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ENGLISH

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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.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ **MARK** will be deducted for every **WRONG ANSWER**.
- 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 two sections—A and B. Read the instructions carefully before attempting these questions.

Section A (Subject Specific)

1. Which of the following verb phrases will complete the following sentence?
Sorry I'm late, actually my car _____ petrol.
(A) ran on (B) ran out on
(C) ran out of (D) ran out
2. Choose the correct auxiliary verb to complete the following sentence:
Neither he nor I _____ going to leave the room.
(A) was (B) is
(C) am (D) are
3. Choose the correct set of prepositions to complete the following sentence:
"Let's meet _____ midday _____ Saturday."
(A) at, at (B) in, on
(C) at, on (D) on, on
4. Fill in the blank with the correct determiner in the following sentence:
I don't have _____ time to watch TV.
(A) a little (B) any
(C) few (D) many
5. Pick out the correct pronoun to complete the following sentence:
One should not speak on _____ is not known.
(A) whom (B) what
(C) whose (D) Both (A) and (B)
6. When people speak different forms of a language in different social situations, the phenomenon is referred to as _____.
(A) bilingualism (B) multi-lingualism
(C) diglossia (D) None of these
7. Select the correct relative pronoun to complete the following sentence:
In this shopping mall we can get _____ we need.
(A) whatever (B) whichever
(C) whoever (D) whomever
8. Select the correct punctuation mark to complete the following sentence:
"Mary is trying hard in school this semester _____, her father said.
(A) quotation mark (") (B) semi-colon (;)
(C) em dash (—) (D) comma (,)
9. Complete the following sentence keeping in mind the appropriate subject-verb agreement:
The jury _____ finally reached a decision.
(A) has (B) are
(C) have (D) is
10. Which of the following is the antonym of the word 'spooked'?
(A) Frightened (B) Happy
(C) Angry (D) Fearless





11. Choose the correctly punctuated option for the following sentence:
Is that A book.
- (A) Is that a book? (B) is that a Book?
(C) Is that a book! (D) Is That a Book.
12. Rearrange the following group of words to construct a meaningful sentence:
(i) do not/ (ii) it is raining/ (iii) outside so/ (iv) very heavily/ (v) go out and play
- (A) ii-iv-v-iii-i (B) iii-iv-ii-i-iv
(C) ii-iv-iii-i-v (D) iii-iv-ii-i-v
13. Choose the correct synonym of the word 'abandoned' from the following:
- (A) Done (B) Plenty of
(C) Accepted (D) Rejected
14. Select the correct preposition that follows the given word in a sentence:
Worthy
- (A) In (B) To
(C) Of (D) None of these
15. Replace the words in bold with one word to make the given sentence less verbose.
People in the state are dying due to **extreme scarcity of food**.
- (A) Drought (B) Hunger
(C) Famine (D) None of these
16. Which of following is an appropriate one-word substitute for the given group of words:
The science that studies the movement of gases, and the movement of solid bodies such as aircraft through gases
- (A) Aerobiology (B) Aerodynamics
(C) Aerostatics (D) None of these
17. Read the highlighted word in the following sentence and choose the correct option:
They **looked** at the sky in wonder.
- (A) Transitive verb (B) Intransitive verb
(C) Auxiliary verb (D) Modal verb
18. Select the correct position for the adjective given in bracket in the following sentence:
The boy had escape in the air crash. (a miraculous)
- (A) Before had (B) After had
(C) Before in (D) After crash
19. Choose appropriate conjunction to replace the bold word in the following sentence:
She likes to try bungee jumping **even though** being fearful of heights.
- (A) If (B) So that
(C) Despite (D) No error
20. Identify the tense used in the following sentence:
"When her mother reached the bakery shop, all the cakes had already been sold."
- (A) Past indefinite tense (B) Past perfect tense
(C) Present perfect tense (D) Past perfect continuous tense
21. Identify the kind of the adverb for the word given in bold in the following sentence:
The farmer **sometimes** goes to his fields to keep a watch on the growing crops.
- (A) Adverb of manner (B) Adverb of time
(C) Adverb of place (D) Adverb of frequency





22. Which of the following sentences has the correct usage of apostrophe for possession?
 (A) Arjun's new sports' car is stunning. (B) Arjun's new sport's car is stunning.
 (C) Arjun's new sports car is stunning. (D) None of these
23. Choose the appropriate modal verb to complete the following sentence:
 Your father missed his last appointment. He _____ visit the doctor this weekend.
 (A) must (B) used to
 (C) can (D) could
24. Select the sentence that uses phrasal verb incorrectly.
 (A) She has always looked down on me.
 (B) The report spelled out the need for more staff.
 (C) The police were called to break for the fight.
 (D) When the door is opened, it sets off an alarm.
25. Read the sentence and select the correct option that describes the subject-verb agreement/ disagreement.
 The boy or his friends runs fast.
 (A) Subject-verb agreement because boy is singular. So we use a singular verb with it.
 (B) Subject-verb agreement because the boy or his friends constitute as subject. So we use a singular verb with it.
 (C) Subject-verb disagreement because the subject 'boy' and 'his friends' are joined with or. So we should have used a plural verb as the verb is according to the subject that is nearest to it, but here singular verb is being used.
 (D) None of these
26. Change the following sentence into the indirect speech:
 The salesman said, "Are you interested in the kit?"
 (A) The salesman said that if I was interested in the kit.
 (B) The salesman said that if I were interested in the kit.
 (C) The salesman asks if I am interested in the kit.
 (D) The salesman asked if I was interested in the kit.
27. Match the correct words to form compound words in the following table:
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| (p) View | (i) light |
| (q) Waste | (ii) goat |
| (r) Moon | (iii) land |
| (s) Scape | (iv) point |
- (A) (p)→(ii), (q)→(iii), (r)→(i), (s)→(iv) (B) (p)→(iii), (q)→(iv), (r)→(i), (s)→(ii)
 (C) (p)→(iv), (q)→(iii), (r)→(i), (s)→(ii) (D) (p)→(i), (q)→(iii), (r)→(iv), (s)→(ii)

Read the poem 'On a Tree Fallen Across the Road' by Robert Frost and answer the questions that follow:

The tree the tempest with a crash of wood
 Throws down in front of us is not bar
 Our passage to our journey's end for good,
 But just to ask us who we think we are
 Insisting always on our own way so.
 She likes to halt us in our runner tracks,
 And make us get down in a foot of snow
 Debating what to do without an ax.
 And yet she knows obstruction is in vain:





We will not be put off the final goal
We have it hidden in us to attain,
Not though we have to seize earth by the pole
And, tired of aimless circling in one place,
Steer straight off after something into space.

28. ' _____ ' in the given poem means a violent windy storm.
- (A) pain (B) journey
(C) tempest (D) none of these
29. Who is 'she' in the given poem?
- (A) Storm (B) Nature
(C) Mother (D) Snow
30. What is the meaning of the last two lines?
- (A) We should find a support to move ahead.
(B) The earth circles but we move straight.
(C) We should not keep circling aimlessly but try to find a solution to the problems.
(D) None of these

Section B (Competency Enhancement)

Instruction: Q. 31 to 48 are two-key based questions having four options A, B, C and D out of which TWO are correct.

31. Spot the sentences in active voice.
- (A) The engine was fixed. (B) The map had been misplaced.
(C) Ravi ate all the pies. (D) They are late.
32. Convert the following sentence into passive voice:
Did my mother not offer them food?
- (A) Was my mother not offered food by them? (B) Were you not offered food by my mother?
(C) Was food not offered to them by my mother? (D) Had they not been offered food by my mother?
33. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs in the following sentence:
Swati _____ the new phone that her parents _____ her.
- (A) loving (B) loves
(C) gifted (D) gifts
34. Choose a synonym and an antonym for the following word:
Elevate
- (A) Heighten (B) Bright
(C) Dim (D) Descend
35. Select the correct meaning of the following idiom or phrasal verb:
Big shot
- (A) A VIP (B) Good aim
(C) Influential person (D) None of these
36. Select the correct verb to complete the sentence in passive voice.
Though the car _____ by a truck, everyone escaped unhurt.
- (A) was hit (B) were hit
(C) is hit (D) got hit





37. Select the sentences that have compound nouns in them.
- (A) I love watching fireflies on warm summer nights.
 (B) Please erase the blackboard for me.
 (C) We don't know the person who donated this money.
 (D) Of all my friends, she's the one whom, I know, I can rely on.
38. Choose the correct determiner and article to complete the following sentence:
 The lower middle-class families have very _____ money and, therefore, can't afford to go on _____ vacation every year.
- (A) few (B) little
 (C) the (D) a
39. Choose the correct adjectives to complete the following sentence:
 The manager warned that _____ delay would be _____ to the interests of the company.
- (A) further (B) farther
 (C) detrimental (D) favourable
40. Select the parts of the transformation of the following sentence which are incorrect:
 I said to her, "You look good in the red dress but the pink dress doesn't suit you."
- (A) I told her that (B) she looks good
 (C) but the pink dress (D) didn't suit you.
41. Choose the correct adverbs to complete the following sentence:
 That girl sings the song _____, but she _____ gets an appreciation for it.
- (A) melodiously (B) harshly
 (C) always (D) hardly
42. Replace the words in bold with one word to make the given sentences less verbose.
 The chef cooks **very tasty, pleasing to eat** dishes.
- (A) Palatable (B) Palpable
 (C) Delectable (D) Pleasant
43. Choose an antonym and a synonym of the following word:
 Hypocrisy
- (A) Energy (B) Lethargy
 (C) Deception (D) Honesty
44. Select the correct verbs to complete the following sentence in passive voice:
 Allegations _____ by the opponents.
- (A) is made (B) were made
 (C) have been made (D) had being made
45. Select the correct meaning of the following idiom:
 Straight from the shoulder
- (A) Openly (B) Hitting someone with the shoulder
 (C) Frankly (D) Hitting hard
46. Choose the options in which the conjunctions are used appropriately.
- (A) I want to buy a laptop, so I am saving money.
 (B) I want to buy a laptop if I am saving money.
 (C) I am saving money because I want to buy a laptop.
 (D) I am saving money then I want to buy a laptop.





47. Which of these can be completed using future tense?
- (A) India _____ the 2023 World Cup Final match to Australia a few days ago.
 - (B) Our parents do not _____ to celebrate new year this time.
 - (C) What _____ you do on Diwali next year?
 - (D) My sister _____ turned 21 on Saturday in the coming week.
48. Which of the following are incorrect indirect speech form of the following sentence?
He says, "I am planning to shift to Japan."
- (A) He says that he was planning to shift to Japan.
 - (B) He says that he is planning to shift to Japan.
 - (C) He said that he was planning to shift to Japan.
 - (D) All of these

Read the given passage and answer the PISA based questions that follow:

For 14 years the Sports Medicine Centre of Lyon (France) has been studying the injuries of young sports players and sports professionals. The study has established that the best course is prevention besides good shoes.

Eighteen per cent of sports players aged 8 to 12 already have heel injuries. The cartilage of a footballer's ankle does not respond well to shocks, and 25% of professionals have discovered for themselves that it is an especially weak point.

The cartilage of the delicate knee joint can also be irreparably damaged and if care is not taken right from childhood (10–12 years of age), this can cause premature osteoarthritis.

The hip does not escape damage either and, particularly when tired, players run the risk of fractures as a result of falls or collisions.

According to the study, footballers who have been playing for more than ten years have bony outgrowths either on the tibia or on the heel. This is what is known as 'footballer's foot', a deformity caused by shoes with soles and ankle parts that are too flexible.

If a shoe is too rigid, it restricts movement. If it is too flexible, it increases the risk of injuries and sprains. A good sports shoe should meet four criteria:

Firstly, it must provide exterior protection: resisting knocks from the ball or another player, coping with unevenness in the ground, and keeping the foot warm and dry even when it is freezing cold and raining.

It must support the foot, and in particular the ankle joint, to avoid sprains, swelling and other problems, which may even affect the knee.

It must also provide players with good stability so that they do not slip on a wet ground or skid on a surface that is too dry.

Finally, it must absorb shocks, especially those suffered by volleyball and basketball players who are constantly jumping.

To avoid minor but painful conditions such as blisters or even splits or athlete's foot (fungal infections), the shoe must allow evaporation of perspiration and must prevent outside dampness from getting in.

The ideal material for this is leather, which can be water-proofed to prevent the shoe from getting soaked the first time it rains.

49. What does the author intend to show in this text?
- (A) That the quality of many sports shoes has greatly improved.
 - (B) That it is best not to play football if you are under 12 years of age.
 - (C) That it is very important for young sports players to wear good sports shoes.
 - (D) That young people are suffering more and more injuries due to their poor physical condition.
50. Look at the following description mentioned in the article. It is presented here in two parts:
- I. "To avoid minor but painful conditions such as blisters or even splits or athlete's foot (fungal infections),"
 - II. "...the shoe must allow evaporation of perspiration and must prevent outside dampness from getting in."
- What is the relationship between the first and second parts of the given description?
- (A) It contradicts the first part.
 - (B) It repeats the first part.
 - (C) It illustrates the problem described in the first part.
 - (D) It gives the solution to the problem described in the first part.



