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[Common to all Programmes]

Model Question Paper

Examination: **Three Hour**

Maximum Marks: **100**

Instructions to the candidates

- i) Answer all the 100 questions, each question carries one mark.
- ii) While answering the multiple choice questions Shade only one circle provided next to the four choices in the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) sheet.
- iii) No marks will be awarded to questions having more than one Shading mark.

1. Which one of the following words is an example of a preposition?

- A. into B. if C. many D. you

2. Which one of the following words is an example of an interjection?

- A. soon B. when C. ouch D. within

3. She said, "My parents are going to Karachi".

The indirect speech of the given sentence is

- A. She said that my parents going to Karachi.
- B. She said that my parents gone to Karachi.
- C. She said that her parents were going to Karachi.
- D. She said that her parents are going to Karachi.

4. Why do you tell a lie?

The correct passive voice form is

- A. Why a lie told by you?
- B. Why is a lie be told by you?
- C. Why is a lie told by you?
- D. Why is a lite being told you?

5. Which one of the following words is an example of a conjunction?

- A. and B. run C. below D. her

6. The idiom "To make clean breast of " is used to

- A. gain prominence
- B. praise oneself
- C. Confess without any reserve.
- D. destroy before it blooms

Choose the correct answer.

7. I have to ---- my notes once again to make sure that I have learned all important details before the exam.

Select the correct phrasal verb to fill the blank in the given sentence.

- A. stand for B. put up with C. take after D. go over

8. Doctor : Nurse :: ? : Follower

Select the correct answer (Verbal Analogy) for the question mark.

A. Employer B. Leader C. Worker D. Manager

9. Kiran asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the last night.

The direct speech of the given sentence is

- A. Kiran asked yes whether; I saw the Cricket match on television the earlier night.
- B. Kiran asked me whether he had seen the Cricket match on television earlier night.
- C. Kiran asked him that did I see the Cricket match on television the last night.
- D. Kiran asked me, "Did you see the Cricket match on television last night?"

10. Did you visit the zoo?

The correct passive voice form is

- A. Was the zoo being visited by you?
- B. Was the zoo be visited by you?
- C. Was the zoo been visited by you?
- D. Was the zoo visited by you?

11. My mother says, "I was happy in Karachi. I had seen many places when I was a child"

The indirect speech of the given sentence is

- A. My mother told that she was happy in Karachi, she had been seen many places, when she was a child.
- B. My mother said that I was happy in Karachi. I had seen many places when I was a child.
- C. My mother says that she was happy in Karachi. She had been seen many places, when she was a child.
- D. My mother says that she was happy in Karachi. She had seen many places, when she was a child.

12. The idiom "To keep one's temper" is used to

- A. express anger B. be in good mood C. preserve one's energy D. be aloof

Choose the correct answer.

13. Select the correctly spelt word.

A. Servent B. Sarvent C. Servant D. Sarwant

14. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

- A. My, aunt who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
- B. My aunt, who lives in Mumbai, is a doctor.
- C. My aunt: who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
- D. My aunt who lives in Mumbai; is a doctor.

15. When quotations are used, they should be

- A. used with inverted commas around the quote of the author.
- B. placed with the 'exact' words of an author in inverted commas along with citation with page number.
- C. paraphrased carefully with a citation.
- D. summarized to indicate what the author said and use a citation with page number/s.

Select the correct answer.

16. Tractor : Trailer :: Horse : ?

Select the correct answer (Verbal Analogy) for the question mark.

A. Stable B. Cart C. Saddle D. Engine

17. Today, there is a tendency in our culture to ---- the people who haven't been to a university.

Select the correct phrasal verb to fill the blank in the given sentence.

- A. take off B. show off C. turn over D. look down on

18. The idiom "To have an axe to grind" is used to

- A. As private end to serve B. fail to arouse interest
C. have no result D. work for both sides

Choose the correct answer.

19. "Did you come from France"? said Sara to boy.

The indirect speech of the given sentence is

- A. Sara asked the boy if he had come from France. B. Sara asked the boy if he come from France.
C. Sara asked the boy if he came from France. D. Sara said the boy did he come from France.

20. A new car was not bought by my father.

The correct Active voice form is

- A. A new car was not be bought by my father? B. A new car is not bought by my father.
C. My father did not buy a new car. D. A new car is not be bought by my father.

21. Moon : Satellite :: Earth : ?

Select the correct answer (Verbal Analogy) for the question mark.

- A. Sun B. Planet C. Solar System D. Asteroid

22. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- A. Annex B. Aniversary C. Animate D. Animosity

23. The punctuation mark used between sentences which are grammatically independent is

- A. Colon B. Semicolon C. Comma D. Hyphen

Cloze Test Exercises for questions 24 through 31: In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Indeed, much progress in this ...(24)... has already been made as a ...(25)... of the combined ...(26)... of the government and the people of the state and the ...(27)... initiative provided by Central Government under Prime Minister's ...(28)... leadership. The results of ...(29)... efforts are there for all to see. Prices of ...(30)... commodities and other goods have ...(31)... considerably.

24.

- A. Behalf B. Regards C. Way D. Regard

25.

- A. Resultant B. Resulting C. Result D. Resulted

26.

- A. Effort B. Work C. Efforts D. Progress

27.

- A. Proper B. Welcomes C. Required D. Welcome

28.

- A. Chair B. Inspires C. Inspiring D. Stable

29.

- A. The B. These C. This D. Those

30.

- A. Certain B. Essential C. Good D. Several

31.

- A. Fell B. Falls C. Fallen D. Risen

32. The punctuation mark used after a nominative absolute is

- A. Colon B. Comma C. Full stop D. Question mark

33. She writes every day in her ____

- A. dairy B. diary C. deary D. diery

34. Which one of the following words is an alternate for distant?

- A. Farther B. Faher C. Further D. Ferther

35. ____ refers to the second-mentioned things of two things.

- A. Later B. Latter C. Letter D. Late

36. Which one of the following is a conjunction?

- A. Weather B. Peace C. Piece D. Whether

37. Which one of the following refers to a piece of wood?

- A. Wage B. Wadge C. Wedge D. Wedje

38. The punctuation mark used to separate a series of loosely related clauses is

- A. Comma B. Full stop C. Semicolon D. Colon

39. Choose the correct written statement with reference to punctuation marks.

- A. I met a beautiful, European woman B. I met a beautiful European woman.
C. I met a beautiful European, woman D. I met a beautiful, European, woman

40. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Shakespear B. Shakespeare C. Shakspear D. Shakespear

41. We haven't been able to decide on who is going to ---- our baby while we are on the business trip next week.

Select the correct phrasal verb to fill the blank in the given sentence.

- A. fall out B. come to C. get by D. look after

42. Cricket : Bat :: Hockey : ?

Select the correct answer (Verbal Analogy) for the question mark.

- A. Field B. Stick C. Player D. Ball

43. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Abbreviate B. Abreviate C. Abrrviate D. Abbrviate

44. She will invite me.

The correct passive voice form is

- A. I shall be invited by her. B. I will invited by her.
C. I shall being invited by her. D. I will been invited by her.

45. The idiom "To catch a tartar" is used to

- A. trap wanted criminal with great difficulty
B. catch a dangerous person
C. meet with disaster
D. deal with a person who is more than one's match

Choose the correct answer.

46. My check-up results indicate that I have to ---- all my bad habits at once.

Select the correct phrasal verb to fill the blank in the given sentence.

- A. keep on B. let down C. give up D. put across

47. He _____ around the filthy room in distaste.

Select the suitable verb to fill in the blank.

- A. looked
B. looking
C. look
D. is looks

48. Select the correctly spelt word.

- A. Aceelerate
B. Acelerate
C. Accelerate
D. Acellrate

Theme Detection Exercises : Read the paragraph against each question from 49 to 51 and answer the question given below it.

49. The attainment of individual and organizational goals is mutually interdependent and linked by a common denominator - employee work motivation. Organizational members are motivated to satisfy their personal goals, and they contribute their efforts to the attainment of organizational objectives as means of achieving these personal goals.

The passage best supports the statement that motivation -

- A. encourages an individual to give priority to personal goals over organizational goals.
- B. is crucial for the survival of an individual and organization.
- C. is the product of an individual's physical and mental energy.
- D. is the external force which induces an individual to contribute his efforts.

50. Due to enormous profits involved in smuggling, hundreds of persons have been attracted towards this anti-national activity. Some of them became millionaires overnight. India has a vast coastline both on the Eastern and Western Coast. It has been a heaven for smugglers who have been carrying on their activities with great impunity. There is no doubt, that from time to time certain seizures were made by the enforcement authorities, during raids and ambush but even allowing these losses the smugglers made huge profits.

The passage best supports the statement that

- A. smuggling hampers the economic development of a nation.
- B. smuggling ought to be curbed.
- C. authorities are taking strict measures to curb smuggling.
- D. smuggling is fast increasing in our country owing to the quick profit it entails.

51. Though the waste of time or the expenditure on fashions is very large, yet fashions have come to stay. They will not go, come what may. However, what is now required is that strong efforts should be made to displace the excessive craze for fashion from the minds of these youngsters.

The passage best supports the statement that:

- A. fashion is the need of the day.
- B. the excessive craze for fashion is detrimental to one's personality.
- C. the hoard for fashion should be done away with so as not to let down the constructive development.
- D. work and other activities should be valued more than the outward appearance.

52. We _____ to new house, because the old house was small for our family.

Select the suitable verb to fill in the blank.

- A. shifted
- B. shifts
- C. are shifted
- D. shifting

Identifying Sentence Errors for questions 65 through 69: Each consecutive underlined section corresponds with an answer choice. Select the choice that has an error, or select choice 'D' for no error. Identify the error from among the underlined portions of the sentence.

65. A Because of the Internet, working at jobs B at home C have become much more command. D No error.

- A. A B.B C.C D.D

66. "Pull it out by A its plug, not by the B cord," said C dad. D No error.

- A. A B.B C.C D.D

67. Symptoms of this illness A that warrant a doctor visit B includes fever, C vomiting, and diarrhea, as well as the loss of appetite. D No error.

- A. A B.B C.C D.D

68. A Either Lisa or Karen B will always volunteer C their valuable time to serve on our board. D No error.

- A. A B.B C.C D.D

69. The conversation with her A mother had a more profound B affect on her C than she expected. D No error.

- A. A B.B C.C D.D

70. It is necessary for government to _____ their people's life better.

Select the suitable verb to fill in the blank.

- A. makes B. make C. making D. made

71. Even if it rains I shall come means

Fill the blank to support the former part of the sentence.

- A. if I come it will not rain B. if it rains I shall not come
C. I will certainly come whether it rains or not D. whenever there is rain I shall come

72. Prime Minister _____ meeting to discuss matters of country.

Select the suitable verb to fill in the blank.

- A. call B. kalls C. called D. cals

73. I wait daily for his call, but he _____ not make a call.

Select the suitable verb to fill in the blank.

- A. do B. does C. don't D. is

74. She never visits any zoo because she is strong opponent of the idea of

Fill the blank to support the former part of the sentence.

- A. feeding the animals while others are watching B. watching the animals in their natural abode
C. going out of the house on a holiday D. holding the animals in captivity for joy

75. I felt some what more relaxed

Fill the blank to support the former part of the sentence.

- A. but tense as compared to earlier B. and tense as compared to earlier
C. as there was already no tension at all D. and tension-free as compared to earlier

76. Our city will have ----- University soon.

Fill in the blank with the correct Article.

- A. a B. an C. the D. no article is required for the blank.

77. Synonym of the word 'absolute' is;

- A. Division B. Complete C. Small D. Half

78. You should such stupid mistakes.

Select the correct word to fill in the blank.

- A. avoid to made B. avoid make C. avoid making D. avoid to have

79. Select the correct word which is the most opposite in meaning to the word "embrace"

- A. Disobey B. Contradict C. Reject D. Obscure

80. A group of words that makes a complete sense or gives complete meaning is called a?

Select the correct word to fill in the blank.

- A. clause B. Phrase C. Principal clause D. sentence

81. I met a beautiful European woman. This is an example forsentence?

Select the correct word to fill in the blank.

- A. Simple B. Compound C. Complex D. Subordinate

82. As long ashave needs that need to be represented they need trade unions.

Select the correct word to fill in the blank.

- A. Employees B. Employers C. Managers D. Partners

83. Market leaders usually want totheir market share even further, or at least to protect their current market share.

Select the correct word to fill in the blank.

- A. Decrease B. Dominate C. Increase D. Establish

84. Choose the word which is most opposite (Antonym) in meaning to the word "Quiescent"

- A. Indifferent B. Weak C. Active D. Responsive

85. A recent survey identified the UK asplace in Europe to buy a car.

Select the correct superlative degree word to fill in the blank.

- A. Most expensive B. The more expensive
C. More expensive D. The most expensive

Rearrangement of the Sentences for questions 86 through 88: Read the group of phrases labeled a, b, c, and d. For a meaningful sentence the four phrases are to be in the order

86. as soon as possible (a) / and hold polls in the state (b) / remedy its error (c) / the Election Commission must (d)

- A. bacd B. acdb C. dcba D. abdc

87. shallow aquifers, which get annually (a) / we must restrict groundwater withdrawal from (b) / recharged during the monsoon season (c) / to make India water secure,(d)

- A. dbac B. acdb C. adcb D. dbca

88. defined as a place (a) / where Man is passive (b) / and the rest of Nature is active (c) A sanctuary may be (d)

- A. dabc B. cbad C. abcd D. adcb

89. It _____ every afternoon for the past week. The weather forecast predicts rain for next week too.

Select the suitable verb and tense form to fill in the blank.

- (A) is raining B. was raining C. has been raining D. had been raining

90. Take this medicine and you will get ridthe cold.

Select the correct preposition to fill in the blank.

- A. of B. over C. at D. from

91. A letter which is offering a job or promotion, is classified as,

- A. good news letter B. a circular C. adjustment letter D. official letter

92. In Technical Writing, starting point of resume must be having the

- A. job details B. career objective C. name and address D. details of education

93. Acting politely, giving remarks about colleagues work, reasoning about e-mails, is called a law of ;

- A. courtesy B. confidentiality C. quality D. justification

94. Shortest / brief document among technical written documents is known as:

- A. report B. website C. conclusion D. paragraph

95. In the inter-personal communication or else communicating in a group (in formal communication) which one of the following has least involvement of the audience?

- A. Forum B. Symposium C. Lecture D. Colloquy

Reading Comprehension questions from 96 to 100: Read the following Comprehension / passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A sanctuary may be defined as a place where Man is passive and the rest of Nature active. Till quite recently Nature had her own sanctuaries, where man either did not go at all or only as a tool-using animal in comparatively small numbers. But now, in this machinery age, there is no place left where man cannot go with overwhelming forces at his command. He can strangle to death all the nobler wild life in the world to-day. To-morrow, he certainly will have done so, unless he exercises due foresight and self-control in the meantime. There is not the slightest doubt that birds and mammals are now being killed off much faster than they can breed. And it is always the largest and noblest forms of life that suffer most. The whales and elephants, lions and eagles, go. The rats and flies, and all mean parasites, remain. This is inevitable in certain cases. But it is wanton killing off that I am speaking of to-night. Civilized man begins by destroying the very forms of wild life he learns to appreciate most when he becomes still more civilized.

The obvious remedy is to begin conservation at an earlier stage, when it is easier and better in every way, by enforcing laws for close seasons, game preserves, the selective protection of certain species, and sanctuaries. I have just defined a sanctuary as a place where man is passive and the rest of Nature active. But this general definition is too absolute for any special case. The mere fact that man has to protect a sanctuary does away with his purely passive attitude. Then, he can be beneficially active by destroying pests and parasites, like bot-flies or mosquitoes, and by finding antidotes for diseases like the epidemic which periodically kills off the rabbits and thus starves many of the carnivore to death. But, except in cases where experiment has proved his intervention to be beneficial, the less he upsets the balance of Nature the better, even when he tries to be an earthly Providence.

96. The author implies that his first definition of a sanctuary is

- A. Totally wrong B. Somewhat idealistic C. unhelpful D. indefensible

97. The author's argument that destroying bot-flies and mosquitoes would be a beneficial action is most weakened by all of the following except

- A. parasites have an important role to play in the regulation of populations
 B. the elimination of any species can have unpredictable effects on the balance of nature
 C. the pests themselves are part of the food chain
 D. these insects have been introduced to the area by human activities

98. It can be inferred that the passage is

- A. part of an article in a scientific journal B. extracted from the minutes of a nature club
 C. part of a speech delivered to an educated audience D. a speech delivered in a court of law

99. What should be the most appropriate central idea of this passage

- A. Author argues that man kills big animals but saves mosquitoes & other parasites.
 B. Man is selfish by nature so he is up against the wild life which is harmful for his survival
 C. Ecological balance, if not maintained by man will be harmful in long run.
 D. Author proposes a programme for not disturbing the balance of nature as it is beneficial for mankind.

100. Tone of the Author as expressed in the passage can be best described

- A. Descriptive to analytical B. Sarcastically humorous
 C. Objective to narrative D. Sarcastically critical to suggest

