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(1) In the last one decade, which one among the following sectors has attracted the highest foreign direct investment inflows into India?

- [A] Chemicals other than fertilizers
- [B] Services sector
- [C] Food processing
- [D] Telecommunication

Answer : [D]

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(2) The central banking functions in India are performed by the

- I. Central Bank of India
- II. Reserve Bank of India
- III. State Bank of India
- IV. Punjab National Bank

- [A] I, II
- [B] II
- [C] I
- [D] II, III

Answer : [B]

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(3) In the second nationalization of commercial banks, ___ banks were nationalized.

- [A] 4
- [B] 5
- [C] 6
- [D] 8

Answer : [C]

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(4) The condition of indirect taxes in the country's revenue is approximately

- [A] 70 percent
- [B] 75 percent
- [C] 80 percent
- [D] 86 percent

Answer : [D]

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(5) Reserve Bank of India was nationalized in the year

- [A] 1935
- [B] 1945
- [C] 1949
- [D] 1969

Answer : [C]

Explanation:

RBI established in 1935 and nationalized in 1949.

Ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reserve_Bank_of_India

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(6) Aurobindo was the author of

- [A] Discovery of India
- [B] Hindu view of life
- [C] Yogashastra
- [D] Savitri

Answer : [D]

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(7) Who is the author of famous book 'The Judgement'?

- [A] Anthony Mascarenhas
- [B] R. Vankataraman
- [C] Kuldip Nayar
- [D] Janardhan Turkur

Answer : [C]

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(8) Who is the author of the novel 'Les Miserable'?

- [A] Victor Hugo
- [B] ALium tofler
- [C] G.Wynne
- [D] Fedric

Answer : [A]

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(9) The controversial documentary 'Hell's Angel' broadcasted by Channel 4 on Independent British Television Station is based on who among the following?

- [A] Joseph Stalin
- [B] Adolf Hitler
- [C] Mother Teresa

[D] Saddam Hussein

Answer : [C]

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(10) The author of the book 'Waiting for the Mahatma' is

[A] R.K. Narayan

[B] N.A. Palkhiwala

[C] Amrita Pritam

[D] Manohar Malgonkar

Answer : [A]

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(11) This statesman, politician, scholar, inventor, and one of early presidents of USA invented the swivel chair, the spherical sundial, the moldboard plow, and the cipher wheel.

[A] George Washington

[B] Alexander Hamilton

[C] John Adams

[D] Thomas Jefferson

Answer : [D]

Explanation: Thomas Jefferson (April 13, 1743 - July 4, 1826) was the third President of the United States (1801-1809) and the principal author of the Declaration of Independence (1776).

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(12) Who invented Gramophone?

[A] Michael Faraday

[B] Fahrenheit

[C] Sir Alexander Graham Bell

[D] Thomas Alva Edison

Answer : [D]

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(13) When was the first lawn mower invented?

[A] 1830

[B] 1854

[C] 1835

[D] 1849

Answer : [A]

Explanation: The first lawn mowers were not engine powered. Invented in 1830 by Edwin Budding of England, the mowers were turning blades on wooden sticks used to cut grass. Engine powered mowers were not invented until 1919 by an American Army colonel, who used the motor from a washing machine.

(14) What did cardiologist Dr. Paul Zoll invent in Massachusetts in 1952?

- [A] EKG
- [B] Artificial heart valve
- [C] Artificial heart
- [D] Pacemaker

Answer : [D]

Explanation: The pacemaker is an electrical device that regulates the heartbeat.

(15) In the 1700s, who would pay the postage fee for letters before the stamp was invented?

- [A] The sender
- [B] There was no fee
- [C] The receiver of the letter
- [D] The post office

Answer : [C]

Explanation: Later in 1840, Rowland Hill invented the stamp, which was paid for by the sender, not the receiver.

(16) Who was the first Indian batsman to have achieved 300 runs in an innings in Tests?

- [A] Sachin Tendulkar
- [B] Sourav Ganguly
- [C] Bishen Singh Bedi
- [D] Virender Sehwag

Answer : [D]

Explanation: India's first 300 which Sehwag bought up, characteristically with a six, was at Multan against Pakistan in early 2004.

(17) What is the middle name of Ashish Nehra?

- [A] Diwansingh
- [B] Karansingh
- [C] Ramsingh
- [D] Kulwaniram

Answer : [A]

Explanation: He is a left arm pace bowler from Delhi born on 29th April 1979.

(18) 'Popping Crease' is associated with which games?

- [A] Swimming
- [B] Cricket
- [C] Water polo
- [D] Lawn Tennis

Answer : [B]

Explanation: The odd name of the popping crease refers to the early history of the game of cricket, when batsmen used to have to 'pop' their bats into a small hole that was located in the middle of the crease for a run to count. For a player to run a batsman out, he had to pop the ball into the hole before the bat was grounded in it.

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(19) The name of Geoff Bycott is associated with which of the following games?

- [A] Cricket
- [B] Golf
- [C] Swimming
- [D] Boxing

Answer : [A]

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(20) The term 'Tee' is connected with

- [A] Badminton
- [B] Golf
- [C] Bridge
- [D] Polo

Answer : [B]

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