

ROUND 1. CURRENT AFFAIRS

01	UN under Secretary for Humanitarian Affairs visited Sri Lanka in August. Later, in a statement made by him to Reuters expressing his concern about the safety of humanitarian workers in Sri Lanka drew widespread criticism from government. Name this controversial UN official.	John Holmes
02	Airbus A380-the world's largest passenger plane is set to undertake its first commercial flight on 25 th October. It is reported that a regular one-way first class seat would cost \$3391. The maiden flight, operated by Singapore Airlines, is scheduled to fly from Singapore to which city?	Sydney
03	It was announced in the media recently that an unfinished skyscraper in the Gulf state of Dubai has become the world's tallest building, with a height of 512 m, surpassing Taiwan's 508 m Taipei 101 building. It is reported that this new building, when finished will have more than 160 floors with a height of 693 m (more than any other man-made structure in the world). What is the name of this building?	Burj Dubai (accept Burj).
04	The renowned Sri Lankan architect who designed several well-known landmark buildings in Sri Lanka such as the Bandaranaike Samadhi at Horagolla, the monument to Prime Minister D.S.Senanyake at the Independent Square, and the Supreme Court Complex, passed away this year. Who was this architect?	Panini Tennekoon (accept 'Pani'Tennekoon)
05	(VISUAL) The man you see succeeded Paul Wolfowitz as the President of World Bank this year. Who is he?	Robert Zoelick
06	On 9 th March this year President Pervez Musharraf suspended Pakistan's chief justice for "abuse of power". This led to widespread protests by people. And on 20 th July 2007, Supreme Court of Pakistan reinstated him as Chief Justice. Who is the Chief Justice of Pakistan?	Ifthikar Mohammud Chaudhry (accept Mohammed Chaudhry or Chaudhry)
07	The man who ruled his impoverished African nation since his overthrow in 1959, King Kigeli Ndahindurwa V, now wants to return home for the first time in 48 years. What was his home country or the country he ruled till 1959?	Rwanda
08	One of the largest toy makers in USA recently recalled more than 18 million toys worldwide, after it was revealed that its Chinese subcontractor has used paints containing lead, a toxic substance, on the toys. It also recalled toys containing small magnets that can come loose. What is the name of this world famous US toymaker?	Mattel

09	Last month (august 2007), an earthquake measuring 8 on the Richter scale devastated more than 70 % of a Peruvian rural city, killing over 500 people. What is the name of this rural city, located 200km south –west of the capital, Lima?	Pisco
10	(visual) Recently a 37-year old former veterinarian from Ukraine has been named the world's tallest living person (with a height of 8ft 5in) by the Guinness Book of Records, beating the previous title holder, Bao Xishun of China who is 7ft 9in tall. What is the name of this tallest living person from Ukraine?	Leonid Stadnyk

ROUND 2 : SPORTS AND GAMES

01	What is the English county for which Sri Lankan vice- Captain Kumar Sangakkara plays this season?	Warwickshire
02	Next Summer Olympics Games will be held in Beijing in Aug 2008. What is the official slogan of the Beijing Olympics?	One World One Dream
03	(Visual) The 24- year old Spaniard representing the Discovery channel team won the Tour de France this year. He was the first Spaniard to win the title since Miguel Indorain in 1995. Who is he?	Alberto Contador
04	During the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007, Australia's Mathew Hayden broke the world record set by Sachin Tendulkar for the highest aggregate of runs in a single World Cup tournament. How many runs did Mathew Hayden score during the 2007 World Cup held in West Indies?	659
05	In July this year ousted Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra bought an English Soccer club for \$162 million-mere pocket change compared with the roughly \$ 2 billion in funds Thai authorities have frozen from his family bank accounts. What is the name of the English soccer club acquired by Thaksin?	Manchester City Football Club (accept Manchester City but NOT Manchester United!).
06	20 th Winter Olympics Games were held in Turin Italy in 2006. Which city will host the 2010 winter Olympic Games?	Vancouver, Canada
07	At the 2007 World Athletic Championships held in Osaka recently, Sri Lanka's Susanthika Jayasinghe won the Bronze Medal in women's 200m whilst the Gold was won by Allison Felix of USA. Who won the Silver medal?	Veronica Campbell (Jamaica)
08	For which U.S. Soccer club does former England captain David Beckham play currently?	LA Galaxy
09	Which sporting trophy was held by the United States for 132 years until a team from Perth, Australia won it in 1983?	Americas Cup(yachting)
10	Which British athlete was the first to be Commonwealth, European, Olympic, World Champion and world record holder in his event simultaneously?	Daley Thompson

ROUND 3 : SCIENCE

01	NASA, the US Space Agency is planning to launch its latest mission to explore the two biggest asteroids in the Solar System-Ceres and Vesta. The spacecraft will set off on an eight year mission, and will reach Vesta in 2011 before going to visit Ceres on 2015. What is the name of this spacecraft?	Dawn
02	The 2007 marks the 40 th anniversary of the invention of the cash machine, or the Automated Teller Machine (ATM). The first ATM was installed in a branch of Barclays Bank in Enfield, north London. It was invented by an employee of the printing firm De La Rue. The 82-year old inventor of cash machine is still living in a remote farmhouse in northern Scotland. Can you name him?	John Shepard- Barron
03	(visual) Last month, space shuttle Endeavour had a mission to the International Space Station. On board was a schoolteacher-turned –astronaut, who was once the reserve behind Christa McAuliffe, who died in the Challenger shuttle in 1986 when a leaky booster rocket triggered an explosion 73 seconds into launch. Name this teacher-astronaut?	Barbara Morgan
04	What is the medical term given to the study of the cause and treatment of abnormal tissue growth in human body?	Oncology
05	Quasars or Quasi-stellar radio sources are some of the most distant known objects in the universe. They are no more than a light-year or two across but as much as 1000 times more luminous than a giant galaxy having a diameter of 100,000 light-years. Name the astronomer who discovered Quasars in 1963?	Marten Schmidt
06	Name the South African born American microbiologist who won the 1951 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine for his research on yellow fever?	Max Theiler
07	In a survey carried out by zoologists recently failed find single member in this mammal's historic range, and it is now regarded the first likely extinction of a large vertebrate in 50 years. Identify this mammal?	Yangtze River Dolphin (also known as baiji)
08	Some inventions arrive in this world amid a flurry of paternity suits, as inventors litigate over who made what first. But there is no question as to who's the father of air conditioning: the title belongs to a master engineer who cooked up his cool-down machine at age 21, only a year after graduating from Cornell University. Who was he?	Willis Carrier

09	It is an ecological hypothesis that was first scientifically formulated in the 1960s by the independent research scientist James Lovelock. Named after the Greek earth goddess, this hypothesis postulates that all living things have a regulatory effect on the Earth's environment that promotes life overall. What is this hypothesis called?	Gaia hypothesis
10	In 1798, German chemist Martin Heinrich Klaproth suggested a name for an element that had been discovered fifteen years earlier by miner Franz Josef Muller. Since he had already named an element for the sky, he wanted to name one for the earth since in 1798 no element had been named for the earth, and it needed to be done! What did he name it?	Tellurium (Latin <i>tellus</i> , means earth)

ROUND 04 : HISTORY , ARTS, LITERATURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

01	“Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men, even when they exercise influence and not authority.” Name the English historian, and advisor to William Gladstone who coined this popular aphorism or saying?	Lord Acton (of Aldenham), (also accept John Emerich Edward Dahlberg Acton, 1st Baron)
02	At the 2007 Oscar awards, the film Happy Feet won the award for the Best Animated feature Film. Which Australian directed this film?	George Miller
03	She was born in 1890 as the eldest daughter of Meedeniye Adikaram and Emely Senanayake. Being the Member of Parliament for Ruwanwella, In 1931, she became the first Ceylonese woman to enter the legislature. Who was she?	Adeline Molamure
04	(visual) Scooby – Doo is a popular animated television series, featuring a talking dog named Scooby-Doo and four teenagers. The original series, <i>Scooby-Doo, Where Are you!</i> Was crated in 1969 for Hanna- Barbara Productions by writers Joe Ruby and Ken Spears, and character designer Iwao Takamoto. What is the breed of Scooby- Doo, the dog?	Great Dane
05	When did Sri Lankan Business magnate, industrialist, and former chairman of Greater Colombo Economic Commission (GCEC) , Mr. Upali Wijewardene disappeared in his Jet plane on its way from Malaysia to Sri Lanka.	13 Feb 1983 (accept if month and year is correct)
06	Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe, the last king of Kandy, was remembered for having constructed the Octagon or Pathhirippuwa (meaning lord’s residence) at Dalada Maligawa in Kandy. He and his chief architect built it modeled on the Mahameru Parvatha or cosmic mountain of South Asian mythology. To the east of the octagon he had the Kandy Lake created to represent the Kiri Muhuda or Ocean of Milk which according to the same mythology when churned would produce amrita or ambrosia of the gods. Who was the chief architect, involved in the construction of Pathhirippuwa?	Devendara Mulacharya
07	(visual) In what is regarded as the biggest archaeological find in Egypt since the discovery of Tutankhamen’s tomb in 1922, Egyptologists this year identified the 3000-year old mummy of Egypt’s most powerful female ruler. She was known for dressing like a man and wearing a false beard, and was more powerful than either of her more famous female successors, Nefertiti and Cleopatra. Who was this 18 th dynasty Egyptian ruler of the 15 th Century B.C.?	Hatshepsut

08	<p>Legendary film –maker, Ingmar Bergman, one of key figures in modern cinema died in July 2007. During his 60-year career, he was personally nominated for nine Oscars between 1960 and 1984, while three of his productions won Oscars for best foreign film. For which film did Bergman won his first Oscar for best foreign film in 1961?</p>	The Virgin Spring
09	<p>Recently this city in Central Asia celebrated its 2750th year of existence. It was the capital of the empire of Tamerlane, the 14th century Mongol ruler whose empire spanned from modern day Iraq to China. What is this city?</p>	Samarkhand
10	<p>Popular stage drama “<i>Maname</i>’ celebrated its 50th year in existence late last yeat. When it was first staged on November 3rd 1956(at Lionel Wendt theatre) Ben Sirimanna acted as Prince <i>Maname</i> and Edmond Wijesinghe acted as the Vedda king. Who was the actress who played the role of Princess in the very first stage performance of <i>Maname</i>?</p>	Trilicia Gunawardene.

ROUND 05 : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

01	The Tiny Pacific Ocean island nation of Tonga recently became the newest and the 151 st member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). One of the world's smallest economies, Tonga relies heavily on foreign trade, particularly with Japan, New Zealand, Australia and the US. What is the capital city of Tonga?	Nuku'alofa.
02	(visual) A nutmeg depicted on the left side of this country's flag indicates the crop's importance to this small nation. What is this country?	Grenada
03	A Swiss man called Bernhard Weber is the brainchild of the recently concluded competition to select the New Seven Wonders of the World. Of the seven new wonders announced in Lisbon on 7 th July 2007, what was the only European wonder to hit the list?	Colosseum in Rome
04	HACCP (haccip) is a systematic and preventive approach which is being applied mainly in food, cosmetics and pharmaceutical industries. It addresses physical, chemical and biological hazards as a means of prevention rather than finished product inspection. This method, which in effect seeks to plan out unsafe practices, differs from traditional "produce and test" quality assurance methods which are less successful and inappropriate for highly perishable foods. What does HACCP stand for?	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points
05	Tok Pisin is the most widely spoken as well as one of the official languages of which Asian country?	Papua New Guinea
06	He is considered by many CEO's of top US companies as the most influential management consultant alive. He has written or co-written 11 books since 1998. Some of his best-sellers are - <i>Know-how: The 8 skills that Separate People Who perform From Those Who Don't, Profitable Growth is everyone's Business</i> ,and <i>What the CEO wants you to know</i> . Who is this influential person?	Ram Charan
07	What is the name of the plateau in Sri Lanka surrounded by the mountains in Haputale, Pidurutalagala and Namunukula?	Welimada Plateu

08	<p>In 1906, an Italian economist observed that a few items in any group constitute the significant proportion of the entire group. At that time he was concerned that a few individuals in the economy seemed to earn most of the income. It can also be observed that a few products in a firm result in most of the sales and that, in volunteer organizations few people do most of the work. Who is this Italian economist who is credited with the introduction of the law of the significant few?</p>	Vilfredo Pareto
09	<p>Thoppigala or the Baron's cap has been in the news recently. It is a forest reserve with a terrain of over 700 square kilometers, comprising several imposing mountains with Thoppigala being the most prominent, with a height of 1,753 feet from sea level. In which district is Thoppigala located?.</p>	Batticaloa
10	<p>It is considered the second most popular icon after Mandela in South Africa. It is one of South Africa's most famous landmarks located near Cape Town. But due to the increasing crimes involving visitors, South Africa's tourism minister last month warned that high crimes could deter visitors to this iconic symbol of South Africa. What is this tourist attraction?</p>	Table Mountain