

YASASVI General Awareness

Sample Paper – 3

Duration: 38 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions

- This paper contains **25** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct Answer), modelled on the General Awareness portion of the **YASASVI** entrance test.
- Each correct answer carries **+4 marks**. There is **no negative marking** for incorrect or unattempted answers.
- Only **one** option is correct. Choose carefully.
- Syllabus level: **Class 8–9 level — current affairs (national), Indian history, polity and constitution, Indian geography, sports and awards, science and technology, economy and government schemes, books/culture, and computer basics.**
- Use of mobile phones, calculators, or electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Q1. PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on 17 September 2023 to provide support to traditional artisans and craftspeople. Which date (also PM Modi's birthday) marked the launch of this scheme?

- (A) 14 September
- (B) 26 January
- (C) 17 September
- (D) 15 August

Q2. The Third Battle of Panipat was fought in 1761 between the Marathas and the Afghan ruler Ahmad Shah Durrani (Abdali). What was the outcome of this battle?

- (A) The Marathas won and established control over Delhi



- (B) The battle was inconclusive
- (C) The Marathas defeated Abdali and expanded their empire northward
- (D) The Marathas suffered a decisive defeat, which weakened their empire significantly

Q3. The Prime Minister of India is the head of government. Under the Indian Constitution, who appoints the Prime Minister of India?

- (A) The President of India
- (B) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
- (C) The Election Commission of India
- (D) The Chief Justice of India

Q4. The Indo-Gangetic Plain is one of the world's most fertile agricultural regions. Which of the following rivers does NOT form part of the Indo-Gangetic river system?

- (A) Yamuna
- (B) Mahanadi
- (C) Ghaghara
- (D) Son

Q5. India achieved its best-ever performance at the Asian Games 2023 held in Hangzhou, China. How many gold medals did India win at the 2023 Asian Games?

- (A) 12
- (B) 16
- (C) 28
- (D) 22

Q6. India's first supercomputer was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). What was the name of India's first indigenously developed supercomputer?



- (A) SHAKTI
- (B) ANUPAM
- (C) PRATYUSH
- (D) PARAM

Q7. The Government of India constituted a high-level committee in 2023 to examine the feasibility of 'One Nation, One Election'. Who headed this committee?

- (A) Former President Ram Nath Kovind
- (B) Former PM Manmohan Singh
- (C) The Vice President of India
- (D) The Election Commissioner of India

Q8. The Indian National Congress (INC) was founded in 1885 and became the principal organization of the freedom movement. Who is credited as the founder of the Indian National Congress?

- (A) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (B) Allan Octavian Hume
- (C) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (D) Gopal Krishna Gokhale

Q9. The Startup India initiative was launched to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups. In which year was Startup India launched?

- (A) 2013
- (B) 2015
- (C) 2016
- (D) 2018



- Q10.** The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (1992) gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj institutions. Which of the following is a key provision of the 73rd Amendment?
- (A) Reservation of 50% seats for women in state assemblies
 - (B) Abolition of the zamindari system
 - (C) Mandatory elections to Parliament every 4 years
 - (D) Reservation of one-third seats for women in Panchayati Raj institutions
- Q11.** Kangchenjunga is the highest mountain peak entirely within India. It is located on the border between India and Nepal. In which state of India is Kangchenjunga located?
- (A) Sikkim
 - (B) Himachal Pradesh
 - (C) Uttarakhand
 - (D) Arunachal Pradesh
- Q12.** The International Booker Prize and the Booker Prize are among the world's most prestigious literary awards. Which book won the Booker Prize 2023?
- (A) *The Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro
 - (B) *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch
 - (C) *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders
 - (D) *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo
- Q13.** The 28th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change was held in late 2023. Which country hosted COP28?
- (A) Egypt
 - (B) Germany



- (C) United Arab Emirates
- (D) United Kingdom

- Q14.** The Dronacharya Award is given to outstanding coaches in sports and games in India. After whom is this award named?
- (A) A legendary Indian cricket coach
 - (B) A famous field hockey coach
 - (C) A renowned wrestling trainer from ancient India
 - (D) The legendary teacher Dronacharya from the Mahabharata, who trained the Pandavas
- Q15.** Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj founded the Maratha Empire and is remembered as a great warrior king. He introduced a new system of governance and a navy. In which year did Shivaji perform his coronation (Rajyabhishek)?
- (A) 1674
 - (B) 1680
 - (C) 1664
 - (D) 1707
- Q16.** An internet browser is software used to access and navigate websites on the World Wide Web. Which of the following is an example of a web browser?
- (A) Microsoft Word
 - (B) Google Chrome
 - (C) Adobe Photoshop
 - (D) VLC Media Player
- Q17.** India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has grown to become one of the world's largest real-time payment systems. Which organisation manages UPI in India?



- (A) Reserve Bank of India
- (B) Ministry of Finance
- (C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- (D) State Bank of India

Q18. Article 352 of the Indian Constitution deals with the proclamation of National Emergency. Under which circumstances can a National Emergency be declared under Article 352?

- (A) War, external aggression, or armed rebellion
- (B) Financial instability of the central government
- (C) Failure of constitutional machinery in a state only
- (D) Death of the sitting Prime Minister

Q19. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 replaced the previous National Education Policy of 1986. Which of the following is a major change introduced by NEP 2020?

- (A) Making Sanskrit the medium of instruction in all schools
- (B) Replacing the 10+2 system with a 5+3+3+4 curricular structure
- (C) Abolishing private schools in India
- (D) Making board exams compulsory from Class 5 onwards

Q20. The Sundarbans is the world's largest mangrove forest and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In which two countries is the Sundarbans delta located?

- (A) India and Sri Lanka
- (B) India and Myanmar
- (C) India and Bangladesh
- (D) India and Nepal



- Q21.** Sachin Tendulkar is widely regarded as one of the greatest cricketers of all time. Which of the following batting records does Sachin Tendulkar uniquely hold in international cricket?
- (A) Most wickets in Test cricket
 - (B) Highest individual score in a Test innings
 - (C) Most runs in a single Test series
 - (D) Most runs in international cricket (both Tests and ODIs combined)
- Q22.** The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are premier engineering and technology institutions in India. Which is the oldest IIT in India?
- (A) IIT Bombay
 - (B) IIT Delhi
 - (C) IIT Kharagpur
 - (D) IIT Madras
- Q23.** India–Canada relations became severely strained in September 2023 after the Canadian Prime Minister made an allegation about India’s alleged involvement in the killing of which Sikh separatist leader in Canada?
- (A) Gurpatwant Singh Pannun
 - (B) Hardeep Singh Nijjar
 - (C) Sukhdool Singh Gill
 - (D) Bhagat Singh Brar
- Q24.** The Partition of Bengal in 1905 was announced by the British Viceroy Lord Curzon. The partition was primarily intended to divide the Bengali population along religious lines. The partition was eventually annulled in:
- (A) 1911
 - (B) 1915
 - (C) 1920



(D) 1919

Q25. The Constitution of India deals with citizenship in Part II (Articles 5–11). According to the Constitution, citizenship of India can be acquired by:

- (A) Birth only
- (B) Descent only
- (C) Registration only
- (D) Birth, descent, registration, naturalisation, and incorporation of territory



Solutions

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Q1.

Solution

Answer: (C)

PM Vishwakarma Scheme was launched on **17 September 2023** — which is also Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The scheme provides financial assistance, skill training, and market linkages to traditional artisans and craftspeople (Vishwakarmas) across India. Option (C) is correct.

Q2.

Solution

Answer: (D)

The **Third Battle of Panipat (14 January 1761)** was a catastrophic defeat for the Maratha Confederacy. Ahmad Shah Durrani's Afghan forces routed the Marathas, killing key commanders including Vishwasrao and Sadashivrao Bhau. This **decisive defeat** severely weakened Maratha power and halted their expansion northward. Option (D) is correct.

Q3.

Solution

Answer: (A)

Under **Article 75** of the Indian Constitution, the Prime Minister is appointed by the **President of India**. By convention, the President appoints the leader of the majority party (or coalition) in the Lok Sabha as Prime Minister. Option (A) is correct.

Q4.

Solution

Answer: (B)

The **Mahanadi** rises in Chhattisgarh and flows through Odisha to drain into the Bay of Bengal — it is **not** part of the Gangetic system. Yamuna, Ghaghara, and Son are all tributaries that eventually join the Ganga. Option (B) is correct.

Q5.



Solution**Answer: (C)**

At the **Asian Games 2023** held in Hangzhou, China, India won **28 gold medals** along with 38 silver and 41 bronze medals (total 107 medals) — India's best-ever performance in the history of the Asian Games. Option (C) is correct.

Q6.

Solution**Answer: (D)**

PARAM 8000 was India's first indigenously developed supercomputer, built by C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) in **1991**. It was created after the USA refused to sell Cray supercomputers to India. Option (D) is correct.

Q7.

Solution**Answer: (A)**

The Government of India constituted a high-level committee on '**One Nation, One Election**' under the chairmanship of **former President Ram Nath Kovind** in September 2023. The committee submitted its report recommending simultaneous elections in 2024. Option (A) is correct.

Q8.

Solution**Answer: (B)**

The **Indian National Congress** was founded on **28 December 1885** in Bombay. **Allan Octavian Hume**, a retired British Indian Civil Service officer, is credited as its founder. He organized the first session with the support of Dadabhai Naoroji and Dinshaw Wacha. Option (B) is correct.

Q9.

Solution**Answer: (C)**

Startup India was officially launched on **16 January 2016** by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The initiative aims to promote entrepreneurship, simplify regulations, and build a robust startup ecosystem in India. Option (C) is correct.



Q10.

Solution**Answer: (D)**

The **73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992** gave constitutional status to Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs). A key provision is the **reservation of not less than one-third of seats for women** in Panchayati Raj bodies at all three levels (gram panchayat, panchayat samiti, and zila parishad). Option (D) is correct.

Q11.

Solution**Answer: (A)**

Kangchenjunga (8,586 m), the world's third-highest peak, lies on the border between the Indian state of **Sikkim** and eastern Nepal. It is the highest mountain peak in India and is sacred to the people of Sikkim. Option (A) is correct.

Q12.

Solution**Answer: (B)**

Prophet Song by Irish author **Paul Lynch** won the **Booker Prize 2023**. The novel is a dystopian story set in Ireland under a fascist government. The other options — *The Remains of the Day*, *Lincoln in the Bardo*, and *Girl, Woman, Other* — won in earlier years. Option (B) is correct.

Q13.

Solution**Answer: (C)**

COP28 (28th UN Climate Change Conference) was held from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. It was presided over by Sultan Al Jaber and saw a landmark agreement to transition away from fossil fuels. Option (C) is correct.

Q14.

Solution**Answer: (D)**

The **Dronacharya Award**, instituted in 1985, is named after **Guru Dronacharya**



from the epic *Mahabharata* — the legendary teacher (Acharya) who trained the Pandavas and Kauravas in archery and warfare. It honours outstanding coaches who have produced medal-winning sportspersons at international events. Option (D) is correct.

Q15.

Solution**Answer: (A)**

Chhatrapati **Shivaji Maharaj** was crowned at **Raigad Fort** on **6 June 1674** in an elaborate coronation ceremony (Rajyabhishek) performed by the scholar Gaga Bhatt. This established the sovereign Maratha kingdom. He died in 1680, not in 1674. Option (A) is correct.

Q16.

Solution**Answer: (B)**

A **web browser** is software that retrieves and displays web pages. **Google Chrome** (developed by Google) is a web browser. Microsoft Word is a word processor, Adobe Photoshop is an image editing application, and VLC Media Player is a multimedia player — none of these are web browsers. Option (B) is correct.

Q17.

Solution**Answer: (C)**

The **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** is operated and managed by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, a not-for-profit organisation set up by the Reserve Bank of India and the Indian Banks' Association. NPCI launched UPI in April 2016 in partnership with participating banks. Option (C) is correct.

Q18.

Solution**Answer: (A)**

Article 352 of the Indian Constitution empowers the President to proclaim a **National Emergency** if the security of India or any part thereof is threatened by war, external aggression, or armed rebellion (the word “internal disturbance”



was replaced by “armed rebellion” by the 44th Amendment, 1978). Option (A) is correct.

Q19.

Solution

Answer: (B)

The **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** introduced a new **5+3+3+4** curricular and pedagogical structure replacing the earlier 10+2 system: Foundational (5 years), Preparatory (3 years), Middle (3 years), and Secondary (4 years). This restructuring aligns schooling with the developmental stages of children. Option (B) is correct.

Q20.

Solution

Answer: (C)

The **Sundarbans** delta spans across **India** (West Bengal) and **Bangladesh**. It is the world's largest tidal mangrove forest, covering approximately 10,000 sq km, and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the Royal Bengal Tiger. Option (C) is correct.

Q21.

Solution

Answer: (D)

Sachin Tendulkar holds the record for the **most runs in international cricket** across all formats combined (Tests + ODIs), with 34,357 international runs. He also holds records for most Test centuries (51) and most ODI centuries (49). The most wickets in Test cricket is held by Muttiah Muralitharan. Option (D) is correct.

Q22.

Solution

Answer: (C)

IIT Kharagpur is the oldest Indian Institute of Technology, established in **1951** (inaugurated on 18 August 1951). It was set up on the site of the Hijli Detention Camp in West Bengal. IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, and IIT Delhi were all established later in the 1950s. Option (C) is correct.



Q23.

Solution**Answer: (B)**

In September 2023, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau alleged that Indian government agents were involved in the killing of **Hardeep Singh Nijjar** (18 June 2023) in Surrey, British Columbia. Nijjar was a Sikh separatist leader designated a terrorist by India. This triggered a major diplomatic row between India and Canada. Option (B) is correct.

Q24.

Solution**Answer: (A)**

The **Partition of Bengal (1905)**, announced by Viceroy Lord Curzon, divided Bengal into East Bengal (Muslim majority) and West Bengal (Hindu majority). It sparked the **Swadeshi Movement**. The partition was **annulled in 1911** at the Delhi Durbar (Coronation Durbar) of King George V, following massive public protests. Option (A) is correct.

Q25.

Solution**Answer: (D)**

Part II (Articles 5–11) of the Indian Constitution deals with citizenship. The **Citizenship Act, 1955** (enacted under Article 11) specifies that Indian citizenship can be acquired by: **birth, descent, registration, naturalisation, and incorporation of territory**. No single method alone covers all cases. Option (D) is correct.



Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
Q1	C	Q2	D	Q3	A	Q4	B	Q5	C
Q6	D	Q7	A	Q8	B	Q9	C	Q10	D
Q11	A	Q12	B	Q13	C	Q14	D	Q15	A
Q16	B	Q17	C	Q18	A	Q19	B	Q20	C
Q21	D	Q22	C	Q23	B	Q24	A	Q25	D

