



MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

**APTITUDE TEST FOR ADMISSION TO B.A JOURNALISM AND MASS
COMMUNICATION, JUNE 2025**

Application No:

Name:

Time: 1 ½ Hours

Max. Marks: 50

SECTION A

*Choose the correct answer from the choices given, for the following questions. Each question carries **one mark**.*

1. What is India's rank in the World Press Freedom Index 2025?
A. 150 B. 151 C. 152 D. 154
2. Where is the Vantara Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre?
A. Rajasthan B. Madhya Pradesh C. Gujarat D. Kerala
3. What is the newly discovered fourth form of water called?
A. Super Ice B. Plastic Ice VII C. Quantum Ice D. None of the Above
4. What is the name of the AI-based digital initiative launched to provide real-time translation and transcription of parliamentary records?
A. Sansad Bhashini B. Bhasha Setu C. Digital Sabha D. Lok Bhasha
5. Expand ASHA
A. Auxiliary Services of Health Activists B. Accredited Social Health Activists
C. Authentic Social Health Auditors D. Accredited Social Health
6. Which is the first Legislative Assembly in the country to be fully powered by solar energy?
A. Maharashtra Legislative Assembly B. Telangana Legislative Assembly
C. Delhi Legislative Assembly D. Bihar Legislative Assembly
7. Which two classical Indian texts were recently inscribed in UNESCO's Memory of the World Register in April 2025?
A. Vedas and Ramayana B. Arthashastra and Manusmriti
C. Mahabharata and Upanishads D. Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra
8. APAAR ID that was recently seen in the news is part of which initiative?
A. One Nation, One Student ID B. National Digital University
C. Digital India Mission D. One Nation, One Health Card

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9. Iranian Film maker Jafar Panahi's revenge thriller "It was just an Accident" won.....
in May 2025.
- A. Rajat Kamal B. Palme d'Or C. Grand Prix D. Oscar
10. Which country has withdrawn from the Paris Climate Agreement in January 2025?
- A. United States of America (USA) B. China C. France D. India
11. Which Indian author won the 2025 International Booker Prize for the collection of short stories,
Heart Lamp?
- A. Arundhati Roy B. Jhumpa Lahiri C. Banu Mushtaq D. Amitav Ghosh
12. Who was appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India in May 2025?
- A. Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai B. Satish Chandra Sharma
C. Rajan Roy D. Attau Rahman Masoodi
13. Which Indian cricketer announced retirement from Test cricket in May 2025?
- A. Rohit Sharma B. Virat Kohli C. Cheteshwar Pujara D. Ravichandran Ashwin
14. Who is Shubman Gill?
- A. New Judge of Kerala High Court B. New Judge of the Supreme Court
C. Indian Ambassador to Canada D. New Captain of Indian Test Cricket team
15. Following the Pahalgam attack, which Indian military operation targeted terrorist camps in
Pakistan and Pakistan-administered Kashmir?
- A. Operation Blue Star B. Operation Parakram C. Operation Sindoor D. Operation Vijay
16. Who is the author of "Gods, Guns and Missionaries"?
- A. M.A Baby B. Manu S Pillai C. Shashi Tharoor D. Ramachandra Guha
17. What is the name of the initiative launched by the Indian government to promote gender equity in
the maritime sector?
- A. Nari Shakti B. Sagar Mein Samman C. Sagar Shakti D. Women in Maritime
18. Which Indian filmmaker served on the Jury of the main competition at the 2025 Cannes Film
Festival?
- A. Zoya Akhtar B. Anurag Kashyap C. Payal Kapadia D. Mira Nair
19. Which Indian film received a 9-minute standing ovation at the 2025 Cannes Film Festival?
- A. The White Lotus B. Homebound C. The Last Monsoon D. Echoes of Silence
20. Which country won the ICC Champions Trophy 2025?
- A. New Zealand B. India C. Australia D. South Africa
21. Who became the youngest player to score a century in IPL history in April 2025?
- A. Riyan Parag B. Sanju Samson C. Vaibhav Suryavanshi D. Shubman Gill

22. Which Indian leader was conferred with Mauritius' highest civilian honour, The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star?
- A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi B. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar
C. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh D. Home Minister Amit Shah
23. Which organization releases the "World Press Freedom Index"?
- A. UNESCO B. UNDP C. Reporters without Borders D. Amnesty International
24. Which company manufactured the Starliner spacecraft which was used in Sunita Williams' 2025 mission?
- A. SpaceX B. Blue Origin C. Boeing D. Lockheed Martin
25. Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India as of 2025?
- A. Anup Chandra Pandey B. Sushil Chandra C. Gyanesh Kumar D. Arun Goel
26. What is the name of the first humanoid robot developed by ISRO, scheduled for the Gaganyaan mission?
- A. Vikram B. Vyomitra C. Prithvi D. Astra
27. What is India's rank in the World Happiness Report 2025?
- A. 126th B. 120th C. 118th D. 115th
28. Which country has recently developed the world's first deep-sea radar that can detect high-flying aircraft?
- A. USA B. Russia C. China D. Japan
29. Who is the founder of Inter –University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics
- A. Jayant V Narlikar B. Madhavan Nair C. Satish Dhawan D. U R Rao
30. Which political leader faced criticism and legal scrutiny over remarks about Colonel Sofiya Qureshi in 2025?
- A. KN Rajanna B. Vijay Shah C. Arvind Kejriwal D. Rahul Gandhi
31. Who was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2025 for contributions to Literature and Education?
- A. Girish Karnad B. M. T. Vasudevan Nair C. Ruskin Bond D. Kamala Das
32. Who has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to Israel?
- A. Sanjeev Singla B. Jitender Pal Singh C. S. Jaishankar D. Navtej Sarna
33. Nag Mk 2 Missile is developed by which organization?
- A. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
C. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) D. Bharat Dynamics Limited

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34. Who is the author of the recently launched book *The World after Gaza*?
A. Arundhati Roy B. Pankaj Mishra C. Chetan Bhagat D. Shashi Jharool
35. What is SANJAY, which has recently been in the news?
A. Battlefield Surveillance System B. Light Weight Battle Tank
C. Drone D. None of these
36. Who became the Chief Minister of Delhi following the 2025 elections?
A. Arvind Kejriwal B. Atishi Marlena C. Rekha Gupta D. Manish Sisodia
37. What is the name of the application launched by the Department of Telecommunications to empower citizens and address fraudulent communications?
A. Digi Saathi B. Fraud Watch C. Sanchar Saathi D. None of the Above
38. Which country was admitted as a “partner country” of the BRICS bloc in January 2025?
A. Iran B. Vietnam C. Turkey D. Nigeria
39. Which country hosted the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit in February 2025?
A. Russia B. France C. China D. India
40. Which organization has launched an AI model for weather prediction called GenCast?
A. Microsoft B. World Bank C. Google DeepMind D. World Meteorological Organization

(40 × 1 = 40 Marks)

SECTION B

Write short essays on the given topics, either in English or Malayalam. Each question carries five marks.

41. Would you support any UN interventions for peace in Asia?
42. Crowding in accident/disaster sites has become a law and order problem in Kerala. How do you address this issue?

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1. Nyishi Tribe, recently seen in the news, is the largest ethnic group of which state?
a. Assam b. Bihar c. Arunachal Pradesh d. Mizoram
2. Who has become the first Indian gymnast to win a gold medal at the 2024 Asian Gymnastics Championships?
a. Dipa Karmakar b. Pranati Nayak c. Rucha Divekar d. Kalpana Debnath
3. Recently, which airport has made history by becoming the first airport in India to achieve the Zero Waste to Landfill (ZWL) accolade?
a. Thiruvananthapuram International Airport b. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
c. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport d. Chennai International Airport
4. What is the primary objective of the PM-WANI scheme, recently seen in the news?
a. To provide free laptops to students
b. To provide affordable and high-speed internet connectivity to rural and remote areas
c. To improve mobile network coverage in urban areas
d. To promote digital payment systems
5. Cook Islands, recently seen in news, are located in which ocean?
a. Atlantic Ocean b. South Pacific Ocean c. Southern Ocean d. Indian Ocean
6. Recently, which space organization announced plans to build the first railway station on the moon for efficient payload transportation?
a. NASA b. ISRO c. JAXA d. ESA
7. Which country recently unveiled the world's first 6G device?
a. Japan b. China c. Russia d. India
8. Kamla Beniwal, who recently passed away, was the first woman minister of which state?
a. Haryana b. Punjab c. Gujarat d. Rajasthan

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9. ZiG currency, recently seen in news, is a new gold-backed currency launched by which country?
a. Nigeria b. Zimbabwe c. Kenya d. Tanzania
10. Which organizations were involved in the development of the humanoid robot ALOHA?
a. NASA and MIT b. Google DeepMind and Stanford University
c. Boston Dynamics and Harvard University d. SpaceX and Caltech
11. Where was India's first underwater metro service inaugurated?
a. Kolkata b. Chennai c. Hyderabad d. Bengaluru
12. Recently, who has been appointed as the new chairman of Prasar Bharti?
a. Gaurav Dwivedi b. Navneet Kumar Sehgal
c. Shashi Shekhar Vempati d. Jagat Singh Chauhan
13. What is the purpose of the 'Purple Fest' recently inaugurated by the President of India?
a. To promote women entrepreneurship b. To empower the persons with disabilities
c. To showcase ancient culture d. To celebrate lavender festival
14. Which country recently officially launched a digital nomad "workation" visa on January 1, 2024, allowing foreigners to live and work remotely while visiting?
a. Japan b. South Korea c. China d. Singapore
15. Which organization issues electoral bonds in India?
a. RBI b. SIDBI c. NABARD d. State Bank of India
16. Which city has been named the cleanest in India for the seventh consecutive year?
a. Mumbai b. Gandhinagar c. Indore d. Nagpur
17. Green Rooms, recently in the news, is associated with which country?
a. Russia b. Israel c. Ukraine d. Iran
18. Which country announced plans to introduce a new 100 rupee currency note featuring disputed territories claimed by India?
a. Bhutan b. Bangladesh c. Nepal d. Sri Lanka
19. Where was the Eco-Friendly Water Treatment Solution developed by the Indian Institute of Petroleum & Energy (IIPe)?
a. New Delhi b. Visakhapatnam c. Mumbai d. Bengaluru
20. Which country introduced the new 10-year Blue Residency visa program for individuals contributing to environmental protection?
a. USA b. UAE c. Canada d. Australia
21. Which of the following is wrong?
a. The President appoints Chief election Commissioner and Election Commissioners.
b. They have a tenure of six years or up to the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.
c. They enjoy the same status and receive salary and perks as available to judges of the Supreme Court.
d. The election commission currently consists of the Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners.

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39. Who is the person of the Year of Time magazine in 2024?
a. Elon Musk b. Joe Biden c. Greta Thunberg d. Taylor Swift
40. The NAMASTE Portal that was recently in news, is related to which of the following fields?
a. Traditional Medicine b. Space Research
c. Environmental Conservation d. Digital Education Technology

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SECTION B

Write short essays on the given topics, either in English or Malayalam. Each question carries five marks.

41. What, according to you, are the advantages and disadvantages of social media? Discuss briefly.
42. Write a brief note on the Four Year Under Graduate Programme.

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