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GENERAL ENGLISH [REDACTED]

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Read the following instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The applicant will be supplied with Question Booklet 15 minutes before commencement of the examination.
2. This Question Booklet contains 200 questions. Prior to attempting to answer, the candidates are requested to check whether all the questions are there in series and ensure there are no blank pages in the question booklet. **In case any defect in the Question Paper is noticed, it shall be reported to the Invigilator within first 10 minutes and get it replaced with a complete Question Booklet. If any defect is noticed in the Question Booklet after the commencement of examination, it will not be replaced.**
3. Answer **all** questions. All questions carry equal marks.
4. You must write your Register Number in the space provided on the top right side of this page. Do not write anything else on the Question Booklet.
5. An answer sheet will be supplied to you, separately by the Room Invigilator to mark the answers.
6. You will also encode your Question Booklet Number with Blue or Black ink Ball point pen in the space provided on the side 2 of the Answer Sheet. If you do not encode properly or fail to encode the above information, action will be taken as per Commission's notification.
7. Each question comprises *four* responses (A), (B), (C) and (D). You are to select **ONLY ONE** correct response and mark in your Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there are more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each question. Your total marks will depend on the number of correct responses marked by you in the Answer Sheet.
8. In the Answer Sheet there are **four** circles (A), (B), (C) and (D) against each question. To answer the questions you are to mark with Blue or Black ink Ball point pen **ONLY ONE** circle of your choice for each question. Select one response for each question in the Question Booklet and mark in the Answer Sheet. If you mark more than one answer for one question, the answer will be treated as wrong. *e.g.* If for any item, (B) is the correct answer, you have to mark as follows :

(A) ● (C) (D)
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10. **Do not make any marking in the question booklet except in the sheet before the last page of the question booklet, which can be used for rough work. This should be strictly adhered.**
11. For Question No. 101 to 200 in all matters and in cases of doubt, the English Version is final.
12. Applicants have to write and shade the total number of answer fields left blank on the boxes provided at side 2 of OMR Answer Sheet. An extra time of 5 minutes will be given to specify the number of answer fields left blank.
13. Failure to comply with any of the above instructions will render you liable to such action or penalty as the Commission may decide at their discretion.

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1. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given below :

Despite this, she learnt to do some chores at home.

- (A) exercises
(B) yoga
(C) models
☒ (D) regular tasks

2. The landscape was placid but the sky was in turmoil.

The correct meanings for the underlined words are

- ☒ (A) Peaceful ; Violent disturbance
(B) Disturbed ; Boiling
(C) Quiet ; Troubling
(D) Simple ; Disturbed

3. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the answer from the codes given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Mutiny	1.	Moving fast
(b)	Perils	2.	Resist
(c)	Gallop	3.	Danger
(d)	Defy	4.	Revolt

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	4	3	1
(B)	4	1	2	3
☒ (C)	4	3	1	2
(D)	3	1	2	4

4. Form a new word by affixing a suitable prefix to the root word from the options given below :

'_____ ' theism.

- (A) pre
- (B) il
- (C) semi
- ☒ (D) poly

5. Choose a suitable suffix for the following word :

'Craftsman' _____

- (A) ness
- (B) ful
- ☒ (C) ship
- (D) ous

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

Karthick is _____ famous percussionist. He is _____ Indian. He cannot hear sounds clearly as he has _____ problem in hearing.

- (A) a, a, the
- ☒ (B) a, an, a
- (C) the, an, the
- (D) the, an, a

7. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition :

I shall complete my homework ————— lunch.

- (A) between
(B) along
(C) through
☒ (D) during

8. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition :

The baby has been crying ————— the past one hour.

- ☒ (A) for (B) since
(C) about (D) from

9. Match the following statements with suitable question tags marking the correct code given below :

Column A

- (a) It is a costly pen
(b) Sheela can't speak Hindi well
(c) There was enough milk in the pot
(d) You haven't done your homework

Column B

1. wasn't there?
2. isn't it?
3. have you?
4. can she?

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ☒ (A) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

10. Fill in the blanks appropriately. Choosing from the options given below :

We met last ————— and will meet again next —————.

- ☒ (A) Friday, Friday
(B) On Friday, On Friday
(C) In Friday, In Friday
(D) On Friday, Friday

11. Fill in the blank with suitable tense form of the verb given in brackets :

If I had known of your arrival, I _____ (meet) you at the station.

- (A) would meet
- (B) will meet
- (C) had met
- ☒ (D) would have met

12. "Whenever you need help, call the President" :

This sentence would be changed into passive voice as _____.

- (A) you need help and you will be called by the President
- (B) you need help and you called on the President
- ☒ (C) let the President be called, whenever help is needed by you
- (D) the President called for help from you

13. Identify the correct passive voice form of the following sentence. Keep the window wide open.

- (A) Let the window be wide opened
- (B) The window should be kept opened
- ☒ (C) Let the window be kept wide open
- (D) Why not the window be kept opened?

14. Complete the following sentence using suitable voice form of the verb given in brackets :

Seventy percent of the World's total water demand _____ (use) for irrigation

- (A) are used
- (B) used
- (C) have been used
- ☒ (D) is used

15. Find out the correct sentence pattern for the following sentence :

The Stars twinkle in the Sky at night.

- (A) S V C A
 ✓ (B) S V A A
 (C) S V IO DO
 (D) S V O A

16. Match the following sentences given in Column A with their patterns in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| (a) He wrote a novel | 1. S V C |
| (b) They elected him a Leader | 2. S V IO DO |
| (c) My Uncle gave me a present | 3. S V O |
| (d) Kannan is a Doctor | 4. S V O C |

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|---------|-----|-----|-----|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (B) 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (C) 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| ✓ (D) 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

17. Fill in the blanks of the following sentence choosing the correct pair of words given below :

The police tried to _____ information from Ravi who sells _____ liquor.

- (A) elusive / illusive
 (B) illicit / elicit
 ✓ (C) elicit / illicit
 (D) electric / erotic

18. Identify the error free sentence of the following :

- (A) Neither the Secretary or the Manager were available
- (B) Neither the Secretary nor the Manager are available
- ☒ (C) Neither the Secretary nor the Manager was available
- (D) Neither the Secretary or the Manager was available

19. Identify the correct sentence from the options given below :

- ☒ (A) Not many people are as kind hearted as Mr. Soundar
- (B) Not many people are kind hearted as Mr. Soundar
- (C) Many people are not as kind as Mr. Soundar
- (D) Many people are not kind as Mr. Soundar

20. Select the correct sentence of the following.

- (A) Many a students have tried and failed
- (B) Many a student have tried and failed
- (C) Many more student has tried and failed
- ☒ (D) Many a student has tried and failed

21. I don't have a lot of friends.

Which of the following sentences is similar to the meaning of the above given sentence?

- (A) I have more friends
- (B) I haven't got friends
- (C) I haven't got any friends
- ☒ (D) I have only less friends

22. Choose the appropriate plural form of the underlined word of the sentence :

The calf jumped out and ran across the street.

- (A) calfs
- ☒ (B) calves
- (C) calf
- (D) cattle

23. River Mississippi / is / one of the longest river in the world

1 2 3 4

Which part of the sentence contains the error?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- ☒ (D) 4

24. Identify the compound sentence from the options given below.

- ☒ (A) I studied very hard, but I failed
- (B) On seeing the dog, the thief ran away
- (C) When the cat is away, the mice are at play
- (D) We must eat to live

25. Which one of the following is a simple sentence?

- (A) We must eat, so we can live.
- (B) If you miss the bus, hire a taxi
- (C) I studied very hard but failed
- ☒ (D) It is too difficult for me to comprehend

26. Form a new word by blending the following pair of words.

Electro + execute

- ☒ (A) electrocute
 (B) electricute
 (C) electrolite
 (D) eleexecute

27. Match the words in the Column A with the words given in the Column B and choose the correct code to form compound words.

Column A

- (a) Water
 (b) Man
 (c) Servant
 (d) Tongue

Column B

1. Maid
 2. Cleaner
 3. Wash
 4. Made

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ☒ (A) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (B) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (C) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (D) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |

28. The compound word starlight is of the form

- (A) Noun + verb
 (B) Verb + Noun
☒ (C) Noun + Noun
 (D) Gerund + Noun

29. yes; quaint and curious war is! The word 'quaint' means
 (A) noble ☒ (B) strange
 (C) awkward (D) cunning
30. Identify the title of the poem of the following lines
 "Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
 Within his bending sickle's compass come;"
 (A) Going for Water (B) The Solitary Reaper
 (C) A Psalm of Life ☒ (D) Sonnet No. 116
31. "The barren boughs without the leaves,
 Without the birds, without the breeze".
 The above lines are taken from the poem
 (A) Migrant Bird (B) A Psalm of Life
☒ (C) Going for Water (D) Where the Mind is Without Fear
32. "True morality consists, not in following the beaten track, but finding out the true path for
 ourselves and in fearlessly following it".
 Who asks us not to follow the beaten track and to follow the true path fearlessly?
 (A) Swami Vivekananda (B) V.O. Chidambaranar
 (C) Jawaharlal Nehru ☒ (D) Mahatma Gandhi
33. Who is called "The Birdman of India"?
☒ (A) Dr. Salim Ali (B) Mohammed Ali
 (C) Sahul Ameer (D) Anwar Basha
34. "For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,
 Ingratitude, more strong than traitor's arms,
 Quite vanquished him; then burst his mighty heart".
 Whose ingratitude is spoken of in the lines given above?
 (A) Casca ☒ (B) Brutus
 (C) Antony (D) Cassius

35. "I would use on you that you should attach as much importance to character as to knowledge. This character must show itself in earnestness".

Here the word 'earnestness' means :

- (A) Manliness (B) Seriousness ✓
(C) Friendliness (D) Nobleness

36. Which of the following works is a prose piece?

- (A) The Flying Wonder
(B) Don't Quit
(C) The Apology
(D) To The Land of Snow ✓

37. "I look deeply into its visage, trying to etch in my mind every detail of the vast expanse of valley".

Here the "valley" refers to

- (A) Aravalli (B) The Himalayan
(C) Milam ✓ (D) Aanaimalai

38. Choose the suitable American English word for 'Cot'.

- (A) trunk (B) jelly
(C) guy (D) crib ✓

39. Replace the British English word with an equivalent American English word in the idiom given below.

"to blow one's own trumpet"

- (A) Clarinet (B) Saxophone
(C) Horn ✓ (D) Flute

40. Select the short story written by Rabindranath Tagore from the options given below

- (A) The Proexecuted
- (B) The Dance of Siva
- ☒ (C) The Post Office
- (D) The Ramayana

41. "I am no orator, as Brutus is"

The above said words are uttered by _____.

- (A) Casca
- ☒ (B) Mark Antony
- (C) Julius Caesar
- (D) Brutus

42. "After all, winners don't do different things, They do things differently"

Which of the following statements means the above quotation by Dale Carnegie?

- (A) All winners are different
- ☒ (B) Winners do things differently
- (C) Winners do different things
- (D) Losers don't do different things

43. Choose the author of the book 'Robinson Crusoe' from the given options

- (A) Charles Dickens
- ☒ (B) Daniel Defoe
- (C) R.K. Narayan
- (D) Raja Rao

44. The author of the novel "Midnight" children is

- (A) William Shakespeare
- ☒ (B) Salman Rushdie
- (C) Tagore
- (D) Aurobindo

45. "I told you snakes like frogs better than milk"

Whom does 'you' refer to here?

- (A) Thomas Hardy
- ☒ (C) Gunga Ram
- (B) Ahtushi Deshpande
- (D) Kushwant Singh

46. "If non violence is the law of our being, the future is with women" —
Whose words are these?

(A) Mother Theresa

(B) Sarojini Naidu

☒ (C) Mahatma Gandhi

(D) Jawaharlal Nehru

47. "..... The glamour
Of childish days is upon me,
my manhood is cast
Down in the flood of remembrance.
I weep like a child for the past".
Who weeps like a child?

(A) H.W. Longfellow

☒ (B) D.H. Lawrence

(C) V.K. Gokak

(D) John Milton

48. Which of the following literary works is nature centered?

(A) Be The Best

(B) The Apology

☒ (C) Swept Away

(D) The Piano Lesson

49. William Wordsworth who is also called the nature poet belong to

(A) Victorian age

☒ (B) Romantic period

(C) Modern era

(D) Classical period

50. Select the correct phrase.

People voted ————— the ruling party.

(A) on behalf of

(B) according to

(C) in order to

☒ (D) in favour of

51. Complete the sentence choosing the correct phrase from the following options.

_____ his disappointment, Ali went to the post office every day.

- (A) Owing to
☒ (B) In spite of
 (C) On account of
 (D) In case of

52. Select the meaning of the underlined idiom from the options given below :

As he wants to be the top scorer, he burns the midnight oil.

- (A) lits a lamp with oil
 (B) buys oil in the midnight
 (C) sleeps in the midnight
☒ (D) works throughout the night

53. Match the phrasal verbs in Column A with their meaning in Column B choosing correct codes given :

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| (a) get on | 1. continue to resist |
| (b) give in | 2. keep for future use |
| (c) stand out | 3. yield |
| (d) lay by | 4. have a friendly relationship |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| (B) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| ☒ (C) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

54. Fill in the blank with a suitable antonym for the word underlined :

Youngsters with talent ought to be patronised and not _____.

- (A) Supported (B) Helped
(C) Discouraged (D) Encouraged

55. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined word of the following sentence :

Empoli is a quaint old town.

- (A) Unusual (B) Odd
(C) Modern (D) Old-fashioned

56. Pick out the appropriate antonym of the underlined word from the options given below :

I have spoken thus much to mitigate the justice of thy plea.

- (A) Improvise
(B) Maximize
(C) Militate
(D) Minimize

57. Match the following prefixes under Column A with the root words under Column B the correct code given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	dis	1.	dispensable
(b)	a	2.	able
(c)	in	3.	midst
(d)	un	4.	regard

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	4	3	1
(B)	1	3	2	4
(C)	3	2	1	4
(D)	4	3	1	2

58. Insert a suitable article in the following sentence :

Kalidas is ————— Shakespeare of India.

- ☒ (A) the
(B) a
(C) an
(D) no article

59. Supply a suitable article to the following sentence :

Kavin, being a regular student, goes to ————— school everyday.

- (A) a
(B) the
(C) an
☒ (D) zero article

60. Choose the correct order of prepositions from the options given to fill in the blanks of the passage :

There is not enough space ————— the desk and the bench. Arrange them properly
————— the classes commence. Then go to the room ————— the stair case, wait
there ————— I come.

- (A) by, on, within, till
(B) beside, after, behind, before
☒ (C) between, before, beside, until
(D) under, inside, upto, after

61. Add a suitable question tag to the following statement.

Mala never tells lies, _____.

- (A) won't she?
- (B) isn't it?
- ☒ (C) does she?
- (D) didn't she?

62. Supply a suitable question tag.

I am your teacher, _____?

- (A) amn't I?
- (B) am not I?
- ☒ (C) aren't I?
- (D) will you?

63. Fill in the blank with the suitable word from the options given below :

The National Flag is _____.

- (A) raised
- (B) fluttered
- ☒ (C) hoisted
- (D) flown

64. Choose the correct kind of quasi modal to fill in the blank from the options given below :

He _____ walk long distances, when he was young.

- (A) ought to
- (B) dare
- ☒ (C) used to
- (D) need

65. Complete the following sentence choosing the option given below :

My class teacher helped me _____ the exam.

- (A) passing
- (B) passed
- (C) to have passed
- ☒ (D) pass

66. Hearing a loud sound, they rushed out of the room :

In the above sentence, the underlined part is a/an _____.

- (A) past participle
- ☒ (B) present participle
- (C) gerund
- (D) infinitive

67. Painting and Sculpting are taught by artists here.

The underlined parts of the above sentence are known as _____.

- ☒ (A) Verbal nouns
- (B) Present participles
- (C) Past participles
- (D) Infinitives

68. Fill in the blank :

An 'Interrogative Adverb' is an adverb which _____.

- (A) shows how or in what manner an action is done
- ☒ (B) is used to ask a questions
- (C) shows the cause or reason
- (D) shows how often an action is done

69. Fill in the blank of the following sentence with a suitable preposition :

Look, there is someone _____ the door step.

- (A) in
- ☒ (B) at
- (C) on
- (D) for

70. Identify the correct sentence of the following :

- ☒ (A) We were watching a match on DD Sports
- (B) We watched a match in DD Sports
- (C) We hate watching a match by DD Sports
- (D) We did not watch a match over DD Sports

71. Fill in the blank :

As speech gradually improved, human _____ was slowly awakening.

- (A) conscious
- (B) conscience
- (C) consciously
- ☒ (D) consciousness

72. Find out the odd one of the following :

(A) indicate

☒ (B) innate

(C) denote

(D) connote

73. Find out the figure of speech employed in the given passage :

"O ye wheels (breaking out in a mad moaning)

Stop! be silent for today!"

(A) Simile

(B) Oxymoron

☒ (C) Personification

(D) Metonymy

74. Find out the odd one of the following :

(A) hardly

(B) scarcely

☒ (C) frequently

(D) rarely

75. The plural form of the hyphenated noun 'Commander-in-chief' is _____.

(A) Commender – in – chief

(B) Commander – in – chiefs

☒ (C) Commanders – in – chief

(D) Commanders – in – chiefs

76. Identify the type of the following sentence :

No one had any sympathy for him, but all were curious about his absence.

- (A) Interrogative sentence (B) Simple sentence
☒ (C) Compound sentence (D) Complex sentence

77. Change the following sentence into superlative degree.

No other metal is as useful as iron.

- (A) Iron is more useful than any other metal
☒ (B) Iron is the most useful of all metals
(C) Iron is one of the most useful metals
(D) None of these

78. Change the following sentence into comparative degree :

Very few boys are as clever as Surya.

- ☒ (A) Surya is cleverer than most other boys
(B) Surya is cleverer than any other boys
(C) Surya is more clever than many other boys
(D) Surya is more clever than any other boys

79. Choose the appropriate pair of words from which the underlined word of the sentence has been coined :

I bought a mobile phone with 32 mega pixel camera.

- ☒ (A) picture + element (B) pigment + elite
(C) picture + excel (D) pictorial + elevation

80. Which of the following words is a blended one in the given sentence?

The Interpol are on the look-out for inter-continental smugglers.

- (A) look-out (B) inter-continental
☒ (C) Interpol (D) smugglers

81. Make compound words by matching Column A with Column B and mark the correct code given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Hand	1.	Mark
(b)	Post	2.	Loom
(c)	Field	3.	Master
(d)	Land	4.	Trip

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	2	3	4
(B)	3	1	4	2
☒ (C)	2	3	4	1
(D)	3	2	1	4

82. Identify the rhyme scheme of the following stanza :

Tell me not, in mournful numbers.

Life is but an empty dream !

For the soul is dead that slumbers,

And things are not what they seem.

- (A) a b b a
☒ (B) a b a b
 (C) a a b b
 (D) a b b c

83. 'Life is but an empty dream' Identify the figure of speech employed in the poetic line

- (A) Simile
☒ (B) Metaphor
 (C) Oxymoron
 (D) Repetition

84. "I think of all the things you gave to me sacrifice, devotion love and tears". Here the word 'devotion' means

- ☒ (A) great love and loyalty
 (B) think about
 (C) sacrifice
 (D) strength

85. Pick out the one who is not the character of Shakespeare?
(A) Casca (B) ☒ Behrman
(C) Cassius (D) Lepidus
86. The name of the model millionaire was
(A) Baron Carlsberg (B) Baron Davidson
(C) Baron Fredrick (D) ☒ Baron Hausberg
87. "I have many beautiful flowers" he said, "But the children are the most beautiful flowers of all".
These words are uttered by
(A) Ivan Dmitritch (B) ☒ The Selfish Giant
(C) Morrisot (D) Framton Nuttel
88. The Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre, New York, USA were attacked and destroyed on
(A) ☒ September 11, 2001 (B) September 11, 2006
(C) September 01, 2011 (D) September 11, 2003
89. Dr. Karl Paulnack is
(A) ☒ Pianist (B) Director of Films
(C) Artist (D) Painter
90. "Remember you are unique. There was and never will be anybody exactly like you. Make the most of what nature gave you".
According to the author of the above passage,
(A) ☒ Everyone is special in one way or the other
(B) No one is unique
(C) Anybody can be exactly like you
(D) We must make use of nature

91. The author who wrote the poem 'The Man He Killed' is
(A) H.W. Longfellow
(B) Annie Louisa Walker
☒ (C) Thomas Hardy
(D) Walt Whitman
92. The author of the story "The Lottery Ticket" belongs to _____ Nationality.
(A) American (B) Indian
☒ (C) Russian (D) French
93. You could have seen some people walking along the road with a white cane in their hand. Here, the word 'People' from the short story 'A Man Who Had No Eyes' refers to _____.
(A) the aged people (B) the teachers
(C) the policemen ☒ (D) the blind
94. "Time is your most valuable resource. Successful people are those who manage their time efficiently".
This statement occurs in the biography of _____.
☒ (A) Dale Carnegie
(B) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(C) Ruskin Bond
(D) Hope Spencer
95. Who among the following does not belong to the United States?
(A) Robert Frost
☒ (B) D.H. Lawrence
(C) Walt Whitman
(D) Ralph Waldo Emerson

96. The pen name of William Sydney Porter is _____.
(A) Oscar Wilde (B) O' Henry
(C) Saki (D) Lewis Carroll
97. Numerous 20th century writers were inspired by Hardy's use of _____.
(A) Pessimistic presentations
(B) 'Non-Poetic' language and odd rhymes
(C) Metrical pattern
(D) Military background
98. Mention the poem in which the following lines appear.
The well was dry beside the door
And so we went with pail and can
Across the fields behind the house
To seek the brook if still it ran;
(A) Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
(B) Snake
(C) The Solitary Reaper
(D) Going for Water
99. William Wordsworth along with Samuel Taylor Coleridge published one of the following famous works.
(A) Ode to Immortality (B) The Solitary Reaper
(C) The Lyrical Ballads (D) Daffodils
100. The theme you note in the poem, 'A Psalm of Life' is _____.
(A) Nationalism (B) Optimism
(C) Communalism (D) Pessimism