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**SSC MATRIC LEVEL PRELIM EXAMINATION**

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**General Awareness**

- 101 Which of the following cities hosted the three-day International Spine and Spinal Injuries Conference (ISSICON-2008) in February 2008?  
(a) New Delhi (b) Bhubaneshwar  
(c) Kolkata (d) Chennai
- 102 The Union Cabinet, on February 21, 2008, approved a proposal of judges in the Supreme Court from 26 to \_\_\_\_\_ including the Chief Justice.  
(a) 28 (b) 29  
(c) 30 (d) 31
- 103 Britain, on February 20, 2008, tightened immigration rules by announcing plans to make it mandatory for immigrants to pass more tests to “prove their worth” to the country. The new rules came in to effect from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) February 23, 2008 (b) February 25, 2008  
(c) February 27, 2008 (d) February 29, 2008
- 104 During last 25 years, the development of tubewell irrigation has been most spectacular in  
(a) Bundelkhand (b) Ganga Yamuna Doab  
(c) Ganga-Ghaghra Doab (d) Saryupar plain
- 105 Greatest ship canal of world is  
(a) Panama Canal (b) Keil Canal  
(c) Soo Canal (d) Sues Canal
- 106 Karnataka war was fought between  
(a) English & French (b) English & Dutch  
(c) Haider Ali & Maratha (d) English & Marathas
- 107 What was a special feature of Chola administration?  
(a) Cheap and proper tax collection  
(b) Division of empire into mandalams  
(c) Autonomy of village Administration  
(d) Full powers to ministers of State

- 108 What was the principle source of state income in Mughal India?  
(a) Booty (b) Tax  
(c) Both (a) and (b) (d) Land revenue
- 109 Which sites of Indus valley civilization is located in India?  
(a) Harappa (b) Mohenjodaro  
(c) Lothal (d) None of these
- 110 Which one of the following is oldest veda?  
(a) Rig Veda (b) Sam Veda  
(c) Athara Veda (d) Yajur Veda
- 111 The Chairman of drafting committee of Indian Constituent Assembly was  
(a) B.R.Ambedkar (b) Jawahar Lal Nehru  
(c) P.D.Tondon (d) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- 112 How many times at least has the Parliament meet in a year  
(a) once (b) twice (c) thrice (d) four times
- 113 Constituent Assembly of India was established on  
(a) 6 Dec., 1946 (b) 26 Dec., 1949  
(c) 26 Nov., 1949 (d) 10 June, 1946
- 114 The Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations Angela Kane who, in February 2008, paid a visit to Sri Lanka, on a request from Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Angela Kane (b) Palitha Kohona  
(c) Susanne Bland (d) Maria Spencer
- 115 The Union Cabinet, on February 21, 2008 approved the issue of special marketable securities, amounting to Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ Crore to enable the Central Government to subscribe to the rights offer to State Bank of India.  
(a) 9990 (b) 9993 (c) 9995 (d) 9999
- 116 Which among the following has initiated highest antidumping cases against India?  
(a) United States (b) European Union  
(c) Japan (d) China

- 117 Who is the 11<sup>th</sup> President of India?  
(a) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (b) K.R. Naraynan  
(c) B.K. Sindhya (d) None of these
- 118 Reliance Communications Ltd. (RCL), in February 2008, acquired \_\_\_\_\_ based Anupam Global Soft (U) Ltd., a company holding public infrastructure provider licence (PIPL) and public service provider licence (PSPL).  
(a) Uganda (b) Nigeria  
(c) Ivory Coast (d) Morocco
- 119 Which Hindu Rajya has been mentioned by Babar in his "Babarnama"?  
(a) Gujarat (b) Mewar  
(c) Orissa (d) Kashmir
- 120 Mira Bai was contemporary of  
(a) Chaitnya Mahaprabhu (b) Tulsidas  
(c) Ram Krishna Paramhans (d) Guru Nanak
- 121 Amir-Khushrav was court poet of  
(a) Shershah Suri (b) Muhmmad bin Tughlaq  
(c) Humayun (d) Allaudin Khilji
- 122 Word "Iron" was associated with which games?  
(a) Judo (b) Golf  
(c) Polo (d) Table Tennis
- 123 Red light is used for danger signals because it  
(a) is absorbed least by air (b) is soothing to eye  
(c) is scattered least (d) has least chemical effect
- 124 Fundamental Duties were added in the Constitution of India by the  
(a) 42<sup>nd</sup> amendment (b) 43<sup>rd</sup> amendment  
(c) 40<sup>th</sup> amendment (d) 44<sup>th</sup> amendment
- 125 Who gave the slogan "Inquilab Zindabad"?  
(a) Chandra Shekhar Azad (b) S.C. Bose  
(c) Mohmmad Iqbal (d) Bhagat Singh
- 126 "CAPART" is associated with  
(a) Helping and evaluating rural welfare scheme  
(b) consultancy to increase export  
(c) computer knowledge  
(d) controlling pollution in large industries
- 127 The growth centre approach was adopted under the  
(a) First-Five-Year-Plan (b) Second-Five-Year-Plan  
(c) Third-Five-Year-Plan (d) Fourth-Five-Year-Plan
- 128 The largest country of the world is  
(a) Brazil (b) Australia  
(c) China (d) USA
- 129 Which one of the following is not of the same category  
(a) SAIL (b) BHEL  
(c) ONGC (d) Essar Oil

- 130 The power of High Court to issue writs covers  
(a) Constitutional Rights (b) Statutory Rights  
(c) Fundamental Rights (d) All of the above
- 131 Object of the Sangam Yojna is to  
(a) make the Sangam area a tourist place  
(b) increase the welfare of the disabled  
(c) make the Ganga water pollution free  
(d) integrate various factions of the Hindu society
- 132 The Government of India had nationalized 14 banks of the country in  
(a) March, 1981 (b) July, 1991  
(c) August, 1971 (d) July, 1969
- 133 Which one of the following comes under exclusive power of the Council of States  
(a) abolition of Legislative Council of any state  
(b) creation of new All-India Service  
(c) election of Vice-President of India during casual vacancy  
(d) removal of its own chairman
- 134 Hazrat Mohammad, the prophet, was born in the year  
(a) 570 AD (b) 670 AD  
(c) 622 AD (d) 642 AD
- 135 Which one of the following is used as the coolant in the fast breeder reactor at Kalpakkam?  
(a) sea water (b) heavy water  
(c) carbon dioxide (d) molten sodium
- 136 The Bermuda Triangle lies in  
(a) North Pacific Ocean (b) North Atlantic Ocean  
(c) South Atlantic Ocean (d) South Pacific Ocean
- 137 Wireless communication is reflected back to the earth's surface by the  
(a) Exosphere (b) Stratosphere  
(c) Troposphere (d) Ionosphere
- 138 Which trees are known as "ecological terrorist"?  
(a) Eucalyptus (b) Babool  
(c) Amaltash (d) Neem
- 139 The Taylor Valley lies in  
(a) Canada (b) Australia  
(c) USA (d) Antarctica
- 140 Which gas is known as "Marsh Gas"?  
(a)  $\text{CH}_4$  (b)  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$   
(c)  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$  (d)  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$
- 141 Which part of a bird's anatomy is called "Plumage"?  
(a) Feather (b) Eye  
(c) Heart (d) Branche
- 142 Which element is added to steel to produce stainless steel  
(a) zinc (b) aluminium  
(c) chromium (d) tin

- 143 What was the original name of 'Swami Vivekanand'?
- (a) Virendra Chatterjee (b) Subhash Mukhopadhyaya  
(c) Subhash Nath Dutt (d) Narendra Nath Dutt
- 144 What disease is known as 'Variola'?
- (a) Leukoderma (b) Small pox  
(c) Haemorrhagic fever (d) None of these
- 145 'Dasabodh' was written by
- (a) Kondder (b) Birbal  
(c) Yamini Krishnamurthy (d) Samarth Ramdas
- 146 Who wrote the Kannada version of 'Ramayana' in the 11<sup>th</sup> century?
- (a) Hemchandra (b) Nagchandra  
(c) Krishna Chandra (d) Manaschandra
- 147 Which religion belongs to Lotus temple in New Delhi?
- (a) Hindu (b) Sikh  
(c) Wahavi (d) Jainism
- 148 The Panchayats were constituted as an institution for rural areas under
- (a) Article 356-A (b) Article 360-B  
(c) Article 164-A (d) Article 243-B
- 149 Panchayati Raj was first introduced in
- (a) Bihar (b) UP  
(c) Kerala (d) Rajasthan
- 150 Indian Standard Time (IST) is measured at
- (a) Jaipur (b) Allahabad  
(c) Mumbai (d) Delhi
- 151 The controversial Tehri dam project is to be located in
- (a) Dharmasala (b) Khilanmarg  
(c) Garhwal hills (d) Kumaun hill
- 152 The Constitution of India describes India as
- (a) federal (b) a Union of States  
(c) quasi-federal (d) democratic
- 153 The capacity of a modem is expressed in terms of
- (a) kilobytes per second (b) bites per minute  
(c) megabytes per second (d) bites per second
- 154 Who propounded the theory of "International Sovereignty"?
- (a) Grotius (b) Oppenheimer  
(c) Jean Bodin (d) Machiavelli
- 155 Who said "The State is not the source of law, but it is law".
- (a) Kelson (b) Plato  
(c) Ruesseon (d) Grotius
- 156 Who has described Plato's 'Republic' as the first treatise on education ever written?
- (a) T.H.Green (b) Rousseau  
(c) Oppenheimer (d) Plato

- 157 The first Chief Justice of India was  
(a) Rajendra Singh (b) R.C.Prasad  
(c) Hiralal J. Kania (d) Puroshottam Singh Ahluwalia
- 158 Which one of the following cannot be dissolved but can be abolished?  
(a) Village Panchayat (b) Lok Sabha  
(c) State Legislative Council (d) Rajya Sabha
- 159 To avoid 'Knocking' of the engine of a car, certain compounds are added to petrol. Which of the following is known as an anti-knocking agent?  
(a) Ethyl Alcohol (b) Propane  
(c) Methane (d) Tetraethyl lead
- 160 Which colours in T.V. screen are produced from?  
(i) Red (ii) Blue  
(iii) Yellow (iv) Green  
(a) ii, iii, iv (b) i, ii, iv  
(c) i, iii, iv (d) i, ii, iii
- 161 Gunpowder is a mixture of  
(a) TNT & Charcoal (b) Sand & TNT  
(c) Sulphur, Sand & Charcoal (d) Nitre, Charcoal & Sulpher
- 162 The first Indian scholar who treated Mathematics as a distinct subject was  
(a) Vijaneshwar (b) Brahmagupta  
(c) Aryabhata (d) Varahamihir
- 163 Which was the first work to recognize the payment of officers by grants of land?  
(a) Harshacharita (b) Manusmriti  
(c) Indica (d) Arthashastra
- 164 Which of the following are affected by the endocrine system?  
(a) sexual behaviour (b) gland stress  
(c) mouth behaviour (d) natural behaviour
- 165 The density of population is represented by  
(a) Pie diagram (b) Choroplething  
(c) Bar diagram (d) Hectogram
- 166 Khadar soils are found in  
(a) Piedmont plains (b) Flood plains  
(c) Near mountain range (d) Over steep slopes
- 167 Which Hormones is secreted in Kidney  
(a) Renin (b) Relaxin  
(c) Thyrorine (d) Thymosin
- 168 The structure of DNA (Di-oxy Ribo Nucleic Acid) was given by  
(a) Fischer & Watson (b) Watson & Crick  
(c) Nendal & Fischer (d) Watson & Smolweson
- 169 Which family belongs to cotton?  
(a) Malvaceae (b) Solanaceae  
(c) Poaceae (d) Labiatae

- 170 Which disease is not sexually transmitted disease  
(a) chancroid (b) syphilis  
(c) gonorrhoea (d) glossitis
- 171 Match the following  
A. Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (i) Scurvy  
B. Vitamin K (ii) Beri-Beri  
C. Vitamin C (iii) Pernicious anaemia  
D. Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> (iv) Haemorrhage
- (a) A-iii, B-ii, C-i, D-iv (b) A-ii, B-iv, C-i, D-iii  
(c) A-ii, B-iv, C-iii, D-i (d) A-iv, B-iii, C-ii, D-i
- 172 MODVAT scheme was introduced in India on the recommendation of a committee headed by  
(a) K.N.Raj (b) L.K.Jha  
(c) M.Murlitharan (d) M.K.Venktachalliah
- 173 Which plan set the goal of "growth with social justice and equity"?  
(a) 7<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (b) 8<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan  
(c) 9<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (d) 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan
- 174 In which year zero-based budgeting was introduced in India for the first time?  
(a) 1985 (b) 1990  
(c) 1983 (d) 1984
- 175 In which year, Fort William College was established in Calcutta by Lord Wellesely?  
(a) 1974 (b) 1800  
(c) 1803 (d) 1977
- 176 Which commission was recommended by Central Public Service Commission set-up in 1926?  
(a) Lee Commission (b) Inslington Commission  
(c) Macalay Commission (d) Frazer Commission
- 177 What is the average fat content of buffalo milk?  
(a) 10.2% (b) 7.2%  
(c) 4.3% (d) 11.4%
- 178 Monazite is an ore of  
(a) Iron (b) Thorium  
(c) Aluminium (d) Steel
- 179 Where the Nathpa Jhakri Power Project is located?  
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Uttaranchal  
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Himachal Pradesh
- 180 Which one of the following hormones contains Iodine?  
(a) Insulin (b) Thyroxin  
(c) Testostrene (d) Adrenaline
- 181 According to the latest census figures sex ratio in India is  
(a) Stable (b) Fluctuating  
(c) Declining (d) Increasing

- 182 Which metals were made of Satavahana coins?  
(a) Gold, potin, silver, copper (b) Gold, silver, copper  
(c) Copper, lead, potin, silver (d) Gold, lead, copper, silver
- 183 The two deities Siva and Krishna has been described by Megasthene as  
(a) Ahura & Appolo (b) Dionysus & Appolo  
(c) Dionysus & Heracules (d) Heracles & Appolo
- 184 Deflation means  
(a) reduction in taxation  
(b) a contraction in the volume of money or credit that results in a decline of price level  
(c) an increase in public expenditure  
(d) prices would fall
- 185 Which one of the following is a cash crop?  
(a) Rice (b) Groundnut  
(c) Wheat (d) Barley
- 186 Bank rate is the rate at which, RBI gives credit to  
(a) Agricultural Industries (b) Industrialists  
(c) Commercial Bank (d) Public
- 187 If income is below equilibrium, then  
(a) Stocks to unsold goods would tend to increase  
(b) Prices would fall  
(c) Investments would fall  
(d) Income would tend to rise
- 188 PBO<sub>2</sub> is the chief causative factor of  
(a) Skin disease (b) Lung cancer  
(c) TB (d) Ocular defects
- 189 Which one of the following is a language of computer?  
(a) Corel Draw (b) Pascal  
(c) MS Word (d) Sybase
- 190 The doctor is able to get a clear picture of the foetus in the womb of a mother with the following technology  
(a) Ultra Sound (b) CAT Scan  
(c) X-Ray (d) Laser
- 191 The Rugby team of which of the following countries, on February 18, 2008, won the Laureus "Team of the Year" award?  
(a) Great Britain (b) Russia  
(c) South Africa (d) United States of America
- 192 DVD stands for  
(a) Digital Versatile Disk (b) Digital Video Disk  
(c) Direct Video Dial (d) Dominant Video Direct
- 193 In auction for the DHL Indian Premier League held in Mumbai on February 20, 2008, Adam Gilchrist was bought by \_\_\_\_\_ for \$ 700,000.  
(a) Chennai (b) Hyderabad  
(c) Mumbai (d) Mohali

- 194 The President can nominate  
(a) a maximum of twelve members for the Rajya Sabha  
(b) a maximum of three members for the Rajya Sabha  
(c) a maximum of ten members for the Rajya Sabha  
(d) None of these
- 195 Who wrote "Origin of Species"?  
(a) G.B.Shaw (b) Charles Darwin  
(c) Mendal (d) D.H.Lawrence
- 196 Adam Smith wrote the following famous book  
(a) Tarzen of the Apex (b) The Wreck  
(c) The Wealth of Nations (d) Dr. Zinvago
- 197 This river is also known as the "Sorrow of Bengal". It rises in the  
(a) Arunachal Pradesh Hills (b) Chhota Nagpur Plateau  
(c) Deccan Plateau (d) West Bengal State
- 198 The reduction of forests leads to  
(a) reduction in rainfalls (b) soil erosion  
(c) desisting and denaturation (d) all of above
- 199 Indus river flows through this states  
(a) Punjab (b) Rajasthan  
(c) Jammu & Kashmir (d) All of above
- 200 The 1975 batch IAS Officer of the Bihar cadre, who on February 19, 2008, was appointed Director General, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) R.S.Sirohi (b) Pradeep J. Deb  
(c) B.K.Sinha (d) M.T.Nair

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**Answer Key**

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| 101. (a) | 121. (d) | 141. (a) | 161. (d) | 181. (d) |
| 102. (d) | 122. (b) | 142. (c) | 162. (c) | 182. (c) |
| 103. (d) | 123. (c) | 143. (d) | 163. (b) | 183. (c) |
| 104. (d) | 124. (a) | 144. (b) | 164. (a) | 184. (b) |
| 105. (d) | 125. (d) | 145. (d) | 165. (b) | 185. (b) |
| 106. (a) | 126. (a) | 146. (b) | 166. (b) | 186. (c) |
| 107. (c) | 127. (d) | 147. (c) | 167. (a) | 187. (d) |
| 108. (d) | 128. (c) | 148. (d) | 168. (b) | 188. (b) |
| 109. (c) | 129. (d) | 149. (d) | 169. (a) | 189. (b) |
| 110. (a) | 130. (d) | 150. (b) | 170. (d) | 190. (a) |
| 111. (a) | 131. (b) | 151. (c) | 171. (b) | 191. (c) |
| 112. (b) | 132. (d) | 152. (b) | 172. (b) | 192. (c) |
| 113. (a) | 133. (b) | 153. (a) | 173. (c) | 193. (b) |
| 114. (a) | 134. (a) | 154. (c) | 174. (c) | 194. (a) |
| 115. (c) | 135. (b) | 155. (a) | 175. (b) | 195. (b) |
| 116. (b) | 136. (b) | 156. (b) | 176. (a) | 196. (c) |
| 117. (a) | 137. (d) | 157. (c) | 177. (b) | 197. (b) |
| 118. (a) | 138. (a) | 158. (c) | 178. (b) | 198. (d) |
| 119. (b) | 139. (c) | 159. (d) | 179. (b) | 199. (c) |
| 120. (a) | 140. (a) | 160. (b) | 180. (b) | 200. (c) |