1. In which year did the Simla Conference between India and Pakistan take place?
   (a) 1982   (b) 1972   (c) 1952   (d) 1962
2. Who is the hero of O.V. Vijayan's celebrated novel, *Khasakinte Ithihasam*?
   (a) Ravi   (b) Viju   (c) Babu   (d) Madhu
3. With which musical instrument do you associate the name of S. Balachander?
   (a) Mridangam   (b) Veena   (c) Flute   (d) Banjo
4. The recent best seller *The Da Vinci Code* was written by:
   (a) David Green   (b) Dan Brown   (c) Dennis Black   (d) Dave Orang
5. Who was the President of India during the silver jubilee celebrations of Indian Independence?
   (a) S.D. Sharma   (b) K.R. Narayanan   (c) R. Venkataraman   (d) V.V. Giri
6. For acting in which film did Ben Kingsley get the Oscar for Best Actor?
   (a) Pattom   (b) Jinnah   (c) Picasso   (d) Gandhi
7. Who painted the famous picture called *Sunflowers*?
   (a) Monet   (b) Manet   (c) Van Gogh   (d) Vermeer
8. The American playwright who wrote, *The Death of a Salesman* died recently. He was
   (a) Arthur C. Clarke   (b) Arthur Koestler   (c) Arthur Schlesinger   (d) Arthur Miller
9. Which disease is also known as Hansen’s diseases?
   (a) Chicken pox   (b) Smallpox   (c) Leprosy   (d) Mumps
10. What does a cartographer make?
    (a) Design on carts   (b) Post boxes   (c) Maps   (d) Lamps
11. Which of these is the earliest invention?
    (a) Thermometer   (b) Microphone   (c) Lighting rod   (d) Zip fastener
12. What is the condition known as ‘tachycardia’?
    (a) Swollen foot   (b) Faster heartbeat   (c) Liver enlargement   (d) Numbness
13. The element numbered 100 of the periodic table is named after:
    (a) Nobel   (b) Mendeleev   (c) Einstein   (d) Fermi
14. What was the nationality of Samuel Hahnemann, the Father of Homeopathy?
    (a) French   (b) Swedish   (c) German   (d) Dutch
15. What does a geriatrician study?
    (a) Berries   (b) Giraffes   (c) Gorillas   (d) Diseases of old age
16. Which of these vaccines is the latest?
    (a) Rabies   (b) Typhus   (c) Smallpox   (d) Polio
17. In which year did the Vietnam War end?
    (a) 1979   (b) 1971   (c) 1973   (d) 1977
18. Which Indian state has the name meaning Land of the Dawn-lit Mountains?
    (a) Assam   (b) Arunachal Pradesh   (c) Andhra Pradesh   (d) Himachal Pradesh
19. Which athlete was known as the Black Gazelle?
    (a) Jesse Owens   (b) William Rudolph   (c) Carl Lewis   (d) Florence J. Griffith
20. In which of these Olympics did India get a gold in Hockey?
21. Which country was known as Abyssinia?
   (a) Ethiopia (b) Albania (c) Sierra Leone (d) Syria

22. Which country contributes over 40% of the world’s newsprint?
   (a) Cyprus (b) Cuba (c) Chad (d) Canada

23. Of which Olympics were Olly, Syd and Millie, the mascots?
   (a) Melbourne (b) Seoul (c) Los Angeles (d) Sydney

24. Which tennis star wrote the book, From Fear to Victory?
   (a) Monica Seles (b) Ivan Lendl (c) Maria Sharapova (d) Martina Hingis

25. For which team did the cricketer Lance Gibbs, play?
   (a) South Africa (b) England (c) Zimbabwe (d) West Indies

26. Who wrote the lullaby, Omanathingal Kidavo?
   (a) Irayiimman Thampi (b) Sreekumaran Thampi (c) Vayalar Rama Varma (d) Balamaniyamma

27. The word ‘valiant’ means:
   (a) An insect (b) Fearless (c) Small (d) Silent

28. The opposite of ‘ingenious’ is:
   (a) Promising (b) Unimaginative (c) Original (d) Glorious

29. The comparative of ‘young’ is:
   (a) Youthful (b) Youngster (c) Younger (d) Youngest

30. What is the Elephas maximas?
   (a) Elephantiasis (b) Elephant (c) A Roman ruler (d) A loose garment

31. The word ‘alacrity’ means:
   (a) Eagerness (b) Loud (c) Critical (d) Pale

32. The opposite of ‘detrimental’ is:
   (a) Cheat (b) Cheap (c) Delude (d) Helpful

33. The word ‘able’ is an:
   (a) Adverb (b) Adjective (c) Article (d) Apostrophe

34. The expression ‘lingua franca’ means:
   (a) Frank dealings (b) French literature (c) Disease of the tongue (d) Link language

35. The one word substitute for one who studies rivers is:
   (a) Diluvialist (b) Speleologist (c) Potamologist (d) Orologist

36. If COMB is written as BNLA, how will BRUSH be written?
   (a) BNLAS (b) GZHQY (c) RAIHJ (d) AQTRG

37. A, B, D, G, K, — Which is the next letter?
   (a) P (b) R (c) Y (d) W

38. The expression ‘ex officio’ means:
   (a) By virtue of office (b) Former officer (c) Dismissed staff (d) Staff on deputation

39. The idiom ‘bolt from the blue’ means:
   (a) Unexpected calamity (b) A pleasant gift (c) Helping hand (d) Loud speech

40. Which word in this group does not rhyme with the other three?
   (a) Rough (b) Tough (c) Puff (d) Cough

41. If KITTEN is written as MKVVGP, how will CAT be written?
42. 2, 4, 16, 256, —. Which is the next number?
   (a) 655  (b)6553  (c) 65536  (d) 6553635

43. What is the meaning of ‘nepotism’?
   (a) Drug abuse  (b)Horticulture  (c)Favouritism  (d)Hatred

44. Which one of these is not a font used in typing?
   (a) Times New Roman  (b)Arial  (c)Bookman Old Style  (d)Multo obrigado

45. Which year of the National Calendar began in March 2005?
   (a) 1901  (b) 1891  (c) 1426  (d) 1927

46. Which one of these words means a cure for all ailments?
   (a) Pangram  (b)Sibling  (c)Panacea  (d)Sinecure

47. Which one of these words is monosyllabic?
   (a) Bureaucrat  (b)Strength  (c)Government  (d)Superintendent

48. Which is the Malayalam Era Year ending on 16th August 2005?
   (a) 1178  (b) 1169  (c) 1180  (d) 1088

49. India observes the Martyr’s Day on:
   (a) June 4th  (b)January 30th  (c)November 10th  (d)May 21st

50. Who was the famous son of Saddharta and Trisala in ancient India?
   (a) Gautama Buddha(b)Kabir  (c)Mahavir Jain  (d)Harsha

51. Who wrote Harshacharita?
   (a) Bana  (b)Kalidasa  (c)Bhavabhuthi  (d)Kalhana

52. Which one of these is not one of the five K’s in the Sikh faith?
   (a) Keeh  (b)Kara  (c)Kangha  (d)Kitab

53. Who was the Prime Minister of India from 1977 to 1979?
   (a) Charan Singh  (b)Lal Bahadur Shastri  (c)V.P. Singh  (d)Morarji Desai

54. Who invaded India in B.C. 326?
   (a) Cyrus  (b)Alexander  (c)Timur  (d)Darius

55. The ruler who built the Grand Trunk Road was:
   (a) Lord Dalhousie  (b)Sher Shah Suri  (c)Lord Curzon  (d)Allaudin Khilji

56. In which year was Gandhiji born?
   (a) 1889  (b) 1869  (c) 1859  (d) 1879

57. The book, My Truth is on the life of:
   (a) Indira Gandhi  (b)Jaya Prakash Narayan  (c)Sanjiva Reddy  (d)Zail Singh

58. Who was assassinated on 14th April 1865?
   (a) Tsar Alexander  (b)King Faisal of Saudi Arabia  (c)Abraham Lincoln  (d)John F. Kennedy

59. Where in Europe is Karl Marx buried?
   (a) London  (b)Moscow  (c)Berlin  (d)Prague

60. Which of these is an element?
   (a) Italium  (b)Canadium  (c)Bolivium  (d)Francium

61. Who discovered the neutron?
   (a) J.J. Thompson  (b)J.B. Priestly  (c)James Chadwick  (d)John Dalton
62. The first winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics is:
   (a) Einstein   (b) Roentgen   (c) Lippman   (d) Marconi

63. Who wrote the book *Paradise Lost*?
   (a) John Bunyan   (b) John Milton   (c) John Dryden   (d) John Wellesley

64. Which African country was once known as Rhodesia?
   (a) Namibia   (b) Zaire   (c) Zimbabwe   (d) Niger

65. Which of these is not a native of Australia?
   (a) Llama   (b) Echidna   (c) Platypus   (d) Kangaroo

66. What is the common name of Hibiscus rosasinensis?
   (a) Shoe Flower   (b) Lily   (c) Rose   (d) Jasmine

67. Viviparous animals:
   (a) Lay eggs   (b) Give birth to young ones   (c) Eat only meat   (d) Eat only leaves

68. The biography, *A Life in Music* is on the life of:
   (a) Muhammed Rafi   (b) M.S. Subbulekshmi   (c) Geeta Dutt   (d) Salil Chaudhary

69. Who wrote the novel *Ponni* based on the life of a Muduga girl?
   (a) Valsala   (b) Vilasini   (c) Malayatoor   (d) Muttathu Varkey

70. In which European city was the first NAM summit held in 1961?
   (a) Belgrade   (b) Budapest   (c) Bern   (d) Bucharest

71. The Ficus religiosa is the:
   (a) Tamarind tree   (b) Cashew tree   (c) Teak tree   (d) Banyan tree

72. The autobiography, *The Voice of the Heart* is by:
   (a) Swapna Sundari   (b) Yamini Krishnamoorthy   (c) Bharati Sivaji   (d) Mrinalini Sarabhai

73. The Malayalam novel *Oru Sageerthanampolay* is on the life of:
   (a) Dostoevsky   (b) Tolstoy   (c) Turgenev   (d) Chekov

74. *Devdas*, *Shrikant* and *Charitraheen* are works by:
   (a) Premchand   (b) Sarat Chandra Chatterjee   (c) Ashapoorna Devi   (d) Bankim Chandra Chatterji

75. The number of persons per square kilometre in Kerala is:
   (a) 1918   (b) 199   (c) 819   (d) 1909

76. The life expectancy of Keralities is:
   (a) 65.4   (b) 87.01   (c) 71.3   (d) 90.05

77. The film for which Balachandra Menon won the Bharath Award was:
   (a) April 18   (b) Samantharangal   (c) Sasnesham   (d) Kuruppinte Kanakkupusthakam

78. Who was the Chief Minister of Kerala during the emergency?
   (a) Pattom Thanu Pillai   (b) K. Karunakaran   (c) P.K. Vasudevan Nair   (d) C. Achutha Menon

79. The first district in Kerala to achieve total literacy was:
   (a) Pathanamthitta   (b) Ernakulam   (c) Kozhikode   (d) Kollam

80. The river which flows eastwards is:
   (a) Kabani   (b) Karamana   (c) Kallai   (d) Killi

81. Who was the first President of the Kerala Sahithya Academy?
   (a) Joseph Mundassery   (b) K.M. Panicker   (c) M.P. Paul   (d) G. Sankara Kurup

82. Who among these was not a Governor of Kerala?
83. The word ‘Nonagenarian’ means:
(a) One who is ageless 
(b) A vegetarian 
(c) A disagreeable person 
(d) One who is over 90

84. Which of these is the apt form of address for a Mayor?
(a) Reverend 
(b) Eminence 
(c) Worshipful 
(d) Beatitude

85. She was unwilling to accept the nomination. Choose the right question tag.
(a) Is it? 
(b) Isn’t 
(c) Wasn’t she? 
(d) I see

86. Which one of these is a correct sentence?
(a) Why you is silent? 
(b) Where do you hails from? 
(c) When will the trains arrive? 
(d) How has you entered the hall without a ticket?

87. Which number does the word ‘score’ represent?
(a) 25 
(b) 20 
(c) 40 
(d) 50

88. Which of these spellings is wrong?
(a) Accommodation 
(b) Occasion 
(c) Grammar 
(d) Assessment

89. Which of these is an incorrect plural form?
(a) Informations 
(b) Geese 
(c) Indices 
(d) Sisters-in-Law

90. Which one of these is an incorrect sentence?
(a) Queen of the England is the Elizabeth II 
(b) The new Pope is from Germany 
(c) King Faisal ruled over Saudi Arabia 
(d) King Gyanendra rules over Nepal

91. Which one of these numbers is wrongly spelt?
(a) Eighty-seven 
(b) Forty-three 
(c) Seventy-nine 
(d) Ninety-four

92. \(25 \times 25 \times 25 =\)
(a) 15600 
(b) 15486 
(c) 16251 
(d) 15625

93. If ‘n’ divided by ‘n’ equals ‘n’ squared, what is the value of ‘n’?
(a) 100 
(b) 1 
(c) 10 
(d) 1000

94. Which of these is a prime number?
(a) 18 
(b) 19 
(c) 21 
(d) 33

95. Which of these words will come first in the dictionary?
(a) Menial 
(b) Menagerie 
(c) Meningitis 
(d) Mendicant

96. Which of these words is a synonym of ‘sad’?
(a) Melancholy 
(b) Mellifluous 
(c) Meningitis 
(d) Mendicant

97. If \(n + n + n - 1 = 98\). What will be the value of \(n\) squared?
(a) 1000 
(b) 1031 
(c) 1010 
(d) 1089

98. Which of these is a leap year?
(a) 1774 
(b) 1886 
(c) 1922 
(d) 2028

99. What is the cube root of 1728?
(a) 17 
(b) 21 
(c) 15 
(d) 12

100. Which of these word will come last in a dictionary?
(a) Vestments 
(b) Verisimilitude 
(c) Vestibules 
(d) Vermillion
Answers

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (d)
7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (c) 11. (a) 12. (b)
13. (d) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (c) 18. (b)
19. (b) 20. (a) 21. (a) 22. (d) 23. (d) 24. (a)
25. (d) 26. (a) 27. (b) 28. (b) 29. (c) 30. (b)
31. (a) 32. (d) 33. (b) 34. (d) 35. (c) 36. (d)
37. (a) 38. (a) 39. (a) 40. (d) 41. (b) 42. (c)
43. (c) 44. (d) 45. (d) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (c)
49. (b) 50. (c) 51. (a) 52. (d) 53. (d) 54. (b)
55. (b) 56. (b) 57. (a) 58. (c) 59. (a) 60. (d)
61. (c) 62. (b) 63. (b) 64. (c) 65. (a) 66. (a)
67. (b) 68. (b) 69. (c) 70. (a) 71. (d) 72. (d)
73 (a) 74. (b) 75. (c) 76. (c) 77. (b) 78. (d)
79. (b) 80. (a) 81. (b) 82. (d) 83. (d) 84. (c)
85. (c) 86. (c) 87. (b) 88. (b) 89. (a) 90. (a)
91. (b) 92. (d) 93. (b) 94. (b) 95. (b) 96. (a)
97. (d) 98. (d) 99. (d) 100. (a)

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