

1. The purchase of this territory from Russia by the USA for a few cents per acre was known as 'Seward's Folly' after the man who negotiated it. It later turned out to be a very mineral-rich territory. Which territory are we talking about?
 - (A) Alaska
 - (B) Hawaii
 - (C) California
 - (D) Florida
2. What is the term used for a deliberate downward adjustment to the value of a country's currency, relative to another currency, group of currencies or standard?
 - (A) Devaluation
 - (B) Withdrawal
 - (C) Demonetisation
 - (D) Destabilisation
3. Which of the following countries are connected by Mont Blanc tunnel?
 - (A) India and China
 - (B) Italy and Germany
 - (C) France and Italy
 - (D) None of these
4. The French Revolution resulted in the storming of the Bastille and subsequently the overthrow of the French Monarchy. In which year did the storming of the Bastille occur?
 - (A) 1776
 - (B) 1779
 - (C) 1792
 - (D) 1789
5. The United Nations has a number of special agencies each of which has a specific agenda. Which of these UN organizations deals with human rights related issues?
 - (A) UNESCO
 - (B) UNDP
 - (C) UNICEF
 - (D) UNHRC
6. These sarees from Patan, Gujarat, are made using fine silk yarns. They are traditionally woven by the salvi community, and involve a complex form of weaving. What is the name of these sarees?
 - (A) Jamdani
 - (B) Kanjeevaram
 - (C) Patola
 - (D) Pochampally
7. In 2015 UK celebrated 800 years of the signing of the Magna Carta. This historic document took away the absolute powers of the king and gave more powers to the Barons. Who was the English king who signed it?
 - (A) Richard I
 - (B) John
 - (C) Henry VIII
 - (D) Edward III

8. In early 18th century United States, there was a movement to resettle free-born blacks and freed slaves in Africa. These newly freed black people established a new country on the West coast of Africa with political principles based on the United States Constitution. Name the country.

- (A) Senegal
- (B) Guinea-Bissau
- (C) Liberia
- (D) Ivory Coast

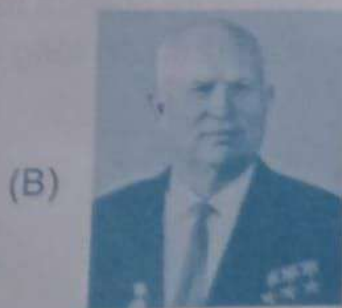
9. Apart from the Khajuraho temples and the Sanchi stupa, this site in Madhya Pradesh has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is famous for its pre-historic cave paintings. Name the place.

- (A) Ajanta
- (B) Ellora
- (C) Sigiriya
- (D) Bhimbetka

10. The Russian Revolution was a pair of revolutions in Russia in 1917, which dismantled the Tsarist autocracy. Who led the majority party, the Bolsheviks?



Joseph Stalin



Nikita Khrushchev

(C)



Mikhail Gorbachev

(D)



Vladimir Lenin

11. She was an outlaw-turned-politician who was assassinated by Sher Singh Rana for her role in the Behmai massacre. Who was she?

- (A) Sarala Jatav
- (B) Putli Bai
- (C) Phoolan Devi
- (D) Seema Parihar

12. The very mention of the Middle-east brings desert landscapes with sand dunes to mind. But there is one country in this region that does not have any deserts in it. Name that country.

- (A) Syria
- (B) Jordan
- (C) Lebanon
- (D) Saudi Arabia

13. The United Nations General Assembly appoints the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the recommendation of

- (A) Secretariate
- (B) World bank
- (C) Security council
- (D) All of these.

14. The empire began as an alliance of three warring Nahua city-states: Mexico-Tenochtitlan, Texcoco, and Tlacopan. These three city-states ruled the area in and around the Valley of Mexico from 1428 until they were defeated by the Spanish conquistadores under Hernán Cortés in 1521. Which empire are we talking about?

- (A) Inca
- (B) Aztec
- (C) Maya
- (D) Byzantine

15. She was the last active pharaoh of Ptolemaic Egypt. She and her husband Mark Antony took their lives in 30 B.C. after Octavian's forces defeated them in the Battle of Actium. Who was she?



(A)

Hatshepsut



(B)

Zenobia



(C)

Nefertiti

(D)



Cleopatra

16. Due to the outbreak of which virus did the World Health Organisation (WHO) declare a Public Health Emergency of International Concern in February 2016? This virus is transmitted through the *Aedes* mosquito and was first identified in Uganda.

- (A) HIV
- (B) Ebola
- (C) Zika
- (D) Chikungunya

17. Read the given statements and select the correct option.

Statement - 1 : Unlike Money Bill, Financial Bill of category A can be introduced in either House of Parliament.

Statement - 2 : Recommendation of President is not required before introducing this bill.

- (A) Statement 1 is correct but statement 2 is incorrect.
- (B) Statement 1 is incorrect but statement 2 is correct.
- (C) Both statements 1 and 2 are correct.
- (D) Both statements 1 and 2 are incorrect.

18. Pacific Alliance is a trade bloc, with some features of further integration. It currently has four member states. Which of the following is not a member of Pacific Alliance?

- (A) Chile
- (B) Peru
- (C) Colombia
- (D) Brazil.