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General knowledge questions [01-40]

01. “To be or not to be, that is the question” is a quotation from:
   A) Hamlet
   B) A Midsummer Night’s Dream
   C) Othello
   D) Julius Caesar

Risposta corretta: A

02. The winner of the 2016 Nobel prize for Literature was:
   A) Bob Dylan
   B) Oliver Hart
   C) Dario Fo
   D) Bruce Springsteen

Risposta corretta: A

03. Which city will be European Capital of Culture in 2019?
   A) Matera
   B) Mantova
   C) Pistoia
   D) Milano

Risposta corretta: A

04. Why did fewer Russian athletes participate in the 2016 Olympic Games held in Brazil?
   A) because of the doping used by Russia over recent years
   B) in protest at the disappearance of the street children
   C) because of the state of diplomatic relations between the two countries
   D) because of the fear of malaria in some parts of the country

Risposta corretta: A

05. The theme of Expo 2017 to be held in Astana (Kazakhstan) will be:
   A) the future of energy
   B) feeding the planet
   C) human intelligence and artificial intelligence
   D) the redistribution of wealth

Risposta corretta: A

06. Which of the following policy statements is attributable to President Trump?
   A) prohibit the citizens of some Muslim countries from entering the USA
   B) reduce the numbers of the US Armed Forces
   C) improve relations with Mexico
   D) stimulate renewable energy

Risposta corretta: A

07. In which of the following conflicts is the Cuban Missile crisis considered to be one of the most crucial events:
   A) the Cold War
   B) the Korean War
   C) the Vietnam War
   D) the Gulf War

Risposta corretta: A

08. The artist Salvador Dalí is particularly famous for:
   A) melting watches
   B) slashes on the canvas
   C) multi-material compositions
D) perpendicular lines and geometrical colour blocks in primary colours

Risposta corretta: A

09. The expression “non violence” recalls in particular the thinking of

A) Gandhi
B) Malcolm X
C) John Fitzgerald Kennedy
D) Mao Zedong

Risposta corretta: A

10. Who said the following: ‘I have a dream: that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal’?

A) Martin Luther King
B) Nelson Mandela
C) Mother Teresa of Calcutta
D) John Paul II

Risposta corretta: A

11. Who was Louis Armstrong?

A) a jazz musician
B) a NASA astronaut
C) a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize
D) a heavyweight champion

Risposta corretta: A

12. For which of the following actions is Barack Obama responsible?

A) the permanent prohibition on drilling for oil and gas in large areas of the Atlantic Ocean and Arctic sea
B) completing the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan
C) coining the expression ‘preventive war’
D) suspending the rebuilding of Ground Zero

Risposta corretta: A

13. The term ‘population policy’ refers to:

A) a policy aimed at altering the birthrate (by increasing or decreasing it)
B) a set of measures aimed at increasing the birthrate
C) a system for controlling migratory flows
D) a policy for promoting greater equality among citizens

Risposta corretta: A

14. What is meant by the ‘Prague Spring’?

A) a popular movement in Czechoslovakia in 1968 which supported Dubček’s democratization and reform process
B) the coup d’état carried out by Czechoslovak communists in 1948 which put an end to the third Czechoslovak Republic
C) the invasion of Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact troops
D) the end of the Czechoslovak federation and the consequent birth of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic

Risposta corretta: A

15. What was the ‘New Deal’?

A) the programme pursued by US President Roosevelt which involved the granting of massive economic state aid, in order to provide for a more equitable distribution of wealth and greater stability
B) the US political-economic plan for the reconstruction of Europe after the Second World War
C) the completion of the Welfare State in the 1950s
D) the rise of totalitarian regimes in Europe during the 1920s-1930s

Risposta corretta: A
16. What does the ‘Long March’ refer to?

A) The military retreat by the Chinese Red Army (1935-1936) to escape being surrounded by the nationalist forces commanded by Chiang Kai-shek
B) the armed march on Rome organised by the National Fascist Party in 1922
C) the great retreat by Russian troops from Galicia and Poland during the First World War
D) the disastrous retreat by the Italian Alpine Corps in Russia in January 1943

Risposta corretta: A

17. The artist Claude Monet is famous for:

A) having frequently painted water lilies
B) having frequently painted dancers
C) his heavily stylised human figures
D) The painting entitled ‘Le déjeuner sur l'herbe’

Risposta corretta: A

18. Which of the following statements defines the term ‘deontology’?

A) the ethical code of conduct which governs a professional activity
B) the system of valuation and enhancement of the individual, characteristic of a liberal political order
C) the set of rights and duties of every citizen
D) the degeneration of democracy, which tends to obtain the consent of the masses by flattering their aspirations

Risposta corretta: A

19. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the hole in the ozone layer:

A) according to a study conducted by the MIT, there was a reduction of approximately 4 million square kilometres above the Antarctic between 2000 and 2015, for the first time
B) it concerns in particular the region around the Equator
C) the latest research reveals that the layer continues to decrease because of greenhouse gases
D) the thinning of the ozone layer reaches its peak in winter

Risposta corretta: A

20. Pablo Picasso’s painting entitled “Guernica”:

A) commemorates the bombing of a Basque city during the Spanish Civil War
B) is of a small dimension
C) is celebrated for its use of lively and contrasting colours
D) was Picasso’s last work

Risposta corretta: A

21. The term ‘repeal’ means:

A) to abrogate
B) to unite
C) to number
D) to pass judgment

Risposta corretta: A

22. The expression ‘mutatis mutandis’ means:

A) having made the necessary changes
B) in fact
C) ignorance of the law is no defence
D) by law

Risposta corretta: A

23. Which event started the Second World War?
A) the invasion of Poland by German troops
B) the annexation of Austria by Germany
C) the assassination of the Hapsburg Archduke Ferdinand
D) the promulgation of anti-Semitic laws by Hitler

Risposta corretta: A

24. Which candidate won the French Socialist Party primaries in January 2017?

A) Hamon
B) Valls
C) Hollande
D) Fillon

Risposta corretta: A

25. Which of the following statements refers to Simone de Beauvoir?

A) in her writings she deals with the role of women in modern society
B) she wrote ‘La Nausée’
C) she taught law at the Sorbonne
D) she carried out medical research

Risposta corretta: A

26. Which of the following statements does not refer to Malala Yousafzai?

A) she is an Algerian citizen
B) she received the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize
C) she made a speech about children’s education at the UN Headquarters in New York
D) she has received the Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought

Risposta corretta: A

27. Which of the following statements does not refer to the Human Development Index?

A) it takes account of environmental issues
B) it derives from a combination of three factors: per capita GDP, literacy and life expectancy
C) it is a macroeconomic index of development used by the UN to measure the quality of life
D) the OECD countries score the highest values whereas the countries of sub-Saharan Africa score the lowest

Risposta corretta: A

28. Roberto Benigni’s film “Life is Beautiful” (“La Vita è Bella”):

A) deals with The Holocaust
B) has not won any Oscars, despite numerous nominations
C) was made in 2001
D) takes up the theme of Fellini’s ‘La Dolce Vita’

Risposta corretta: A

29. Which of the following statements refers to Pope John Paul II?

A) during the Great Jubilee of 2000 he asked forgiveness for the Church’s past errors
B) he convened the Second Vatican Council
C) he issued the encyclical known as ‘Rerum Novarum’
D) he became an emeritus Pope

Risposta corretta: A

30. In April Turkey will decide, by means of a referendum:

A) to change from being a parliamentary democracy to a presidential system
B) to withdraw from NATO
C) to drastically reduce the number of Members of Parliament
D) on the reform of family law

Risposta corretta: A
31. Which is the correct sequence of the following events:
A) the fall of the Berlin Wall – the war in Kosovo – the attack on the Twin Towers – The Euro in circulation
B) the war in Kosovo – fall of the Berlin Wall – the attack on the Twin Towers – The Euro in circulation
C) the fall of the Berlin Wall – the war in Kosovo – The Euro in circulation – the attack on the Twin Towers
D) the war in Kosovo – fall of the Berlin Wall – the attack on the Twin Towers – The Euro in circulation

Risposta corretta: A

32. Wikileaks is:
A) an international organisation that obtains military, industrial and banking documents anonymously, which are subject to states' Official Secrets laws and uploads them onto its own website
B) a term indicating the leaking of confidential information concerning the Vatican City
C) a website whose purpose is to publish guides of various kinds
D) a free content, collaborative, multilingual online encyclopedia with free access

Risposta corretta: A

33. Transformism in Italian history refers to:
A) The political practice, started by Depretis, of forming parliamentary majorities from time to time to achieve contingent programmes, overcoming the traditional distinctions between Left and Right
B) the delicate passage from the First to the Second Republic
C) the time of great transformation, arising out of the negotiations between the State and the Mafia
D) the policy by which influential people or those within the public administration inculcate a system of favouritism or the exchange of favours for the benefit of those who have no right to such preferential treatment

Risposta corretta: A

34. Which one of the following options contains the words, in the correct order, to complete the extract?
‘Australia has more at stake in U.S. immigration policy than many other developed countries. The agreement with the [...] administration to [...] some 1,250 men, women and children in the United States - if they can pass security [...] is seen as vital to the political [...] of the Liberal-National coalition government’. Washington Post
A) Obama – settle – checks – fortunes
B) Trump – deliver – customs – fortunes
C) USA – upset – examinations – story
D) Obama – move – fortune – checks

Risposta corretta: A

35. Which one of the following options contains the words, in the correct order, to complete the extract?
‘Britain’s first [...] power station in two [...] will be [...] by a government decision to quit [...]’s atomic power treaty, experts have warned’. The Guardian
A) nuclear – decades – delayed – Europe
B) green – months – demolished – Britain
C) nuclear -years – advanced - USA
D) hybrid – decades – Europe – delayed

Risposta corretta: A

36. ‘One Thousand Years of Solitude’ was written by:
A) Gabriel García Márquez
B) Paulo Coelho
C) Luis Sepúlveda
D) Pablo Neruda

Risposta corretta: A

37. Ernest Hemingway wrote:
A) A Farewell to Arms
B) Tender is the Night
C) Breakfast at Tiffany’s
D) Death of a Salesman

Risposta corretta: A
In 2016, an important piece of scientific research identified:

A) the existence of gravitational waves hypothesized by Einstein
B) the formulation of the special theory of relativity
C) the double helix structure of DNA
D) Higg’s boson

The term ‘decolonisation’ means:

A) the historical process by which countries, which had previously been colonized, achieved independence
B) the creation by Western powers of conditions of economic dependence of poor countries
C) the refusal by ex-colonies to follow Western life-styles
D) the abandonment of traditional usage and customs by ex-colonies

A political system is defined as authoritarian when…

A) all power is concentrated in the hands of one party, in its leader or a limited governing group, which tends to dominate the whole of society, repressing all dissent
B) all power is in the hands of an absolute monarchy, whose authority is held to derive from God
C) it is based on repression and terror, exercised by a limited military group
D) all power is in the hands of different parties

The current President of the European Parliament is:

A) Antonio Tajani
B) Martin Schulz
C) Mario Draghi
D) Guy Verhofstadt

The 2015 Paris Agreement concerns:

A) climate protection
B) global food security
C) progress for developing countries
D) the reception of migrants

The treaty founding NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, was signed in:

A) 1949
B) 1943
C) 1918
D) 1968

The reform known as ‘Obamacare’, implemented by former President Obama, concerns:

A) the system of health care
B) measures to protect the environment
C) measures to combat poverty
D) the education system

UNESCO is:
A) The United Nations organisation for education, science and culture
B) The European institution for statistics research
C) The European institution for training and education
D) The United Nations organisation for combatting poverty

Risposta corretta: A

46. The International Criminal Court in The Hague:

A) tries genocide and other serious offences against humanity
B) is an organ of the European Union
C) has jurisdiction over disputes between the European Union and its own staff members
D) proposes laws in the fields of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Risposta corretta: A

47. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of the EU?

A) Norway
B) Malta
C) Greece
D) Romania

Risposta corretta: A

48. The European Parliament:

A) is the only EU institution directly elected by the citizens
B) is made up of the Heads of State of member countries
C) exercises executive power
D) has 10-year terms

Risposta corretta: A

49. Why is the Italian Constitution said to be "voted for"?

A) It was drawn up by a Constituent Assembly whose members were elected by the people
B) It governs the rights and duties of citizens
C) It was approved by the last king of Italy
D) It lays down that Italy is a democratic republic

Risposta corretta: A

50. In Italy, lower-level education (compulsory education) is a right:

A) set out in the Constitution
B) available only by selection on merit
C) not governed by law but by enshrined by custom
D) none of the alternatives are correct

Risposta corretta: A

51. The UN's tasks include:

A) the maintenance of peace and international security
B) helping the war- wounded and refugees
C) international cooperation to suppress international crime
D) resolution of international disputes

Risposta corretta: A

52. Following the departure of Matteo Renzi, who is President of the Council in Italy?

A) Paolo Gentiloni
B) Pietro Grasso
C) Paolo Grossi
D) Laura Boldrini

Risposta corretta: A
53. In a legal context, what is meant by the term ‘people’?

   A) all the individuals in a state, taken as a whole, upon whom the rights of citizens are conferred
   B) the set of individuals who have the right to vote
   C) the set of individuals who live in the territory of a particular state, regardless of the citizenship they hold
   D) the poorest and most numerous class in society

   Risposta corretta: A

54. The goal of social inclusion is:

   A) the elimination of every form of discrimination within society while respecting diversity
   B) to reach out to social drop-outs
   C) to promote an increase in the percentage of graduates in the EU
   D) to achieve universally-agreed policies for children

   Risposta corretta: A

55. Identify which statement is NOT correct. “The Italian Constitution…”

   A) establishes press freedom and lays down the forms that political censorship may take
   B) recognises the right to work for all citizens
   C) asserts the free organisation of trade unions
   D) establishes that women who work have the same rights as working men

   Risposta corretta: A

56. What is meant by the term ‘revisionism’ in international politics?

   A) the tendency to alter the framework established by treaties, regarding successive changes in the situations brought about by them
   B) the imposition of restrictive measures on foreign goods
   C) a collective attitude of retaliation
   D) a system of international commercial rules which excludes privileged relationships between two states

   Risposta corretta: A

57. Amnesty International is:

   A) a non-governmental organisation involved in the protection of human rights
   B) an organisation which offers medical treatment to the victims of war
   C) an organisation which is involved in environmental protection
   D) an organisation concerned with limiting the spread of epidemics throughout the world

   Risposta corretta: A

58. The President of the United States of America is elected:

   A) by the United States Electoral College
   B) by the United States House of Representatives
   C) by the United States Senate
   D) by universal suffrage

   Risposta corretta: A

59. In the Italian Constitution, from which body does the executive derive its authority, in order to be able to exercise its functions?

   A) from Parliament
   B) from the Constitutional Court
   C) from the President of the Republic
   D) from the voting population

   Risposta corretta: A

60. Which one of the following options contains the words, in the correct order, to complete the extract?

   All human beings are born free and [……] in dignity and [……]. They are [……] with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of [……]. Universal Declaration of Human Rights Art.1

   A) equal - rights - endowed - brotherhood
B) equivalent - rights - equipped - membership
C) right - dues - endowed - comradeship
D) equal - rights - provided - friendship

Risposta corretta: A

61. Which one of the following options contains the words, in the correct order, to complete the extract?

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right [.....] freedom to hold opinions without [.....] and to seek, receive and [.....] information and ideas through any media and [.....] of frontiers. Universal Declaration of Human Rights Art. 19

A) includes - interference - impart - regardless
B) excludes - interference - impart - heedless
C) includes - discussion - remove - heedless
D) includes - meddling - spread – regardful

Risposta corretta: A

62. Which of the following is NOT a priority established by the Europe 2020 strategy?

A) demographic growth
B) smart growth
C) sustainable growth
D) inclusive growth

Risposta corretta: A

63. The term ‘constitution’ means:

A) body of fundamental principles or established precedents according to which a state or other organization is acknowledged to be governed
B) an act containing the fundamental rules which govern the activity of an association, an institution or another private body
C) informally, the Convention on the Rights of the Child
D) an agreement by which certain obligations are assumed and certain rights are recognised

Risposta corretta: A

64. Which of the following is NOT one of the three criteria necessary for entry to the EU?

A) that the political system of the state is a republic
B) political criteria: stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities
C) economic criteria: a functioning market economy and the capacity to cope with competition and market forces
D) administrative and institutional capacity to effectively implement the acquis and ability to take on the obligations of membership

Risposta corretta: A

65. Why has the European Constitution never come into force?

A) because it was not ratified by some member states
B) because all EU member states would have to adopt the common currency
C) because some member states wanted to maintain their own constitution
D) because all the EU countries would have to have the same legal system

Risposta corretta: A

Reading comprehension
Read the following extract and answer the questions.....

World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it. The contribution which an organized and living Europe can bring to civilization is indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations. In taking upon herself for more than 20 years the role of champion of a united Europe, France has always had as her essential aim the service of peace. A united Europe was not achieved and we had war. Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity. The coming together of the nations of Europe requires the elimination of the age-old opposition of France and Germany. Any action taken must in the first place concern these two countries. With this aim in view, the French Government proposes that action be taken immediately on one limited but decisive point. It proposes that Franco-German production of coal and steel as a whole be placed under a common High Authority, within the framework.
of an organization open to the participation of the other countries of Europe. The pooling of coal and steel production should immediately provide for the setting up of common foundations for economic development as a first step in the federation of Europe, and will change the destinies of those regions which have long been devoted to the manufacture of munitions of war, of which they have been the most constant victims. The solidarity in production thus established will make it plain that any war between France and Germany becomes not merely unthinkable, but materially impossible. The setting up of this powerful productive unit, open to all countries willing to take part and bound ultimately to provide all the member countries with the basic elements of industrial production on the same terms, will lay a true foundation for their economic unification. This production will be offered to the world as a whole without distinction or exception, with the aim of contributing to raising living standards and to promoting peaceful achievements. With increased resources Europe will be able to pursue the achievement of one of its essential tasks, namely, the development of the African continent. In this way, there will be realised simply and speedily that fusion of interest which is indispensable to the establishment of a common economic system; it may be the leaven from which may grow a wider and deeper community between countries long opposed to one another by sanguinary divisions. By pooling basic production and by instituting a new High Authority, whose decisions will bind France, Germany and other member countries, this proposal will lead to the realization of the first concrete foundation of a European federation indispensable to the preservation of peace. To promote the realization of the objectives defined, the French Government is ready to open negotiations on the following bases. The task with which this common High Authority will be charged will be that of securing in the shortest possible time the modernization of production and the improvement of its quality; the supply of coal and steel on identical terms to the French and German markets, as well as to the markets of other member countries; the development in common of exports to other countries; the equalization and improvement of the living conditions of workers in these industries.

Robert Schuman, Declaration, 9 May 1950

66. Which of the following statements can be inferred from the text? Choose one of the options from (A) to (D).

1) Membership of the new organisation is open to all the countries in the world
2) Improving the quality of life is one of the aims of the economic solidarity proposed in the extract
3) The High Authority will ensure that countries joining the initiative will improve the quality of production
4) Countries which engage in the common production of coal and steel will be able to acquire the products at favourable prices

A) Numbers 2 and 3
B) Numbers 1 and 2
C) Numbers 3 and 4
D) Only number 2

Risposta corretta: A

67. According to the author, what factor is indispensable for the unification of Europe?

A) To eliminate the age-old antagonism between France and Germany
B) To provide the raw materials for industrial development to countries lacking them
C) To suspend the production of coal and steel, which has always been in serious contention
D) To redirect production, avoiding the manufacture of weapons of war

Risposta corretta: A

68. According to the author, why would war between France and Germany be rendered “impossible”?

A) Thanks to shared production of coal and steel, the two countries would no longer have any reason for tension but, conversely, interests in common
B) France and Germany would share a common project: an involvement with developing Africa
C) France and Germany would feel united by the project of a federal Europe
D) France and Germany must satisfy the UN’s request to maintain peace

Risposta corretta: A

69. What immediate objective does France aim at, with regard to the proposal set out in the text?

A) To maintain peace, by removing the historical reasons for her antagonism towards Germany and by creating a strong economic bond
B) To bring her 20-year project to unite Europe to a swift conclusion
C) To rebalance the economy following the costs incurred by war
D) To stimulate the economy and create new jobs

Risposta corretta: A

70. What concrete outcome would result from proposal set out in the text?

A) The founding of the ECSC (The European Coal and Steel Community)
B) France became a permanent member of the UN Security Council
C) Western Europe joined the Atlantic Pact
The ECC (European Economic Community) was constituted

Questions on computer science [71-80]

71. If the power to a computer is cut off, the following information is lost:

A) in the RAM
B) in the ROM
C) in the Hard Disk
D) in the CD-ROM

Risposta corretta: A

72. Which of the following statements about USB is correct?

A) It is a serial communication interface
B) It is a video compression format
C) It is an external device which is connected to a PC
D) It is a digital image format

Risposta corretta: A

73. Put the following hardware components into decreasing order of transfer speed.

1) Blu-ray
2) DVD-ROM
3) SSD Hard Disk
4) CD-ROM

A) 3-1-2-4
B) 3-1-4-2
C) 1-3-2-4
D) 3-4-1-2

Risposta corretta: A

74. What is meant by the term Phishing?

A) A type of online fraud which captures the login and password of affected users
B) A malware which can encrypt computer data
C) A system used by search engines on the web
D) A software program for managing accounts

Risposta corretta: A

75. Which of the following is a browser?

A) Firefox
B) Linux
C) Windows 10
D) OS X

Risposta corretta: A

76. What is meant by OCR (Optical Character Recognition)?

A) A technology used for converting an image containing text into a text file (such as Word)
B) A technology used for converting a photographic image on a PC for editing photographs
C) A technology used for copying text documents onto DVD-ROM
D) A technology used for copying Word documents onto CD-ROM

Risposta corretta: A

77. Which of the following is both an input and an output device?

A) Monitor Touch Screen
B) CD reader
C) Mouse
D) Keyboard
78. What is a blog?
   A) A website displaying chronologically-ordered posts
   B) A program for creating paper magazines
   C) A software program for managing online purchases
   D) A type of virus that attacks web pages

Risposta corretta: A

79. What is meant by WIFI?
   A) A technology which allows devices to communicate with each other
   B) A sound standard for reproducing MP3 files
   C) A technology similar to ADSL for accessing the internet
   D) A function available on the latest generation of printers

Risposta corretta: A

80. Systems affected by spamming involve:
   A) the presence of numerous unwanted email messages
   B) the loss of email messages
   C) the automatic deletion of viruses from a computer
   D) the deletion of system files resulting in the locking of the computer

Risposta corretta: A

Additional questions to be answered if requested by the Examining Board

81. Examples of global commons are:
   A) the oceans, the atmosphere, the Internet
   B) the public service for the supply of drinking water
   C) the usages and customs of peoples of ethnographic interest
   D) World Heritage Sites

Risposta corretta: A

82. Which of the following statements is not correct, with reference to the Yalta Conference?
   A) it was held as soon as the Second World War came to an end
   B) during this event the preliminary agreements for the foundation of the United Nations were reached
   C) it profoundly altered the map of Europe
   D) it was attended by Churchill (Great Britain), Roosevelt (The United States) and Stalin (Russia)

Risposta corretta: A