UNITED BANK OF INDIA PROBATIONARY OFFICERS EXAM (Held on 09.09.2007)

General Awareness

- 1. The Government of India has decided to allow many foreign banks to open their branches in India. This step of the Government of India can be considered as a step in which of the following directions [Pick up correct statement(s)]?
 - 1. Its commitment to 'World Trade Organization (WTO).
 - 2. To reform the financial sector.
 - 3. Strictly monitoring the operations of foreign banks in India as uptill now many of them were doing their business in disguised forms
 - (a) Only 1

(b) Only 2

(c) All 1, 2 and 3

(d) Only 3

- (e) Both 1 and 2
- 2. The Railway Budget 2007-08 documents presented in the Parliament say that operating ratio of the Indian Railway in the year 2005-06 was 83.2 per cent whereas in the year 2006-07 it was recorded as 78.7 per cent. This change in the percentages indicates that-
 - (a) performance was very poor in the year 2005-06 as compared to its previous years
 - (b) performance in 2006-07 was better than the year in 2005-06
 - (c) Railways were required to expen 83% more on customer care in the year 2005-06 and in the year 2006-07 this cost increased again by 5%.
 - (d) performance of both the tears was exactly the same as the percentages are worked out on the profits and not on the incomes and are not the indicators of the financial performance.
 - (e) None of these
- 3. Which of the following agreements/ accords is closely associated with the risk management in banks?
 - (a) Doha Agreement

(b) Basel Accord

(c) Geneva Accord

(d) Madrid Convention

- (e) None of these
- 4. The Tax GDP Ratio during 2007-08 is likely to be at which of the following points as per budget estimates for 2007-08)?

(a) 9%

(b) 10%

(c) 11%

(d) 12%

- (e) 14%
- 5. As per the decision taken by the Government of India, 'National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is **empowered** to **regulate** the Micro Finance Sector in India. What does it mean[Pick up the **correct** statement(s).]?

	1. No organization / bank other than NABARD can give loan to a micro finance unit						
	in the country.NABARD will frame the guidelines and policy so that Micro Finance Sector car						
	get a proper boost up. 3. All those who wish to avail loan/ credit under this scheme have to contact NABARD first who in turn will refer them to some bank to avail loan.						
	advance/assistance. (a) Only 1 (b) All 1, 2 and 3						
	(a) Only 1 (b) All 1, 2 and 3 (c) Only 3 (d) Both 1 and 2						
	(e) Only 2						
6.	The Government of India these days is giving much emphasis of 'Financial Inclusion'. Which of the following steps taken by banks cannot be called a part of this move of the Government of India?						
	(a) Allowing No Frill Accounts (b) Issuing Kisan Credit Cards						
	(c) Allowing Mass Banking(d) Providing Migro Cledit(e) Financing Infrastructural Projects						
7.	Which of the following departments/ organizations of the Government of India is						
	planning to launch a 'full fledged bank' in near future? (a) Army Welfare Board						
	(b) Indian Postal Department						
	(c) Employees Provident Fund Organization						
	(d) Central Government Employees Welfare Organization						
	(e) None of these						
8.	The Government of India is planning to provide equal rights to the women in ownership of land and properties in India. For this Government will have to make						
	amendments in which of the following schedules of the Indian Constitution?						
	(a) IVth Schedule (b) Vth Schedule						
	(c) Xth Schedule(e) None of these(d) IXth Schedule						
9.	Which of the following is the name of a rating agency involved in the rating of banks and financial institutes?						
	(a) OFBU (b) SEBI						
4	(d) GETF (d) FITCH (e) None of these						
10	Which of the following organizations has launched a new project named as 'Project Big Green' which entails new products and services for its clients so that they can reduce data centre energy consumption?						
	(a) Infosys (b) Wipro						
	(c) Microsoft (d) TCS (e) IBM						

- Many countries want that India should make Rupee fully convertible. 'Full convertibility' of the Rupee would mean which of the following [Pick up correct statement(s).]? (a) It will ensure free inflow of foreign capital. Confidence of international investors in India's economy will go down. (b) India will not receive same amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which (c) is received at present. All 1, 2 and 3 (a) (b) Only 2 Only 3 (d) Both 1 and 2 (c) Only 1 (e)
- 12. The Government of India is planning to introduce a 'Reverse Mortgage Scheme' to help which of the following sections of the society?
 - (a) Young Investors
- (b) Farmers
- (c) Women Employees of PSUs (d) Employees of unorganized sectors
- (e) Senior Citizens
- 13. China has imposed Anti Dumping Duty on some India based pharma companies. These companies have to meet this harsh treatment from China as-
 - (a) they were selling their products on a very high profit margin
 - (b) the quality of their product was not as per the specification given by China
 - (c) they were selling their products at a much lower cost than Chinese Companies
 - (d) these companies kept on supplying products to China despite a ban on such goods there
 - (e) None of these
- 14. Which of the following schemes is launched to provide Death and Disability Insurance cover to rural landless people that enjoy no insurance cover at all at present?
 - (a) Janata Birna Yojana
- (b) Samanya Karmachari Bima Yojana
- (c) Aam Admi Bima Yojana
- (d) Kisan Bima Yojana
- (e) None of these
- 15. The Banks are asked by the Government of India to provide finance at which of the following rates to the weaker sections of society engaged in gainful occupations under differential rate scheme?
 - (a) 2%

(b) 3%

(c) 3.5%

(d) 5%

- (e) 4%
- 16. It is proposed in the Union Budget 2007-08 that a 'Financial Inclusion' fund should be established. With whom would the fund be available?
 - (a) Reserve Bank of India
 - (b) Small Industries Development Bank
 - (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) None of these
- 17. Which of the following Acts help banks and financial institutes to recover their bad loans from defaulters?
 - (a) Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act
 - (b) Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)
 - (c) Banking Regulation Act
 - (d) Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Act
 - (e) None of these
- 18. Many times we read a term 'Real Time Gross Settlement' (RTGS) used in banking world. Which of the following statement (s) is **not true** about RTGS?
 - 1. It is a fund transfer mechanism between two banks.
 - 2. Settlement in this system takes place in 'real time' which means unless a cheque/ draft is actually presented to the bank in physical form transfer is not possible.
 - 3. This transaction is done everyday after banking hours so that all the cheques/drafts received from a particular bank can be settled together in one go.
 - (a) Only 1

- (b) Only 2
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Both 2 and 3
- (e) All 1, 2 and 3
- 19. Who amongst the following has written the book 'Agriculture Cannot Wait'?
 - (a) M.S. Swaminathan
- (b) Montek Singh Ahluwalia
- (c) Sharad Pawar
- d) K.N. Pai
- (e) None of these
- 20. James Gordon Brown has taken over as the Prime Minister of Britain recently. Which of the following statement(s) is / are **true** about this change over?
 - 1. Brown got maximum votes in the general election but many members of his party (Labour Party) did not vote in his favour.
 - 2. It is the first occasion when a changeover has taken place without a general election in Britain.
 - 3. At the time of the award of extension to Tony Blair it was decided that Gordon will be the next Prime Minister after a period of 2 years. Blair wanted to come out of Iraq controversy before handing over the charge to Gordon.
 - (a) Only 1

(b) Only 2

(c) Only 3

- (d) Both 1 and 2
- (e) None of these
- 21. The 33rd Summit of G-8 took place in Germany. Which of the following was/ were the main areas of focus of the Summit?
 - 1. Growth and Responsibility
- 2. Friendship with Iraq & Iran
- 3. Climatic protection

	(a)	Only 1	(b)	Only 2				
	(c)	Only 3	(d)	Only 1 and 2				
	(e)	All 1, 2 and 3						
22.	Which of the following countries was not included in the list of 5 outreach							
		tries prepared by G-8? Brazil	(h)	India				
	(a)	South Korea	(b)	India China				
	(c) (e)	Mexico	(d)	Cillia				
	(0)	WICKICO						
23.	Chinua Achebe who won the Man Booker International Prize for Fiction-2007 is a							
		en of -		· O'				
	(a)	Mexico	(b)	Bolivia				
	(c)	Venezuela	(d)	Egypt				
	(e)	Nigeria		•				
24.		Which of the following days is observed as the 'International day Against Drug						
		se and Illicit Trafficking?	(1.)	11.26				
	(a)	June 26	(b)	July 26				
	(c)	August 26 None of these	(d)	May 26				
	(e)	None of these						
25.	Who	amongst the following wa	s elect	red the Secretary General of Commonwealth'				
				rimonwealth held in recent past?				
	(a)	Kamlesh Sharma		James Watson				
	(c)	Kavitha Narra	(d)	Shashi Tharoor				
	(e)	None of these						
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26.	Who		taken	over as the President of Israel?				
	(a)	Mr. Paisley Ian	,	o) Mr. Mc Guinnes Martin				
	(c)	Mr. Shimon Peres	(0	l) Mr. Salmond				
	(e)	None of these						
27.	Who	and the following has	****	the LIC Open Colf Toymoment 20072				
21.		Angel Cabrera		the US Open Golf Tournament 2007? Diger Woods				
		Jim Furyk	(c	, 8				
		None of these	(0	i) Amanjvot Singii				
	1	Trone of these						
28.	Aung San Suu Kyi who is staying in a state of House Arrest for the last so many							
		s, is a citizen of -	U	·				
	(a)	Vietnam	(t	o) Myanmar				
	(c)	Thalland	(c	l) China				
	(e)	Nepal						

29.	Which of the following countries decided to provide only four hours electric supply to house- hold so that power can be provided to farmers who need it to irrigate their crops?							
	(a)	Ethiopia	(b)	Bhutan				
	(c)	Pakistan	(d)	Nepal				
	(e)	Zimbabwe	, ,	•				
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30. Britain has decided to confer Knighthood upon whom amongst the following authors?								
	(a)	Salman Rushdie	(b)	Stephen Hawkings				
	(c)	Amit Choudhary	(d)	V.S. Naipaul				
	(e)	None of these		'O'				
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31.		_		second player (man) to win the French fter his current victory this year?				
	(a)	Bijorn Borg	(b)	Roger Federer				
	(c)	Rafael Nadal	(d)	Arnaud Clement				
	(e)	None of these	` /					
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32. Which of the following internationally accepted system of management of Evolution is prostigad in India by the PRI2								
Exchange is practiced in India by the RBI? (a) Free Floating Rate (b) Fixed Exchange Rate								
	(c)	Currency Board System		Managed Floating Exchange Rate				
	(e)	None of these	0	Januage 1 Touring 2enunge 1 tute				
33.			wing c	countries made an agreement known as				
	(a)	Fort declaration 2007? China	(b)	Brazil				
	(a) (c)	Pakistan	(d)	USA				
	(e)	Russia	(u)	OSA				
	(•)	(C) Russiu						
34.	Who amongst the following is not a Golfer?							
	(a)	Adam Scott	(b)	Vijay Singh				
	(c)	Ivo Karlovic	(d)	Kuke Donald				
	(e)	Émie Els						
35.	Whi	Which of the following is not a part of the plan drawn to help farmers and						
	agricultural sector in 11 th Plan period?							
	1. Double the rate of growth of irrigated area.							
	2. Diversify into high value output such as fruits, flowers etc.							
	3. G	ive one time financial assistant Only 1 (t	Rs. 15 lakhs to all the small farmers.					
	only 2							
	(c)	only 3						
	(e)	All 1, 2 and 3						

36.	Which of the following is the correct definition of 'STS-122' a mission / plan								
	whi	which was in news in recent past?							
	(a)			n planed in December 2007					
	(b)			read of AIDS in India/ Africa					
	(c)		-	the US army to help Iraq in its rebuilding					
	(d)		ed by th	e G-8 forum to fight climatic changes in years					
		to come							
37.	Whi	Which of the following countries has rejected the proposal to provide freedom to							
		Kosovo as proposed by the European Union?							
	(a)	France	(b)	Russia					
	(c)	Germany	(d)	Italy					
	(e)	Britain							
38.	'Kv	oto Protocol' which was a	tonic o	of discussion in G-8 Summit is going to expire					
56.	•	ne year-	topic o	of discussion in G-6 Summit Segong to expire					
	(a)	2028	(b)	2015					
	(c)	2020	(d)	2025					
	(e)	2012	(u)	2023					
	(0)	2012		60					
39.	Wha	at is the average growth ra	te fixed	l for 11 th Plan period?					
	(a)	8%	(b)	9%					
	(c)	10%	(d)	11%					
	(e)	None of these		6					
40.	A po	ower plant being develope	d by In	dia in close vicinity of 'Neelam valley' has					
		ted a controversy between							
	(a)	Bangladesh	(b)	Nepal					
	(c)	Myanmar	(d)	Pakistan					
	(e)	China							
41.	'F-(Courts' project launched	by the	President of India in July 2007 will help					
	'E-Courts' project launched by the President of India in July 2007 will help judiciary to dispose of court cases in a fast manner. The three-phase plan is								
		eduled to be completed in							
	(a)	2 years	(b)	3 years					
	(0)	5 years	(d)	7 years					
,	(e)	10 years	()						
42.	Whi	ch of the following ore	ronizoti	one was awarded the 'National Award for					
42.	Which of the following organizations was awarded the 'National Award for Prevention of Pollution 2007'?								
	(a)								
	(b)	HPCL (Gujarat Unit)							
	(c) Tarapore Atomic Power Plant (TAPP)								
	(d) Reliance Petroleum (Jamnagar)								
	(e)	None of these	u5u1	,					
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43. As per the 11 th plan proposals, the centre's funding in 'Sarva Shiksha Al changed from earlier 75% to-							
	(a) 33% (c) 50% (e) 60%	(b) (d)	40% 55%				
44.	Banking Industry. Beside Convention is in force. What (a) Transboundary Move (b) Sale of Weapons of M (c) Sale of Nuclear technic	b) Sale of Weapons of Mass Destruction c) Sale of Nuclear technology for Peaceful usages d) Control of AIDS and Malaria in African countries					
45.	Wellknown actor of Hindi the Arts and Literature Awa (a) Germany (c) France (e) Canada		nah Rukh Khan was honoured by the 'Order of USA Britain				
46.	Which of the following cour Power Plant' likely to be in (a) Nepal (c) Indonesia (e) None of these	operati (b)	has decided to build the country's first 'Nuclear ion by 2000? Bhutan Thailand				
47.	Nepal has decided to hold in that consistency and stability (a) September 2007 (c) December 2007 (e) None of these		eral elections in which of the following months so be achieved in the country? November 2007 February 2008				
48.	Which of the following day (a) Yuly 29 (c) September 29 (b) December 29	vs is obs (b) (d)	served as 'National Sports Day' in India? August 29 October 29				
49.	Umaru Yar Adua has becon (a) Prime Minister of Ni (c) Prime Minister of Ta (e) Deputy Secretary Gen	geria nzania	(b) President of Nigeria(d) President of Tanzania				
50.	Which of the following Sta irrigation –cum-water supp (a) Gujarat						

(c) Bihar

- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) None of these

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ANSWER KEYS

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (e) 6. (a) 7. (b) 8. (e) 9. (d) 10. (e)	11. (e) 12. (e) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (e) 16. (c) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (a) 20. (b)	21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (e) 24. (a) 25. (e) 26. (c) 27. (a) 28. (b) 29. (e) 30. (a)	31. (c) 32. (d) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (c) 36. (a) 37. (b) 38. (e) 39. (b) 40. (d)	41. (c) 42. (a) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (c) 46. (d) 47. (b) 48. (b) 49. (b) 50. (a)
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