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Total Questions: 50

Time: 1 hour

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- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions on the **ANSWER SHEET** and fill in your **NAME, CLASS** and **OTHER INFORMATION**.
- To mark your choice of answer by darkening the circles in the **ANSWER SHEET**, use a **BLUE/BLACK BALL PEN** only.
- You **MUST** record your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** only.
- There are **50 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**.
Use the information provided to choose the **BEST** answer among the four possible options. On your **ANSWER SHEET** fill in the circle that matches your answer.
- Marks are **NOT** deducted for incorrect answers.
- Return the **ANSWER SHEET** to the invigilator at the end of the examination.
- You are **NOT** allowed to use a calculator.
You may use a ruler and spare paper for rough work.

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Section A (Subject Specific)

(This section contains 30 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which only ONE is correct.)

- Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Martin's uncle is a pilot. He _____ all over the world.
(A) goes (B) sees
(C) travels (D) delivers
- Insert the word or phrase with the correct apostrophe in the given sentence.
Baldeep, the _____, is very intelligent.
(A) professor's son (B) professors' son
(C) professor of son (D) None of these
- Choose the sentence that does not have a transitive verb.
(A) He presented a bouquet. (B) He waved his arm.
(C) She understood my question. (D) She laughed heartily.
- Which rearrangement of the following words is a correct sentence?
Ananya, guests, the, entertained, by, were
(A) The Ananya guests by were entertained. (B) The guests were entertained by Ananya.
(C) The guests Ananya entertained by were. (D) The were guests Ananya entertained by.
- Complete the following dialogue.
A: _____ David _____ you yesterday evening?
B: No, he _____.
(A) Did / helped / didn't (B) Did / helped / did
(C) Did / help / did (D) Did / help / didn't
- In which sentence is the infinitive 'to gate-crash' used as a complement of the subject?
(A) To gate-crash is his birth right.
(B) Political workers love to gate-crash party meetings.
(C) His plan is to gate-crash the party.
(D) The President of the party appreciates my ability to gate-crash .
- "Rishabh's uncle always has his house _____." Fill in the blank by choosing the correct participle.
(A) clean (B) cleaning
(C) cleans (D) cleaned
- In the given sentence, fill in the blank with the suitable relative pronoun and identify its antecedent.
Raman went to Pune, _____ is his birthplace.
(A) that, antecedent-Raman (B) which, antecedent-Pune
(C) that, antecedent-Pune (D) it, antecedent-birthplace
- Choose the sentence which uses the correct punctuation mark.
(A) Archana hurried to the market to meet her aunt and two uncles.
(B) Archana's hurried to the market to meet her aunt and two uncles.

- (C) Archana hurried to the market, to meet her aunt and two uncles.
 (D) Archana hurried to the market to meet her aunt and two uncle's.
10. Complete the following sentence with an appropriate article.
 He holds _____ MBA degree.
 (A) a (B) an
 (C) the (D) most
11. Eva said, "Where were you yesterday?"
 Eva asked _____.
 (A) where she had been the day before (B) where she had been yesterday
 (C) where she was the day before (D) where she could be the day before
12. You lived here 3 months ago, _____?
 (A) don't you (B) had you
 (C) didn't you (D) have you
13. Three words have the same sound but one does not. Choose one that does not.
 (A) Dull (B) Bull
 (C) Wool (D) Pull
14. Three words have the same sound but one does not. Choose one that does not.
 (A) Earth (B) Birth
 (C) Worth (D) Hearth
15. Choose the correct adverb and fill in the blank.
 We have _____ four hours to finish this paper.
 (A) swiftly (B) only
 (C) both (A) and (B) (D) None of these
16. Choose one word for the following sentence/phrase.
 Free from error
 (A) Meek (B) Sneering
 (C) Accurate (D) Arrogant
17. Choose the antonym or the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the given word.
 UNCOUTH
 (A) Callous (B) Classy
 (C) Cheesy (D) Curt
18. Choose the sentence with the correct synonym for the underlined word in the following sentence:
 Rashid's severe bout of the flu debilitated him so much that he was too tired to go to work for a week.
 (A) onerous (B) taxing
 (C) exciting (D) exhausted
19. Choose the best option to complete the sentence.
 The observation that gold has been a disappointing investment of late should come as no surprise to anyone in the investment world. _____ developments that would normally push gold prices higher is notable.
 (A) The fact that this has occurred in the context of (B) That this has occurred in the context of
 (C) The fact this has occurred in context of (D) That this has occurred in

20. Fill in the blank of the given sentence with the correct word.
The vehicle lost control and ran over some _____, killing two and injuring five.
- (A) vandals (B) chalets
(C) pedestrians (D) pessimists
21. Convert from direct to indirect speech.
She said, "We will go to the club tomorrow."
- (A) She said that we would go to the club tomorrow.
(B) She told to them they will go to the club tomorrow.
(C) We will go to the club tomorrow, she told.
(D) She will let us go to the club tomorrow.
22. Choose the closest meaning of the given idiom or phrase.
Young Turk
- (A) A young person from Turkey (B) An inept, stupid and unpleasant person
(C) A young rebellious person (D) A young, rich and handsome person
23. Choose the option in which the underlined words are inappropriately used.
This government had to (i)/ only implement an earlier plan however (ii),/ it has not been (iii)/ able to do it so far (iv).
- (A) (i) (B) (ii)
(C) (iii) and (iv) (D) All of these
24. Choose the most appropriate form among the four options (A), (B), (C), and (D) to fill in the blank.
Neither of the two _____ the task.
- (A) have finished (B) has finished
(C) has been finished (D) has finish
25. Identify the correct way of expressing the following sentence in passive voice.
Everyone present in the cinema hall laughed.
- (A) Everyone present in the cinema hall was laughed.
(B) Laughing was done by everyone present in the cinema hall.
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) Cannot be changed into passive voice
26. The given question consists of four sentences on a topic. Some sentences are grammatically incorrect or inappropriate. Choose the correct option to indicate the sentence(s) that is/are grammatically incorrect or inappropriate.
- A 17-year-old Indian-origin student has won accolades for an inexpensive robotic arm he created for his school science project in California.
- (i) Nilay Mehta was awarded a blue ribbon award — an accolade that recognises a student's academic excellence — for his project.
(ii) His project qualified for the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair, where he won four first-place awards.
(iii) The 17-years-old is a student of Irvine Public School in California.
(iv) He spent over four months building and programming the robotic arm to replicate the movements of a human hand.

- (A) (i) and (ii) (B) (iii) only
(C) (ii) and (iv) (D) (iv) only

27. Choose one word for the following sentence/phrase.

Attitude, habit or behaviour, that is not genuine or natural, is _____.

- (A) imitation (B) affectation
(C) temptation (D) enticement

Read the given passage and answer the questions.

Experts say that if you feel drowsy during the day, even during boring activities, you haven't had enough sleep. If you routinely fall asleep within five minutes of lying down, you probably have severe sleep deprivation, possibly even a sleep disorder. Microsleeps, or very brief episodes of sleep in an otherwise awake person, are another mark of sleep deprivation. In many cases, people are not aware that they are experiencing micro-sleeps. The widespread practice of "burning the candle at both ends" in Western industrialised societies has created so much sleep deprivation that what was once considered really abnormal sleepiness is now almost the norm. Many studies make it clear that sleep deprivation is dangerous. Sleep-deprived people who are tested by using a driving simulator or by performing a hand-eye coordination task perform as badly as or worse than those who are intoxicated. Sleep deprivation also magnifies alcohol's effects on the body, so a fatigued person who drinks will become much more impaired than someone who is well rested. Driver fatigue is responsible for an estimated 100,000 motor vehicle accidents and 1,500 deaths each year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Since drowsiness is the brain's last step before falling asleep, driving while drowsy can—and often does—lead to disaster. Caffeine and other stimulants cannot overcome the effects of severe sleep deprivation. The National Sleep Foundation says that if you have trouble keeping your eyes focused, if you can't stop yawning, or if you can't remember driving the last few miles, you are probably too drowsy to drive safely.

28. The passage suggests that falling asleep during a morning class _____.

- (A) means that the topic does not interest you
(B) is a symptom of sleep deprivation
(C) indicates that you should drink a caffeinated beverage at breakfast
(D) means that you have a sleep disorder

29. In the passage, the image of 'burning the candle at both ends' most nearly refers to _____.

- (A) an unrelenting schedule that affords little rest
(B) an ardent desire to achieve
(C) the unavoidable conflagration that occurs when two forces oppose each other
(D) a latent period before a conflict or collapse

30. In the passage, the term 'impaired' most nearly means _____.

- (A) sentient (B) apprehensive
(C) disturbed (D) hampered

Section B (Competency Based)

(This section contains 20 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which TWO are correct.)

31. For which of the following is troop used as a collective noun?

- (A) Baboons (B) Pigs
(C) Soldiers (D) Artist

32. Select the sentences in the past perfect tense.
- (A) The plane had just landed when it burst into flames.
 (B) There have been many rumours about the actor.
 (C) He was very tired because he hadn't slept well.
 (D) He has had a bad experience.
33. Select the sentence that has a participle.
- (A) The hut was burning. (B) People were rescued from the burnt house.
 (C) The burning log soon engulfed the hut. (D) None of these
34. Select the sentences with NO errors.
- (A) Neither Neera nor her brothers has seen the movie.
 (B) Neither Neera nor her brothers have seen the movie.
 (C) Neither Neera nor her brother has seen the movie.
 (D) Neither Neera nor her brother have seen the movie.
35. Select the correct determiners to complete the given sentence.
 Adwita knows _____ than _____ .
- (A) less, any (B) more, many
 (C) more, any (D) less, none
36. Choose the correct option to combine the given pairs of sentences using the correct relative pronoun.
 This is my friend. She had lost her car.
- (A) This is my friend who had lost her car. (B) This is my friend which lost her car.
 (C) This is my friend whose car was lost. (D) None of these
37. Choose the correct option to complete the given sentence.
 These ice creams will melt in _____ mouth.
- (A) ours (B) your
 (C) our (D) theirs
38. Replace the incorrect conjunctions in the sentences with the correct options.
 I will only pay you unless you finish the work.
- (A) If (B) When
 (C) Whether (D) Or
39. Select the correct determiner to make meaningful sentences.
 Amita has taken _____ the leftover food.
- (A) lot of (B) some of
 (C) plenty of (D) None of these
40. Choose the incorrect sentences.
- (A) Amit and his brothers are at school.
 (B) Is the scissors in the drawer?
 (C) Is the news on at three or four?
 (D) The prime minister, together with his wife, greet the press cordially.
41. Select the correct options.
- (A) They visit their uncle sometimes. (B) They sometime visit their uncle.
 (C) Sometimes they visit their uncle. (D) They visit sometimes their uncle.

42. Select the correct phrase to complete the sentence.
The man _____ on the road for a day.
- (A) have been sitting (B) is sitting
(C) has been sitting (D) had been sitting
43. Find the correct antonym of the underlined word.
They felt guilty after the bank robbery.
- (A) Ashamed (B) Remorseless
(C) Proud (D) Blushing
44. Select the correct word that uses the mentioned prefixes and suffixes to make a meaningful word.
Prefix – Il, suffix – ly
- (A) Illogically (B) Illhopefully
(C) Ilrationally (D) Illegally
45. Choose the incorrect one word substitution.
- (A) Anthropologist: A person who studies the evolution of human races, societies and cultures
(B) Ophthalmologist: A person who predicts the optimum temperature
(C) Arachnologist: A person who studies spiders and other arachnids
(D) Ecologist: A person who studies relationships between humans
46. Choose the sentences in future perfect tense.
- (A) By next June we shall have been living here for ten years.
(B) I have received his card.
(C) I shall have written my novel by then.
(D) He will have left before you go to see him.
47. Select the part of the indirect form of the given sentence that has a mistake.
Rahul said, "I entered the college a year ago."
(i) Rahul said (ii) that he (iii) entered the college (iv) a year ago.
- (A) (i) (B) (ii)
(C) (iii) (D) (iv)
48. Change the given sentences to passive voice.
Someone is lifting your bike.
- (A) Your bike is being lifted by someone. (B) Your bike has been lifted.
(C) Your bike is being lifted. (D) Your bike was lifted by someone.
49. Choose the correct phrase to replace the underlined word in the given sentence.
We had to reschedule the party last week.
- (A) Break off (B) Put back
(C) Put off (D) Call off
50. Select the part which has a punctuation error.
(i) We all rush (ii) to the gate, (iii) as the clock (iv) strikes 1:00pm.
- (A) (i) (B) (ii)
(C) (iii) (D) (iv)

