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Q1. Bharat Ratna is designed like the leaf of

- a) Cocount tree
 - b) Peepal tree
 - c) Banyan tree
 - d) Sandalwood tree
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Q2. Which of the following is India's highest honour in the field of literature ?

- a) Kalidas Samman
 - b) Vyas Samman
 - c) Saraswati Samman
 - d) Jnanpith Award
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Q3. Richard Flanagan recently won Man Booker Prize for which of the following book?

- a) The Sound of One Hand Clapping
 - b) Death of a River Guide
 - c) The Narrow Road to the Deep North
 - d) The Unknown Terrorist
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Q4. Which university has been chosen for Mahindra Samridhi India Agri Award 2015?

- a) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
- b) Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

c) Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar

d) Anand Agricultural University, anand

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Q5. man Booker Prize for 2014 is awarded to :

a) Lech Walesa

b) Shashi Tharoor

c) Amrita Pritam

d) Richard Flanagan

Q6. Consider the following statements:

- Veerappa Moily has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2014.
- He is the second Kannada author to receive the honour after S. L. Bhyrappa (2010).
- Saraswati Samman was established by the Sir Ratan Tata foundation in 1991.

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. Consider the following statements:

- The Miss World pageant is the oldest surviving major international beauty pageant. It was created in the United Kingdom.
- Miss Universe is an annual international beauty contest that is run by the Miss Universe organization. The contest was founded in 1953 by California.

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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Q8. The 28th Annual Lata Mangeshkar Samman Alankaran 2013 was conferred to

- a) Hariharan
 - b) Kailash Kher
 - c) Sonu Nigam
 - d) A.R. Rahman
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Q9. Kailash Satyarthi, who has been selected for Nobel Peace Prize recently is associated with

- a) Beej Bachao Andolan
 - b) Bachpan Bachao Andolan
 - c) Narmada Bachao Andolan
 - d) Save Democracy
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Q10. Who is the scientist who was associated with food grain revolution and who also won the Nobel Prize for Peace?

- a) Dr.Subramaniam Chandra Sekhar
 - b) Dr. N.E. Borlaug
 - c) Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
 - d) Willy Brandt
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Q11. Sri Arvind Kejriwal has been selected for the Ramon Magsaysay Award for 2006 for his important contribution in the field.

- a) 'Right to Information' movement and empow7ering citizens to fight corruption.
- b) Effective implementation of the "National Minimum Employment Guarantee Scheme" in rural areas.

- c) Formation of Pani (water Panchayats in Rajasthan helping rural people in facing their acute water problem)
- d) Extending education to children of slum dwellers in Delhi
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Q12. Consider the following statements :

- Rajiv Gandhi Environment Award is given for outstanding contributions to neat technology and development.
- First Bharat Ratna Award initiated in 1954.
- The Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration consists of a citation and ` 5 lakh in cash.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) 1, 2 and 3

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Q13. Who won the Jnanpith award for the year 2001 ?

- a) Mahasweta Devi
- b) Rajendra Shah
- c) Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya
- d) M. T. Vasudevan Nair

Q14. Who of the following was **not** the recipient of Nobel Prize in Economics 2010?

- a) Lui Xiaobo
- b) Christopher Pissarides
- c) Peter A. Diamond
- d) Dale Mortensen

Q15. Who amongst the following won the Nobel Prize at least twice?

- a) Octavio Paz
- b) Madame Curie
- c) Winston Churchill
- d) George Choupak

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

The actual award is designed in the shape of a peepul leaf and carries with the words "Bharat Ratna", inscribed in Devanagari script. The reverse side of the medal carries the state emblem and motto.

Q2. Answer: (d)

The Jnanpith Award is India's highest honour in the field of literature. Along with the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship, it is one of the two most prestigious literary honours in the country. The award was instituted in 1961.

Q3. Answer: (c)

The Narrow Road to the Deep North is set in the background of World War II and give details about life of Prisoners of War.

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University has been chosen for the award for its contribution in agricultural development and productivity through Research and Development.

Q5. Answer: (d)

Australian author Richard Flanagan won the 2014 Man Booker Prize for his book 'The Narrow Road to the Deep North.'

The book tells the story of Dorrigo Evans, an Australian doctor haunted by a wartime love affair with his uncle's wife. Post-war, he finds his growing celebrity as a war hero at odds with his sense of his own failings and guilt.

Note: The Sellout by Paul Beatty is named winner of the 2016 Man Booker Prize for Fiction.

Q6. Answer: (c)

Saraswati Samman was established by the K. K. Birla Foundation in 1991.

Q7. Answer: (d)

None of the given statements is correct.

The Miss World pageant is the oldest surviving major international beauty pageant. It was created in the United Kingdom by Eric Morley in 1951.

Since his death in 2000, Morley's wife, Julia Morley, co-chairs the pageant. Miss Universe is an annual international beauty contest that is run by the Miss Universe Organization.

The contest was founded in 1952 by the California clothing company Pacific Mills. The pageant became part of Kayser-Roth, and then Gulf Western Industries, before being acquired by Donald Trump in 1996.

Q8. Answer: (a)

The Madhya Pradesh government, in May 2013, conferred the 28th Annual Lata Mangeshkar Samman Alankaran 2013 on famous playback singer Hariharan. Instituted in 1984, the award is conferred upon to a music composer and singer alternately.

Q9. Answer: (b)

Kailash Satyarthi, through Bachpan Bachao Andolan campaigns for protection of child rights and to abolish illegal human trafficking.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Norman Ernest Borlaug, "The Man Who Saved A Billion Lives", was an American agronomist, humanitarian, and Nobel laureate who has been called "the father of the Green Revolution".

For his contributions to the world food supply, Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970.

He is one of six people to have won the Nobel Peace Prize, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal.

Q11. Answer: (a)

Arvind Kejriwal is an Indian social activist. He was an Indian Revenue Service official before joining social and political activities.

He was awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership in 2006, for activating India's Right to Information movement at grassroots and social activities to empower the poorest citizens to fight corruption by holding the government answerable to the people.

Kejriwal is also a Saathi (fellow) of the Association for India's Development, a Global Impact award-winning NGO.

In 2006 after resigning from IRS, he founded an NGO Public Cause Research Foundation by donating his Magsaysay award money as a corpus fund. In November 2012, he launched the Aam Aadmi Party, claiming that the party's vision was Swaraj.

Note: Human rights activist Bezwada Wilson and Carnatic musician Thodur Madabusi Krishna are winners of the Magsaysay Award from India in 2016.

Q12. Answer: (d)

Q13. Answer: (b)

The Jnanpith Award is a literary award in India. Along with the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship, it is one of the two most prestigious literary honours in the country.

The award was instituted in 1961. Any Indian citizen who writes in any of the official languages of India is eligible for the honour. It is presented by the Bharatiya Jnanpith, a trust founded by the Sahu Jain family, the publishers of The Times of India newspaper.

Rajendra Shah won the Jnanpith — the Indian government's most prestigious literary prize — for the year 2001. was a lyrical poet who wrote in Gujarati.

Indira Goswami won this award in 2000.

Note: The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their “outstanding contribution towards literature”.

Instituted in 1961, the award is bestowed only on Indian writers writing in Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India and English. As of 2015, the cash prize has been revised to 11 lakh (equivalent to 12 lakh or US\$18,000 in 2016).

The most recent recipient of the award is Bengali poet and critic Shankha Ghosh who was awarded for the year 2016.

Q14. Answer: (a)

Liu Xiaobo is a Chinese literary critic, writer, professor, and human rights activist who called for political reforms and the end of communist single-party rule. He is currently incarcerated as a political prisoner in Jinzhou, Liaoning.

Liu has served from 2003 to 2007 as President of the Independent Chinese PEN Center, an organization funded by the National Endowment for Democracy, which in turn is almost entirely funded by the US Congress.

He was also the President of NED-funded Min Zhu Zhong Guo (Democratic China) magazine since the mid-1990s.

On 8 December 2008, Liu was detained because of his participation in the Charter 08 manifesto. He was formally arrested on 23 June 2009 on suspicion of “inciting subversion of state power.” He was tried on the same charges on 23 December 2009 and sentenced to eleven years' imprisonment and two years' deprivation of political rights on 25 December 2009.

Note: The Prize in Economics is not one of the original Nobel Prizes created by Alfred Nobel's.

The prize was established in 1968 by a donation from Sweden's central bank, the Swedish National Bank. The Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded jointly to Oliver Hart and Bengt Holmström for the year 2016.

Q15. Answer: (b)

Madame Curie shared her 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics with her husband Pierre Curie and with physicist Henri Becquerel. She was the sole winner of the 1911 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

Her achievements included a theory of radioactivity (a term that she coined), techniques for isolating radioactive isotopes, and the discovery of two elements, polonium and radium.

Under her direction, the world's first studies were conducted into the treatment of neoplasms, using radioactive isotopes.

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