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**GRADE**  
**8**

**ENGLISH**

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Total Questions: 40

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 **40 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**. Use the information provided to choose the **BEST** possible answer among the four 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 40 questions divided into two sections - A and B.

Read the instructions carefully before answering these questions.

Section A (Subject Specific)

1. Choose which case of noun is the word given in bold.

**Children's** health issues must be addressed without delay.

- (A) Nominative (B) Accusative  
(C) Possessive (D) None of these

2. Choose the correct word which can be changed into an abstract noun using the given suffixes.

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- (A) Treasure (B) Holy  
(C) Ship (D) Justice

3. **Realising** that he had made a big mistake, he withdrew his application.

Here, the word in bold is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) finite verb (B) non-finite verb  
(C) transitive verb (D) intransitive verb

4. Which of the following is NOT a possessive determiner?

- (A) Their (B) Your  
(C) You (D) My

5. Which of the following sentences has a correct usage of preposition?

- (A) Our team is full of **zeal from** the mission at hand.  
(B) I am **tired from** listening to your silly excuses.  
(C) The man was **suspicious to** his own family.  
(D) Your brother is a year **junior to** me.

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions.

No one \_\_\_\_\_ I have to take the responsibility of this failure.

- (A) and (B) but  
(C) or (D) as

7. Which of the following is a clause?

- (A) I met him last night. (B) A dirty room.  
(C) Long time a ago. (D) In the sky.

8. Transform the sentence into simple future tense.

They are conducting a workshop in July.

- (A) They will conduct a workshop in July. (B) They had conducted a workshop in July.  
(C) They should conduct a workshop in July. (D) They have conducted a workshop in July.

9. Pick the odd one out.
- (A) Either of you represents our team this time.
  - (B) Each one of you claims victory.
  - (C) Every employee gets a bonus on Diwali.
  - (D) The members of the team are celebrating.
10. Choose the correct transformation of the sentence in bold in the given paragraph into passive voice.
- “I have always maintained that Arunachal Pradesh is underexplored.** One day a couple of new species will come from there. Finally a new species has been found, the first since 2006,” said ornithologist and conservationist Bikram Grewal.
- (A) It has always been maintained by me that Arunachal Pradesh is underexplored.
  - (B) It is always maintained by me that Arunachal Pradesh is underexplored.
  - (C) It was always maintained by me that Arunachal Pradesh is underexplored.
  - (D) It has always maintained by me that Arunachal Pradesh is underexplored.
11. Choose the sentence that is in passive voice.
- (A) Will the team be applauded for their efforts in the tournament?
  - (B) Why didn't Arun even try to win the race?
  - (C) He did not let him go.
  - (D) May you succeed wherever you go!
12. Which of the following is the correct transformation of the given sentence into direct speech?
- He wondered if he could be allowed to stay at home that day.
- (A) He asked, “Could I be allowed to stay at home today?”
  - (B) He said, “I wish to be allowed to stay at home that day.”
  - (C) He said, “I wonder if I could be allowed to stay at home today.”
  - (D) He said, “I wonder if I could be allowed to stay at home that day.”
13. Choose the sentence which is correctly punctuated/capitalised.
- (A) His work includes A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, Bleak House, etc.
  - (B) His work includes a Christmas Carol, David Copper field, Bleak house etc.
  - (C) His work includes A christmas Carol, David Copperfield, Bleak House Etc.
  - (D) His work Includes A Christmas Carol, David Copperfield, Bleak House etc.
14. Fill in the blanks using the correct option.
- The thief tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the utensils from the kitchen.
- (A) steel
  - (B) steal
  - (C) seal
  - (D) stale

15. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.  
Happening before something or coming before something in order is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) proceeding (B) prohibiting  
(C) preceding (D) prevailing
16. Replace the word given in bold with an option that is its exact opposite in meaning.  
It was a **partial** victory for the negotiators.
- (A) Impartial (B) Complete  
(C) Incomplete (D) One-sided
17. Replace the word given in bold with one that does not change the meaning of the sentence.  
She was **listlessly** gazing at the sky.
- (A) Dreamily (B) Carefully  
(C) Carelessly (D) Aimlessly
18. Choose the right phrasal verb to complete the sentence.  
New safety regulations have been \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) brought back (B) brought in  
(C) brought out (D) brought up
19. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.  
If you are expecting someone who is a little late, you \_\_\_\_\_ a little.
- (A) hang up (B) hang out  
(C) hang on (D) hang off
20. Choose the right description for the given word in each of the following questions:  
Genocide
- (A) A chemical used for killing insects  
(B) Reduction of mind by psychological pressure  
(C) The murder of a particular type of cattle  
(D) The murder of a whole race or group of people
21. Select the correct one-word substitute.  
a branch of medical sciences concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and study of cancer
- (A) Oncology (B) Theology  
(C) Psychology (D) Physiology
22. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.  
Intense desire to be in open spaces is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) agromania (B) agoromania  
(C) agrimania (D) None of these

23. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/proverb:

Don't put all your eggs in one basket

- (A) Don't buy too many eggs at once. (B) It is risky to rely on a single plan or option.  
(C) Eggs should be kept in multiple baskets. (D) Don't carry too many things in a single basket.

24. Which of the following is NOT one of the synonyms of 'poverty'?

- (A) Destitution (B) Bankruptcy  
(C) Indigence (D) Adequacy

25. Which of the following does NOT mean the opposite of 'sparse'?

- (A) Sumptuous (B) Ignoble  
(C) Opulent (D) Modest

**Read the passage and answer the following questions.**

Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq was the son of a Turkish father and an Indian mother. He was an efficient administrator and a capable military commander. He introduced several reforms for the welfare of his subjects and suppressed revolts in distant provinces. He restored peace and stability in the Delhi Sultanate. Ghiyasuddin died in what appeared to be a deliberately planned accident. He was succeeded by his son, Jauna Khan, who ascended the throne under the title of Muhammad Bin Tughlaq.

Muhammad Bin Tughlaq was one of the most learned and accomplished scholars of his time,. His intellectual curiosity and thirst for knowledge were boundless. Gifted with an extraordinary memory and a keen intellect, he had mastered logic, philosophy, mathematics, astronomy and physical sciences. He was a lover of Persian literature and poetry, calligraphy, fine arts and music. He loved the company of learned men.

Historians are divided on the nature of his character. The contradictions in his character have led some historians to believe that he was mad. He has been variously described as the wisest fool, a mad man and a visionary. He was a diligent ruler and undertook many projects. These projects were brilliantly conceived but poorly executed and always ended in failure.

26. Which of these is not true of Ghiyasuddin as a ruler?

- (A) He did not care for his subjects.  
(B) He was a brave commander.  
(C) He was an efficient administrator.  
(D) He introduced reforms.

27. How did Ghiyasuddin Tughlaq die?

- (A) He met with an accident. (B) He died a natural death.  
(C) He died fighting for his kingdom. (D) He was murdered.

28. Muhammad Bin Tughlaq was a "diligent" ruler. What is meant by "diligent"?

- (A) Intelligent (B) Industrious  
(C) Painstaking (D) Cunning

**Instruction: Q. 29 to 33 are two-key based questions having four options A, B, C and D out of which TWO are correct.**

29. Select the sentences with correct punctuation.
- (A) It's a lovely dress, she exclaimed where did you get it from?
  - (B) "It's a lovely dress!" she exclaimed. "Where did you get it from?"
  - (C) "Its a lovely dress, she exclaimed where did you get it from?"
  - (D) "It's a lovely dress," she exclaimed, "where did you get it from?"
30. Select the sentences that use adverbs.
- (A) He went up.
  - (B) The railway runs along the highway.
  - (C) He looked straight.
  - (D) He sits under the tree.
31. Which of the following sentences have participles included in them?
- (A) Seeing a poor man, she became sad.
  - (B) The dog loves to bark at strangers.
  - (C) Having finished the food, she went to sleep.
  - (D) The dog likes to bark all the time.
32. Select the sentences with subordinate conjunctions.
- (A) Naina and Preeti miss each other.
  - (B) Bobby, who met us last year, has been promoted as the CEO.
  - (C) Look for the boy whose shirt is blue.
  - (D) Parul has a new phone yet she wants another one.
33. Select the sentences with NO error.
- (A) Everyone is angry.
  - (B) Each of the students are angry.
  - (C) My friend as well as his brothers are going to the US.
  - (D) My friend as well as his brothers is going to the US.

### Section B (Competency Based)

34. Name the subject of the following sentence:  
Time is a precious resource that we cannot afford to waste.
- (A) Time
  - (B) People
  - (C) Resources
  - (D) Waste
35. What is the gerund phrase in the sentence "By breaking down your day into smaller, manageable chunks of time, you can eliminate distractions and stay focused on the task at hand"?
- (A) breaking down
  - (B) manageable chunks
  - (C) eliminate distractions
  - (D) stay focused

36. Identify the type of the following sentence:

Procrastination is the act of putting off tasks until the last minute, which can result in poor quality work and missed deadlines.

- (A) Simple sentence (B) Compound sentence  
(C) Complex sentence (D) None of these

37. Identify the predicate part in the following sentence:

Setting goals, prioritizing tasks, and creating a schedule allows you to maximize your productivity.

- (A) Setting goals, prioritizing tasks, and creating a schedule  
(B) Allows you to maximize your productivity  
(C) To maximize your productivity  
(D) Creating a schedule

38. What is the noun form of the verb 'prioritize'?

- (A) Priority (B) Prioritizing  
(C) Prioritized (D) Prioritizes

39. Which of the following is an antonym of the word 'crucial'?

- (A) Vital (B) Moderate  
(C) Trivial (D) Important

40. Change the following sentence into indirect speech:

The narrator said, "We all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others."

- (A) The narrator said that we all had the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.  
(B) The narrator said that we all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people were able to accomplish more than others.  
(C) The narrator asked that we all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.  
(D) The narrator said that we all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.

