

Question 1: Which country has the longest coastline in the world?

- a) Australia
- b) Canada
- c) United States
- d) India

Question 2: The Arctic Council primarily focuses on cooperation among Arctic states on environmental and indigenous issues. Which of the following is a member-state of the Arctic Council?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) Brazil
- d) South Africa

Question 3: A country plans to diversify exports from single commodity dependence. Which approach most strengthens resilience?

- a) Invest in multiple sectors, add value locally, and expand market access (diversify exports)
- b) Focus solely on increasing extraction of the same commodity
- c) Ban exports entirely
- d) Reduce domestic skills training

Question 4: Which ancient civilization built the city of Machu Picchu?

- a) Maya
- b) Inca
- c) Aztec
- d) Olmec

Question 5: The term “soft power” in international relations refers to:

- a) Military force projection
- b) Attraction and persuasion through culture, values, and institutions
- c) Economic sanctions only
- d) Diplomatic isolation

Question 6: Which cultural practice is an example of intangible cultural heritage (as defined by UNESCO)?

- a) A city’s skyscraper height
- b) A traditional folk dance performed in a community festival
- c) The surface area of a national park
- d) A government budget law

Question 7: Which planet in our solar system has the largest mean radius?

- a) Saturn
- b) Jupiter
- c) Neptune
- d) Earth

Question 8: Which African country is entirely landlocked by another country?

- a) Lesotho
- b) Burundi
- c) Uganda
- d) Rwanda

Question 9: The Congress of Vienna (1814–1815) is best known for:

- a) Establishing the League of Nations after WWI
- b) Redrawing the political map of Europe after the Napoleonic Wars to restore stability
- c) Launching the Industrial Revolution
- d) Starting the Cold War

Question 10: Which satellite is primarily used to provide global positioning and navigation services?

- a) Hubble Space Telescope
- b) GPS/GNSS satellite constellation
- c) Weather reconnaissance satellite only
- d) Lunar orbiter

Question 11: Who is widely credited with proposing the theory of evolution by natural selection?

- a) Isaac Newton
- b) Charles Darwin
- c) Gregor Mendel
- d) Louis Pasteur

Question 12: A multinational summit issues a joint statement on climate adaptation finance but offers no concrete funds. Which critical question should a journalist ask to evaluate the statement?

- a) What concrete funding, timelines, and monitoring mechanisms are being committed?
- b) Who designed the summit logo?
- c) Whether attendees enjoyed the catering
- d) The colour of the conference hall curtains

Question 13: Which capital city — commonly cited as the administrative seat of government and one of the highest capital cities in the world by elevation — is located in Bolivia?

- a) Quito
- b) La Paz
- c) Thimphu
- d) Addis Ababa

Question 14: In historical contexts, what was the primary purpose of ancient trade routes like the Silk Road?

- a) Only cultural exchange with no goods traded
- b) Facilitating long-distance exchange of goods, ideas, and technologies between regions
- c) A modern high-speed rail network
- d) Exclusive military supply lines only

Question 15: Which policy best supports preservation of minority languages?

- a) Encourage bilingual education and documentation of the language
- b) Forbid children from learning minority languages at school
- c) Replace minority languages with one global language immediately
- d) Destroy historical records

Question 16: What does the term “light-year” measure?

- a) Time taken for light to travel around Earth
- b) Distance light travels in one year
- c) The age of a star in years
- d) The brightness of a star

Question 17: Which of the following countries is both a member of the G7 and has a seat on the UN Security Council as a permanent member?

- a) Japan
- b) France
- c) Germany
- d) Italy

Question 18: A country discovers a previously unknown archaeological site. Which immediate action best balances research and heritage protection?

- a) Document the site, secure it from looting, and conduct careful scientific excavation with community involvement
- b) Allow unrestricted public access immediately to boost tourism
- c) Sell artifacts to private collectors to raise funds
- d) Pave over the site for construction

Question 19: Which river is conventionally cited by most traditional sources as the longest river in the world?

- a) Nile
- b) Amazon
- c) Yangtze
- d) Mississippi

Question 20: Which historical figure led the movement for Indian independence through nonviolent civil disobedience?

- a) Subhas Chandra Bose
- b) Mohandas K. Gandhi
- c) B. R. Ambedkar
- d) Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Question 21: Which agency launched the Voyager probes in the late 1970s to explore outer planets and then interstellar space?

- a) European Space Agency (ESA)
- b) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- c) Roscosmos
- d) ISRO

Question 22: What is a “sanctions” policy in international relations designed to do?

- a) To restrict or penalize a country’s economy or actors to influence behaviour or punish violations of norms
- b) To increase currency printing indefinitely
- c) To ban all trade forever
- d) To provide unconditional aid with no conditions

Question 23: A coastal megacity faces sea-level rise and subsidence. Which combined adaptation measure is most appropriate?

- a) Hard seawalls only, without ecosystem restoration or planning
- b) Integrate managed retreat in hotspots, build resilient infrastructure, and restore coastal wetlands to buffer storm surge
- c) Relocate entire population at once with no planning
- d) Do nothing and wait

Question 24: Who is considered the founding figure of psychoanalysis?

- a) Carl Jung
- b) Sigmund Freud
- c) Ivan Pavlov
- d) Jean Piaget

Question 25: What is “intangible cultural heritage”?

- a) Physical monuments and buildings only
- b) Practices, expressions, knowledge and skills (e.g., oral traditions, performing arts) transmitted within a community
- c) Only ancient coins and artifacts
- d) Economic policies

Question 26: Which object is classified as a dwarf planet in our solar system?

- a) Earth
- b) Pluto
- c) Jupiter
- d) Venus

Question 27: Which element has the chemical symbol “Fe”?

- a) Fluorine
- b) Iron
- c) Fermium
- d) Francium

Question 28: The Treaty of Versailles (1919) is associated primarily with which major consequence?

- a) It concluded the Napoleonic Wars
- b) It imposed terms on Germany following World War I and reshaped postwar Europe
- c) It created the United Nations in 1945
- d) It began the Renaissance

Question 29: Which country is the largest by land area?

- a) Russia
- b) Canada
- c) China
- d) United States

Question 30: What is “multilateralism”?

- a) Cooperation among three or more countries through institutions or agreements to address common issues
- b) Isolation of a single country from all others
- c) A bilateral trade agreement only
- d) Military conquest

Question 31: A spacecraft performs a gravity assist (slingshot) maneuver. What purpose does this serve?

- a) Increase or change spacecraft velocity without using extra fuel by using a planet’s gravity
- b) To cause the spacecraft to stop moving entirely
- c) To change the spacecraft into a submarine
- d) To decrease science instrumentation on board

Question 32: Who wrote the play “Hamlet”?

- a) Christopher Marlowe
- b) William Shakespeare
- c) Ben Jonson
- d) John Webster

Question 33: Which African capital city lies on two continents (partially in Africa and partially in Asia) via metropolitan area across a strait?

- a) Cairo
- b) Istanbul
- c) Rabat
- d) Lagos

Question 34: Which approach best reduces cultural appropriation concerns when using traditional motifs in commercial design?

- a) Engage with source communities, obtain consent, and share benefits transparently
- b) Use motifs freely without attribution
- c) Hide origins to avoid responsibility
- d) Ignore traditions completely

Question 35: Which law describes that objects in motion stay in motion unless acted upon by an external force (inertia)?

- a) Newton's First Law of Motion
- b) Kepler's Third Law
- c) Boyle's Law
- d) Hubble's Law

Question 36: What is the primary purpose of the International Criminal Court (ICC)?

- a) To adjudicate disputes between corporations only
- b) To prosecute individuals for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity when national courts cannot or will not act
- c) To legislate domestic law for countries
- d) To run global trade negotiations

Question 37: What is the capital of Australia?

- a) Sydney
- b) Melbourne
- c) Canberra
- d) Perth

Question 38: Which revolution began in 1917 and led to the creation of the Soviet Union?

- a) French Revolution
- b) Russian Revolution
- c) Chinese Revolution
- d) American Revolution

Question 39: What is the SI base unit of electric current?

- a) Volt
- b) Ampere
- c) Ohm
- d) Watt

Question 40: A landlocked country wants better access to global markets. Which strategy most reliably improves trade access?

- a) Negotiate transit agreements with neighbouring coastal states and invest in efficient overland logistics and regional trade facilitation
- b) Build more inland warehouses with no transport links
- c) Ban exports completely
- d) Only rely on air mail for all cargo

Question 41: Which telescope has provided deep-field images of distant galaxies?

- a) Hubble Space Telescope
- b) A weather satellite
- c) A GPS satellite
- d) A communications satellite

Question 42: Who is known for pioneering the theory of relativity?

- a) Nikola Tesla
- b) Albert Einstein
- c) Thomas Edison
- d) Galileo Galilei

Question 43: Which festival is widely celebrated in many parts of India as a harvest festival, marking the sun's transition?

- a) Diwali
- b) Makar Sankranti
- c) Holi
- d) Navratri

Question 44: What is “digital diplomacy”?

- a) The use of digital tools and social media by states and diplomats to conduct public diplomacy and international engagement
- b) Printing books for embassies only
- c) Replacing embassies with robots only
- d) Banning the internet for diplomats

Question 45: Which North American river forms much of the border between the United States and Mexico?

- a) Colorado River
- b) Rio Grande (Río Bravo)
- c) Mississippi River
- d) St. Lawrence River

Question 46: The Marshall Plan (post-WWII) primarily aimed to:

- a) Rebuild and economically stabilize war-torn European countries to prevent economic collapse and political instability
- b) Establish a global empire
- c) Create the Euro currency immediately in 1947
- d) Start the Cold War intentionally

Question 47: Which term describes the boundary beyond which nothing, not even light, can escape from a black hole?

- a) Event horizon
- b) Exosphere
- c) Magnetosphere
- d) Photosphere

Question 48: Which invention is Alexander Graham Bell credited with?

- a) Electric light bulb
- b) Telephone
- c) Steam engine
- d) Printing press

Question 49: Which country contains the majority of the island of Borneo?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Philippines
- c) Vietnam
- d) Malaysia

Question 50: What is the purpose of a central bank in most countries?

- a) To issue currency, manage monetary policy, and act as lender of last resort to the banking system
- b) To run private businesses
- c) To print money without oversight for politicians
- d) To manage only cultural events

Question 51: Who led the March on Washington in 1963 where the “I Have a Dream” speech was delivered?

- a) Martin Luther King Jr.
- b) Malcolm X
- c) Rosa Parks
- d) Frederick Douglass

Question 52: Which planet is known for its prominent ring system visible from telescopes?

- a) Mars
- b) Saturn
- c) Mercury
- d) Venus

Question 53: Which policy practice helps preserve cultural heritage while promoting tourism responsibly?

- a) Develop community-led tourism with cultural safeguards and benefit-sharing agreements
- b) Allow uncontrolled mass tourism in sacred sites
- c) Ban all visitors permanently
- d) Commercialize artifacts without permission

Question 54: Which Asian country is an archipelago of thousands of islands and has Jakarta as its capital?

- a) Philippines
- b) Indonesia
- c) Malaysia
- d) Brunei

Question 55: The Industrial Revolution began in which country in the late 18th century?

- a) France
- b) United Kingdom
- c) United States
- d) Japan

Question 56: Which language family does Hindi belong to?

- a) Romance
- b) Indo-Aryan
- c) Sino-Tibetan
- d) Uralic

Question 57: What is a rover in planetary exploration?

- a) A ground vehicle designed to traverse the surface of another planet or moon to study it remotely
- b) A space station module only
- c) A type of satellite in geostationary orbit
- d) A manned interstellar ship

Question 58: Which city is renowned for its historic canal network and is often called “The City of Canals”?

- a) Venice
- b) Nairobi
- c) Vienna
- d) Madrid

Question 59: The concept of separation of powers in government (executive, legislative, judicial) is associated strongly with which Enlightenment thinker?

- a) Montesquieu
- b) Hobbes
- c) Locke only
- d) Marx

Question 60: Which tool is used to measure atmospheric pressure?

- a) Thermometer
- b) Barometer
- c) Anemometer
- d) Hygrometer

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