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Open Competitive Examination for Recruitment to the
 Post of Jail Guard in the Department of Prisons - 2008

(02) General Knowledge

One hour

Instructions to Candidates

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Part I

- For each question from 1 to 30, select the correct answer from the four answers given and write its **number on the dotted line**.

1. The concept of "opening a school is tantamount to closing a prison in Sri Lanka", was considered important in the expansion of school education
 - (1) during the Dutch Period in the first part of the 18th century.
 - (2) during the British Period in the 19th century.
 - (3) during the British Period in the first part of the 20th century.
 - (4) during the post - Independence era in the latter part of the 20th century. (.....)

2. In Sri Lanka, the power of granting pardon to a detainee who has been imprisoned on being found guilty of a criminal offence is vested with the
 - (1) Minister of Justice.
 - (2) Prime Minister.
 - (3) Supreme Court.
 - (4) President. (.....)

3. The first Open Prison in Sri Lanka was established at
 - (1) Wirawila.
 - (2) Mahailuppallama.
 - (3) Pallekale.
 - (4) Koggala. (.....)

4. In Sri Lanka a suspect taken into Police custody can be remanded by presenting him before
 - (1) a Magistrate.
 - (2) an Attorney - at - law.
 - (3) the Primary Court.
 - (4) the Deputy Inspector General of the Province. (.....)

5. Clauses pertaining to fundamental human rights were incorporated extensively into the Constitution of Sri Lanka in
 - (1) 1958.
 - (2) 1972.
 - (3) 1978.
 - (4) 1988. (.....)

6. Large scale meditation programmes, to rehabilitate those imprisoned being guilty of serious crimes are implemented by
 - (1) the United States of America.
 - (2) India.
 - (3) Thailand.
 - (4) Burma (Myanmar). (.....)

7. One foreign organization that observed the Eastern Provincial Council elections held recently was the
 - (1) European Union (EU).
 - (2) PAFFREL Organization.
 - (3) Association of Asian Elections Authority (AAEA).
 - (4) South Asian Association for Regional Corporation (SAARC). (.....)

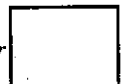
8. The oldest political party in Sri Lanka is
 - (1) the United National Party.
 - (2) the Communist Party of Sri Lanka.
 - (3) Lanka Samasamaja Party.
 - (4) Sri Lanka Freedom Party. (.....)

9. Although 16% of the population of Sri Lanka suffer from this disease, it has been revealed that 50% of those who suffer from it are not aware of it. This disease is
 - (1) high blood pressure (Hypertension).
 - (2) diabetes.
 - (3) cancer.
 - (4) blocking of heart valves. (.....)

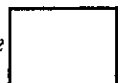
10. The province with most airports in Sri Lanka is
 - (1) Western.
 - (2) Eastern.
 - (3) Nothern.
 - (4) Southern. (.....)



11. During the British Period, Sri Lankans gained the opportunity of formulating and planning an economic and social policy that suits their country for the first time under the
 (1) Colebrooke Constitution in 1833. (2) Manning Constitution in 1924.
 (3) Donoughmore Constitution in 1931. (4) Soulbury Constitution in 1947. (.....)
12. The local milk production in Sri Lanka as a percentage of the country's entire requirement is approximately
 (1) 10%. (2) 20%.
 (3) 25%. (4) 30% (.....)
13. The largest rock cave of Sri Lanka is considered to be
 (1) Rangiri Dambulu Cave. (2) Batadola Cave.
 (3) Pahiyangala Cave. (4) Kitulgala Beli lena. (.....)
14. The reptile exclusive for Sri Lanka is
 (1) viper. (2) cobra.
 (3) *le mapila*. (4) snake. (.....)
15. What is/are taken into consideration in the preparation of the Education Ministry Circular due to be issued regarding the admission of pupils to Grade 1 in 2009 is / are
 A - the recommendations of the National Education Commission.
 B - the recommendations of the National Institute of Education.
 C - the recommendations of the Supreme Court.
 D - the recommendations of the Presidential Task Force on Education.
 (1) AB (2) BC
 (3) AC (4) AD (.....)
16. The number of main areas on which the Nobel Prize is awarded are
 (1) 3. (2) 4.
 (3) 5. (4) 6. (.....)
17. The two world famous Sri Lankan scientists who presented views on life on earth are
 A - Sir Arthur C. Clarke.
 B - Prof. Cyril Ponnampereuma.
 C - Dr. Chandra Wickramasinghe.
 D - Prof. Carlo Fonseka.
 (1) AB (2) AD
 (3) BC (4) BD (.....)
18. The country that is considered the **foremost** exporter of rice in the world is
 (1) China. (2) Burma (Myanmar).
 (3) Cambodia (Kampuchia). (4) Thailand. (.....)
19. The quantity of oil contained in a barrel of crude petroleum in litres is
 (1) 150. (2) 155.
 (3) 159. (4) 160. (.....)
20. The famous Cannes Film Festival is held in
 (1) the United States of America. (2) Germany.
 (3) France. (4) India. (.....)



21. The foremost factor that influenced the development of Information Technology is
(1) the Computer. (2) Satellite Communication System.
(3) e-mail. (4) the internet. (.....)
22. The country that hopes to introduce a motor car into the market for a price of about U.S. \$ 2 500 in the latter part of 2008 is
(1) Japan. (2) China.
(3) India. (4) South Korea. (.....)
23. The number of member countries in the European Union (EU) is
(1) 25 (2) 26
(3) 27 (4) 28 (.....)
24. Select the choice that contains respectively, the personalities connected to Music, Philosophy, Art and Sculpture, and Literature :
(1) Michael Angelo, Bertrand Russel, Beethoven, Guy de Maupassant.
(2) Beethoven, Bertrand Russel, Michael Angelo, Guy de Maupassant.
(3) Guy de Maupassant, Michael Angelo, Beethoven, Bertrand Russel.
(4) Bertrand Russel, Beethoven, Guy de Maupassant, Michael Angelo. (.....)
25. Out of the following Asiatic countries, that records the highest percentage in annual rate of population growth is
(1) China. (2) India.
(3) Saudi Arabia. (4) Malaysia. (.....)
26. The famous "Ashes" Test Series is held between
(1) England and Australia. (2) England and New Zealand.
(3) Australia and New Zealand. (4) South Africa and England. (.....)
27. The Headquarters of the United Nations Human Rights Council is situated in
(1) New York. (2) Paris.
(3) Geneva. (4) Rome. (.....)
28. Select the choice that contains in correct order the countries in which Teheran, Beirut, Khartum and Harare are the capitals
(1) Iran, Sudan, Lebanon, Zimbabwe. (2) Zimbabwe, Iran, Sudan, Lebanon.
(3) Sudan, Zimbabwe, Iran, Lebanon. (4) Iran, Lebanon, Sudan, Zimbabwe. (.....)
29. The G.S.P. + tariff concessions that have drawn the attention of most people currently are related to the
(1) Income Tax System of Sri Lanka. (2) SAPTA agreement.
(3) European Union. (4) Pakistan – Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement. (.....)
30. The shock of the catastrophic earthquake that swept China recently was recorded in the Richter Scale as
(1) 7.6. (2) 7.8.
(3) 7.9. (4) 8.0. (.....)



Part II

● Write the answers for questions 31 to 50 on the dotted lines provided.

31. Considering the length of rail tracks and the number of passengers transported, what is the country that ranks first ?

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32. Where was King Sri Vikrama Rajasinha imprisoned last, before he was deported from Sri Lanka?

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33. Name the director of the film 'Prabhakaran' that was subject to much controversy.

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34. What is the name of the cyclone that swept across Myanmar in May this year (2008)?

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35. Under the Uma Oya Project, to which river is the water of Uma Oya diverted via a tunnel 23 km long?

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36. Name the largest wet *patana* land in Sri Lanka.

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37. Name the organization led by 'Prachanda' who obtained the majority in the Parliament of Nepal at the General Election held in 2008.

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38. Name the Russian President who was elected recently (May 2008).

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39. What is 3G related to mobile telephones in the field of Information Technology?

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40. What is specific about FM wavebands over and above the other radio wavebands?

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41. Name the institution established in 1978 for the purpose of establishing commercial zones such as Free Trade Zones and Export Processing Zones.

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42. What does 'Sithsuke', according to the famous Japanese 5 S concept, mean?

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43. What is the European country that faced a serious crisis regarding the disposal of garbage ?

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44. What are "Black Holes" found in the outer space?

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45. What is the name of the director of the teledrama "Karuwala Gedara" based on Martin Wickramasinghe's novel by the same name currently telecast over ITN?

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46. What is the **most important** field of activity rich with potential resources that will bring in foreign exchange and also generate employment opportunities for Sri Lanka at present as well as in the future?

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47. What is the highest personal income tax rate imposed in Sri Lanka?

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48. The percentage of successful candidates at the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in 2008 was a historical record. What was this percentage?

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49. Write the month, date and time of the commencement of the Olympic games in 2008 (to the last second) correctly.

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50. How many states are there in the United States of America?

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