficulty level of the question by the time you are doing the third reading, and left with two options which seem equally likely. Sometimes, all options may seem to be the right answer- but with different (wrong) reasoning in the option. In that case, pick the option which has NO reasoning, or which does not provide incorrect reasoning. You need to have understood the question from the point of view of the framer, to the point you are able to look back at the question, and pinpoint the distractions in the question. The answer has to account for every facet of the question: the facts, the principles, and in the event any fact/principle has been excluded as being inapplicable, operate without that fact/principle which was categorized as extraneous.

D. Logic and Maths

- In Logic and Maths, practice makes perfect. Learning the principles in logic will help you
 both in the entrance examination and later on in law school. By applying these tenets of
 logic, you will be able to identify a tautology and an ill-founded argument.
- Read passages which develop arguments in newspapers. Identify the premises and study how the conclusion is developed. Think about whether you agree with the writer - Why, or why not?

Further, establish a *personal* need to master the subject matter which is more long-term than just cracking the entrance examination so that it can motivate you to undertake time-consuming preparation to correct problem areas. Mastering the English language is important because words will be the tools of your trade as a lawyer. Having a good grasp of information required for you to crack the General Knowledge section will hold you in good stead for a long time to come. Practitioners being nimble with numbers comes in handy when dealing in corporate transactions and tax matters. Establish your long term goals and begin your preparations.

Maintain records of your performance juxtaposing scores from one mock test to another. Strive to register an improvement in all the sections. Analyse your performance and narrow down the areas which you may need to improve in. Stay on the lookout for new learning techniques which may lend you an extra edge in your preparation.

Finally, always keep in mind the competition. Benchmark your performance against the smartest performers in English, Math, GK, Legal Reasoning and Logic. Everyday strive to read more than everyone around you, and to cover ground which your competitors may be covering.

LEGAL APTITUDE

Question 1

Principle: "Volenti non fit injuria", a well-established legal principle, means that a person has no legal remedy for the injury caused by an act which he has consented.

Fact: An old lady was walking in a narrow one-way lane in the opposite direction. It was nighttime and there was no street lighting. A car moving in right direction but without headlights knocked her down since the driver could not see her. She filed a suit against the driver.

- a) She would lose, because she violated the traffic rules in the first instance.
- b) She would lose, because she voluntarily exposed herself to risks.
- c) The driver would lose, because he drove without proper headlights.
- d) None of the above

Question 2

Principles:

- 1] Negligence is the omission to do something, which a reasonable man would do, breach of which, if it causes damage, makes one liable to the person who suffered loss.
- 2] One owes a duty of care to another if a responsible man can foresee that he will be affected by the breach of duty.
- 3] One is not liable if injured party volunteers to take the risk.

Fact: A cricket match is being held in a stadium. X, being unable to afford the ticket price, is viewing the cricket match sitting atop a branch of a nearby tree. When a batsman hits a ball over the boundary, the ball in turn hits A and sustains injury on his spinal chord due to fall from the tree.

- a) The organizers and stadium owners are liable to compensate.
- b) The cricketer who hits the ball is liable along with the organizers, but the stadium owner is not responsible.
- c) Nobody is responsible.

Question 3

Principle: A person has no remedy against an injury caused by an act to which he has consented.

Fact: Raj was in a hurry to get to the airport to catch the plane and he hired a taxi run by Capital Taxi Company, well known in that locality. Raj asked the driver to drive fast. In the city zone, there was a speed limit of 60 km per hour and the driver, rather reluctantly, drove quite fast at times 90km per hour to reach the airport in time. As a result, the driver lost control and hit an obstacle and Raj was badly injured. Raj filed a suit against the Taxi Company.

- a) The Taxi Company would not be liable since Raj asked the driver to drive fast
- b) The Taxi Company would be liable, because the driver ought not to have exceeded the speed limit.
- c) The Taxi Company would be liable, because "driving fast" should only mean driving within the speed limits prescribed by law.
- d) None of the above

Question 4

Principle:

Every person has a right to defend his own person, property or possession against an immediate harm, and to that end, may use reasonable amount of force.

Fact: Mr. Kaul was passing by Mrs. Mattoo's house. At that time, Mrs. Matto's dog ran out and bit Mr. Kaul's overcoat. Mr. Kaul turned around and raised the pistol when the dog was running away. Mr. Kaul knew that the dog had attacked so many other people in that locality of Jammu.

Mrs. Mattoo claims that her dog was of a rare breed and it was worth Rs.5000/- She is planning to bring a legal action against Mr. Kaul for compensation.

- a. She will succeed in getting compensation from Mr. Kaul because he killed the dog, which was not actually attacking him at the time of shooting.
- b. She will not succeed because Mr. Kaul was justified in shooting the dog to protect himself.
- c. She will not succeed because Mr. Kaul took the action to protect himself as well as many other members of public in future.
- d. None of the above

Question 5

Principle: A person cannot complain against a harm to which he has voluntarily consented. Precautions can be taken only against reasonably foreseeable mishaps.

Fact: At an athletic meet, during a hammer throw, the hammer came apart and hit a middle distance runner who was sitting 10 meters outside the throwing area. The runner sustained severe injuries on the head and neck. The runner filed a suit for damages. The standard precautions were taken for throwing the seven kilogram hammer.

- i) Would be able to recover because the organizers had failed to keep the equipment in good condition.
- ii) Would not be able to recover because the injuries were caused in a freak accident
- iii) Would not be able to recover because she had agreed to participate in the sports meet with all the attendant risks
- iv) Would not be able to recover because the accident was not reasonably foreseeable.
- a. I
- b. II and III
- c. III
- d. II. III and IV

Question 6

Principle: No legal remedy exists for an injury caused by an act, for which one has consented.

Fact: Vijay, a cricket enthusiast purchases a ticket to watch the one day International Cricket Match between India and Australia, organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India BCCI. As he is absorbed in watching the exploits of Sachin Tendulkar, a ball struck for a six by the latter hits Vijay on his body and injures him. Vijay sues BCCI for reimbursement of the medical bill he paid for treatment of the injury.

- a. Vijay should be compensated as he purchased the ticket to get entertainment and not to get injured.
- b. Vijay would lose as he voluntarily exposed himself to the risk.
- c. BCCI is liable as it did not ensure that the spectators were protected from the risks of such injuries.
- d. None of the above

Question 7

Principle: A person is entitled to use reasonable force for self-defence.

Fact: Gokul was living in a farmhouse with a few family members. One night, a group of robbers broke open the door of the house and there was scuffle between the intruders and the residents. Gokul took out his pistol and fired a shot at one of the intruders. The shot did not hit the target and the robbers ran out of the house and by that time, the neighbours gathered in front of the house. Gokul in a fit of anger came out of the house and fired at fleeing robbers who by that time mingled with the neighbours. The shot injured a neighbour and he filed a suit against Gokul.

- a. Gokul is not liable, since his action was in continuation of self-defence;
- b. Gokul is liable, because he should have realized the possibility of hitting an innocent bystander;
- c. Gokul is not liable since his act was intended against he robbers.
- d. None of the above

Question 8

Principle: A master shall be liable for the fraudulent acts committed by his servants in the course of employment.

Fact: Shaila Devi opened a S.B.Account with Oriental Bank, and a cousin of her by name Mohan, who was a clerk in that Bank, helped her to complete the formalities. Subsequently she used to entrust whatever money she was getting to Mohan along with her passbook and Mohan used to return the passbook with relevant entries. One day Shaila Devi discovered that Mohan, instead of crediting the money to her account, had misappropriating he made it and the entries in the passbook without authorization. Shaila Devi seeks compensation from Oriental Bank.

- a) Oriental Bank shall be liable because Mohan was acting in the course of employment.
- b) Oriental Bank shall not be liable, because Mohan was not acting in the course of employment.
- c) Oriental Bank was not liable, because Shaila Devi was negligent.
- d) None of the above

Question 9

Principle: A master is liable for the acts committed by his servant in the course of employment.

Fact: Mahesh was driver working in a company Lipton and Co. One day, the Manager asked him to drop a customer at the airport and get back at the earliest. On his way back from the airport, he happened to see his fiancé Roopa waiting for a bus to go home. He offered to drop her at home, which happened to be close to his office. She got into the car and soon thereafter; the car somersaulted due to the negligence of Mahesh. Roopa was thrown out of the car and suffered multiple injuries. She seeks compensation from Lipton and Co.

- a) Lipton and Co., shall be liable, because Mahesh was in the course of employment at the time of accident
- b) Lipton and Co., shall not be liable, Mahesh was not in the course of employment when he took Roopa inside the car.
- c) Roopa got into the car at her own risk, and therefore, she cannot sue anybody.
- d) None of the above

Question 10

Principle: A master shall be liable for the acts of his servants done in the course of employment.

Fact: HMT, a public sector undertaking, is operating a number of bus services for its employees in Bangalore. These buses are quite distinct in their appearance and carry the board "for HMT employees only". M, a villager from neighbouring state, was waiting for a regular bus in one of the bus stops in Bangalore. A bus belonging to HMT happened to stop nearby and number of people got into the bus. M, without realizing that it was HMT bus, got into the bus and soon thereafter, the bus met with an accident due to driver's negligence. M, along with several others, was injured in the accident. M seeks to file a suit against HMT claiming damages.

- a) M will succeed, because he got into the bus without realizing that it was HMT bus
- b) M will not succeed, because it was for him to find out whether it was a public transport
- c) M will succeed, because the driver was anyhow duty-bound to drive carefully.
- d) None of these

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

Question	Answer	Hints				
1	С	The lady was walking on a one way lane and as such there are no traffic rules applicable to pedestrians. Now, the car driver was driving his car without headlights, which is a gross violation on his part. Therefore, he is liable to the old lady because had he driven the car with headlights on, he could have averted the collision.				
2	С	The facts presented in this problem are similar to those of Hall Vs Brook lands Auto Racing Club. In cases where persons expose themselves to risks voluntarily, they cannot later complain of any injury sustained as a consequence of exposing themselves to such risks. [Examples: Going to stadium to witness & match, playing in a play ground etc.]				
3	С	Although Raj urged the taxi driver to drive fast, "driving fast only meant driving within the speed limits". However, the driver drove at 90 kms per hour which was way beyond the permissible limit of 60 kms per hour. Raj had not "consented" to be driven at such high speed. Hence Raj can claim compensation from the taxi company.				
4	а	Mrs. Matoo would succeed because Mr. Kaul shot at the dog when it was running away and there was no immediate threat to him. Secondly, he has used excess force to thwart the animal.				
5	d	Options (ii), (iii) and (iv) conform to the legal principle set out in the given problem, hence, 'd' is the right choice.				
6	b	(1) Similar to Hall Vs Brook lands Auto Racing Club. (2) Vijay would not succeed in this suit, as he was spectator to the match, which is obviously with his consent.				
7	b	As Gokul shot at the fleeing robbers, there is no justification of self-defence.				
8	b	Shaila Devi will not succeed against the Bank because, Mohan while collecting the money from her, acted in the capacity of her cousin rather than on behalf of the bank.				
9	а	Lipton & Co is liable to pay compensation to Roopa because Mahesh had given lift to Rupa in the course of his employment.				
10	С	Applying the given principle it is clear that HMT Company is liable to 'M'. It is immaterial whether 'M' is an employee of HMT or not.				

Directions: In question 1 to 10, some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of (A) or (B) or (C) of a sentence has an error. If there is no error, mark your answer as (D).

- 1) I have (A) / Invited (B) / to dinner. (C) / No error (D).
- 2) A block of residential flats (A)/ are coming up (B)/ near our house. (C)/ No error. (D).
- 3) The test will not need (A)/ more than one and half (B)/ to finish. (C)/ No error. (D).
- 4) Will you be (A)/ at Board meeting (B)/ on next Wednesday. (C)/ No error. (D)
- 5) He is writing (A)/ for the (B)/ past four hours. (C)/ No error. (D)
- 6) He was is such hurry (A)/ that he did not (B)/ wait for me (C)/ No error.(D)
- 7) He was sure (A)/ that he should (B)/ win the prize. (C)/ No error. (D)
- 8) Had I (A)/ know it earlier (B)/ I would have contacted you. (C)/ No error. (D)
- 9) I am thinking (A)/ to go to Agra (B)/ for my cousin's marriage. (C)/ No error (D).
- 10) You must (A)/remember me (B)/to post this letter. (C)/No error (D).

Directions: In questions 11 to 20, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it.

11)	My father _	down fo	or a nap.					
a.	a. Lay b. Laid		c. Lain	d. Lie				
12)	The time he	noticed his mista	ke, he put	the light and slept.				
a.	Up	b. Down	c. In	d. Out				
13)	I am sure th	nat neither the ho	use nor its contents	for sale.				
a.	Is	b. Are	c. Have been	d. Were				
			plentiful rainfall an	d is consequently very				
gr	een part of th	ne country.						
a.	Misses	b. Receives	c. Expects	d. Regrets				
15)	If you work	beyond your capa	acity, you will natura	ally feel				
a.	Drowsy	b. Tired	c. Confident	d. Giddy				
16)	I have read	one novel by Prei	mchand. I want to re	ead novel by				
him.								
a.	Other	b. Another	c. All	d. Few				
17)	The man came in a van to the television set.							
a.	Men	b. Reform	c. Correct	d. Alter				
18)	He was accu	useds	tealing his aunt's ne	ecklace.				
a.	For	b. With	c. Of	d. On				
	9) Indeed, all over the world, more and more people are coffee.							
a.	Wanting	b. Drinking	c. Liking	d. Partaking				
20)	The park	as far as	the river.					

a. Extends b. Advances c. Enlarges d. Emerges

Directions: In questions 21 to 30, four alternatives are given for the idiom/ phrase in underlined in the sentence. Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/ phrase.

Don't lose patience, things will improve by and by. 21)

- a. Soon
- b. Finally
- c. Gradually
- d. Unexpectedly

22) When he heard that he had once again not been selected he lost heart.

- a. Became desperate
- b. Felt sad

c. Became angry

d. Became discouraged

I felt like a fish out of water among all those business tycoons.

- a. Troubled
- b. Stupid
- c. Uncomfortable d. Inferior

24) Turban is in voque in some communities.

- a. In fashion b. Out of use
- c. Vaguely used
- d. Never used

25) The PM has pulled up Orissa party men.

- a. Elevated
- b. Rewarded
- c. Punished
- d. Reprimanded

His plan was so complicated that it <u>floored</u> his listeners.

- a. Entertained b. Puzzled
- c. Annoyed
- d. Encouraged

27) The prince did not take after the king.

- a. Run after
- b. Follow c. Precede
- d. Resemble

I requested him to put in a word for me. 28)

- a. Introduce
- b. Assist
- c. Support
- d. Recommend

29) The curious neighbours were disappointed as the young couple's quarrel was just a storm in a tea cup.

- a. Violent guarrel b. Fuss about a trifle c. Brittle situation d. Quarrel about tea cups
- 30) His friends let him down.
 - a. Failed
- b. Comforted
- c. Succeeded
- d. Stood

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ANSWERS

1. b 2. b 3. b 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. b 8. b 9. b 10. b 11. a 12. d 14. b 15. b 16. b 17. d 18. c 19. b 20. a

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MATH

1. The average of five consecutive odd numbers is 84 per cent of the highest number. What is the sum of the first two of these numbers?

- a. 64
- b. 32
- c. 36
- d. 44

2. What is the average age of a family of five members, whose ages are 42, 29, 56, 63 and 35 years respectively?

- a. 60 years
- b. 49 years
- c. 45 years
- d. 58 years

3. The average of all odd numbers less than 100 is

- a. 49.5
- b. 50
- c. 50.5
- d. 51

4. The average age of eleven cricket players is 20 years. If the age of the coach is also included, the average age increases by 10%. The age of the coach is

- a. 48 years
- b. 44 years
- c. 40 years
- d. 36 years

5. The average marks of 32 boys of section A of class X is 60 where as the average marks of 40 boys of section B of class X is 33. The average marks for both the sections combined together is

- a. 44
- b. 45
- c. 46 1/2
- d. 45 ½

6. The average age of a husband and wife was 27 years when they married 4 years ago. The average age of the husband, the wife and a new-born child is 21 years now. The present age of the child is

- a. 4 years
- b. 3 years
- c. 2 years
- d. 1 year

 $\vec{7}$. The average age of 10 students is 15 years. When 5 new students joined, the average age rose by one year. The average age, in years, of the new students is

- a. 18 b. 16
- c. 15
- d. 17

8. The average score of three boys in Mathematics is 30. When the score of a fourth boy is added to the total score of the three boys, the average is lowered to 25. what is the score of the fourth boy?

- a. 10
- b. 15
- C.

d 25

9.	The average of five numbers is 8. The average of three numbers out of these five numbers is 10. What is the average of the remaining two numbers?
	a. 10 b. 5
	c. 16
	d. 4
10	O. The average age of seven boys sitting in a row facing North is 26 years. If the average age of first three boys is 19 years and the average age of last three boys is 32 years. What is the age of the boy who is sitting in middle of the row? a. 28 years b. 29 years c. 24 years d. 31 years
11	I. The weights of 7 boys of a class are 42, 44, 41, 43, 35, 42, 40 kg respectively. The average weight of the class is a. 40
	b. 41 c. 42
	d. 42.5
12	2. The average temperature from 9 th to 16 th of a month, both days inclusive was 34.6° and 10 th to 17 th was 35.8°. The temperature on 9 th was 30.5°. The temperature on 17 th is a. 40.1° b. 42.3° c. 39.8° d. 36.5°
13	3. A man spends on an average Rs.169.47 for the first 7 months and Rs.181.05 for the next 5 months. He saves Rs.308.46 during the whole year. His monthly salary is
	a. Rs.300
	b. Rs.320
	c. Rs.200 d. Rs.250
	u. ks.250
14	 1. The average age of 8 men is increased by 2 years when two of them, whose ages are 20 and 24 years, are replaced by two women. The average age of women is a. 25 yrs b. 30 yrs c. 40 yrs d. none of these
15	5. The average salary per head of all the workers of an institution is Rs.600. The average salary per head of 12 officers is Rs.4000. the average salary per head of the rest is Rs.560. Then the total number of workers in the institution is a. 1032 b. 1044 c. 1056 d. 1060
16	5. There is certain number of cakes in a box. They are divided in such a way that the person who gets ¼ of the whole gets thrice than others. Find the number of people amongst whom the cakes are distributed. a. 8 b. 9 c. 10
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- 17.7 kg of wheat having a rate of the Rs.14 per kg is mixed with 4 kg of wheat having a rate of Rs.8.50. The average rate per kg of the mixture is
 - a. Rs.10
 - b. Rs.10.50
 - c. Rs.11
 - d. Rs.12
- 18. The average age of a group of friends is 34 years. If five new friends with an average of 30 years age join the group, the average age of the entire group becomes 32 years. The number of friends in the group initially is
 - a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 10
 - d. 12
- 19. A box contains four small boxes. Each of the four boxes contains three small boxes in each of which there are two boxes. There are how many boxes altogether in the box?
 - a. 39
 - b. 40
 - c. 41
 - d. 42
- 20. The average age of a family of five members is the same today as it was five years ago, the elder daughter being replaced by the daughter in law. If the age of the elder daughter is 48 years, how old is the daughter in law?
 - a. 20 years

 - b. 23 yearsc. 24 years
 - d. 26 years

ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE

Question	Answer	Hints / Explanations					
1	С	Let the first number be X The 5 consecutive numbers are X, $(X+2)$, $(X+4)$, $(X+6)$ and $(X+8)$ $[X+(X+2)+(X+4)+(X+6)+(X+8)]/5$ $=(X+8) \times 84/100$ $=> 5X+20/5 = 84X+672 / 100$ $=> 100X+400 = 84X+672$ $=>X= 672-400/16$ $= 17$ Reqd. sum $= 17+19 = 36$					
2	b	The average age of a family $= (42+49+56+63+35)/5$ $= 245/5$ $= 49 \text{ years}$					
3	b	Sum of all the odd numbers less than 100 = 1 + 3 + 5 99 This is an AP with A = 1, d = 2, n=50 S=50/2 (2 x 1) + (49 x 2)) = 25 (2 + 98) = 2500 Average = 2500/50 = 50					
4	b	Sum of the ages of players = 11 x 20 = 220 Sum of the ages of players + coach = 12(20+2) = 12 x 22 = 264 Age of the coach = 264-220 = 44 years					
5	b	Required average = (32 x 60) + (40 x 33) / (32+40) = 1920+1320/72 = 3240/72 = 45					
6	d	Sum of present ages of husband and wife = $2 \times 27 + 8$ = $54 + 8 = 62$ Sum of the present ages of husband, wife and child = $3 \times 21 = 63$ Present age of the child = $63 - 62 = 1$ year					

7	а	Average age of 10 students = 15 years Average age of 15 students = 16 years = (15 x 16) - (10 x 15) /5 = 240 - 150 / 5 = 18
8	а	Sum of scores of three boys = 3 x 30 = 90 Sum of scores of 4 boys = 4 x 25 = 100 => Score of fourth boy = 100 - 90 = 10
9	b	$(8 \times 5) - (3 \times 10) / 2 = 5$
10	b	Age of the boy sitting in middle of the row = 7 x 26 - [(3 x 19) + (3 x 32)] = 182 - 153 = 29 years
11	b	Average = 287/7=41
12	а	Temp (17^{th}) – Temp (9^{th}) = 8 $(35.8-34.6)$ Temp (17^{th}) = $30.5+9.6$ = 40.1
13	С	Since the options are pretty wide apart, round off the decimal numbers to 170,180 and 310. The sum adds up to 2400 and hence monthly salary is 2400/12 =200.
14	b	If average of 8 men has to increase by 2 years, the sum has to increase by 16. Two men aged 20 and 24 are out. Total that is out = 44. Sum to be added = 16. Therefore total age of two women replacements have to be 60 or average = 30. Hence 'b'
15	а	Let the number of workers be X. 48000 + (X - 12) x 560 = 600x 40x=48000-6720; X = 1032. Hence 'a'
16	С	Let 'X' be the total number of people $ \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3(3/4)}{(X-1)} $ $ X = 10. \text{ Hence 'c'} $
17	d	$[14 \times 7] + [8.5 \times 4] / 11 = 12$
18	а	$(150+(34 \times X)) / X+5 = 32; X = 5. Hence "a"$
19	С	1+4+12+24 = 41. Hence 'c'
20	b	If the average is the same as it was five years ago, this means that the sum of the ages has not changed. This means the current sum of the ages – 25 (5 members would have aged by 5 years each) should be the current sum. The eldest daughter who is 48 is replaced. The person who replaces her should account for the decrease in the sum. Therefore 48-25=23. Hence 'b'

LOGICAL REASONING

- 1. If it is true that 'men are seldom honest', which of the following statement conveys the, same meaning?
 - a. At least one man is not honest
 - b. Men are not honest
 - c. At least on one occasion men are not honest
 - d. Sometime men are honest
- 2. If it is false that 'men always obey the law', which one of the following statement is doubtful?
 - a. Sometimes men do not obey the law
 - b. All men obey the law
 - c. Men never obey the law
 - d. Some men obey the law
- 3. If it is false that 'all men strive for the happiness of all', which one of the following statements is true beyond doubt?
 - a. All men seek their own happiness
 - b. There are men who do not desire for the happiness of all
 - c. No men strive for the happiness of all
 - d. There are men who do not strive for the happiness of all
- 4. From among the given alternatives, identify the missing premiss.
 - 1st Premiss: If a plane triangle is possible, then perfect straight line is possible
 - 2nd Premiss: If perfect straight line is possible, then Euclid is right
 - 3rd Premiss:
 - 4th Premiss: But Riemann is right.

Conclusion: Therefore a plane triangle is not possible

- a. If Riemann is right, then Euclid is right
- b. If Riemann is wrong, then Euclid is right
- c. If Euclid is right, then Riemann is wrong
- d. If Riemann is right, then Euclid is not wrong.
- 5. From among the given alternatives, identify the conclusion of the following argument

If A is B, then C is not D.

If C is not D, then E is not F.

If E is not F, then G is not H.

Therefore

- a. If G is not H, then A is B
- b. If A is B, then G is not H
- c. If G is H, then A is B
- d. If A is not B, then G is H

6. From among the given alternatives, identify the conclusion of the following argument.

You cannot taste success in life unless you work hard.

You cannot be happy unless you taste success in life

Therefore

- a. You can be happy unless you work hard
- b. You cannot be happy unless you work hard
- c. You cannot work hard unless you are happy
- d. You can work hard unless you are happy
- 7. If the statement "All men desire their own welfare always" is true, then which of the following statements must be false?
 - a. There are men who desire their own welfare sometimes
 - b. Some men desire their own welfare always
 - c. There are men who always desire their and others' welfare
 - d. It is not the case that all men desire their own welfare always
- 8. From among the alternatives identify the statement which states the same fact as the statement "The dual nature of light is an enigma".
 - a. The nature of light is an enigma
 - b. Light has some enigmatic properties
 - c. Two differing arguments regarding the nature of light are obviously wrong
 - d. It is surprising and puzzling that according to one study, light is made up of one type of constituents and according to another, light is made up another type of constituents
- 9. Identify the statement which can be neither proved nor disproved.
 - a. I have head-ache
 - b. Yesterday, new York recorded 20°C at 12 noon
 - c. The gang war that broke outlast week was due to business rivalry
 - d. History of Kannada literature states that Nripatunga is the earliest poet
- 10. Identify the statement which cannot be doubted.
 - a. Sense experience provides true knowledge
 - b. It is reasonable to accept science and most unreasonable to believe any religion
 - c. I am alive
 - d. Whenever there is unrest in society, the police will be alert
- 11. If it is true that 'good governance ensures law and order' then identify the statement which has to be accepted along with the given statement.
 - a. A healthy society is governed by maximum number of laws
 - b. A strong government uses force to enforce law
 - c. An able government very effectively uses the law to promote peace and prosperity

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d. Law is indispensable for the society.

- 12. Identify the statement which cannot be accepted.
 - a. Mahabharata is an ancient epic
 - b. Many Indian languages have their origin in Sanskrit
 - c. According to the heliocentric theory, the Earth is the centre of the solar system
 - d. Indian Constitution has been amended many times
- 13. If it is true that 'religious fundamentalism is dangerous to society, which one of the following statements is also true?
 - a. Religion without reason is dangerous to the society
 - b. Belief in religions is dangerous to the society
 - c. Religious pluralism is dangerous to the society
 - d. Disrespect for other religions is dangerous to the society
- 14. Identify the argument which has to be accepted when the premiss is accepted as true.
 - a. A and B are subsets of C
 - Therefore A and B must have at least one common element.
 - b. Every man desires happiness
 - Therefore happiness is desirable.
 - c. God is not perceivable
 - Therefore God does not exist.
 - d. Nothing come out of nothing.
 - Therefore something must have existed always.
- 15. Identify the argument which cannot be accepted.
 - a. All Indians are Asians
 - All Asians are dark-coloured.
 - Therefore all dark coloured are Indians.
 - b. Amar is friend of Basava.
 - Therefore Basava is a friend of Amar.
 - c. All positive integers with 2 digits are less than 100.

 Therefore all positive integers with 2 digits are less than 100.
 - d. All spinsters are unmarried women.
 - Therefore all unmarried women are spinsters.
- 16. Till Nineties, clearly the policy of the government was guided by the philosophy of socialism. Under its influence, the government tried to exercise control in every field. But today we hear about disinvestment and privatization. Hence there is a clear shift from socialistic principles.
 - Which one of the following assertions, if true, contradicts the passage mentioned above?
 - a. That government is the best government which governs least
 - b. Only enterprise in a free society contributes to the real progress
 - c. Notwithstanding the alleged merits of laissez-faire implicit in the passage, lack of effective control by the state results in the exploitation of many by a few

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d. The state is guilty of the dereliction of duty

17. Geographical division of the Earth resulting in the socialist sovereign, nations is artificial because it is man —made just as division of society on the basis of religions, language, caste, etc., is artificial. While the so-called intellectuals raise hue and cry, about the latter, they maintain divine silence about the former. Does it not amount to double standard?

Which of the following statements, if true, is the essence of the passage mentioned above?

- a. Geographical division of the Earth is of divine origin
- b. Only division of society on the basis of religion, language etc., is man-made
- c. The consequences of geographical and sociological divisions are very different
- d. Patriotism is a barren concept
- 18. It is argued that prosperity depends upon production which means more production more consumption. However, it is not the case. Consumption should be need based. Just as intake of food in excess of digestion is pointless so also consumption of natural resources beyond requirement is pointless.

Which of the following statements, if true, contradicts the spirit of the passage?

- a. Prosperity without consumption is ideal
- b. Prosperity without consumption is shallow
- c. Prosperity is possible when natural resources are not abused
- d. To increase consumption we cannot have any alibi
- 19. It is true that agriculture is the backbone of nation's economy. But it is fallacious to argue that only agriculture should receive overriding importance. Agriculture also depends upon other sectors like generation and distribution of power, irrigation, transportation, etc. if any one sector suffers, its fall-out is more than obvious.

Which of the following assertions, if true, is the summary of the given passage?

- a. Budget allocation for all fields must be equal
- b. If adequate budget allocation in any one fiscal year for every sector is not possible, then each year one sector can be provided with adequate funds
- c. Budget allocation for each sector should be need based, either less nor more, i.e. it should be optimum
- d. Reversion to ancient method of farming is the only way out
- 20. Education is one field which is totally non-remunerative. Soi worse it is liability. But then the government is not a money-making institution. The bottom line of prosperity is primary education. Hence the government should raise resources elsewhere only to pour it on primary education. But primary education cannot be provided without higher education. So higher education stands on par with primary education.

Which of the following statements, if true, contradicts the passage above?

- a. Money should produce money which means that that which does not generate money has no place
- b. Education should raise its own resources
- c. Education should be made as economical as possible
- d. If the government cannot spread education, private enterprise should step in.

Q.No	Answer	
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9	а	
10	С	
11	С	
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1.	Which film won 'Best Film' award at 2012 Orange British Academy Film Awards, held at London's Royal Opera House? a. The Artist b. The Descendants c. Drive d. The help
2.	The movie "HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS – PART 2" won which award at the 2012 Orange British Academy Film Awards? a. Best Sound b. Best editing c. Best make up d. Best special visual effects
3.	The logo took the form of electromagnetic waves to pay tribute to German physicist Heinrich Rudolf Hertz on his 155 th birth anniversary. a. Facebook b. Google c. Myspace d. MSN
4.	Which Indian Social activist received an award for his contribution to rural development, at a function in Delhi to whom Delhi's Lt Governor's Tejinder Khanna presented Rs. 25 lakhs as prize and a citation? a. Teesta Setalvad b. Medha Patkar c. Arundati Roy d. Anna Hazare
5.	The threat from terrorism and piracy in which country are among the issues that will be discussed at a conference in London on the future of the country. Representatives from 40 countries will attend the event, aimed at devising a common approach to a country blighted by years of civil war and famine. The leaders are expected to agree money for schools, hospitals and the police. a. Somalia b. Nigeria c. Ghana d. Kenya
6.	Which state's Chief Minister has opposed National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) saying States were not consulted? a. Mamta Banerjee b. NarendraModi c. Kiran Kumar Reddy d. Jayalalitha

7.	Amid the escalating violence in Syria and a diplomatic outcry over the country's actions blocking intervention by the United Nations, President bestowed a prestigious cultural award on a Syriar writer – Ali Ukla Ursan, who has publicly applauded the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and expressed strong anti-Semitic views. Which country has awarded the writer and poet? a. USA b. UK c. Russia d. India
8.	The Green Globe Foundation Awards are presented to those individuals or companies who sustain the planet's resources and create opportunities and businesses in doing so. Which businessmar received this award from the Green Globe Foundation? a. Siddharth Mallya b. Yash Birla c. Anil Ambani d. Amit Burman
9.	Which Indian film star has been signed as Cuba's tourism ambassador?
	a. Aamir Khan
	b. Abhishek Bachchan
	c. Salman Khan
	d. John Abraham
10.	Hit by a series of corruption scandals, which country's youngest president Christian Wulff resigned
	dealing a major blow to Chancellor in a crisis being described as unprecedented in post-war?
	a. France
	b. Italy
	c. Germany
	d. Switzerland
11.	Noted Urdu poet and Jnanpith awardee who shot to fame for penning ghazals in
	Bollywood classics like 'Umrao Jaan', passed away at Aligarh.
	a. Akhlaq Mohammed Khan
	b. Danish Aligarhi
	c. ParveenShakkar
	d. Ali Mohammed
12.	The Human Resource Development Ministry's latest announcement to scrap the Joint Entrance
	Exam and the All India Engineering Entrance exam, and replace it with which exam would be a

- c. Engineering Eligibility Test
- d. Joint Entrance for Science and Engineering.

13.	Twitter was blocked in which country after the protests began happening in the capital city after people rallied together using services like Facebook and Twitter, and after seeing similar protests in Tunisia against corruption? a. Egypt b. Syria c. Morocco d. Libya
14.	Who won the Men's Singles of 2012 Australian open played at Melbourne, Victoria, Australia?
	a. Novak Djokovic
	b. Leander Paes
	c. Radek Stepanek
	d. BethanieMattek-Sands
15.	Women's Singles at 2012 Australian Open was won by which of the following players?
	a. Victoria Azarenka
	b. HoriaTecau
	c. Maria Sharapova
	d. None
16.	A latest finding by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has blown the lid on a spectrum deal between and a private company Devas Multimedia with reference to the usage of the 70 MHz S-band by the private player Devas Multimedia for a period of 20 years. a. RIL b. ISRO – arm Antrix c. Vodafone d. BHEL
	d. BHEL
17.	Which Indian bank has become the only Indian Bank in the Top 17 BRIC banks, as listed by Global finance, an international finance magazine? a. HDFC b. SBI c. ICICI d. Bank of Baroda
18.	From the following, which of the singer/musician was awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2012? a. Jagjit Singh
	b. Bhupen Hazarika
	c. Dr. Trippunithra Viswanathan Gopalkrishnan
	d. Shri. M.S. Gopalakrishnan.

- 19. Apple released a preview of the software, called Mountain Lion. It introduces several new features that move it closer to iOS, the software running in iPhones and iPads. What is Mt Lion?
 - a. Apple's OS X operating system for its Mac computers
 - b. Apple's OS X operating system for its ipad2
 - c. Apple's OS X operating system for its iphone 4
 - d. Apple's OS X operating system for its ipod shuffle
- 20. In the London 2012 Olympic Hockey qualifying tournament in New Delhi, India beat which country in the final to book a berth?
 - a. England
 - b. Canada
 - c. France
 - d. Italy
- 21. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Greater Noida Authority have chalked out a makeover plan for which bird sanctuary?
 - a. Bharatpur
 - b. Lalitpur
 - c. Surajpur
 - d. Sultanpur
- 22. Which former Australia all-rounder has announced his retirement from professional cricket? He played 26 Tests for Australia.
 - a. Ricky Ponting
 - b. Brett Lee
 - c. Andrew Symonds
 - d. Adam Gilchrist.
- 23. A bus-sized newly-discovered asteroid came extremely close to which planet coming much nearer than the Moon?
 - a. Mars
 - b. Jupiter
 - c. Venus
 - d. Earth
- 24. Which nation's government approved a ban on face-covering clothing, such as a burqa, a niqab, a forage cap, or a full face helmet?
 - a. France
 - b. Holland
 - c. Germany
 - d. Italy
- 25. A Shanghai court has rejected a request in a trademark case to stop which company selling its tablet computers in the city, averting an embarrassing suspension of sales in its own flagship stores?
 - a. Apple
 - b. Samsung
 - c. blackberry
 - d. LG

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21. c	22. c	23. d	24. b	25. a					