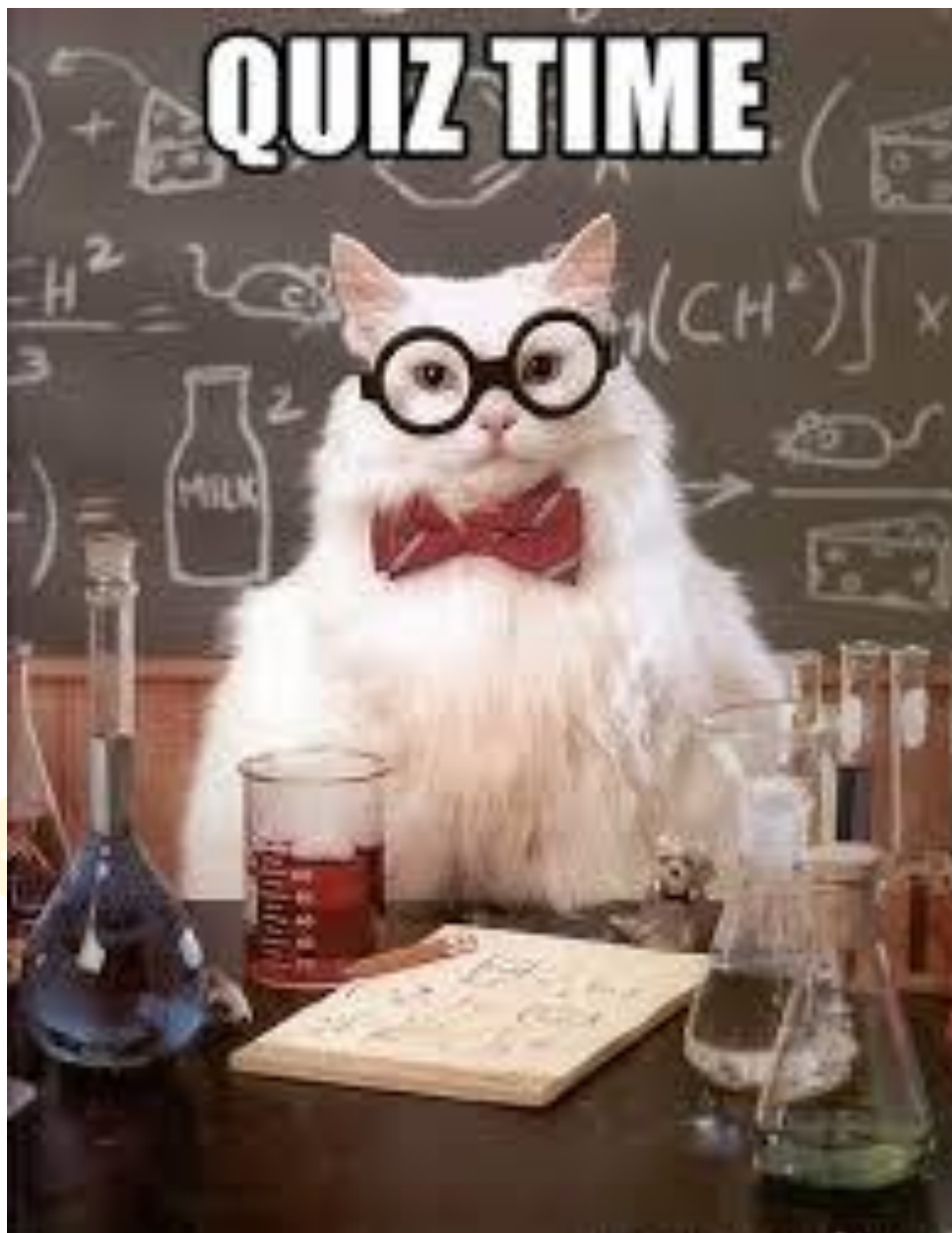


## AWARDS



1. Who out of the following won the Nobel Chemistry Prize?
  - a. Frances H. Arnold
  - b. Baker Moore
  - c. Dorothy Hodgkin
  - d. Ada Yonath
  - e. George Winter

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has selected US scientists Frances Arnold and George Smith and British researcher Gregory Winter for the 2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ is appointed as Director General of ICMR?
  - a. Balram Bhargava
  - b. Anshul Goyal
  - c. Shashank Mehta

d. Ravi Singh

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

He will have tenure of three years or until attainment of age of 60 years.

ICMR is India's apex scientific body for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research. It was established in 1911 as Indian Research Fund Association.

3. Who was conferred with the UNEP Champions of Earth Award 2018?

- a. Donald Trump
- b. Emmanuel Macron
- c. Françoise Hollande
- d. Justin Trudeau
- e. Angela Merkel

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

French President Emmanuel Macron was among the 6 winners who were conferred with the UNEP Champions of the Earth Award 2018.

4. Who has become the longest serving Chief Minister of India?

- a. Nar Bahadur Bhandari
- b. Pawan Chamling
- c. Jyoti Basu
- d. Ratan Pal

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

He has completed 23 years, four months and 17 days of uninterrupted service in office.

He surpassed earlier record held by Jyoti Basu, 5-term West Bengal CM who held office for 23 years.

5. India's official entry for the Oscars 2019 'Village Rockstars' has been directed by –

- a. Kaushik Ganguly
- b. Kankan Gogoi
- c. Rima Das
- d. Sudhir Mehta
- e. Ranjan Deb

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The film is written, edited, co-produced, and directed by Rima Das, who is a self-taught filmmaker. It has been set in Das' own village Kalardiya in Chaygao district of Assam. Its story revolves around 10-year-old girl, Dhunu (played by child actor Bhanita Das), who dreams to form her own rock band and goes in search of electric guitar in her village.

6. First woman lawyer to be appointed as Supreme Court judge?

- a. Anjana Dubey
- b. Kamana Shetty
- c. Neelam Mehra
- d. Indu Malhotra

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

She will be seventh woman judge in SC, since it was established 67 years ago.

In 1989, Justice M. Fathima Beevi became first woman judge in Supreme Court.

7. Who was the head of the Selection Committee to pick up the Dronacharya and Dhyanchand Awardees?

- a. Samresh Jung
- b. G S Sandhu
- c. Onkar Kedia

- d. Inder Dhamija
- e. Mukul Mudgal

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

Justice Mukul Mudgal was named Chairman of 11-member selection committee to pick this year's Dronacharya and Dhyanchand awardees given as part of National Sports Awards ceremony.

8. Who is the new chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?
- a. Raj Kamal
  - b. Jitendra Mehta
  - c. Subhash Chandra Khuntia
  - d. Milka Singh

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has appointed former chief secretary of Karnataka, Subhash Chandra Khuntia as a new chairman.

IRDA is an apex statutory body that regulates and develops insurance industry in India.

9. General Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retired) of the Indian Army was awarded the Legion of Merit. Which country does the Legion of Merit award belong to?
- a. Britain
  - b. Canada
  - c. France
  - d. USA
  - e. Australia

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

United States Government has awarded Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to General Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retired) of Indian Army. The award was given to Singh for his exceptionally meritorious service as Chief of Army Staff (CoAS) from August 2014 to December 2016.

10. Who appoints governors of India?
- a. President
  - b. Prime Minister
  - c. Defence minister
  - d. All of the above

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Kummanam Rajasekharan as Governor of Mizoram and Prof Ganeshi Lal as Governor of Odisha under Article 153 of the Constitution.

11. Which movie won the Best Film award at the 3rd BRICS Film Festival held in Durban?
- a. Village Rockstars
  - b. Grassroots
  - c. Newton
  - d. Toilet
  - e. Padman

**Sol. Ans: (c)** Newton directed by Amit Masurkar won Best Film and Village Rockstars by Rima Das received Best Actress (Bhanita Das) and Special Jury Award.

12. Peggy Whitson is related a/an:
- a. President of California
  - b. Astronaut

- c. President of IMF
- d. None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

She is a NASA's record-breaking spacewoman.  
Announced her retirement as astronaut.  
During her career, she had racked up total of 665 days in space.

13. Who was awarded the WHO World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award?
- a. Ram Manohar Dubey
  - b. S K Arora
  - c. Rajiv Desai
  - d. V. K. Shrivastava
  - e. Padam Patil

**Sol. Ans: (b)** Delhi government's additional director of health, SK Arora was awarded prestigious World Health Organization (WHO) World No Tobacco Day 2017 Award for his extraordinary contribution towards tobacco control. He was presented the award by Henk Bekedam, WHO India country head in New Delhi.

14. Who has been appointed as vigilance commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)?
- a. Sharad Kumar
  - b. Kapil Sharma
  - c. Rudra Singh
  - d. Rohit Mehra

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed former National Investigation Agency (NIA) chief Sharad Kumar as vigilance commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).  
CVC is an apex probity watchdog of Union Government formed to address governmental corruption.

15. Who was conferred with the 2018 Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavna Award?
- a. Dr. Ram Nath Kovind
  - b. Dr. Balaram Jakhad
  - c. Gopalkrishna Gandhi
  - d. Satya Pal Malik
  - e. Anna Hazare

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi was conferred with 2018 Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavna Award. He was presented award in New Delhi on occasion of 74th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

16. Who is appointed as the brand ambassador of Sikkim?
- a. Akshay Kumar
  - b. Sunidhi Chauhan
  - c. Shreya Ghosal
  - d. None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

Sikkim Government has appointed renowned music composer AR Rahman as Brand Ambassador of the State for a year.

17. Which Indian airport was awarded Airports Council International Airport Service Quality World no.1 in the 5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category?

- a. Kolkata Airport
- b. New Delhi Airport
- c. Hyderabad Airport
- d. Raipur Airport
- e. Mumbai Airport

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Hyderabad International Airport (Rajiv Gandhi International Airport) was awarded Airports Council International Airport Service Quality World no.1 airport award in the 5-15 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category. This is for the second consecutive year Hyderabad airport has won this award. It was adjudged World no 1 Airport in this category earlier in 2016.

18. Justice AK Goel is appointed as new Chairperson of \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. National Green Tribunal
  - b. East Zone Council
  - c. SEBI
  - d. None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Justice AK Goel as new Chairperson of National Green Tribunal (NGT). NGT is related to expeditious disposal of cases relating to environmental protection and conservation of forests and other natural resources.

19. Who out of the following was conferred with the Khel Ratna Award 2018?
- a. Manpreet Singh
  - b. Rohan Bopanna
  - c. Rahi Sarnobat
  - d. Both a and c
  - e. None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (e)**

Virat Kohli and weightlifter Mirabai Chanu were conferred with the Khel Ratna Award 2018. The mentioned three people have won the Arjuna Award 2018.

20. Sonal Mansingh has nominated by President for Rajya Sabha. She is a:
- a. RSS ideologue
  - b. Stone artist
  - c. Classical Dancer
  - d. IAS officer

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

President Ram Nath Kovind has nominated former MP Ram Shakkal, RSS ideologue Rakesh Sinha, classical dancer Sonal Mansingh and stone artist Raghunath Mohapatra as members of Rajya Sabha.

21. Pankaj Sharma has been appointed as India's Ambassador to UN Conference on Disarmament. He will replace –
- a. Amandeep Gill
  - b. Aditya Soni
  - c. Rupak Phadnavis
  - d. Rajveer Singh
  - e. Yashwant Patel

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Pankaj Sharma has been appointed as ambassador and India's permanent representative to United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, an official statement said. He will replace Amandeep Gill. Sharma is currently joint secretary (Disarmament and International Security Division) in Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

22. The World Food Prize 2018 was awarded to:
- Lawrence Haddad
  - Dr. David Nabarro
  - Both a and b
  - None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Lawrence Haddad is British economist and food policy researcher and Dr. David Nabarro has worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations (UN) on health and hunger issues.

23. R N Ravi has been appointed as the –
- National Security Advisor
  - Deputy National Security Advisor
  - RAW Deputy Chairman
  - Indian Ambassador to France
  - Intelligence Bureau Chief

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has redesignated R N Ravi, Chairman of Joint Intelligence Committee as Deputy National Security Advisor (Internal Affairs). He will be third deputy NSA to National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval after former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief, Rajinder Khanna and serving diplomat Pankaj Saran.

24. Which city honoured with Smart Cities award 2018 for the implementation of projects?
- Mumbai
  - Surat
  - Hydrabad
  - Bhopal

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

Surat smart city from Gujarat was selected for 'City Award' for showing great momentum in implementation of projects under India Smart Cities Awards 2018 especially in categories of urban environment, transport and mobility and sustainable integrated development.

25. Justice Ranjan Gogoi has been appointed as the \_\_\_\_ Chief Justice of India
- 45<sup>th</sup>
  - 46<sup>th</sup>
  - 47<sup>th</sup>
  - 48<sup>th</sup>
  - 49<sup>th</sup>

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

Justice Ranjan Gogoi was sworn-in as 46th Chief Justice of India. He was administered oath of the office by President Ram Nath Kovind.

26. China awarded its first highest state honour Friendship Medal to the president of which country?
- USA
  - Germany
  - India
  - Russia

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

China awarded its first highest state honour Friendship Medal to Russian President Vladimir Putin. This was first time China has awarded medal since it was established in 2015.

27. Gita Gopinath was appointed Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF). She is the \_\_\_\_\_ Indian to hold the post.
- First
  - Second
  - Third
  - Fourth
  - Fifth

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

India-born economist Gita Gopinath was appointed Chief Economist of International Monetary Fund (IMF). She will take over as IMF chief economist after Maurice Obstfeld retires in December 2018. It makes her second Indian after former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan to hold the position.

28. Who has been awarded Man Booker International Prize 2018?
- Olga Tokarczuk
  - Henry Jacob
  - Satish Mishra
  - Tui Zeing
  - Polish author Olga Tokarczuk (56) awarded Man Booker International Prize 2018.

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Her first novel, *The Journey Of The People Of The Book* was released in 1993.

29. Who has been appointed as the Director General of BSF?
- Rohit Mehar
  - Ajay Tyagi
  - Rajni Kant Misra
  - K K Sharma
  - Rampal Singh

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed senior IPS officer Rajni Kant Misra as Director General of Border Security Force (BSF). He has been tasked to head BSF for period up to his superannuation on August 31, 2019. He succeeds K K Sharma, who will retire at the end of this month.

30. Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017, awarded to:
- Arundhati Roy
  - Madhuri Dixit
  - Smriti Irani
  - None of the above

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

India's Navy all six women crew of INSV Tarini who completed India's first all-women circumnavigation expedition of the globe was conferred prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017.

It was aimed to demonstrate thrust of India's Nari Shakti or women power on global platform.

It is conferred annually by President on occasion of International Women's Day on March 8 every year.

31. Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas has been appointed as the –
- Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission
  - Chairman of SAIL

- c. DG of Sashastra Seema Bal
- d. Chairman of Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha
- e. None of these

**Sol. Ans: (a)**

Appointment Committee of the Cabinet has appointed renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas as chairman of Atomic Energy Commission and secretary of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). He will have tenure till he attains the age of 64 years, i.e. till May 2021.

32. Sitanshu Yashaschandra is a:
- a. Classical Singer
  - b. Classical dancer
  - c. Poet
  - d. Human Right activist.

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Gujarati poet, playwright and academic Sitanshu Yashaschandra was selected for 2017 Saraswati Samman for his collection of verses (poetry) titled "Vakhar" published in 2009. It was 27 edition of the award.

33. Dr. Arif Alvi has been elected as the \_\_\_\_ President of Pakistan.
- a. 11<sup>th</sup>
  - b. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 14<sup>th</sup>
  - e. 15<sup>th</sup>

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Dr Arif ur Rehman Alvi (69) was elected as 13th President of Pakistan. He is close ally of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and one of founding members of ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party.

34. Which state is selected for the Most Film Friendly State Award 2017?
- a. Rajasthan
  - b. Maharashtra
  - c. Madhya Pradesh
  - d. Punjab

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

Madhya Pradesh was selected for the Most Film Friendly State award 2017 for its efforts towards easing filming in state.

35. Anandiben Patel has been appointed as the Governor of Chhattisgarh. She is also the Governor of –
- a. Jharkhand
  - b. Uttar Pradesh
  - c. Bihar
  - d. Madhya Pradesh
  - e. Odisha

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

President Ram Nath Kovind has given Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel additional charge of Chhattisgarh.

36. Pulitzer Prize is of which country?
- a. Germany
  - b. UK
  - c. USA



d. Canada

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The Pulitzer Prize is an annual award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in US.

In Journalism, New York Times won most awards of any newspaper, with three, bringing its total to 125 Pulitzer Prizes.

37. R S Sharma has been reappointed as the Chairperson of \_\_\_\_\_ till 2020

- a. NABARD
- b. EXIM Bank
- c. TRAI
- d. SEBI
- e. None of these

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved reappointment of Ram Sewak Sharma as chairperson of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for further period beyond August 2018 upto September 2020.

38. Who has been honored with Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2017?

- a. Rajesh Khanna
- b. Vinod Khanna
- c. Shah Rukh Khan
- d. Helen

**Sol. Ans: (b)**

Late veteran actor and politician Vinod Khanna was posthumously honoured with prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2017.

It is the highest honour in Indian cinema given by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

It was established in 1969.

39. Who has become the first Indian to get elected as an ICANN ccNSO council member?

- a. Durgesh Chaudhary
- b. Sushma Dwivedi
- c. Ajay Data
- d. Rekha Sharma
- e. Arun Kumar Singh

**Sol. Ans: (c)**

The nominating committee of Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has selected Ajay Data as new council member of Country Code Supporting Organisation (ccNSO). With this, he becomes first Indian to get selected as a member of ccNSO

40. Which regional film got Best Feature Film at 65<sup>th</sup> National Film awards?

- a. Bengali
- b. Kannada
- c. Marathi
- d. Assamese

**Sol. Ans: (d)**

Assamese film Village Rockstars won the award in the Best Feature Film category.

It was announced by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

