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CURRENT AFFAIRS 2018 SELECTED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - 05

Awards, Honours & Who's who

01. Who authored the book 'Lincoln in the Bardo'?

George Saunders

- George Saunders won the 2017 Man Booker Prize for his historical novel 'Lincoln in the Bardo'.
- Man Booker Prize 2016 - Paul Beatty (for 'The Sellout')
- DSC Prize for South Asian Literature in 2017 - Anuk Arudpragasam of Sri Lanka for his work - 'The Story of a Brief history Marriage')

02. Who is the last winner of the Man Booker International Prize?

Olga Tokarczuk (in 2018, Book - Flights)

- Man Booker International Prize 2016 - Han Kang (Book - The Vegetarian)
- Pulitzer Prize for fiction for the 2018 - Less (authored by Andrew Sean Greer)

03. Who has won the Moortidevi Award for the year 2017?

Joy Goswami (Book - Du Dondo Phowara Matro)

- Moortidevi Award for the year 2016 - M.P. Veerendra Kumar (Book - Hymavathabhoovil)

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04. Who has won the Vyas Samman for the year 2017?

Mamta Kalia (Sukkhām Dukkham)

- Vyas Samman, 2016 - Surinder Verma
- Kalidas Samman 2017 -18 - Lekshmi Vishwanathan

05. Who has won the Harivarasanam award for the year 2017?

K.S. Chithra

- 2016 - Gangai Amaran

06. Who authored the book 'Shyama Madhavam'?

Prabha Varma

- The Vallathol award for the year 2017 - Prabha Varma
- 2016 - Sreekumaran Thampi

07. Name the Gujarati poet to be selected for the Saraswati Samman for the year 2017.

Sitanshu Yashaschandra (for his work 'Vakhar')

- Saraswati Samman for the year 2016 - Mahabaleshwar Sail (for his work - Hawtham)
- The first recipient - Harivansh Rai Bachchan (in 1991)

08. Who has won the Jnanpith award for the year 2017?

Krishna Sobti (Hindi writer)

- 2016 - Shankha Ghosh (Bengali)

09. Which work has been selected for the O.V. Vijayan literary award for 2017?

Vaikkol Pava (authored by R. Lopa)

- 2016 - Chandramathi (work: 'Rathnakarante Bharya')

10. Name the Jnanpith laureate to win the ONV Literary Prize for overall contribution to Malayalam Literature in 2018.

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M.T. Vasudevan Nair

11. Who has won the Thoppil Bhasi award for the year 2017?

Nedumudi Venu

12. Which work of K.R. Meera has been selected for the Muttathu Varkey award, 2018?

Aarachar

- Muttathu Varkey award for the year 2017 - T.V. Chandran (for his work - 'Ponthan Mada')

- 2016 - K.G. George

13. Who has won the Malayattoor award for the year 2016?

T.D. Ramakrishnan (for his work -Sugandhi Enna Andal Devanayaki)

- The book that has won the Akbar Kakkattil Award 2018 - Sugandhi Enna Andaldevanayaki (authored by T.D. Ramakrishnan)

Write down the winners of the following awards

14. Asan poetry prize for the year 2016

Ezhacherry Ramachandran

15. Padmaprabha literary award for 2017

Prabha Varma

- 2016 - V. Madhusoodanan Nair

16. Odakkuzhal award for the year 2017

Aymanam John (Aymanam Johninte Kathakal)

- 2016 - M.A. Rahman (Oro Jeevanum Vilappettathaanu)

17. Ezhuthachan Award for the year 2017

K. Satchidanandan

- 2016 - C. Radhakrishnan

- Mathrubhumi Literary award - M.K. Sanu

18. Vayalar award 2017

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T.D. Ramakrishnan (For his work - Sugadhi enna Andal Devanayaki)

19. Kendra Sahitya Academy Award

K.P. Ramanunni (Daivathinte Pusthakam)

20. Dr. Sukumar Azhikode Tatwamasi Award 2018 (instituted by Tatwamasi, an online collective of writers)

M.P. Veerendrakumar

21. Kadammanitta Ramakrishnan Award 2018

Chandrashekhara Kambara

● 2017 - V. Madhusoodhanan Nair

22. Njanappana puraskaram 2018.

Sreekumaran Thampi

● C.V. Kunhiraman literary prize 2018 - Vishnu Naryanan Namboodiri

23. Name the Chilean poet who has recently been selected for the Asan World Poetry prize 2017.

Raul Zurita

● Kumaran Asan World Poetry prize 2016 - Adonis (Arab Poet)

24. Who is the author of the book 'The Buried Giant'?

Kazuo Ishiguro

● He has won the Nobel Prize in literature for the year 2017.

Write down the winners of the 2017 Nobel Prize

25. Medicine

Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash & Michael W. Young

● 2016- Yoshinori Ohsumi

27. Peace

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)

● 2016 - Juan Manuel Santos

28. Economics

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Richard H. Thaler

- 2016 - Oliver Hart & Bengt Holmstrom

Write down the winners of the 65th National Award in 2018

29. Best actor

Riddhi Sen (film - Nagarkirtan, Bengali film)

- 2017 - Akshay Kumar (film - Rustom)

30. Best actress

Sridevi (film - Mom)

- Best actress - Surabhi Lakshmi (film - Minnaminungu)

31. Best feature film on the National Integration

Dhappa (Marathi)

- 2017 - Dikchow Banat Palaax (Assamese)

32. Best feature film

Village Rockstars (Assamese)

- 2017 - Kaasav (Marathi film)

33. Best director

Jayaraj (film - Bhayanakam)

- 2017 - Rajesh Mapuskar (film - Ventilator)

34. Best Film on Other Social Issues

Aalorukkam (director - V.C. Abhilash)

- Best Male Playback Singer - K.J. Yesudas

35. Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment

Baahubali 2: The Conclusion (director - S. S. Rajamouli)

- Best Debut Film of a Director - Sinjar (director - Sandeep Pampally)

Write down the winners of the 90th Academy Awards announced in 2018

36. Best Picture

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The Shape of Water (director - Guillermo del Toro)

- 2017 - Moonlight

37. Best Actress

Frances McDormand (film - Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri as Mildred Hayes)

- 2017- Emma Stone (La La Land)

38. Best Actor

Gary Oldman (film - Darkest Hour)

- 2017 - Casey Affleck (Manchester by the Sea)

39. Best Director

Guillermo del Toro (film - The Shape of Water)

- 2017 - Damien Chazelle (La La Land)

40. Which bollywood actor has been honoured with the Global Diversity award 2017?

Salman Khan

41. Who has been selected for the Deshabhimani literary award for lifetime achievement for the year 2017?

T. Padmanabhan

42. Who has recently been honoured with the Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman?

Shesh Anand Madhukar

- The award comprises Rs. 1 lakh and a momento.

43. Which film has bagged the 'Suvarna Chakoram' (Golden Crow Pheasant), for the best international film at the 22nd IFFK for the year 2017?

Wajib (Palestinian film)

- The director of the film Wajib - Annemarie Jacir

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44. Which film has been selected for the award for best film in IFFI 2017?

120 Beats Per Minute (French film directed by Robin Campillo)

45. Who has won the Balamani Amma award for the year 2017?

K.L. Mohana Varma

46. Who is the author of the book 'Prathisareeram'?

Sebastian

- He has won the Basheer award for the year 2017.

47. Which bollywood personality has won the lifetime achievement award at the 'Political and Public Life Awards 2018' in England?

Shatrughan Sinha

48. Name the Keralite to win the Padma Vibhusham award in 2018.

P. Parameswaran (Director of Bharatiya Vichar Kendra)

49. Who has won *the Hugo award* for the best novel in 2017?

N. K. Jemisin (The Obelisk Gate)

- PEN Pinter Prize 2017 - Michael Longley CBE

50. Name the eminent Indian scientist who won *the Von Hippel Award* in 2017.

C.N.R. Rao

- He is the first Indian and the first Asian to win this award.
- *The World Food Prize* in 2017 - Akinwumi Adesina

51. Name the legendary Bengali film actor to be honoured with France's highest civilian award, *Legion of Honour* 2017.

Soumitra Chatterjee (Bengali actor)

- Satyajith Ray was awarded the Legion of Honour in 1987.

52. Who has won the coveted Miss World title 2017?

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Manushi Chhillar (She hails from Haryana)

- Miss Universe 2017 - Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters (South Africa)

53. Which international organization has won *the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for Social Justice* in 2017?

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

54. Who won the *Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration* 2015 - 16?

T.M. Krishna

- The Templeton Prize for the year 2017 - Alvin Plantinga (American)

55. Who has recently won the prestigious *Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development*?

Manmohan Singh

56. Who has won the Sree Chithira Thirunal Award in 2017?

Shivshankar Menon (Former National Security Adviser)

- 2016 - Dr. M.S. Valiathan

57. Who has won the *J.C. Daniel Award* for the year 2017?

Sreekumaran Thampi

- 2016 - Adoor Gopalakrishnan

58. Who has recently won the 65th *Dadasaheb Phalke Award* ?

Vinod Khanna

- 2016 - Kasinathuni Viswanath

59. Name the first Asian-American to win the Golden Globe award for best actor.

Aziz Ansari

Write down the winners of the 48th Kerala state film awards announced in 2018

60. Best Film

Ottamuri Velicham (Director - Rahul Riji Nair)

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61. Best Actor

Indrans (Aalorukkam)

- Best Actress - Parvathy (Film - Take Off)

62. Best Director

Lijo Jose Pellissery (Film - Ee.Ma.Yau)

- Best Male Singer - Shahabaz Aman
- Best Female Singer - Sithara Krishnakumar

63. Who has won the Silver Crow Pheasant (Rajathachakoram) for the best debut director in IFFK 2017?

Sanju Surendran (for the film: Aden)

- Rajatha Chakoram for the best director: Anucha Boonyawatana (from Thailand, Film - Malila)

64. Which actress in Malayalam film has won the Silver Peacock in the IFFI's 48-year history?

Parvathy (in 2017, for the film 'Take Off')

- Best director - Vivian Qu (for Angels Wear White)

65. Who has bagged the prestigious Aravindan Puraskaram for the best debutant director for the year 2017?

Sagar Chaya Vanchar (for the film - Redu (Radio))

66. Name the legendary Indian film actors to be honoured at the 90th Academy Awards ceremony in 2018.

Sridevi and Sashi Kapoor

67. Which film has recently won the John Abraham Award for the best Malayalam film in 2018?

Eeda (Director - B. Ajithkumar)

68. Who is the first Indian woman to receive the *Woodrow Wilson Award for Global Citizenship*?

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Chanda Kochhar (Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Bank)

69. Who has recently conferred the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award for 2017?

Bhartruhari Mahatab

- 2016 - Dinesh Trivedi

70. Name the Indian to win the Goldman Environmental Prize, popularly called the Green Nobel.

Prafulla Samantara

71. Who has recently won the Genesis Prize in 2018?

Natalie Portman

- 2017 - Anish Kapoor (Indian Origin)

72. Name the iconic cricket player to be honoured with the Padma Bhushan 2018.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni

- Winners of Padma Vibhushan 2018

Illaiyaraja, Ghulam Mustafa Khan, P. Parameswaran

- Famous winners of Padma Bhushan 2018

Pankaj Advani, Philipose Mar Chrysostom & Mahendra Singh Dhoni

73. Name the Indian who has recently won the prestigious Anna Politkovskaya Award instituted by a London based NGO, Reach All Women in WAR.

Gauri Lankesh (posthumously)

74. Which sea has been declared as the world's largest marine protected area?

Ross sea (Antartica)

75. Who is the newly appointed Chief Minister of Tripura?

Biplab Kumar Deb (BJP)

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◆ The Chief Minister of Meghalaya - Conrad Sangma (National People's Party/ NPP)

76. Which country has approved the removal of the two-term limit on the presidency by amending of its Constitution?

China

◆ By this amendment Xi Jinping was reelected the President of China with no limit on the number of terms he can serve.

◆ The President of Russia, the world's largest country - Vladimir Putin (for a fourth term)

77. Who is the present Prime Minister of Nepal?

Khadga Prasad Oli

◆ The Asian country to get the one day international status recently - Nepal

78. Name the nation to pay bonus to all citizens after surplus budget.

Singapore

◆ The Singapore government has confirmed plans to implement a carbon tax from 2019.

79. Which is named as the World Book Capital for 2018 by the UNESCO?

Athens

◆ 2017 - Conakry (the capital of the Republic of Guinea)

◆ 2019 - Sharjah

80. Who is the first Indian woman to be elected to the International Olympic Committee?

Nita Ambani

◆ The current President of the International Olympic Committee - Thomas Bach

81. Where is Asia's largest man-made 'Jungle Safari Park' inaugurated?

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Naya Raipur (Chhattisgarh)

82. Where was the world's largest wooden charkha unveiled?

Indira Gandhi International Airport (New Delhi)

83. Who has been selected for the Time Person of the year 2017?

The Silence Breakers

84. Which is the first country to withdraw from the membership of the International Criminal Court (ICC)?

Burundi

85. Name the famous cosmologist, known for his work on black holes and relativity, passed away on the 139th birth anniversary of Albert Einstein.

Stephen Hawking

◆ The important books of Stephen Hawking - Black Holes and Baby Universes, The Universe in a Nutshell, A Brief History of Time, The Grand Design, The Theory of Everything

86. Which country has overtaken Saudi Arabia for the first time and become the biggest crude oil supplier of India?

Iraq

87. In which country did the world's first zero emission hydrogen train begin its operation?

Germany

◆ The 9th edition of BRICS Summit 2017 held - Xiamen (China)

88. Who was appointed the President of the World Bank for a second term?

Jim Yong Kim

89. Who has been elected as the new President of the Interpol?

Meng Hongwei

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- ◆ With this, he became the first Chinese citizen to hold the four-year post.

90. Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Malcum Turnbull

91. Name the famous Pakistani singer to be granted Indian Citizenship by the Home Ministry.

Adnan Sami

92. Name the great Indian Mathematician and Astronomer whose statue was unveiled at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

Aryabhata

93. Who is the goodwill ambassador of 'Mritasanjeevani'?

Mohanlal

- ◆ 'Mritasanjeevani' is Kerala's sought after deceased donor organ transplant programme.

- ◆ The brand ambassador of 'the Haritha Keralam Project', a massive initiative envisaged for a garbage-free and clean state - K.J. Yesudas

94. Who has become the brand ambassador for anti-liquor and anti-drug campaign in Kerala?

Sachin Tendulkar

- ◆ The Youth Ambassador of Kerala Blasters team - Nivin Pauly

95. Who has recently been appointed the brand ambassador of the Swachh Rail Mission of Indian Railway?

Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak

- ◆ He has won the *Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration, Academics & Management-2017*.

- Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak is the founder of Sulabh International.

Name the persons who are currently holding the following positions

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96. The Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog

Rajiv Kumar

◆ The Chairman of NITI Aayog - Narendra Modi

97. The Chief Information Commissioner of India

R.K. Mathur

◆ The Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes -
Nand Kumar Sai

98. The Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities

Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi

◆ The Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes -
Ramshankar Katheria

99. The chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child
Rights

Stuti Kacker

◆ The Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) - Anil
Dhasmana

◆ The Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)- Alok
Kumar Verma

◆ Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) - **K.N. Vyas**

100. The Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA)

Y.C. Modi

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