

## Hindustan Times Pace Inquizitive 2008

**Venue: Sirifort Auditorium**

**Date: 15 September 2008**

**25 Qns, 20 Minutes**

### Prelims

1. Name the partner with whom Leander Paes won the mixed doubles title of the 2008 US Open.

Ans: Cara Black

2. Which is the largest state, in terms of area, in India?

Ans: Rajasthan

3. Which feature now common in mobile phones gets its name from a tenth-century Danish king?

Ans: Bluetooth

4. What is the name of HT Media Group's children's magazine, published monthly?

Ans: Nandan

5. Which networking site was founded by Mark Zuckerberg to be used by Harvard Students?

Ans: Facebook

6. According to the proverb, what is "the mother of invention"?

Ans: Necessity/Need

7. What profession is common the Bollywood characters Ram Shankar Nikumbh, Raj Aryan Malhotra and Debraj Sahai?

Ans: Teacher

8. In which district of West Bengal would you find the town Singur, the site of Tata's Nano Project?

Ans: Hooghly District

9. What is the first day of the Islamic month of Shawwal, also celebrated as a major festival by followers of Islam?

Ans: Eid-ul-fitr

10.\*\*The United Republic of Tanzania was formed out of the union of two sovereign states, one of them was Tanganyika. Name the other.

Ans: Zanzibar

11.Delhi Government's new venture – the BRT – was opened recently; what does the abbreviation BRT stand for?

Ans: Bus Rapid Transit (System)

12.What type of animal was Bruce in Pixar's "Finding Nemo"?

Ans: Shark

13.'Starry Night', 'The Red Vineyard' and 'Potato Eaters' are paintings by which artist?

Ans: Vincent Van Gogh

14.What is the name of the rock band formed by the lead characters in the recently released Hindi film "Rock On"?

Ans: Magik

15.\*\*What gives carrots their distinctive yellow-orange-red colour?

Ans: Carotenes

16.Diophantus is regarded as the father of which branch of mathematics?

Ans: Algebra

17.\*\*Brushes With History' is an autobiography of which industrialist?

Ans: KK Birla

18.\*\*If Aurum is to Gold and Kalium is to Potassium, what is it to Stibium?

Ans: Antimony

**19. Who now holds the 100m sprint world record and is known as the fastest man on earth?**

**Ans: Usain Bolt**

**20. What is the common term for Hansen's disease?**

**Ans: Leprosy**

**21. Heath Ledger is said to have delivered a fine performance for this film, his role in which was the last he played before his death in January 2008. What character did he play and for which film?**

**Ans: Joker (Batman: The Dark Knight)**

**22. \*\*Which Southeast Asian country has the image of Lord Ganesha on one of its currency notes?**

**Ans: Indonesia**

**23. Which city is served by the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport?**

**Ans: Hyderabad**

**24. Which singer, also a first lady, recently released a music album titled 'Comme Si De Rien N'Etait'?**

**Ans: Carla Bruni**

**25. Microsoft Office was first launched in 1989 to run on which Operating System?**

**Ans: Mac OS**

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