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Time : 3 Hours | Marks : 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

(Read the Instructions carefully before Answering)

1. This is Question Paper cum Answer Booklet.
2. The Question Paper contains two parts viz. Part - A and Part - B.
3. Part - A contains 50 multiple choice questions. Each question carries half mark with 25% negative marks for wrong answers. The candidate has to answer Part - A in the OMR answer sheet which is provided separately. Part - A should be completed during the first 45 min. and the corresponding Part A - OMR to be returned to the invigilator.
4. Part - B contains descriptive questions candidate has to answer the descriptive questions in the space provided in this booklet only.
5. No additional answer sheets shall be supplied to the candidates.
6. Use blue/black pen and write the answer legibly.
7. Electronic gadgets like Cell Phone, Pager, Calculator, Watches, Pen Drives, Hard Disks, Bluetooth and Mathematical/Log Tables are not permitted into the examination hall.
8. Rough Work should be done only in the space provided in the Question Paper cum Answer Booklet.
9. Return the Question Paper cum Answer Booklet to the Invigilator before leaving the examination hall. Failure to return the same is liable for criminal action.

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PART - A

25 Marks

1. Match the Idioms in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B** :

	A		B
(a)	move heaven and earth	(i)	failing to impress
(b)	damp squib	(ii)	talented person
(c)	all in all	(iii)	considering everything
(d)	eat humble pie	(iv)	to admit that you are wrong
		(v)	try very hard

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(1)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
(2)	(iv)	(i)	(v)	(ii)
(3)	(iv)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)
(4)	(v)	(i)	(iii)	(iv)

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2. Which one of the following gives the correct meaning of the expression, 'Don't push your luck!' ?
   (1) It's a matter of chance you have no control over it.
   (2) We'll take whatever is available whether it's good or not.
   (3) Don't try too hard to get what you want and risk losing what you have achieved.
   (4) What someone wants to happen is unlikely to happen.

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3. Match the following idioms in **List A** with their meanings in **List B**.

	A		B
(a)	get round	(i)	to meet an unpleasant situation
(b)	in fits and starts	(ii)	strict
(c)	face the music	(iii)	irregularly
(d)	hard and fast	(iv)	persuade someone to do something
		(v)	insincere

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(1)	(iv)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
(2)	(iv)	(i)	(v)	(ii)
(3)	(iv)	(iii)	(i)	(ii)
(4)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)

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4. The words *bow* and *bow* in the following sentences are called _____.

Bow means to bend at the waist or the front part of a boat.

Bow means a weapon, or a knot made for decoration on a dress, etc.

(1) Homonyms
(2) Homographs
(3) Homophones
(4) Homonyms & Homophones

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5. Pick the correct meaning of the underlined expression in the following sentence :

It's no use splitting hairs over the cause of the lapse.

(1) combing through tangled hair
(2) arguing about petty matters
(3) trying to clean knots
(4) raising major issues after the event

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6. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophone :

Fair - Fare
Bare - Bear
Write - right
Know - no

(a) I do not _____ that _____ other person except the attender is available in the department today.
(b) The teacher was happy that the student was able to _____ the _____ answer.
(c) We enjoyed ourselves at the _____ because there was such a _____ of goodies to eat.
(d) Bhaskar was able to fight the _____ with his _____ hands.

The **correct** answer is :

(1) (a) - no, know; (b) - write, right; (c) - fare, fair; (d) - bare, bear
(2) (a) - know, no; (b) - right, wright; (c) - fair, fare; (d) - bare, bear
(3) (a) - know, no; (b) - write, right; (c) - fair, fare; (d) - bear, bare
(4) (a) - no, know; (b) - right, write; (c) - fare, fair; (d) - bear, bare

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7. Which one of the following gives the correct meaning of the expression, "Hit the sack" ?

(1) Work better or leave
(2) Slow down
(3) Go to sleep
(4) Good luck

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8. Fill in the blank with a suitable alternative to make it a meaningful sentence.
'In the field of classical music, he still _____ supreme'.
(1) Reigns (2) Reins (3) Rains (4) Raigns

9. Pick the correct meaning of the underlined expression in the following sentence :
The manager, as usual, is blowing his own trumpet .
(1) Very good at musical instruments
(2) Sings very well
(3) Praising himself
(4) Enjoys art and music

10. Fill in the blank with a suitable alternative to make it a meaningful sentence.
'Would you prefer to have an _____ seat or a window seat' ?
(1) isle (2) ill (3) aisle (4) aile

11. Which one of the following takes the prefix 'sub- ' to form a new word ?
(1) scribe (2) geneous (3) diction (4) theism

12. Which of the following is synonymous with the word 'genteel' in the sentence 'He lived in genteel poverty' ?
(1) Pretentious (2) Boorish (3) Callous (4) Rugged

13. A room where people can wait before entering a larger room, especially in an important public building is called _____.
(1) Antyroom (2) Anteroom (3) Antiroom (4) Antroom

14. Which of the following is the antonym of the underlined word in the sentence 'She showed increasing irritation at his attempt to vindicate her.' ?
(1) absolve (2) condone (3) convict (4) dismiss

15. Which of the following is the correct one-word substitute equivalent to the phrase 'That which cannot be satisfied' ?
(1) Insatiable (2) Impeccable (3) Insoluble (4) Innocuous

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16. Choose the correct option that conveys the same meaning of the underlined word in the following sentence :

Sagacity increases with age.

(1) sugar (2) admiration (3) wisdom (4) inanimate

17. Choose the correct option that is opposite in meaning to the word underlined to fill in the blank in the sentence given below :

These spurious documents can never substitute the _____ ones.

(1) fake (2) mysterious (3) genuine (4) fabricated

18. Choose one-word substitute for the clause given below :

'A person who enjoys high quality food and drink' is called _____.

(1) pharmacist (2) influential (3) wild (4) epicure

19. Choose one-word substitute for the clause given below :

Concluding part of a literary work :

(1) epitaph (2) epilogue (3) epicure (4) epidemic

20. Which of the following is the correct one-word substitute equivalent to the phrase 'study of the origin of words' ?

(1) Etymology (2) Semantics (3) Entomology (4) Lexicography

21. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :

The meeting will be held _____ 2 P.M. and 4 P.M.

(1) between (2) at (3) in (4) from

22. Choose the correct alternative of suitable prepositions to make them meaningful sentences.

(i) We live within a mile _____ the school.

(ii) He recovered _____ his illness quickly.

(iii) We swam deep _____ the sea to the coral beds.

(iv) I want to improve _____ my last exam results.

(1) (i) - of ; (ii) - from ; (iii) - beneath ; (iv) - on

(2) (i) - from ; (ii) - on ; (iii) - beneath ; (iv) - of

(3) (i) - beneath ; (ii) - on ; (iii) - of ; (iv) - from

(4) (i) - of ; (ii) - on ; (iii) - beneath ; (iv) - from

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23. Fill in the blanks with suitable alternative to make it a meaningful sentence.

'By the time we get there, Jaya _____'.

(1) will have left (2) has left

(3) had left (4) left

24. Fill in the blank with the correct prepositions.

I am tired _____ doing the same thing over and over again.

(1) of (2) from (3) in (4) at

25. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :

Robert is _____ European.

(1) one (2) a (3) an (4) the

26. Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions :

This part _____ the building is powered _____ solar energy.

(1) for, with (2) off, by (3) at, of (4) of, by

27. Fill in the blanks with the correct articles :

_____ kinetic theory explains this property by saying that there are no fixed positions for _____ molecules.

(1) A, an (2) The, an (3) An, the (4) The, the

28. Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms :

I have never _____ pizza. I don't know what food it is.

(1) eat (2) be eaten (3) ate (4) eaten

29. Which of the following sentences is an ungrammatical one with reference to concord ?

(1) That ₹ 1,00,000 were an inheritance from my father.

(2) Part of the walls are to be painted.

(3) A number of board members were absent yesterday.

(4) One of the pens is missing from desk.

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30. Which of the following statements has an error with concord ?

(1) The boy standing near the corner is a hockey player.

(2) Hundred kilograms is a lot a weight.

(3) Playing cricket is compulsory in our school.

(4) Neither of the combatants were able to win a decisive victory.

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31. Choose grammatically correct sentence from the options given below :

(1) The ship was wrecked, and every man, woman and child have drowned.

(2) The ship was wrecked, and every man, woman and child are drowned.

(3) The ship was wrecked, and every man, woman and child is drowned.

(4) The ship was wrecked, and every man, woman and child was drowned.

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32. Choose grammatically correct sentence from the options given below :

(1) My uncle and guardian want me to study medicine.

(2) My uncle and guardian wants me to study medicine.

(3) My uncle and guardian have wanted me to study medicine.

(4) My uncle and guardian are wanting me to study medicine.

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33. Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms in the following sentence :

I _____ already _____ Venkatesh before he came to Hyderabad.

(1) have, met (2) had, met

(3) am, meeting (4) has, met

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34. Fill in the blanks with suitable alternative to make it a meaningful sentence.

'Sam was a wonderful guitarist. He _____ ever since he was a teenager.'

(1) has been play (2) had been playing

(3) had played (4) has played

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35. In the following question, there are six sentences marked S1, S6, P, Q, R, S. The positions of S1 and S6 are fixed. You are required to choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the paragraph :

S1 : Most people tend to become anxious or nervous before doing something important in public.

(P) The same approach is true for successful speakers.

(Q) However, we must know that only those people who know how to transform their nervousness into excitement or enthusiasm become successful.

(R) For instance, athletes are nervous before a big game. Politicians are nervous to stand in front of a huge gathering.

(S) And actors also are nervous to face the camera and deliver the dialogues.

S6 : Hence, becoming nervous before a speech or presentation is natural, normal and sometimes even desirable.

(1) RSQP (2) SRPQ (3) PQRS (4) QRSP

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36. Which of the following sentences has the appropriate order of words to make it a meaningful sentence ?

(1) They had to rush to get everything shipshape before the official opening.

(2) They had to get to rush shipshape everything before the official opening.

(3) Before the official opening they had rush to get shipshape everything.

(4) Before they get to shipshape the official opening everything had to rush.

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37. Rearrange the following words to form a meaningful sentence :

(P) attacked by locusts.

(Q) crops in many parts

(R) Since the earliest days of agriculture,

(S) of the world have been

The proper sequence should be :

(1) RSPQ (2) RQSP (3) PRQS (4) SRPQ

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38. Identify the part of the following sentence that has an error.

They would have been (A)/here by now (B)/if they caught (C)/the early train. (D)

(1) (A) (2) (B) (3) (C) (4) (D)

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39. In the following question, there are six sentences marked S1, S6, P, Q, R, S. The positions of S1 and S6 are fixed. You are required to choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the paragraph :

S1 : There was a family of pigeons which had made the top of a mosque its abode.

(P) The head of the family discussed the migration with the family, so they moved to a church.

(Q) A family goes together, and so they discussed this issue and planned another migration.

(R) They settled down in their new abode and life was going on smoothly till the church was being decorated this time, again for a festival.

(S) They were living happily for a while and one day when the mosque was being decorated for a festival, the pigeons had to think of relocation.

S6 : This time around they migrated and made their new abode at the top of a temple.

(1) PSQR (2) SQPR (3) QSPR (4) SPRQ

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40. Find out which part of the following sentence has an error :
Myself and Gopalan (A) / will take care of the function (B) / which will be held on (C) / Sunday in Hyderabad (D).

(1) (A) (2) (B) (3) (C) (4) (D)

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41. Identify the part of the following sentence that has an error :
If he improved (A)/his IT skills, (B)/he's easily (C)/get a job.(D)

(1) (A) (2) (B) (3) (C) (4) (D)

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42. Find out which part of the following sentence has an error :
His mouth watered (A) / when he saw (B) / a bouquet of grapes (C) / in the market (D).

(1) (A) (2) (B) (3) (C) (4) (D)

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43. Identify the **correct** rearrangement of the following sentences to make it a meaningful paragraph on *'Drone technology for crop surveillance to bring precision to farming'*. The introductory sentence No. 1 (S1) and the concluding sentence No. 6 (S6) have already been marked for you.

S1 : The 'Flying Farmer' is designed to solve two major agricultural issues faced by farmers - pesticide treatment and weed detection.

(P) Secondly, human weed detection is inefficient and prone to error, leading to lower produce.

(Q) Drones, programmed with computer vision algorithms and infrared sensors can detect the exact position and nature of weeds and transmit information to the farmer for timely action.

(R) To deliver pesticides, pre-programmed drones can target specific farm areas and crops avoiding wastage and over use of pesticides.

(S) With rising labour costs and shortage of labour, drone technology is hypothesized to replace human intervention in delivering pesticide treatment.

S6 : The field trials conducted at LPU led to an improvement of 15-20% in produce quantity.

(1) PRSQ (2) RSQP (3) QRSP (4) SRPQ

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44. In the following question, there are six sentences marked S1, S6, P, Q, R, S. The positions of S1 and S6 are fixed. You are required to choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the paragraph :

S1 : 'The Weed' is a beautiful short story of a rustic girl.

(P) Simple, uneducated, and superstitious, she was married as the second wife of an 'old, short, loose-jawed man'.

(Q) Angoori believes it is 'the weed' given by a man that makes a girl fall in love, which is a sin.

(R) Angoori, the protagonist, is a typical Indian village girl, black, young, and beautiful.

(S) A victim of a patriarchal society and forced to marry by parental choice,

S6 : At the end, she realizes that she herself is a victim of 'the weed', the natural inclination of a girl for the man she loves.

(1) PSQR (2) QSPR (3) RPSQ (4) SPQR

Read the following passage and answer the questions (from 45 to 48) given below :

There are some people who are born with a gift for early rising. I was born with a genius for lying in bed. I have always felt that people who rise early are slightly self-righteous. They can't help feeling a little scornful of us-sluggards. And we know it. Humility is the badge of all our tribes. We are not proud of lying in bed. We are ashamed and happy. The noblest sluggard of us all has stated our case for us. "No man practises so well as he writes", said Dr. Johnson "I have all my life been lying till noon; yet I tell all young men, and tell them with great sincerity, that nobody who does not rise early will ever do any good."

Of course we pay the penalty. We do not catch the early worm, When we turn out all the bargains have gone, and we are left only with odds and ends. From a practical point of view, we have no defence. We know that an early start is the secret of success. And if you have ever been on a walking or cycling tour you know that early rising is the key of the business. Start early and you are the master of your programme and your fate. Start late and you are the slave of the hours.

(A.G. Gardiner)

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45. What did Dr. Johnson say about sluggards ?

(1) Sluggards never practise so well as they write.

(2) Sluggards often wake up early.

(3) Sluggards are successful in business.

(4) Sluggards practise so well as they write.

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46. How do the late risers feel ?

(1) They are genius
(2) Ashamed and happy
(3) Proud of lying in bed
(4) Harmless people in the society

47. What does the author think of the people who rise early ?

People who rise early are _____.

(1) born with silver spoon
(2) gifted human beings
(3) scornful sluggards
(4) slightly self-righteous

48. According to this passage, what is the secret of success ?

(1) Be good and do good
(2) Sincerity and punctuality
(3) Early start
(4) Regular walking or cycling

Read the following passage and answer the questions (49 - 50) that follow :

Melanophia are a type of beetle with an amazing ability-they can sense the presence of fire. When a fire breaks out, melanophia can detect the blaze upto 30 miles away. Their larvae feed on freshly burnt wood, so melanophia rush to the scene where they lay their eggs in the charred timbers. Often as firefighters arrive, they find melanophia by the hundreds already there. Some firefighters report being bitten. Because of their attraction to and need for fire, melanophia are often called "fire beetles".

49. Which sentence best states the main idea of the story ?

(1) Melanophia beetles are sometimes called "fire beetles."
(2) One type of beetle can sense the presence of fire.
(3) The melanophia beetle can sense a blaze 30 miles away.
(4) The melanophia beetle larvae feed on freshly burnt wood.

50. Which would be the best title for this story ?

(1) Six-Legged Firefighters
(2) The Amazing Melanophia
(3) First on the Scene
(4) Fire Alarm