Two sets of general knowledge questions are given below. Try to practise each set in 10 minutes. For each correct answer to be given one mark and 0.33 mark to be deducted for each wrong answer. No negative marks for unattended questions. If the score is 21 or above—very good. 15—20—Good. Below 15 needs improvement through extensive reference.

**Set-1**

1. The main centre of architecture during the Pallava kings:
   (a) Madurai  (b) Thanjavur  (c) Mahabalipuram  (d) Chidambaram
2. The nationality of Edmund Hillary, one of the first to conquer mount Everest:
   (a) New Zealand  (b) Nepal  (c) Britain  (d) USA
3. The element essential for the health of teeth:
   (a) Iron  (b) Carbon  (c) Oxygen  (d) Calcium
4. The venue of the first summit on environment protection:
   (a) Rio de Janeiro  (b) Kyoto  (c) Stockholm  (d) London
5. The last group of organisms in the process of evolution:
   (a) Fishes  (b) Amphibians  (c) Mammals  (d) Reptiles
6. The soil which is most suitable for the cultivation of Cotton:
   (a) Red Soil  (b) Black soil  (c) Laterite  (d) Alluvial soil
7. The flying mammal:
   (a) Bat  (b) Platypus  (c) Echidna  (d) Opposum
8. What is known as the ‘grains of paradise’?
   (a) Pepper  (b) Mustard  (c) Vanilla  (d) Cardamom
9. Who wrote ‘Paradise Lost’?
   (a) Shakespeare  (b) John Milton  (c) Dickens  (d) Alexander Pope
10. The founder of the city of Kolkata:
    (a) Francis Day  (b) Francis Martin  (c) Job Charnock  (d) Ralph Fitch
11. The nearest country to Nicobar Islands:
    (a) India  (b) Myanmar  (c) Indonesia  (d) Maldives
12. Octopus has .... legs
    (a) 8  (b) 4  (c) 4  (d) 12
13. Blue Revolution is associated with the production of:
    (a) Cement  (b) Pharmaceuticals  (c) Egg  (d) Fish
14. Nigiris is a part of:
    (a) Eastern ghats  (b) Western Ghats  (c) Aravallis  (d) Vindhya
15. The S.I. unit of length:
    (a) Kilometer  (b) Yard  (c) Foot  (d) Meter
16. The Mughal ruler who established ‘Chain of Justice’:
    (a) Akbar  (b) Shah Jahan  (c) Aurangzeb  (d) Jahangir
17. The countries which fought in the Hundred Years war:
    (a) USA and England  (b) Russia and France  (c) England and France  (d) Poland and Germany
18. The largest vertebrate:
    (a) Gorilla  (b) Giraffe
19. The famous Nataraj Temple is at:
    (a) Chidambaram  (b) Kanchipuram  (c) Madurai  (d) Trichy
20. Renaissance was started in:
    (a) England  (b) Germany  (c) Italy  (d) Switzerland
21. Who was known as the ‘Akbar of British India’?
    (a) Lord Curzon  (b) Lord Wellesley  (c) Lord Mayo  (d) Lord Dufferin
22. ‘The year of Paris Commune’:
    (a) 1869  (b) 1881  (c) 1871  (d) 1875
23. Dhunar Veda deals with:
    (a) Grammar  (b) Music  (c) Medicine  (d) Archery
24. Who said this ‘Where wealth accumulates, men decay’?
    (a) William Shakespeare  (b) George Bernard Shaw  (c) Oliver Goldsmith  (d) Gandhi
25. The device used to dispense the constituent colours of light:
    (a) Lens  (b) Prism  (c) Telescope  (d) Sperometer

**Answers**

1. (c) Elephant  (d) Blue Whale
2. (a) Chidambaram  (b) Kanchipuram  (c) Madurai  (d) Trichy
3. (a) England  (b) Germany  (c) Italy  (d) Switzerland
4. (a) 1869  (b) 1881  (c) 1871  (d) 1875
5. (a) Grammar  (b) Music  (c) Medicine  (d) Archery
6. (a) William Shakespeare  (b) George Bernard Shaw  (c) Oliver Goldsmith  (d) Gandhi
7. (a) Lens  (b) Prism  (c) Telescope  (d) Sperometer

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**Set-2**

1. King of minerals:
   (a) Sulphuric acid  (b) Arsenic  (c) Gold  (d) None of these
2. Who ended the rule of Nanda dynasty?
   (a) Chandragupta II  (b) Asoka  (c) Samudragupta  (d) Chandragupta Maurya
3. The Chalukya king who defied Harsha on the banks of Narmada:
   (a) Pulakesin II  (b) Pulikesin I  (c) Krishna I  (d) Ravi Kirthi
4. The mountain range between Narmada and Tapti:
   (a) Satpuras  (b) Vindhyas  (c) Aravallis  (d) Kanakoram
5. The king of Pushyabhuti dynasty who revived Nalanda University:
   (a) Kuma Nagupta  (b) Harshavardhana  (c) Devapala  (d) Rajyavardhana
6. Adolf Hitler committed suicide in:
   (a) 1945  (b) 1944  (c) 1947  (d) None of these
7. Dengue Fever is caused by:
   (a) Virus  (b) Bacteria  (c) Fungus  (d) None of these
8. Europe is the satellite of:
   (a) Uranus  (b) Jupiter  (c) Saturn  (d) Neptune

**Answers**

1. (c) 20(d) 3(a) 4(b) 5(b) 6(a) 7(a) 8(b) 9(c) 10(a) 11(a) 12(a) 13(c)
2. (d) 14(c) 15(c) 16(b) 17(d) 18(e) 19(c) 20(b) 21(c) 22(b) 23(b) 24(c) 25(d)