

UPSC IAS Prelims 2023 Full Practice Test. Set 1

1. Which country hosted the G7 summit in 2021?
 - a. Canada
 - b. Japan
 - c. Italy
 - d. United Kingdom

2. Who won the French Open men's singles tennis title in 2021?
 - a. Rafael Nadal
 - b. Novak Djokovic
 - c. Roger Federer
 - d. Stefanos Tsitsipas

3. Which Indian state recently launched the 'Mukhya Mantri Covid-19 Parivar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana' for families affected by Covid-19?
 - a. Uttar Pradesh
 - b. Maharashtra
 - c. Rajasthan
 - d. Punjab

4. Which Indian athlete won the gold medal in javelin throw at the Tokyo Olympics 2020?
 - a. Neeraj Chopra
 - b. Bajrang Punia
 - c. Mirabai Chanu
 - d. PV Sindhu

5. Which country recently became the first in the world to approve a COVID-19 vaccine for children aged 6 months to 11 years?
- a. China
 - b. Russia
 - c. United States
 - d. United Kingdom
6. Who was the first governor-general of India?
- a. Lord William Bentinck
 - b. Lord Mountbatten
 - c. Lord Canning
 - d. Warren Hastings
7. Which Indian state has the highest literacy rate?
- a. Kerala
 - b. Tamil Nadu
 - c. Maharashtra
 - d. Goa
8. Who was the founder of the Maurya dynasty?
- a. Ashoka
 - b. Chandragupta Maurya
 - c. Bindusara
 - d. Harsha

9. What is the capital city of Australia?
- a. Sydney
 - b. Melbourne
 - c. Canberra
 - d. Perth
10. Which is the largest country in Africa by land area?
- a. Egypt
 - b. Algeria
 - c. Sudan
 - d. Democratic Republic of the Congo
11. Which article of the Indian Constitution provides for the right to equality before the law?
- a. Article 14
 - b. Article 19
 - c. Article 21
 - d. Article 32
12. Which Indian state has the largest number of seats in the Lok Sabha?
- a. Maharashtra
 - b. Uttar Pradesh
 - c. West Bengal
 - d. Tamil Nadu
13. Which is the highest court in India?
- a. Supreme Court
 - b. High Court
 - c. District Court

d. Village Court

14. What is the currency of Japan?
- a. Yen
 - b. Won
 - c. Yuan
 - d. Euro
15. Which Indian state has the highest per capita income?
- a. Maharashtra
 - b. Goa
 - c. Tamil Nadu
 - d. Delhi
16. What is the full form of GST in India?
- a. Goods and Services Tax
 - b. General Sales Tax
 - c. Goods and Sales Tax
 - d. General Services Tax
17. Who is the current Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?
- a. Shaktikanta Das
 - b. Raghuram Rajan
 - c. Urjit Patel
 - d. Duvvuri Subbarao

18. Which Indian state has the highest urban population?
- a. Maharashtra
 - b. Tamil Nadu
 - c. Uttar Pradesh
 - d. West Bengal
19. Which is the largest commercial bank in India by assets?
- a. State Bank of India
 - b. HDFC Bank
 - c. ICICI Bank
 - d. Punjab National Bank
20. Who is the current Minister of Finance in India?
- a. Nirmala Sitharaman
 - b. Piyush Goyal
 - c. Arun Jaitley
 - d. Manmohan Singh
21. Which is the highest civilian award in India?
- a. Bharat Ratna
 - b. Padma Vibhushan
 - c. Padma Shri
 - d. Padma Bhushan
22. Which organization is responsible for conducting the Census of India?
- a. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - b. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 - c. Ministry of Rural Development
 - d. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

23. Which Indian state is the largest producer of coal?
- a. Odisha
 - b. Jharkhand
 - c. Chhattisgarh
 - d. Madhya Pradesh
24. Which planet is known as the Red Planet?
- a. Jupiter
 - b. Venus
 - c. Mars
 - d. Saturn
25. Which is the largest gland in the human body?
- a. Liver
 - b. Pancreas
 - c. Thyroid
 - d. Pituitary
26. Who is known as the father of the computer?
- a. Steve Jobs
 - b. Bill Gates
 - c. Charles Babbage
 - d. Tim Berners-Lee
27. Which gas makes up the largest percentage of the Earth's atmosphere?

- a. Oxygen
- b. Carbon dioxide
- c. Nitrogen
- d. Hydrogen

28. What is the full form of ISRO?

- a. Indian Space Research Organization
- b. International Space Research Organization
- c. Interstellar Space Research Organization
- d. Indian Space Rockets Organization

29. Which Indian state has the highest forest cover?

- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Karnataka
- d. Kerala

30. What is the name of the world's largest coral reef system?

- a. Great Barrier Reef
- b. Coral Triangle
- c. Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- d. Lakshadweep Islands

31. Which is the largest bird in the world?

- a. Ostrich
- b. Penguin
- c. Emu

d. Albatross

32. Which is the largest hot desert in the world?
- a. Sahara Desert
 - b. Gobi Desert
 - c. Arabian Desert
 - d. Atacama Desert
33. Which gas is responsible for the depletion of the ozone layer?
- a. Carbon dioxide
 - b. Nitrogen dioxide
 - c. Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
 - d. Methane
34. Who is the author of the book 'The God of Small Things'?
- a. Jhumpa Lahiri
 - b. Salman Rushdie
 - c. Arundhati Roy
 - d. Anita Desai
35. Which is the highest mountain peak in India?
- a. Mount Everest
 - b. Nanda Devi
 - c. Kanchenjunga
 - d. Mount K2
36. Which Indian state is known as the 'Land of the Rising Sun'?

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Sikkim
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Mizoram

37. Which Indian sportsperson won the gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics in the 10m air rifle event?

- a. Saina Nehwal
- b. Abhinav Bindra
- c. Vijender Singh
- d. Mary Kom

38. Who is the current CEO of Google?

- a. Sundar Pichai
- b. Larry Page
- c. Sergey Brin
- d. Eric Schmidt

39. Who wrote the famous novel 'To Kill a Mockingbird'?

- a. Ernest Hemingway
- b. Harper Lee
- c. J. D. Salinger
- d. F. Scott Fitzgerald

40. Who is the current President of France?

- a. Emmanuel Macron
- b. Francois Hollande
- c. Nicolas Sarkozy

d. Jacques Chirac

41. Who is the founder of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)?

- a. Mayawati
- b. Kanshi Ram
- c. Mulayam Singh Yadav
- d. Lalu Prasad Yadav

42. In which year did India become a republic?

- a. 1947
- b. 1950
- c. 1960
- d. 1970

43. Who is the current Chief Minister of West Bengal?

- a. Mamata Banerjee
- b. Buddhadeb Bhattacharya
- c. Jyoti Basu
- d. Shashi Tharoor

44. Which Indian film won the Best Picture award at the 2021 Academy Awards?

- a. The White Tiger
- b. Ludo
- c. Jallikattu
- d. Raat Akeli Hai

45. Which river is known as the "Sorrow of Bihar"?

- a. Brahmaputra

- b. Yamuna
- c. Ganga
- d. Kaveri

46. Who is the current Chief Minister of Rajasthan?

- a. Ashok Gehlot
- b. Vasundhara Raje
- c. Sachin Pilot
- d. Om Birla

47. Which Indian cricketer holds the record for the most runs scored in a single Test innings?

- a. Sunil Gavaskar
- b. Sachin Tendulkar
- c. Virender Sehwag
- d. Brian Lara

48. Who is the current President of the United States?

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Joe Biden
- c. Barack Obama
- d. George W. Bush

49. Which Indian state has the highest literacy rate?

- a. Kerala
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. Maharashtra
- d. Punjab

50. Who discovered the laws of planetary motion?
- a. Isaac Newton
 - b. Johannes Kepler
 - c. Galileo Galilei
 - d. Albert Einstein
51. Who is the current Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh?
- a. Yogi Adityanath
 - b. Akhilesh Yadav
 - c. Mayawati
 - d. Mulayam Singh Yadav
52. In which year was the first Indian general election held?
- a. 1947
 - b. 1950
 - c. 1951-52
 - d. 1960
53. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of Festivals"?
- a. Kerala
 - b. Uttar Pradesh
 - c. Rajasthan
 - d. Assam
54. Who is the author of the book 'The God of Small Things'?
- a. Arundhati Roy
 - b. Salman Rushdie
 - c. Anita Desai

d. Kiran Desai

55. Which Indian state is known as the "Spice Garden of India"?
- a. Kerala
 - b. Tamil Nadu
 - c. Karnataka
 - d. Andhra Pradesh
56. Who is the current Prime Minister of Australia?
- a. Tony Abbott
 - b. Scott Morrison
 - c. Kevin Rudd
 - d. Malcolm Turnbull
57. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Thunder Dragon"?
- a. Bhutan
 - b. Arunachal Pradesh
 - c. Sikkim
 - d. Meghalaya
58. Which Indian cricketer has scored the most number of centuries in international cricket?
- a. Sachin Tendulkar
 - b. Virat Kohli
 - c. Rohit Sharma
 - d. Ricky Ponting

59. Who is the current Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?
- a. M.K. Stalin
 - b. Edappadi K. Palaniswami
 - c. O. Panneerselvam
 - d. J. Jayalalithaa
60. Which Indian state has the highest population density?
- a. Bihar
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Maharashtra
 - d. Uttar Pradesh
61. Who is the founder of Sikhism?
- a. Guru Nanak
 - b. Guru Gobind Singh
 - c. Guru Teg Bahadur
 - d. Guru Arjan Dev
62. Who is the current Chief Minister of Punjab?
- a. Amarinder Singh
 - b. Parkash Singh Badal
 - c. Sukhbir Singh Badal
 - d. Navjot Singh Sidhu
63. Which Indian state has the longest coastline?
- a. Gujarat
 - b. Maharashtra
 - c. Kerala

d. Tamil Nadu

64. Who was the first female Chief Minister of an Indian state?
- a. Indira Gandhi
 - b. Jayalalithaa
 - c. Nandini Satpathy
 - d. Sucheta Kriplani
65. Which Indian state has the highest number of districts?
- a. Uttar Pradesh
 - b. Madhya Pradesh
 - c. Bihar
 - d. Maharashtra
66. Who was the first Indian to win an individual gold medal at the Olympic Games?
- a. Abhinav Bindra
 - b. Leander Paes
 - c. Milkha Singh
 - d. P.T. Usha
67. Which Indian state has the largest forest cover?
- a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Arunachal Pradesh
 - c. Chhattisgarh
 - d. Odisha

68. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Five Rivers"?
- a. Punjab
 - b. Haryana
 - c. Uttar Pradesh
 - d. Bihar
69. Who was the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics?
- a. C.V. Raman
 - b. S. Chandrasekhar
 - c. Hargobind Khorana
 - d. Subramanyan Chandrasekhar
70. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Red River"?
- a. Mizoram
 - b. Manipur
 - c. Arunachal Pradesh
 - d. Assam
71. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Gods"?
- a. Himachal Pradesh
 - b. Uttarakhand
 - c. Jammu and Kashmir
 - d. Arunachal Pradesh

72. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the White Elephant"?
- a. Manipur
 - b. Meghalaya
 - c. Mizoram
 - d. Nagaland
73. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Sun"?
- a. Rajasthan
 - b. Madhya Pradesh
 - c. Gujarat
 - d. Maharashtra
74. Who is the current Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh?
- a. Bhupesh Baghel
 - b. Raman Singh
 - c. Ajit Jogi
 - d. Motilal Vora
75. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Black Pagoda"?
- a. Tamil Nadu
 - b. Kerala
 - c. Odisha
 - d. West Bengal

76. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of the Dawn-Lit Mountains"?
- a. Sikkim
 - b. Arunachal Pradesh
 - c. Nagaland
 - d. Manipur
77. Which Indian state is known as the "Land of Forests"?
- a. Madhya Pradesh
 - b. Chhattisgarh
 - c. Odisha
 - d. Jharkhand
78. Who among the following was the first Indian to win the Nobel Prize in Physics?
- a. C.V. Raman
 - b. Hargobind Khorana
 - c. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar
 - d. Satyendra Nath Bose
79. Who among the following was the first Indian to win the Booker Prize?
- a. Salman Rushdie
 - b. Arundhati Roy
 - c. Kiran Desai
 - d. Jhumpa Lahiri

80. Who is the author of the book "The White Tiger"?
- a. Salman Rushdie
 - b. Arundhati Roy
 - c. Kiran Desai
 - d. Aravind Adiga
81. Who among the following was the first Indian to win the Nobel Prize in Literature?
- a. Rabindranath Tagore
 - b. V.S. Naipaul
 - c. Salman Rushdie
 - d. Arundhati Roy
82. Which of the following modern-day countries was NOT a part of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- a) India
 - b) Pakistan
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) Afghanistan
83. What was the most important crop grown by the people of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- a) Rice
 - b) Wheat
 - c) Barley
 - d) Millet

84. Which of the following animals was NOT represented in the art and iconography of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- a) Elephant
 - b) Bull
 - c) Horse
 - d) Lion
85. What was the script used by the Indus Valley Civilization called?
- a) Sanskrit
 - b) Pali
 - c) Brahmi
 - d) Indus script
86. What was the name of the largest city of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- a) Harappa
 - b) Mohenjo-daro
 - c) Lothal
 - d) Kalibangan
87. Which of the following was NOT a feature of the urban planning and architecture of the Indus Valley Civilization?
- a) Grid-like street system
 - b) Public baths
 - c) Multi-storey buildings
 - d) Pyramids

88. Who was the founder of the Bahmani Sultanate?
- a) Qutb-ud-din Aibak
 - b) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
 - c) Alauddin Khilji
 - d) Hasan Gangu Bahmani
89. Which Mughal Emperor abolished the jizya tax?
- a) Akbar
 - b) Jahangir
 - c) Shah Jahan
 - d) Aurangzeb
90. Who was the first Indian ruler to use artillery in warfare?
- a) Babur
 - b) Sher Shah Suri
 - c) Akbar
 - d) Shivaji
91. Which ruler of the Vijayanagara Empire was defeated by the combined forces of the Deccan Sultanates at the Battle of Talikota?
- a) Krishnadevaraya
 - b) Achyuta Deva Raya
 - c) Sadasiva Raya
 - d) Ramaraya

92. Which Mughal Emperor was deposed and imprisoned by his own son?
- a) Humayun
 - b) Jahangir
 - c) Shah Jahan
 - d) Aurangzeb
93. Which Maratha leader was responsible for the establishment of the Maratha Empire?
- a) Shivaji
 - b) Balaji Vishwanath
 - c) Baji Rao I
 - d) Peshwa Madhavrao
94. Which ruler of the Delhi Sultanate was known for his patronage of learning and the arts?
- a) Balban
 - b) Muhammad bin Tughlaq
 - c) Firoz Shah Tughlaq
 - d) Alauddin Khilji
95. Which Mughal Emperor imposed the jizya tax on non-Muslims?
- a) Akbar
 - b) Jahangir
 - c) Shah Jahan
 - d) Aurangzeb
96. Which Sufi saint was known as the "Saint of the Poor" and is considered the founder of the Chishti order in India?

- a) Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti
- b) Baba Farid
- c) Nizamuddin Auliya
- d) Sheikh Salim Chishti

97. Which Mughal Emperor faced a rebellion led by his own son, who was supported by the Marathas?

- a) Bahadur Shah Zafar
- b) Jahangir
- c) Aurangzeb
- d) Muhammad Shah

98. Who was the first woman to become an IAS officer in India?

- a) Kiran Bedi
- b) Anna Rajam Malhotra
- c) Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit
- d) Sucheta Kripalani

99. Which of the following ISRO missions successfully placed 104 satellites into orbit in a single launch in 2017?

- a) Mangalyaan
- b) Chandrayaan-2
- c) PSLV-C37
- d) GSLV-F08

100. What is the name of the satellite launched by ISRO in 2021 that provides high-speed internet connectivity to remote areas in India?

- a) GSAT-30
- b) GSAT-11
- c) IRNSS-1I
- d) Amazonia-1