

Questions from Auto-Biography and Personalities

Dear aspirants,

In this section, various questions will be asked in aspects of year, age, book name, parent's name, quotes, work, etc from famous personalities and their biography. Take a note on each personality from samacheer book and keep all points in finger-tip. Mainly focus on Kalpana chawla, Gandhiji , Abdul Kalam, Jhansi rani and Netaji. Kindly go through other personalities too. Please check our notes which is available for easy turn back.

1) During the Sepoy Mutiny, the queen who fought against the British was

- (A) **Lakshmibai**
- (B) Bhagirathibai
- (C) Nana Sahib
- (D) Durgadevi

Explanation

The Indian soldiers turned against the British in the year 1857. That was the first fight back against the British. It was called First war of independence. It was also called as Sepoy Mutiny. But Rani Lakshmibai joined the mutiny in the year 1858. She was the bravest women.

2) When Gangadhar Rao married the Rani of Jhansi, she was only—— years old.

- (A) **15**
- (B) 20
- (C) 18
- (D) 22

Explanation

The King of Jhansi married Lakshmibai at her 15 years old and she became the “**Rani of Jhansi**”. Later she gave birth to Boy baby but unfortunately he was died in 3 months in the year 1851.

3) Who among the following was named Manikarnika?

(A) Mahasweta Devi

(B) Rani Lakshmi Bai

(C) Bhagirathi Bai

(D) Kasthuri Bai

Explanation

Here Manikarnika is none other than Rani **Lakshmibai**, who was formerly named so. Apart from this original name, she also had names as follows by her friends and family.

Manu & Chahabilli.

4) Who said these words?

“A nation without a vision is like a ship cruising on high seas without aim or direction”.

(A) Gandhiji

(B) Rajiv Gandhi

(C) Jawaharlal Nehru

(D) Indira Gandhi

Explanation

This quote can be seen in the prose “**Vision for Nation**”, where the first vision of the Nation is **Freedom of India**. Likewise second vision is **Developed India** and three vision is **developed status**.

5) Who wrote the book 'The Discovery of India'?

(A) Vallabhai Patel

(B) Mahatma Gandhi

(C) Jawaharlal Nehru

(D) Nethaji

Explanation

This book was published in the year 1946.

6) He knows what rules are necessary and the rules are made to be enforced.

It would be

wrong of me to override his rules and decisions of this kind.

Who does "me" refer to in the lesson "The One Minute Apology"?

(A) The Colonel

(B) Edwin Stanton

(C) Abraham Lincoln

(D) Scott

Explanation

As Mr.Stanton refused scott's permission for his wife's burial. Scott approached Mr.Lincoln to appeal his request and the above lines are told by Mr.Abraham Lincoln, the President of America.

7) Helen Keller speaks about the word in "The Mystery of Language".

(A) Book

(B) Water

(C) Tree

(D) Pencil

Explanation

It was the first word learnt by Helen Keller from her teacher Anne. When someone draws water, her teacher placed her hand on stream. She felt the water stream and her teacher teaches the word “water”. That’s how mystery of language was revealed to her.

8) Whose message is this?

“Listen to the sounds of nature Take goodcare of our fragile planet”.

(A) Abdul Kalam

(B) Kalpana Chawla

(C) Saralabehn

(D) Sunita Williams

Explanation

The above lines are from “**Bon Voyage**”. **Kalpana Chawla** uttered these lines in her last interview and gave message to Indian children.

9) “If non-violence is the law of our being, the future is with women”.

Who said this?

(A) Bharathiyar

(B) Gandhiji

(C) Nethaji

(D) Nehru

Explanation

Mahatma Gandhiji made many statements about women’s right and their freedom. Likewise some of the quotes are given below for your reference:

“To call woman the weaker sex is a libel”

“I believe that women will not make her contribution to the world by running a race with men”

10) Lakshmibai is the most famous Indian woman to have defied the British.

Give Antonyms for the underlined word.

(A) Opposed

(B) Accepted

(C) Considered

(D) Joined

Explanation :

Synonyms -> Opposed

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11)arrival changed the life of Helen Keller.

(A) Kate's

(B) Mabel's

(C) Anne Sullivan's

(D) Mother's

Explanation

Anne Sullivan is a teacher, who teaches special children. In such a way, Helen keller's life was changed because of her beloved teacher who teaches the mystery of language.

12) Anne Sullivan came to teach Helen Keller at the age of

(A) 11

(B) 20

(C) 21

(D) 12

Explanation

Anne was 21 when she came to teach Helen. She found a way to make Helen understand words and their meaning by writing on her palm.

13) Whose father is 'Banarsi Dass'?

(A) Hellen Keller

(B) Dr. Salim Ali

(C) KalpanaChawla

(D) Subash Chandra Bose

Explanation

Kalpana Chawla was born on 1st July 1961 in Karnal, Harayana. Her father name is Banarsi Dass chawla. She was the youngest of 4 siblings. Actually her father refused to do her ambition, but her brother **Sanjay's** advice encouraged her.

14) Kalpana Chawla was born on

(A) 16th of January 2003

(B) 21st of July 1969

(C) 1st of July 1961

(D) 1st of July 1976

15) Choose the correct answer

In which year, Kalpana Chawla's path to the Milky way was paved?

(A) 1995

(B) 1993

(C) 1994

(D) 1988

Explanation

In 1995, She reported to Johnson Space centre after her selection by NASA in 15th group of Astronauts. Her dream became true in the year 1996.

16) " The journey matters as much as the goal". Who said this?

(A) Kesavan Nair

(B) Portia

(C) KalpanaChawla

(D) Mrs. Hendorson

Explanation

The above line was Kalpana Chawla's message to Indian Children in her last interview as follows,

...The Journey matters as much as the goal

Listen to the sounds of nature.....

Take care of our fragile planet"

17) Fill in the blank with the correct option

Gandhi married in.....

(A) 1800

(B) 1882

(C) 1889

(D) 1887

Explanation

Gandhi married Kasturba Gandhi in the year 1883. As per book records the above options are wrong. In samacheer books, the year mentioned is 1882. Thus, 14th yrs old kasturba was married to 13 yrs old Gandhi.

18)is probably the most famous Indian woman to defy the British.

(A) Lakshmibai

(B) Lalitha

(C) Latha

(D) Radha

Explanation

Most repeated question from the prose “The Brave Rani of Jhansi”. She fought against British during sepoy mutiny.

19) True morality consists, not in following the beaten track, but in finding out the true path for ourselves ...

These lines are from the lesson—

(A) To The Land of Snow

(B) Hiroshima

(C) Mark of Vishnu

(D) The Ceaseless Crusader

Explanation

Mahatma Gandhi was born on 1869 and married to Kasturba Gandhi in 1882. His auto-biography is “The Story of My Experiments with Truth”. He was also called as “Ceaseless Crusader” of women’s equality.

20) What type of essay does the lesson ‘Bon Voyage’ refer to?

(A) Narrative

(B) Descriptive

(C) Biographical

(D) Imaginative

Explanation

The whole prose is about the life history of Kalpana Chawla and her ambition to touch the sky. Thus it describes about her space experience too. So, it is related to **Biographical**.

21) "The Ganges valley looked majestic" who uttered these words?

(A) Portia

(B) KalpanaChawla

(C) Antonio

(D) Bassanio

Explanation

Kalpana Chawla's words on her first flight space in the year 1997 follows below, "The Ganges valley looked majestic, mind-boggling. Africa looked like a desert and the Nile a vein in it"

It is almost as if everything is in fast forward.

22) In which year did Subash Chandra Bose form the Indian National Army in Singapore?

(A) 1939

(B) 1943

(C) 1941

(D) 1938

Explanation

Netaji formed the Indian National Army(INA) in 1941 in Singapore with the help of Indian prisoners who were released by Japanese. He inspired the troops to fight against the British to liberate their motherland.

23) Find out who said this?

“Often I have been asked if as a child I had ever dreamt of going into space”.

- (A) KalpanaChawla
- (B) Sunitha Williams
- (C) Neil Armstrong
- (D) Rakesh Sharma**

Explanation

Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian to go into space. His cover story in the magazine “The Week” as follows below,

“Often I have been asked if as a child, I had ever dreamt of going into space”.

He answered in negative that India never had a manned space programme ,so dreaming about it would have been futile. But Kalpana Chawla chased her dream and lived in it. This was the words about Kalpana Chawla by Rakesh Sharma.

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“Listen to the sounds of nature. Take good care of our fragile planet”

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Explanation

The quote was said by Gandhiji in the prose “The Ceaseless Crusader”. He also says women has an equal right of freedom and liberty.

27) Select the correct option to complete the sentence:

Ornithologists refer to people——.

(A) who study eyes

(B) who study culture

(C) who study fossil

(D) who study birds

Explanation

It's branch of Zoology that concerns the study of birds. The one who study and expert on birds was known to be Ornithologist.

28) From the lesson “Bon-Voyage”

Her Passion to space exploration has made her an inspiration and an icon to every little Indian girl.

Who is the icon mentioned here?

Find out the correct answer from the options given below :

(A) Sunitha Williams

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Explanation

The **icon** to every girl is none other than **Kalpana Chawla**. She was an inspiration to every young women and girl and she has paved way for them to dream high & work for your passion.

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(A) Rabindranath Tagore

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Explanation

Helen keller lost her ability to hear and see at the age of one and a half years old. The above words are from her auto-biography “**The Story of my Life**”. She wrote many books, stories and film till her age of 87.

30) “Listen to the sounds of Nature Take care of our fragile planet”

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The above lines are from “**Bon Voyage**”. **Kalpana Chawla** uttered these lines in her last interview and gave message to Indian children. Whatever circumstances you could indeed follow your dreams.

31) ‘Ahimsa means infinite love, which again means infinite capacity for suffering’.

It also means—

- (A) Self- respect
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Explanation

Here Ahimsa means **Non-Violence**, which was compared with infinite love of Mother and her suffering in all aspects of her life.

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33) Who among the following is an anti-apartheid revolutionary?

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(B) Mahatma Gandhi

(C) Nelson Mandela

(D) Helen Keller

34) In which Indian state was Kalpana Chawla born?

(A) Madhya Pradesh

(B) Haryana

(C) Punjab

(D) Rajasthan

- 35) "The Book of Indian Birds" is a famous work by
(A) Zai Whitaker
(B) Dr. Salim Ali
(C) Paul Laurence Dunbar
(D) Lakshmi Mukundan
- 36) "She left India as a student, but she would see the nation of her birth, all of it, from hundreds of miles above" - Whose words are these?
(A) Nelson Mandela
(B) George W. Bush
(C) Barack Obama
(D) Manmohan Singh
- 37) According to the Doctrine of Lapse, the British could take over the kingdom from an Indian ruler who
(A) lost the war
(B) died without a natural heir
(C) indulged in corruption
(D) died because of a terrible disease
- 38) What is the name of the Commander whose forgiveness Abraham Lincoln sought for being rude to him?
(A) Colonel Scott
(B) Colonel Henry
(C) Colonel James
(D) Colonel Wilson
- 39) 'Jai Hindh' - whose inspiring words of salutation are these?
(A) Gokhale
(B) Subhash Chandra Bose

- (C) Bala Gangadara Tilak
 - (D) Mahatma Gandhi
- 40) Identify the person who fought for the preservation of many important forests, like the Bharatpur, Bird sanctuary and Silent Valley.
- (A) Medha Patkar
 - (B) Zai Whitaker
 - (C) Dr. Salim Ali**
 - (D) Arundhati Roy
- 41) Pick out the statement which is wrong about Mahatma Gandhi.
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi was a ceaseless crusader of women's equality
 - (B) Gandhi was no advocate of blind adherence to tradition
 - (C) He was an extraordinary lover of truth
 - (D) Gandhi considered women to be unfit for any position or task**
- 42) What is the name of the episode on Abraham Lincoln in the book "The war years Volume III"?
- (A) The comforts you have is the one you live
 - (B) The money you spend is the one you live
 - (C) The happiness you have is the one you live
 - (D) The legacy you leave is the one you live**
- 43) "To call woman the weaker sex is a libel; It is man's injustice to woman". Who said these words about Women?
- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (B) Swami Vivekananda
 - (C) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (D) Mahatma Gandhi**
- 44) Rani of Jhansi was associated with——
- (A) Battle of Plassey

(B) Sepoy Mutiny

(C) British Government

(D) Indian National Congress

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George W.Bush spoke these lines about whom?

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‘Woman is the companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacities’.

(A) Kalpana Chawla

(B) Mahatma Gandhi

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48) Kalpana Chawla was born in

(A) Pakistan

(B) California

(C) Karnal

(D) New Delhi

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Who said this?

(A) Dr. Salim Ali

(B) Mahatma Gandhi

(C) Kalpana Chawla

(D) Jawaharlal Nehru

50) Kalpana Chawla was a famous

(A) astrologer

(B) astronaut

(C) teacher

(D) doctor

51) Who is the 'Bird Man' of India?

(A) Dr. Abdul Kalam

(B) Dr. Salim Ali

(C) R.K. Narayanan

(D) Thakazhi Sivasankaran Pillai

52) In whose Biography do you find this statement?

The wife is not the husband's slave but his companion and his help mate

(A) Pearl S. Buck

(B) Mahatma Gandhi

(C) Sarojini Naidu

(D) Nelson Mandela

53) Select the correct answer to complete the sentence from options given below :

That Rani Lakshmibai travelled 24 hours at a stretch with her child on her back. speaks of

(A) her dynamism and bravery

(B) her desire to escape

(C) her weakness

(D) her selfishness

54) Kalpana Chawla was born in which country?

(A) China

(B) Sri Lanka

(C) India

(D) America

55) Choose the birth place of Kalpana Chawla

(A) Bombay

(B) Haryana (Karnal)

(C) Delhi

(D) Thanjavur

56) " the Journey matters as much as the goal-listen to the sounds of nature

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These are the words of

(A) Sunitha Williams

(B) Rakesh Sharma

(C) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

(D) Kalpana Chawla

57) Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Dr. Salim Ali is an—

(A) Ornithologist

(B) Ophthalmologist

(C) Opportunist

(D) Oncologist

58) "Any Tradition, however ancient, if inconsistent with morality, is fit to be banished from the land. Untouchability may be considered an ancient tradition.

These words are said by

(A) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

(B) Gokhale

(C) Gandhiji

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59) Tania Tope, a childhood friend helped to fight against the British for which of the following celebrities.

(A) Helen Keller

(B) Rani of Jhansi

(C) Subash Chandra Bose

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60) "I could then see my reflection in the window and in the retina of my eye the whole earth and sky could be seen reflected"

Who is the speaker?

(A) Helen Keller

(B) Sunita Williams

(C) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

(D) Kalpana Chawla

61) Which of the following is not true?

(A) Chawla always spoke about travelling to the states

(B) Chawla travelled about 760 hours in space

(C) Chawla was assigned as Mission Specialist

(D) Chawli's inspiration to take up flying was JRD Tata

62) Name the celebrity who is interested in ornithology.

(A) Hope Spencer

(B) Hussain Ali

(C) Salim Ali

(D) Brian Palten

63) Who said this?

If non-violence is the law of our being, the future is with women.

(A) Mahatma Gandhi

(B) Mother Teresa

(C) Rajaram Mohan Roy

(D) Subramania Bharathi

64) Identify the option that contains the answer to the question given below :

Subhas Chandra Bose was popularly known as —

(A) Chachaji

(B) Babaji

(C) Netaji

(D) Dharamji

65) "The journey matters as much as the goal. Listen to the sounds of nature

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67) In whose biography do you find this statement?

'I would sweep them out of existence if I had the power'.

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru

(B) Nelson Mandela

(C) Abraham Lincoln

(D) Mahatma Gandhi

68) Helen's parents took her to

(A) Davinci

(B) Edison

(C) Graham Bell

(D) Albert Einstein

69) 'Beni Madhav Das' was the guru of

(A) Manoj Das

(B) Kamala Das

(C) Netaji Subash Chandra Bose

(D) Tagore

70) At the age of — Gandhi got married.

(A) Eleven

(B) Twelve

(C) Thirteen

(D) Fifteen

71) — is about the study of birds.

(A) Ophthalmology

(B) Ornithology

(C) Psychology

(D) Geology

72) Helen Keller lost her sight and hearing ability when she was — years old.

(A) Three

(B) One

(C) One and half

(D) Two

73) Match the following column (A) with column (B) :

Column A	Column B
(a) Netaji	1. My experiments with truth
(b) Rani of Jhansi	2. NASA
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- (C) Mathi
- (D) Madhavi

75) "Democracy is for the people by the people and of people" Who said this?

- (A) Abraham Lincoln**
- (B) William Wordsworth
- (C) Gandhiji
- (D) Nehru