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Q1. Who has been honoured with the Gandhi Peace Prize this year?

- a) Medha Patker
 - b) Pamposh Bhat
 - c) Chandi Prasad Bhatt
 - d) Sanjeev Sanyal
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Q2. For how many categories have A.R. Rehman, the Golden Globe Award Winner for the original soundtrack in the film "**Slum Dog Millionaire**" been nominated at the Oscars?

- a) 3
 - b) 2
 - c) 1
 - d) 9
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Q3. Who was the first foreigner to win the Bharat Ratna?

- a) None of these
 - b) Winston Churchill
 - c) Nelson Madela
 - d) Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan
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Q4. The first Indian to win the ICC ODI Player of the Year (2007) Award is

- a) Yuvraj Singh
- b) Virender Sehwag

c) Saurav Ganguly

d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

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Q5. Who amongst the following got a Nobel Prize in recognition of his discoveries of how salts and water transported in and out of cells in the human body ?

a) John E. Sultan

b) Kurt Wuethrich

c) Roderick MacKinnon

d) H. Robert Horvitz

Q6. Consider the following Statements:

- Dilip Vengsarkar has been selected for Col. CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Vengsarkar is the 19th recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Sunil Gavaskar is also recipient of the award.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

a) 1 and 3 only

b) 2 and 3 only

c) 1 and 2 only

d) All of the above

Q7. Carole King Became the First Woman to Receive Gershwin Prize, she is..

a) Writer

b) Singer

c) Poet

d) Director

Q8. The Citizen's foundation, an organisation which has been honoured with the Ramon Magsasay Award this year belongs to which country?

- a) Sri Lanka
 - b) Afghanistan
 - c) Myanmar
 - d) Pakistan
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Q9. The Nobel prize for Economics was instituted in

- a) 1968
 - b) 1966
 - c) 1967
 - d) 1965
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Q10. Who amongst the following eminent Indian journalists was conferred the Magsaysay Award ?

- a) Arun Shourie
 - b) Kushwant Singh
 - c) Frank Moraes
 - d) Girilal Jain
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Q11. Which Indian University bagged Best Research Award at 100th Indian Science Congress?

- a) University of Mumbai
 - b) University of Kashmir
 - c) University of Delhi
 - d) University of Sikkim
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Q12. Consider the following statements:

- Nobel Prize is sometimes given to the outstanding persons in the related fields posthumously.
- The Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and peace were first awarded in 1901.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) Both 1 and 2
- b) 1 only
- c) 2 only
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

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Q13. Man Booker Prize 2014 won by–

- a) Philip Roth
- b) Richard Flanagan
- c) Lydia Davis
- d) Hilary Mantel

Q14. Dhanwantari award is conferred in the field of :

- a) Agriculture
- b) Sports
- c) Indian Philosophy
- d) Medical Science

Q15. Which of the below statements are **correct** regarding the International Women of Courage Award?

- It is given by UN Women.
- It was established in the year 2007.
- No Indian has been honoured with the award this year.

Codes:

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 2 and 3 only
- c) 1 and 2 only
- d) All of these

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been awarded with the Gandhi Peace Prize for his contribution towards the environment.

Q2. Answer: (a)

Allahrakka Rahman is an Indian composer, singer-songwriter, music producer, musician, multiinstrumentalist and philanthropist. Described as the world's most prominent and prolific film composer by Time, his works are notable for integrating Eastern classical music with electronic music sounds, world music genres and traditional orchestral arrangements.

He has won two Academy Awards, two Grammy Awards, a BAFTA Award, a Golden Globe, four National Film Awards, fifteen Filmfare Awards and thirteen Filmfare Awards South, in addition to numerous other awards and nominations.

In the academy, he was nominated for Best Original Score, and Best Original Song (Jai Ho" from Slumdog Millionaire – Music by A. R. Rahman; Lyrics by Gulzar AND "O Saya" from Slumdog Millionaire – Music and Lyric by A. R. Rahman and M.I.A.

Q3. Answer: (d)

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INDIAN POLITICAL, SOCIO ECONOMIC PANORAMA & ISSUES (NATIONAL)WORLD POLITICAL, SOCIO ECONOMIC PANORAMA & ISSUES (INTERNATIONAL)**Q4. Answer: (d)**

Dhoni has also been the recipient of many awards including the ICC ODI Player of the Year award in 2008 and 2009 (the first Indian player to achieve this feat), the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award and the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour in 2009. In 2009 Dhoni topped the list of the world's top 10 earning cricketers compiled by Forbes and he has been ranked as 31st richest sportsman in the world according to the Forbes Highest Paid Athletes for the year 2012.

Dhoni's total earnings are estimated to be USD 26.5 million according to Forbes. Thus he has become the richest Indian sportsman surpassing Sachin Tendulkar. The TIME magazine added him in its "Time 100" list of 100 most influential people of 2011. Sports Pro has rated MS Dhoni as the 16th most remarkable athlete in the world.

Note: M.S.Dhoni got the ODI Player of the Year award 2 times (2008 & 2009) and Virat Kohli one time (2012).

Q5. Answer: (c)

Roderick MacKinnon (born 19 February 1956) is a professor of Molecular Neurobiology and Biophysics at Rockefeller University who won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry together with Peter Agre in 2003 for his work on the structure and operation of ion channels.

In 1989 he was appointed assistant professor at Harvard University where he studied the interaction of the potassium channel with a specific toxin derived from scorpion venom, acquainting himself with methods of protein purification and X-ray crystallography.

In 1996 he moved to Rockefeller University as a professor and head of the Laboratory of Molecular Neurobiology and Biophysics where he started to work on the structure of the potassium channel.

These channels are of particular importance to the nervous system and the heart and enable potassium ions to cross the cell membrane.

Q6. Answer: (d)

Dilip Vengsarkar is also known by the nickname 'Colonel'. He was a member of the Indian team that won the World Cup in 1983 and the World Championship of Cricket in 1985.

Q7. Answer: (b)

US singer-songwriter Carole King became the first woman to receive the Library of Congress Gershwin Prize for Popular Song. The award was given away at the White House in Washington.

Q8. Answer: (d)

The Pakistani non-government group The Citizen's foundation is among the six winners of the Ramon Magsasay Award this year.

Q9. Answer: (b)

Merlin award is given to the Magicians who contribute significantly in the stage magic shows and creation of magic in the world. This award was created by Tony Hassini and his International Magicians Society.

Q10. Answer: (a)

Arun Shourie (born 2 November, 1941) is an Indian journalist, author and politician. He served as an economist with the World Bank (1968–72 and 1975– 77), a consultant to the Planning Commission, India, editor of the Indian Express and Times of India and a minister in the government of India (1998–2004). He was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1982.

Q11. Answer: (b)

The Department of Earth Sciences, University of Kashmir, was awarded the Best Research Award in Earth Sciences at the Centenary year of the Indian Science Congress held at the Calcutta University from 3-7 January 2013.

Note: Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) is a premier scientific organization of India with headquarters at Kolkata, West Bengal.

The 104th Indian Science Congress was held at Sri Venkateswara University (SVU) Tirupati. The next session of the conference would be held in Bhubaneshwar in 2018.

Q12. Answer: (c)

The Nobel prize except the Economics first awarded in 1901.

Q13. Answer: (b)

Australian author Richard Flanagan won the Man Booker Prize 2014 for his wartime novel 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North.' Flanagan is the third Australian to win the prize after Thomas Keneally and Peter Carey.

Q14. Answer: (d)

The prestigious Dhanwantari award, which recognizes contribution in medical science is awarded annually since 1972.

The recipients include M.K. Mani, a pioneer in nephrology in the country and Chief Nephrologist at Apollo Hospital, Chennai who has been honoured with the 40th Dhanvantari Award.

Q15. Answer: (b)

The award was established in the year 2007 by the US government. Nirbhaya (fearless), victim of Delhi gang rape and Ms. Laxmi, an acid attack victim were awarded in 2013 and 2014 respectively.

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