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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 BALLPEN** 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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This question paper contains a total of 50 questions divided into three sections - A and B.
Read the instructions carefully before attempting these questions.

Section A (Subject Specific)

1. Choose the incorrect sentence.
 - (A) Students closed their books, capped their pens, and packed their bags after the school bell rang.
 - (B) Students gathered their books, pens and bags after the school bell rang.
 - (C) Students gathered their books, were capping their pens and bags after the school bell rang.
 - (D) All correct

2. Find the odd one out.

(A) Wickedness	(B) Villainy
(C) Cruelty	(D) Generosity

3. Which of the following groups of words is different from others?

(A) And took them to a safer place	(B) Whom she treated like a friend
(C) Stores of gold, silver and precious stones	(D) Whenever he is in the town

4. Change the given sentence into indirect speech.
"Be gone from here at once", he roared, "before I cut you into pieces."
 - (A) He roared that he should be gone from there or he cut him into pieces.
 - (B) He threatened to cut him into pieces until he went from there at once.
 - (C) He yelled at him to be gone from there at once before he cut him into pieces.
 - (D) He roared and ordered him to leave from there at once by the time he cut him into pieces.

5. Which of the following is the correct passive voice of the sentence?
Tell him to come here at once.

(A) He is told to come here at once.	(B) Let him be told to come here at once.
(C) He must be told that come at once.	(D) He should be ordered to come at once.

6. What does the word given in bold mean?
He is a **conscientious** worker.

(A) Aware	(B) Sincere
(C) Cheerful	(D) Honest

7. What does the word given in bold mean?
I can recognize her by her **gait**.

(A) Style of dressing up	(B) Make up
(C) Manner of talking	(D) Manner of walking

8. Fill in the blanks correctly.
I _____ him since we met a year ago.

(A) didn't see	(B) haven't seen
(C) hadn't seen	(D) do not see

(Direction for Q. 9-12): Fill in the blanks correctly.

9. Is this a dagger _____ I see before my eyes?
 (A) whom (B) what
 (C) that (D) who
10. It is never _____ rewarding task to disregard _____ advice.
 (A) a, an (B) the, a
 (C) a, the (D) the, an
11. The floor of the hall was covered _____ a carpet.
 (A) in (B) with
 (C) by (D) under
12. His brother _____ since 2010.
 (A) is working here (B) has been working here
 (C) has worked here (D) worked here
13. Use the superlative degree of adjective to modify the given sentence.
 I have never seen so beautiful a pearl.
 (A) I have seen most beautiful pearl. (B) This is the most beautiful pearl I have ever seen.
 (C) This pearl is more beautiful than all pearls. (D) What a most beautiful pearl.
14. What does the idiom 'Apple pie order' mean?
 (A) first come first serve (B) ladies first
 (C) perfect arrangement (D) creamy and juicy
15. Rewrite the sentence in positive degree.
 'Silver is more plentiful than gold'.
 (A) Gold is less plentiful than silver. (B) Silver is as plentiful as gold.
 (C) Gold is not as plentiful as silver. (D) Gold is not more plentiful than silver.
16. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to 'former'?
 (A) Last (B) Latest
 (C) Latter (D) Later
17. 'He died a glorious death' is an assertive sentence. Which is the exclamatory form of the sentence?
 (A) A glorious death! (B) How glorious his death!
 (C) What a glorious death he died! (D) What a death he died!
18. Which part of the sentence given below has an error?
 (i) Scarcely (ii) had I arrived (iii) than (iv) the train left.
 (A) (ii) (B) (iii)
 (C) (i) (D) (iv)
19. Choose the sentence where the adverb has been used in the correct position.
 (A) His wife cooks never on Sundays. (B) His wife never cooks on Sundays.
 (C) Never his wife cooks on Sundays. (D) His wife cooks on Sundays never.

20. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate quantifier.
_____ students arrived this morning while the rest will reach by evening.
(A) Few (B) Any
(C) A few (D) Much
21. Select the correct sentence in indirect speech.
I said to him, "Love and obey your parents."
(A) I advised him that he love and obey my parents.
(B) I advised him to love and obey his parents.
(C) I said him to love and obey his parents.
(D) I advised him to love and obey your parents.
22. Which of these sentences is correctly punctuated?
(A) The puppy was wet, he was standing without any shelter.
(B) The puppy was wet he was standing without any shelter.
(C) The puppy was wet; he was standing without any shelter.
(D) The puppy was wet: he was standing without any shelter.
23. After which word will the adverb 'probably' be placed in the given sentence?
I will be absent tomorrow.
(A) I (B) will
(C) be (D) absent
24. Which of the following is a correct sentence?
(A) He asked us to write the report quickly, accurately and in a detailed manner.
(B) He asked us to write the report quickly, accurately and in a detail.
(C) He asked us to write the report quickly, accurately and in details.
(D) He asked us to write the report quickly, accurately and elaborately.
25. Complete the sentence with the most appropriate choice.
Despite having _____ MBA degree, he is yet to find a good job.
(A) the (B) a
(C) an (D) their
26. Select the part of the sentence that has an error.
Dear Gauri, I have received your letter yesterday.
(A) Dear Gauri, (B) I have received
(C) your letter (D) yesterday
27. Fill in the blank with the suitable word in the following sentence:
He had _____ questions to ask from us.
(A) a little (B) little
(C) much (D) many

Read the passage and answer the questions 28 to 30.

Always remember that regular and frequent practice is essential if you are to learn to write well. You learn to write by writing. It is no good waiting until you have an inspiration before you write. Even with the most famous writers, inspiration is rare. Writing is 99 percent hard work and 1 percent inspiration, so the sooner you get into the habit of disciplining yourself to write, the better.

If you keep your ears and eyes open, you will find plenty of things to write about around you. Often a little piece of conversation heard in the street can start you thinking along interesting new lines. Imagine that you are a stranger who is not familiar with the things that you see around you, and start from there.

Read the newspapers carefully. Keep a notebook in which to put down things that you notice, or ideas that come to you.

Try to develop a warm, human understanding of people. You will find material for your work as a writer.

28. Writing is _____.
- (A) completely based on hard work
(B) completely based on inspiration
(C) hugely based on hard work and little inspiration
(D) based neither hard work nor inspiration
29. A would-be writer should keep _____.
- (A) a book in hand
(B) a pair of spectacles
(C) a notebook
(D) a dictionary
30. A writer should have understanding of _____.
- (A) animals
(B) books
(C) human beings and their nature
(D) notebooks

Section B (Competency Enhancement)

31. Choose the word which has been used incorrectly in the sentence and replace it with the correct word.
Her conniving nature has caused us much trouble, we should therefore absolve her.
- (A) Incorrect word: Conniving
Correct word: Conspiring
(B) Incorrect word: Absolve
Correct word: Reprimand
(C) Incorrect word: Absolve
Correct word: Acquit
(D) Incorrect word: Absolve
Correct word: Admonish
32. Choose the antonym of the word given in bold.
She is known for her **frugality** in household affairs.
- (A) Wastefulness
(B) Miserliness
(C) Extravagance
(D) Niggardliness
33. By what name is the creator of new things known?
- (A) an innovator
(B) a leader
(C) a pioneer
(D) an aviator

34. Which sentences have the synonyms of the given word?
SPIRIT
- (A) His zeal makes him a successful player in every game.
(B) I have never seen a more affluent family than the Chopras.
(C) The captain of the team became bereft of any respect after they lost.
(D) Her daughter's drive to do something for the society has made us proud.
35. Which two clauses are similar?
- (A) As he had no money (B) That she had eaten
(C) When we saw her (D) Since he is absent today
36. Name the collective noun for a large number of sheep.
- (A) school (B) flock
(C) herd (D) congregation
37. Choose the sentences which contain the one word for 'a person new to a job and inexperienced.'
- (A) The bike race is only for novice riders; the winner will get an opportunity to go abroad.
(B) This novel idea had taught us that perseverance can never be defeated.
(C) Can a fiasco be ever depended upon?
(D) People are really appreciating the art of the amateur photographer.
38. What does the idiom given in bold mean?
He is **over head and ears** in debt.
- (A) sensibly (B) excessively
(C) painfully (D) overwhelmingly
39. Select sentences which are NOT in passive voice form.
- (A) He was taken to a city hotel.
(B) We enjoyed the picnic.
(C) One by one all the speakers were hooted away.
(D) Policemen beat up the demonstrators.
40. Find the words from the following which mean 'Unlawful'.
- (A) illicit (B) immoral
(C) uncivil (D) illegal
41. Select the sentences that can be completed using – 'a' and 'the'.
- (A) _____ man on _____ street stepped on my foot.
(B) Daya is _____ unusual name for _____ girl.
(C) I saw _____ zebra when I was at _____ zoo.
(D) _____ doctor said I should get _____ rest.

42. Which two sentences can be completed with independent clauses?
 (A) Kate lives near our house but... (B) Karan goes to a hospital every day and...
 (C) Kate lives near our house that... (D) Karan goes to a hospital every day where...
43. Which of these can be completed using the present continuous tense?
 (A) He _____ on a world tour next year. (B) He _____ in a cricket match every year.
 (C) What _____ you _____ ? (D) What went in his mind, nobody _____.
44. Select the sentences that use the word 'every' correctly.
 (A) The MD says that every employee has a share in the company's profits.
 (B) A rope was tied to every end of the boat.
 (C) Every participant was given a prize.
 (D) Every of my friends has got settled in life.
45. Select the sentences with correct sentences in indirect speech.
 (A) Rahul asked what I was doing. (B) Rahul asked that what I was doing.
 (C) I asked him if he wanted to have tea. (D) I asked him that if he wanted to have tea.
46. Select the sentences with correct use of the words 'long distance'.
 (A) He drove for a long distance. (B) The long-distance drive was very tiring.
 (C) He drove for a long-distance. (D) The long distance drive was very tiring.
47. Which sentences have NO error?
 (A) I would rather pay for my education than financial aid.
 (B) I would rather pay for my education than take financial aid.
 (C) My dog not only likes to play but also chases cats.
 (D) My dog not only likes to play but also likes to chase cats.
48. Select the correct sentences.
 (A) They're planning to shift to a new house soon.
 (B) Their plan to shift to a new house doesn't seem to happen soon.
 (C) Which is they're new house?
 (D) Have you ever been their?
49. Select the parts of the sentence that have errors.
 Mother suggested that I writes the story and to send it to a good publisher.
 (A) Mother suggested (B) that I writes the story
 (C) and to send it (D) to a good publisher
50. Select the correct relative pronouns to complete the sentence.
 _____ you want or _____ you want to meet, just let us know.
 (A) Whatever (B) Whichever
 (C) Whomsoever (D) None of these

