MILITARY HISTORY

203. ***Field Marshal Cariappa OBE***, was the first Indian Chief of Army Staff.

204. Cariappa was born at ***Shanivarasanthe, Kodagu, Karnataka*** in the year of ***1919***.

205. ***Sam Manekshaw*** was the first Indian Army Officer to be promoted to the five – star rank of field Marshal.

206. Manekshaw was born on ***3rd April 1914*** at Amritsar, Punjab.

207. During Indo – Pakistan war of 1971 ***Indira Gandhi*** was the Prime Minister of India.

208. ***Arjeen Singh*** is the only officer of the Indian Airforce to be promoted to five – star rank.

209. Our Army has been involved in ***5*** major wars with our neighbouring countries.

210. We have fought four wars with ***Pakistan*** and one with ***China***.

211. What are the major operations undertaken by our Indian army?

a) ***Operation Meghdoot***
b) ***Operation Cactus***
c) ***Operation Pawan***
d) ***Operation Rakshak***

212. The ***Param Vir Chakra*** is India's highest military decoration award.

213. Param Vir Chakra medal was designed by ***Savitri Khanolkar***, wife of ***Vikram Khanolkar***.

214. Who had donated his bone to goods for making Vajra?

- ***Rishi Dadhichi***

215. Our country has awarded ***21*** Param Vir Chakra.

216. Who was often called as 'Sher shah' (Lion King)?

- ***Captain Vikram Batra, PVC***.

217. India and Pakistan have fought the following wars:

- ***1947 – 48 War (Indo – Pakistan war)***
- ***1965 War (Indo – Pakistan war)***
- ***1971 War (Indo – Pakistan war)***
- ***1999 War (Kargil war)***
- ***Proxy War since 1988 till date***.

218. The Operation Gilbraltar in August 1965 launched by Pakistani President ***Ayub Khan***.

219. WAR OF 1965:

- ***Pakistan launched operation Gilbraltar to support insurgency in J & K against Indian rule.***
- ***In retaliation India launched operation Grand Slam in western sector against Pakistan.***
- ***The famous battles of 1965 war include battle of Asal, Uttar, Battle of Dograi etc.***
- ***Battle of Chawinda was the largest tank battle in the history after World War II***.

220. WAR OF 1971:

- ***In early 1971, India declared its full support for the Bengali rebels, Mukthi Bahini.***
- ***Battle of Longewala was fought on 4 December 1971.***
- ***On 16 December 1971, more than 90,000 Pakistani soldiers surrender at Dhaka***.

221. OPERATION MEGHDOOT, Siachen Glacier:

- ***The Siachen Glacier became a bone of contention following a vague demarcation of territories in the Karachi Agreement of 1949, the boundary demarcated as actual ground position line beyond Point NJ 9842 and both India and Pakistan occupying positions on both sides***.

222. KARGIL CONFLICT:

- ***This conflict 1999 was fought on the heights of Kargil and Drass in 1999.***
- ***In Mid – 1999 Pakistani Paramilitary forces and Kashmiri insurgents captured deserted, but strategic, Himalayan heights in Kargil district of India.***
- ***India forces painstakingly recaptured all posts one after another in bloody conflict.***
- ***Operation Vijay was declared success on 26th July 1999***.

223. Maj. Shaitan Singh, PVC was awarded Param Vir Chakra for his outstanding leadership during ***"Battle of Rejang La"***.

224. Field Marshal KM Cariappa OBE received the rank of Field Marshal at the age of ***87***.

225. Operation Meghdoot was led by ***Lt. Gen. Premnath Hoon***.