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ROUND 1 : CURRENT AFFAIRS

1	(Visual) The prestigious TIME magazine at the end of every year names a Person of The Year. The Person you see in the picture was named TIME's 2009 Person of the Year. Can you name him?	Ben Bernanke, The U.S. Federal Reserve Chief
2	The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) of Sri Lanka recently announced its plan to establish The Sri Lanka Space Agency by signing an MOU with Surrey Satellite Company Ltd in UK to launch its first geostationary satellite. The satellite will be named after an internationally renowned visionary. Who is this person or after whom will this satellite be named?	Arthur C. Clarke
3	The 2010 World Economic Forum was just concluded in Davos recently. In which country is Davos located?	Switzerland
4	(visual) Standing at over 800 metres, this building has easily smashed the previous world record, of Taiwan's Taipei 101 as the tallest building in the world. This means that four out of five of the world's tallest buildings now are in Asia and the Middle East. Name this tallest building of the world	Burj Khalifa(Accept Burj Dubai)
5	(Visual) The leading light of the Communist Party of India(Marxist) and the chief minister of the Indian state of West Bengal from 1977-2000, died aged 95 recently. Who was he?	Jyoti Basu
6	6. Indian Parliament's decision to allow a new state to be carved out of part of the Southern State of Andhra Pradesh led to violent protests in India. This new state is likely to include one of India's major software hubs, Hyderabad which is home to leading world companies in India like Microsoft and Google. What is this proposed new state with a population of 35 million?	Telangana
7	Regarded as the biggest natural disaster to be handled by the UN, the earthquake that struck Haiti in January has reportedly killed more than 170,000 people. What is the island on which Haiti is located?	Hispaniola
8	(Visual) The person who shot and wounded Pope John Paul II in St Peter's Square in 1981 was recently released from a prison in Turkey after serving 29 years. Can you name him?	Mehmet Ali Agca
9	(visual) This is the personal physician of late Michael Jackson. This cardiologist is facing manslaughter charges as it was alleged that he administered a lethal cocktail of painkillers and anesthetics to Jackson hours before he died on June 25 th 2009. Who is this person?	Dr. Conrad Murray
10	(Visual) She is regarded as the highest ranking woman in U.S. political history, and she wields the power of her office more effectively than any other House Speaker in modern times. Who is she?	Nancy Pelosi

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ROUND 2 : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1	GSM is an acronym widely used in mobile cellular telephone technology. What does the term GSM Stand for?	Global System for Mobile Communication
2	(visual). What you see is the national flag of a certain Caribbean country. The emblem on this flag features the sisserou parrot, the national bird which is native to this country. What is this country?	Dominca
3	(visual) The man who invented the Frisbee – the simple plastic disc that became a billion-dollar craze and a symbol of misspent youth on beaches, parks, and university campuses all over the world – has died, at the age of ninety,early this month of lung cancer .Can you name him?	Walter Frederick Morrison
4	In 2009, U.S. President Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was not the first U.S. President to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Who was the first U.S. President to win the Nobel Peace Prize,way back in 1906?	Theodore Roosevelt
5	Located at an elevation of 3810 m above sea level, what is the world's highest commercially navigable lake ?	Lake titicaca(on the Andean border between Peru and Bolivia)
6	In terms of comparing its length to its width, this country is regarded the narrowest country in the world. It measures an average of 4345 km in length and a mere 175 km in width. What is this country?	Chile
7	The world's highest-ever recorded temperature is 58 C, recorded at Al' Aziziya on 13 September 1922. In which country is Al' Aziziyah located?	Libya
8	On 14 Dec. 1972, the U.S.A's programme of manned lunar exploration came to an end when the commander of Apollo 17 mission stepped off the lunar surface and boarded the lunar excursion vehicle the Challenger. This made him effectively the last man on moon. Who is he?	Gene Cernan (Accept Eugene Cernan)
9	Niagra falls are the famous waterfalls on the Niagra river on the U.S. Candian border. They are made up of two falls. What are they called?	Horseshoe(or Canadian) Falls and American Falls
10	Biman is the name of the national airline of a certain SAARC country. What is this country?	Bangladesh

ROUND 3 :SPORTS

1	(Rugby) First held in 1976, The Hong Kong Sevens seven-a-side tournament has been won 12 times by one country. They won it in 1977-78,1980, 1984,1990-92,1997-99,2005 and 2009.What is this country?	Fiji
2	(visual) This Norwegian Chess Grandmaster recently became the youngest world number one in FIDE history at the young age of 19?	Magnus Carlsen
3	The largest annual team competition in world sport is organized by the International Tennis Federation(ITF), which is based in London, UK. What is this competition?	Davis Cup
4	The record for the most Gold Medals won at single Olympic Games by a male is set by Michael Phelps of U.S.A at the 2008 Beijing Games. How many Golds did he win?	8
5	This year will see South Africa hosting the Soccer World Cup. The last Soccer World cup was held in Germany.was won by Italy. Which country will host the 2014 Soccer world cup?	Brazil
6	(visual)The women's 400 m world record of 47.60 seconds set in 6 October 1985 by this runner from German Democratic Republic still remains unbroken. Who holds this record?	Marita Koch (set in Canberra, Australia)
7	U-19 Cricket World Cup was concluded in New Zealand recently with Australia emerging as champions by beating Pakistan in the final .Who captained the winning Australian team?	Mitchell Marsh
8	This year's Formula 1 Grand Prix calander will start with the first race in March. What is the name of season starting Grand Prix race this year?	Bahrain Grand Prix
9	At the recently concluded South Asia Federation Games(SAF) a Sri Lankan athlete clinched the womens' Gold in high jump. Who is she?	Priyangika Maduwanthi
10.	The 2010 Winter Olympic Games are being held in Vancouver Canada. Which city hosted the first ever winter Olympics in 1924?	Chamonix, France

ROUND 4 : ARTS, MUSIC , HISTORY,LITERATURE and ENTERTAINMENT

1	(video). What you saw was a video clip from James Cameron's movie Avatar which became the highest grossing film of all time by surpassing the revenue of 1997 movie The Titanic recently. What is name given to the planet on which the story is set?	Pandora
2	2. At the Grammy Music Awards held in USA recently. Beyonce Knowles won a record number of Grammys. How many?	6(most by any female singer in a Single year)
3	Her performance in this film enabled the Queen of Sri Lankan cinema Malini Fonseka to win the Silver Peacock Award in the 39th International Film Festival held in India last year. What was this film?	Aakasa Kusum
4	Which Island was captured by Japanese forces led by General Tomoyuki Yamashita on 15 th February 1942 during World War II, the largest surrender of British -led military personnel in British history?	Singapore
5	Last year saw the world of music mourning the shock death of Michel Jackson. What was the name given to the 2700-acre property near Santa Ynez, California owned by Micheal?(The property was named after a place in a popular children's book).	Neverland(named after the <i>Peter Pan</i> fantasyland)
6	(Visual) What you see is an etching titled " Weeping Woman" considered to be one of the most powerful images of sorrow in western art. Who was the artist who created this masterpiece?	Pablo Picasso
7	(Visual) Garfield is probably the most lovable animal creation of the comic strip. Who is the creator of this character?	Jim Davis
8	Name the Romanian -born German author who was awarded the 2009 Nobel Prize for literature?	Herta Mueller
9	22 years have passed since the charismatic film star cum politician Vijaya Kumaratunga was gunned down in Feb 1988. Vijaya played his first lead role in a film directed by Sugathapala Senarath Yapa . Name this film?	<i>Hanthane Kathawa</i>
10	(Visual) What is the name borrowed from the Greek mythological character you see in picture that astronomers are using to describe objects in the Solar system that can be categorized partly as comets and partly as asteroids?	Centaur

ROUND 5 : SCHOOL CURRICULUM RELATED GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1	The 2010 Sri Lankan Presidential election on 26 th January saw a record number of candidates (22?) contesting in the Presidential polls. What is the minimum age required for a candidate to be eligible to become the President of Sri Lanka as per the constitution?	30Years
2	Sri Lanka celebrated its 62 nd Independence Day on Feb 4 th , with main celebrations taking place in Kandy. The Independence day is celebrated to commemorate the political independence from British rule in 1948. Who was the first governor -General of independent Ceylon?	Sir Henry Moore
3	(visual) What you see is a mathematical figure representing sets. Representing sets by such a closed figure was first introduced by an English logician who was serving in the Cambridge university. Who was he?	John Venn
4	LED is a term used in electrical circuits. What does the term LED stand for?	Light Emitting Diode
5	He was the Sixth and best -known ruler of the 1 st dynasty of Babylon. He is better known for compiling a code of justice which demonstrated his desire to be a just ruler. Who was he?	Hammurabi
6	In Which country would you find the Drakensburg Mountains	South Africa
7	Anacardium occidentale is the botanical name of a popular fruit grown in Sri Lanka . It is high in iron and calcium and is also a good source of magnesium and copper. By what name is this fruit commonly known?	Cashew
8	Last month saw the re-opening of two wild life sanctuaries in Sri Lanka after a lapse of more than a decade. One is Kumana. What is the other?	Lahugala
9	The medical term for a certain eye defect was named after this chemist and physicist who also gave his law of partial pressures. What is the medical term given to this defect?	Daltonism Color blindness, named after John Dalton (1766-1844).
10	What is the main chemical compound that comprises of limestones?	Calcium Carbonate

