UNITED BANK OF INDIA PROBATIONARY OFFICERS EXAM., 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 (d) Only 3
- (c) All 1, 2 and 3(e) Both 1 and 2
- (u) Only
- 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 expend 85% 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 years 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.
- 2. NABARD will frame the guidelines and policy so that Micro Finance Sector can 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
- (c) Only 3 Both 1 and 2 (d)
- (e) Only 2
- The Government of India these days is giving much emphasis on 6. Financial Inclusion'. Which of the following steps taken by banks cannot be called a part of this move of the Government of India?
 - Allowing No Frill Accounts (a)
- Issuing Kisan Credit Cards (b)
 - Allowing Mass Banking (c)
 - (d) Providing Micro Credit
 - (e) **Financing Infrastructural Projects**
- Which of the following departments/ organizations of the Government of India is 7. planning to launch a 'full fledged bank' in near future?
 - Army Welfare Board (a)
 - **Indian Postal Department** (b)
 - Employees Provident Fund Organiza (c)
 - (d) Central Government Employee Welfare Organization
 - None of these (e)
- The Government of Indians planning to provide equal rights to the women in ownership of land and properties in India. For this Government will have to make 8. amendments in which on the following schedules of the Indian Constitution?
 - IVth Schedule (b) (a)
 - Xth Schedule (c)
- Vth Schedule
- IXth Schedule (d)
- (e) None of these

- Which of the following is the name of a rating agency involved in the rating of 9. banks and financial institutes?

(a) UFBU	(b)	SEBI
GETF	(d)	FITCH

- 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?
 - Infosys (a) (b) Wipro
 - Microsoft TCS (d) (c)
 - (e) IBM

- 11. 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.
 - (b) Confidence of international investors in India's economy will go down.
 - (c) India will not receive same amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which is received at present.
 - (a) All 1, 2 and 3 (b) Only 2
 - (c) Only 3 (d) Both 1 and 2
 - (e) Only 1
- 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 nucl 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 laudless people that enjoy no insurance cover at all at present?
 - (a) Janata Bima 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'?

- M.S. Swaminathan Montek Singh Ahluwalia
- (c) Sharad Pawar

(a)

- (e) None of these
- (d) K.N. Pai
- 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 (Kabour 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

Only 2

- (a) Only 1
- Only 1 and 2 (c) Only 3 (d)
- (e) All 1, 2 and 3
- 22. Which of the following countries was **not** included in the list of 5 outreach countries prepared by G-8?

(b)

- (a) Brazil (b) India
- (c) South Korea (d) China
- Mexico (e)
- 23. Chinua Achebe who won the Man Booker International Prize for Fiction-200 citizen of -
 - Mexico Bolivia (a) (b)
 - Venezuela (c) (d) Egypt
 - Nigeria (e)

Which of the following days is observed as the 'International 24. day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking?

- June 26 (a)
- (c) August 26
- (b) July 26 (d) May 26
- None of these (e)

25. Who amongst the following was elected the Secretary General of Commonwealth' in the meeting of the Heads of the Componwealth held in recent past?

- Kamlesh Sharma **James Watson** (a)
- Kavitha Narra (c) (\mathbf{d})
- (e) None of these

- Shashi Tharoor
- 26. Who amongst the following has taken over as the President of Israel?
 - Mr. Paisley Jan (a)
- (b) Mr. Mc Guinnes Martin
- Mr. Shimon Peres (c)
- Mr. Salmond (d)
- (e) None of these

- 27. Who amongst the following has won the US Open Golf Tournament 2007?
 - (a) Angel Cabrera **Tiger Woods** (b)
 - Vim Furyk (d) Amanjvot Singh
 - None of these
- 28. Aung San Suu Kyi who is staying in a state of House Arrest for the last so many years, is a citizen of -
 - Vietnam (a)
 - Myanmar (b)

Thalland (c)

(d) 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?
 - Ethiopia (a) (c) Pakistan

(b) Bhutan

Zimbabwe (e)

- (d) Nepal
- 30. Britain has decided to confer Knighthood upon whom amongst the following authors?
 - (a) Salman Rushdie
- **Stephen Hawkings** (b)
- (c) Amit Choudhary
- (d) V.S. Naipaul
- None of these (e)

31. Who amongst the following has become second player (man) to win the French Open Tennis three times consecutively after his current victory the year?

- **Bijorn Borg** (a)
- (b) Roger Federer
- (c) Rafael Nadal
- (d) Arnaud Cleme
- None of these (e)

ixed Exchange Rate

Which of the following internationally accepted system of management of Foreign 32. Exchange is practiced in India by the RBI?

(b)

- Free Floating Rate (a)
 - Currency Board System Managed Floating Exchange Rate (d)
- (e) None of these

(c)

India alongwith which of the following countries made an agreement known as 33. 'Red Fort declaration 200'

- China (b) (a) Brazil (c) Pakistan
 - (d) USA

- (e) Russia
- Who amongst the following is **not** a Golfer? 34.
 - Adam Scott (b) Vijay Singh (a)
 - Ivo Karlovic Kuke Donald (c) (d)
 - Emie Els (e) 🖊

which of the following is **not** a part of the plan drawn to help farmers and 35. agricultural sector in 11th Plan period?

- 1. Double the rate of growth of irrigated area.
- 2. Diversify into high value output such as fruits, flowers etc.
- 3. Give one time financial assistance of Rs. 15 lakhs to all the small farmers.
- Only 1 (a) (b) Only 2
- Both 1 and 2 (d) Only 3 (c)
- All 1, 2 and 3 (e)

- 36. Which of the following is the correct definition of 'STS-122' a mission / plan which was in news in recent past? It is the NASA's Space mission planed in December 2007 (a) It is the UNO's plan to fight spread of AIDS in India/ Africa (b) (c) It is the action plan prepared by the US army to help Iraq in its rebuilding
 - It is the mission launched by the G-8 forum to fight climatic changes in years (d) to come

37. Which of the following countries has rejected the proposal to provide freedom to Kosovo as proposed by the European Union?

- (a) France (b) Russia
- Germany (c) (d) Italy
- Britain (e)

'Kyoto Protocol' which was a topic of discussion in G-8 Summit by going to expire 38. in the year-

(d)

- (a) 2028 2015 (b) 2025
- (c) 2020
- 2012 (e)

What is the average growth rate fixed for 1 an period? 39.

- 8% (a) (b)
- 10% (c) (d)
- (e) None of these

A power plant being developed by India in close vicinity of 'Neelam valley' has 40. created a controversy between India and -

- Bangladesh Nepal (a) (b)
- (c) Myanmar (d) Pakistan
- (e) China
- 'E-Courts' project launched by the President of India in July 2007 will help 41. judiciary to dispose of court cases in a fast manner. The three-phase plan is scheduled to be completed in the period of --
 - (a) \checkmark years 3 years (b) 7 years 5 vears (d) 10 years
- 42. Which of the following organizations was awarded the 'National Award for Prevention of Pollution 2007'?
 - ONGC (Hazira Plant) (a)
 - (b) HPCL (Gujarat Unit)
 - Tarapore Atomic Power Plant (TAPP) (c)
 - Reliance Petroleum (Jamnagar) (d)
 - None of these (e)

- As per the 11th plan proposals, the centre's funding in 'Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan' is 43. changed from earlier 75% to-
 - 33% 40% (a) (b)
 - (c) 50% 55% (d)
 - (e) 60%
- 44. We frequently read in news-papers about Basel Norms to be implemented in the Banking Industry. Besides this there is one more field/ area in which Basel Convention is in force. Which is this area/ field?

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- Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Waste (a)
- (b) Sale of Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Sale of Nuclear technology for Peaceful usages (c)
- Control of AIDS and Malaria in African countries (d)
- None of these (e)

Wellknown actor of Hindi films Shah Rukh Khan was honourd by the 'Order of 45. the Arts and Literature Award' of -

- (a) Germany (b) USA
- Britain (c) France (d)
- (e) Canada

Which of the following countries has decided to build the country's first 'Nuclear 46. Power Plant' likely to be in operation by 2020?

- (a) Nepal Bhutan (b)
- (c) Indonesia
- None of these (e)
- Nepal has decided to hold its General elections in which of the following months so 47. that consistency and stability can be achieved in the country?

Thailand

- September 200 November 2007 (a) (b)
- December 200 (c) (d)
- (e) None of these
- February 2008

August 29

(a)

(c)

- Which of the following days is observed as 'National Sports Day' in India? 48.
 - (a) \checkmark July 29
 - September 29
 - December 29
- October 29 (d)
- 49. Umaru Yar Adua has become the new-
 - Prime Minister of Nigeria (b) President of Nigeria

(b)

- President of Tanzania Prime Minister of Tanzania (d)
- Deputy Secretary General of UNO (e)
- Which of the following States has launched a Rs. 6,000 crores 'Sujalam Sufalam' 50. irrigation -cum-water supply project?
 - (a) Gujarat (b) Uttar Pradesh

Bihar None of these	(d) Tamil N	Nadu			
Answers					
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