

**Question 1: This Central European country, with capital city Budapest, is famous for the Danube and its thermal baths.**

- a) Slovakia
- b) Hungary
- c) Czech Republic
- d) Austria

**Question 2: A newly discovered exoplanet orbits a star similar to the Sun but twice as far from its star as Earth is from Sun, receiving much less light. For liquid water to exist, scientists would most likely look for:**

- a) A thicker greenhouse atmosphere to trap heat
- b) A higher albedo reflective surface
- c) A very low mass planet
- d) A fast rotation period

**Question 3: Which ancient civilization built large stepped stone pyramids called ziggurats?**

- a) Egyptians
- b) Sumerians
- c) Mayans
- d) Indus Valley

**Question 4: The tallest mountain outside Asia is Aconcagua. On which continent is it located?**

- a) Africa
- b) South America
- c) North America
- d) Europe

**Question 5: The Nobel Peace Prize is often handed out in which city?**

- a) Oslo
- b) Stockholm
- c) Geneva
- d) Paris

**Question 6: Country A announces it will host a regional climate summit. As a student journalist, which three local indicators would you check to assess the host's environmental readiness?**

- a) Availability of international hotels, number of bottled water vendors, smartphone coverage
- b) Public transport capacity, renewable energy share in electricity mix, existing green meeting facilities
- c) Tourist entry fees, length of airport runways, stock market index
- d) Local cuisine preferences, number of gift shops, population density

**Question 7: Which festival is traditionally celebrated with water-throwing and marks the Thai New Year?**

- a) Diwali
- b) Songkran
- c) Carnival
- d) Hanami

**Question 8: Which planet in our solar system has the largest number of known moons (as of common knowledge)?**

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

**Question 9: The Suez Canal connects which two bodies of water?**

- a) Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean
- b) Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea
- c) Black Sea and Caspian Sea
- d) Indian Ocean and Arctic Ocean

**Question 10: Who led the famous non-violent Salt March against colonial taxes in India (1930)?**

- a) Jawaharlal Nehru
- b) Subhas Chandra Bose
- c) Mahatma Gandhi
- d) Sardar Patel

**Question 11: Which African country is the largest by land area?**

- a) Algeria
- b) Democratic Republic of Congo
- c) Sudan
- d) Libya

**Question 12: Which instrument aboard a space probe measures a planet's magnetic field?**

- a) Spectrometer
- b) Magnetometer
- c) Camera
- d) Thermometer

**Question 13: A town on a river holds an annual festival where residents decorate boats and recite ancestral songs. For a cultural report, which two points are most important to include?**

- a) Names of sponsor companies and ticket prices
- b) Historical origin of the festival and community participation rules
- c) Types of boats used only, excluding people's views
- d) Nearby hotels and shopping malls

**Question 14: Which historical figure is famous for the speech that began "I have a dream"?**

- a) Malcolm X
- b) Martin Luther King Jr.
- c) Nelson Mandela
- d) Rosa Parks

**Question 15: Which sea lies to the east of the Arabian Peninsula?**

- a) Mediterranean Sea
- b) Red Sea
- c) Arabian Sea
- d) Baltic Sea

**Question 16: Which country's capital is Canberra?**

- a) Australia
- b) New Zealand
- c) Canada
- d) South Africa

**Question 17: Which of these explorers completed the first circumnavigation of the Earth?**

- a) Christopher Columbus
- b) Magellan's expedition (completed under Elcano)
- c) Vasco da Gama
- d) Marco Polo

**Question 18: Which language family does Swahili primarily belong to?**

- a) Indo-European
- b) Sino-Tibetan
- c) Afroasiatic
- d) Bantu (Niger-Congo)

**Question 19: The Hubble Space Telescope has provided deep views of the universe by observing in which primary wavelength ranges?**

- a) Radio only
- b) Visible and ultraviolet
- c) Gamma rays only
- d) Submarine sonar frequencies

**Question 20: Which South American country has the world's largest area of tropical rainforest?**

- a) Peru
- b) Colombia
- c) Brazil
- d) Venezuela

**Question 21: A government announces a new nationwide literacy program and wants to evaluate success after three years. Which metric combination would best show program impact?**

- a) Number of schools built and number of smartphones sold
- b) National literacy rate change, primary school completion rate, and standardized reading test scores
- c) TV viewership and newspaper subscriptions
- d) Number of library chairs purchased and minister speeches

**Question 22: Which ancient wonder stood at the entrance of Alexandria and was known as the Pharos?**

- a) Hanging Gardens
- b) Lighthouse of Alexandria
- c) Colossus of Rhodes
- d) Temple of Artemis

**Question 23: Which country hosts the cultural festival known as La Tomatina (tomato fight)?**

- a) Italy
- b) Spain
- c) Portugal
- d) France

**Question 24: Which country's flag is described as having a red circle on a white background (a simple disc)?**

- a) Japan
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Switzerland
- d) Turkey

**Question 25: Which discipline studies the distribution of populations, cities, and resources across the Earth?**

- a) Biology
- b) Geography
- c) Economics only
- d) Astronomy

**Question 26: Who wrote the play "Romeo and Juliet"?**

- a) Charles Dickens
- b) William Shakespeare
- c) Jane Austen
- d) Mark Twain

**Question 27: Which city is the political capital of Canada (not the largest city)?**

- a) Toronto
- b) Vancouver
- c) Ottawa
- d) Montreal

**Question 28: Which planet has a day (rotation period) longer than its year (orbital period)?**

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

**Question 29: The Great Barrier Reef is most threatened by which main global factor?**

- a) Volcanoes
- b) Rising sea temperatures and coral bleaching
- c) Urban traffic congestion
- d) Depletion of freshwater lakes

**Question 30: Which African leader played a key role in ending apartheid and later became president?**

- a) Jomo Kenyatta
- b) Nelson Mandela
- c) Kwame Nkrumah
- d) Haile Selassie

**Question 31: Which country uses the currency called “yen”?**

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) South Korea
- d) Vietnam

**Question 32 : Two countries A and B lie on the same latitude; country A is coastal and country B is landlocked but both share similar latitudes. Which climate factor will most likely differ between them?**

- a) Average daylight hours over the year
- b) Seasonal temperature range (coastal has milder winters and summers)
- c) Tilt of Earth’s axis
- d) Length of the year

**Question 33: Which scientific mission first returned samples from an asteroid to Earth?**

- a) Apollo 11
- b) Hayabusa
- c) Voyager 1
- d) Cassini

**Question 34: Which historical period is known as the Industrial Revolution’s starting region and nation?**

- a) Qing China
- b) Great Britain (United Kingdom)
- c) Ottoman Empire
- d) Aztec Empire

**Question 35: Which festival celebrates the end of Ramadan in many Muslim-majority countries?**

- a) Diwali
- b) Eid al-Fitr
- c) Christmas
- d) Vesak

**Question 36: Which famous scientist formulated the laws of motion and universal gravitation?**

- a) Albert Einstein
- b) Isaac Newton
- c) Galileo Galilei
- d) Nikola Tesla

**Question 37: Which city is the capital of the Indian state of Maharashtra?**

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Pune
- d) Kolkata

**Question 38: Which country is known for the tradition of tea ceremony and cherry blossoms (sakura)?**

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) India
- d) South Korea

**Question 39: Which of these is a space telescope designed primarily for infrared observations and launched in the 2020s?**

- a) Hubble Space Telescope
- b) James Webb Space Telescope
- c) Chandra X-ray Observatory
- d) Kepler Space Telescope

**Question 40: Which European city famously has canals and is built on many small islands — and is known for gondolas?**

- a) Amsterdam
- b) Venice
- c) Bruges
- d) Copenhagen

**Question 41: Which famous civil rights leader was imprisoned and later became the first black president of his country?**

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Nelson Mandela
- c) Martin Luther King Jr.
- d) Lech Wałęsa

**Question 42: Which two countries share the longest international land border in the world?**

- a) Russia and China
- b) USA and Mexico
- c) Russia and Kazakhstan
- d) Canada and United States

**Question 43: Which medical breakthrough involved the isolation of penicillin, saving millions from bacterial infections?**

- a) Discovery by Alexander Fleming
- b) Discovery by Marie Curie
- c) Discovery by Florence Nightingale
- d) Discovery by Louis Pasteur

**Question 44: Which global body issues guidance on pandemics and international public health?**

- a) UNESCO
- b) WHO
- c) WTO
- d) IMF

**Question 45: Which capital city is located at the highest elevation above sea level among the following?**

- a) Amsterdam
- b) Mexico City
- c) Cairo
- d) Bangkok

**Question 46: Which cultural practice involves wearing bright costumes, masks, and parades in Rio de Janeiro?**

- a) Oktoberfest
- b) Carnival
- c) Holi
- d) Dia de los Muertos

**Question 47: Which country launched the first space probe to return samples from a comet- pick the agency that successfully returned comet samples?**

- a) ESA
- b) NASA Stardust
- c) ISRO
- d) SpaceX

**Question 48: Which island country is known as the “Pearl of the Indian Ocean” and has ancient tea plantations and a famous lion rock?**

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Maldives
- c) Seychelles
- d) Mauritius

**Question 49: Which famous 20th-century woman was the first female Prime Minister of a country and known as the “Iron Lady”?**

- a) Indira Gandhi
- b) Margaret Thatcher
- c) Golda Meir
- d) Angela Merkel

**Question 50: Which instrument measures the intensity of earthquakes?**

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

**Question 51: A country is rebuilding after a major earthquake and must prioritize. Which sequence of actions best supports immediate safety and long-term recovery?**

- a) Rebuild luxury hotels → resume tourism → reopen markets
- b) Search and rescue → temporary shelters and medical aid → rebuild resilient infrastructure and enforce building codes
- c) Conduct parades → national celebration → ignore infrastructure
- d) Privatize all public services immediately

**Question 52: Which African country is famous for the ancient rock churches of Lalibela?**

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Egypt
- c) Morocco
- d) Ghana

**Question 53: Which famous ocean current brings warm water from the tropics to Western Europe and moderates climate?**

- a) Humboldt Current
- b) Gulf Stream
- c) Benguela Current
- d) Canary Current

**Question 54: Which scientist proposed the theory of general relativity?**

- a) Isaac Newton
- b) Albert Einstein
- c) Niels Bohr
- d) Johannes Kepler

**Question 55: Which mountain range forms a natural border between France and Spain?**

- a) Alps
- b) Pyrenees
- c) Carpathians
- d) Apennines

**Question 56: Which international agreement aims to limit global temperature rise by reducing greenhouse gas emissions (Paris Agreement) was adopted in which year?**

- a) 2005
- b) 2015
- c) 1992
- d) 2020

**Question 57: Which of the following is the smallest planet in our solar system?**

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

**Question 58: Which famous explorer reached India by sea around Africa's Cape of Good Hope linking Europe to Indian Ocean trade?**

- a) Christopher Columbus
- b) Vasco da Gama
- c) Hernán Cortés
- d) James Cook

**Question 59: Which UN agency focuses on education, science, and culture?**

- a) WHO
- b) UNESCO
- c) FAO
- d) ILO

**Question 60: Two neighbouring countries share a river but have different flood-control capacities. Country X has investment in dams and early-warning systems; Country Y lacks both. Which collaborative action would most fairly reduce flood risk for both?**

- a) Country X builds dams only on its side and keeps data secret
- b) Joint river basin management
- c) Country Y builds no infrastructure and blames Country X
- d) Each country ignores the river and focuses on tourism

