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Directions(1-2): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

The bald eagle is the only eagle solely native to North America, and the national bird of the United States. The bald eagle is actually a sea eagle that commonly occurs inland along rivers and large lakes. The adult male is about 90 cm long and has a wingspan of 2 metres. Females, which grow somewhat larger than males, may reach 108 cm in length and have a wingspan of 2.5 metres. Both sexes are dark brown, with a white head and tail. The bird is not actually bald; its name derives from the conspicuous appearance of its white-feathered head. The beak, eyes, and feet are yellow.

The bald eagle's nest is a large platform of sticks built atop a large, isolated tree or pinnacle of rock located within easy flight of water. Nests are usually about 1.5 metres wide, but old nests can be almost twice this size. The two or three eggs laid take slightly longer than a month to hatch. Both parents share in the incubation and feeding of the young. The immature birds are brown with whitish tail and wing linings, but the pure white head and tail plumage do not appear until the birds are four to five years old.

1. The bald eagle is native to _____.
(A) Europe (B) Africa (C) Asia (D) North America
2. What is the meaning of the word "conspicuous"?
(A) Vague (B) Indistinct (C) Clearly visible (D) Invisible
3. T Balasubramaniam in his book 'A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students' says that fricatives are those sounds articulated with a stricture of-
(A) Close approximation (B) Intermittent closure (C) Complete closure (D) None of the options
4. Identify the sentence with the past participle.
(A) Steeling his heart, he opened the letter
(B) Stealing from parents is a bad habit
(C) He has stolen twice in the past two months
(D) He stole the show with aplomb
5. Under Joseph Willies' book entitled 'Origins of the English Language', the subordinate clause 'Because he left' is a _____ relationship.
(A) Conditional (B) Concessive (C) Temporal (D) Causal
6. Identify the sentence where the infinitive functions as the subject in the sentence.
(A) The tendency to ensure good health is a noteworthy pursuit
(B) To go first to the airport is the best choice
(C) Looking forward to meeting you soon
(D) I will give two apples to Kumar for snacks
7. Who is Gonzalo in William Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest'?
(A) Prospero's brother (B) King of Naples (C) Court jester (D) Prospero's saviour and minister
8. How many stages do children cross before they learn irregular verbs according to Joseph Willies in his book 'Origins of the English Language'?
(A) Two stages (B) One stage (C) Four stages (D) No, they never have to learn it, as it comes as second nature
9. Rewrite the sentence in Passive voice.
Rajesh kicked the ball.
(A) The ball was kicked by Rajesh
(B) The ball is kicked by Rajesh
(C) The ball has been kicked by Rajesh
(D) The ball had been kicked by Rajesh

10. In the poem 'A River', A K Ramanujan finds shocking which of these?
 (A) People's tendency to view flood damage in a statistical manner for sensationalization (B) The very existence of Madurai city
 (C) The very existence of River Vaigai in Madurai (D) The fewer deaths of cattle than human beings city
11. Choose the option which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given below.
 "To read between lines"
 (A) To understand the hidden meaning (B) To be very angry (C) To criticize others (D) To stop working on something
12. In A.C. Baugh's 'A History of the English Language', which of these is a German word that the etymology for 'water' in English traces?
 (A) Washer (B) Wasser (C) Weasel (D) Pater
13. Who is the only character in Walter De La Mare's 'The Traveller' poem?
 (A) The haunted house (B) The horse that the traveller rides (C) The supposed ghosts (D) The Traveller himself
14. Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech.
 The teacher said, 'What is the matter?'
 (A) The teacher asked what the matter was (B) The teacher asked what was the matter (C) The teacher asked what the matters had been (D) The teacher asked what the matter is
15. In the play Dr. Faustus by Christopher Marlowe, where does Faustus play his first trick, after acquiring new powers and being assisted by Mephistophilis?
 (A) Charles V's court, Germany (B) King Edward III's court, England (C) Pope's court in Rome (D) Benares, India
16. Identify the sentence where the gerund functions as the subject in the sentence.
 (A) Dancing, he entered the building unnoticed (B) He danced his way into her heard (C) Dancing his way into her heart, he became her husband (D) Dancing in the park after 6 in the evening is not allowed
17. Joseph Willies in 'Origins of the English Language', when describing how words are grouped based on inflections, cites which criterion for a Group I word?
 (A) A word that occurs before a plural marker, with the exception of nouns (B) A word that occurs before a past tense marker, with the exception of verbs
 (C) A word that occurs before a third person -s marker, with the exception of verbs (D) A word that occurs before a past tense marker, with the exception of adjectives
18. What does Frank O'Connor's 'The man of the House' short story portray?
 (A) Innocence (B) Temptation (C) Guilt (D) The entire gamut of emotions that Gus undergoes
19. According to A.C. Baugh's 'A History of the English Language', which of these is NOT a Germanic language?
 (A) English (B) Russian (C) German (D) Dutch
20. Identify the postpositive adjective among these.
 (A) Afraid (B) Eager (C) Erudite (D) Intrepid
21. By what metaphor does Rabindranath Tagore try to imply that the discussion between the couple at the start of the 'The Castaway' short story was lacking in focus or direction?
 (A) Like a rudderless boat (B) Like a captain-less ship (C) Like a wheel-less train (D) Like a goalie-less football team

22. Rewrite the sentence in active voice.

The prayer room was being cleaned by me.

- (A) I have been cleaning the prayer room (B) I am cleaning the prayer room (C) I was cleaning the prayer room (D) I should be cleaning the prayer room

23. Choose the correct synonym of the given word from the options given below.

OBSOLETE

- (A) New (B) Modern (C) Primeval (D) Sophisticated

24. In A.C. Baugh's 'A History of the English Language', in terms of genders in Germanic languages, which of these is a **CORRECT** statement?

- (A) English has four genders (B) English has no neuter gender (C) English has only one gender (D) English has adopted a natural gender

25. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.

Siddharth told Ayush that Pratyush came every Thursday.

- (A) Siddharth said to Ayush, "Pratyush may come every Thursday" (B) Siddharth said to Ayush, "Pratyush would come every Thursday" (C) Siddharth said to Ayush, "Pratyush should come every Thursday" (D) Siddharth said to Ayush, "Pratyush comes every Thursday"

26. In Jawaharlal Nehru's Kamala Nehru, how does Jawahar describe Kamala as being when they wed?

- (A) Very modern and forward-thinking (B) As outgoing and pompous (C) As high-handed and domineering (D) As modest and unassuming

27. In the speech made by M.K. Gandhi on 'Voluntary Poverty', what is the one major problem of having ownership of an item?

- (A) The pride being enjoyed among others as the owner (B) The infamy that accompanies owning the item (C) The ownership cost of the item in the long run (D) The constant endeavour to protect it

28. According to T Balasubramaniam, what does IPA expand to, in his book 'A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students'?

- (A) Indian Phonetic Alphabet (B) Indian Poetic Association (C) International Positive Association (D) International Phonetic Alphabet

29. In the play 'The Tempest' by William Shakespeare, Stephano and Caliban are joined by _____ in the plot to kill Prospero and install Stephano as the king of the island.

- (A) Mark Antony (B) Ferdinand (C) Trinculo (D) Ariel

30. In the poem 'Telephone Conversation', what chemical name attribution does Wole Soyinka make when describing the colour of the soles on her feet?

- (A) Sulphide (B) Benzene (C) Acetic acid (D) Peroxide

31. In Nora Rossi and Tom Cole's Letter to a Teacher, the first letter refers to a certain academic pursuit as magistrale, which is a _____ 4-year upper school pursued for a diploma in elementary teaching.

- (A) Fourteen (B) Four (C) Ten (D) Twenty

32. In Discipline for Daily Life, Lewis Mumford says that to create balanced human beings, weight must be given to _____ the same as science, invention, and practical organization.

- (A) Arousing their interest in basketball (B) Arousing the emotions and to the expression of moral and esthetic values (C) Arousing their interest in chivalry (D) Arousing their interest in small savings and thriftiness

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33. Choose the correct antonym of the given word from the options given below.

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- (A) Assistant (B) Boss (C) Lackey (D) Attendant

34. Based on T Balasubramaniam's 'A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students', which of these is an example of a voiceless bilabial plosive?

- (A) Hat (B) Yes (C) Spy (D) Finger

35. On the strength of which of these does C.E.M. Joad say in 'The Civilization of To-day' that the world now truly stands a chance to become a whole, a single place as opposed to a multitude of insular places?

- (A) The large-scale globalisation achieved in trade (B) Advances in medical care (C) Advances in space research (D) Advances in telecommunications

36. Several ways exist to accomplish articulation one of which is the stop, which is of how many types according to P. Ladefoged's 'A Course in Phonetics' book?

- (A) Two (B) Twelve (C) Six (D) Ten

37. _____ is credited with Kamala Nehru's transformation from being a modest, unassuming and orthodox woman to a great source of strength and inspiration to Jawaharlal Nehru.

- (A) Motilal Nehru's efforts to train her under his daughters' European governesses (B) The birth of Indira Priyadarshini (C) Mahatma Gandhi's Quit India Movement (D) Jallianwala Bagh massacre

38. Consider the clause, 'The chicken is ready to eat'. What kind of ambiguity does Joseph Willie call it in his 'Origins of the English Language'?

- (A) Paragraph-level (B) Clause-level (C) Word-level (D) Letter-level

39. Nunez, the hero of H.G. Wells' short story 'The Country of the Blind' hails from which South American country?

- (A) Peru (B) Ecuador (C) Brazil (D) Argentina

40. According to P. Ladefoged's book titled 'A Course in Phonetics', what are diacritics?

- (A) Precision-increasing small marks added to a symbol to modify its value (B) The notation for the diphthong sound (C) The notation for the consonant sound (D) The notation for the vowel sound

41. Choose the correct preposition from the given options to complete the sentence.

Akshal usually travels to Madurai _____ train.

- (A) With (B) Over (C) By (D) Of

42. What is the name of the boy in Graham Greene's short story 'The Basement Room'?

- (A) Joseph Conrad (B) Ferdinand (C) Philip Lane (D) John Simpson

43. How does Cardinal Newman portray himself as, as to the guidance or path in which to conduct his life until the time he wrote the poem 'Lead Kindly Light'?

- (A) As an autonomous individual making his own decisions (B) As a believer always valuing God's guidance (C) As an obedient son valuing his parents' guidance (D) As a diligent student valuing his teachers' guidance

44. In William Wordsworth's 'The Rainbow', what does the poet want to do if he does not experience the same feeling when he grows old as when he sees a rainbow?

- (A) He wants to be born again (B) He wants to travel in time (C) He wants to die (D) He wants to become a poet

45. Rewrite the sentence in Active voice.

Is a letter being written by Archana?

- (A) Has Archana written a letter? (B) Was Archana writing a letter? (C) Did Archana write a letter? (D) Is Archana writing a letter?

46. In 'The Power and the Glory' by Graham Greene, who comes across as being untrustworthy and poses a problem to the priest?

- (A) Padre Jose (B) The lieutenant (C) Mr. Tench (D) Mestizo

47. What qualities does Ernest Hemingway emphasize in the novel 'The Old Man and the Sea' as belonging to the marlin?

- (A) Its strength (B) Dignity (C) Being true to its identity (D) All of the options

48. In Frank O'Connor's 'The man of the House' short story, although Gus makes mistakes, his mother makes light of them PROBABLY because-

- (A) Gus is fond of making these mistakes over and over (B) She wants Gus to repeat them (C) She deems them vital for Gus to reach a fruitful adulthood (D) None of the options

49. In Mahesh Dattani's Final Solutions play, who among these is Smita?

- (A) Hardika's granddaughter (B) Aruna's daughter (C) Ramanik's daughter (D) All of the options

50. What qualities does Ernest Hemingway seek to portray as being typical of seafarers such as himself in his 'The Old Man and the Sea' novella?

- (A) Perseverance (B) Indomitable spirit (C) Fortitude (D) All of the options

51. In Nora Rossi and Tom Cole's Letter to a Teacher, one parent wrote to the school saying that a teacher instead of giving Gianni praise, he/she-

- (A) Hurt Gianni's sentiments for his inability to walk (B) Chided Gianni for his ability to run (C) Humiliated Gianni for his inability to speak (D) Castigated Gianni for his inability to dance

52. In R.K. Narayan's Painter of Signs, which of these is an INCORRECT statement about Raman?

- (A) He sports a tuft in keeping with his caste system (B) He is a calligrapher (C) He falls in love with Daisy almost instantly (D) Daisy's job description is to promote birth control awareness

53. The following sentence is divided into four parts (P, Q, R and S). Rearrange them in the proper sequence in order to make a meaningful sentence.

(P) In every pursuit of yours

(Q) The courage of

(R) Your convictions

(S) You must have

(A) PQRS

(B) SQRP

(C) SPRQ

(D) PRQS

54. In which stanza of 'The Hollow Men' does T.S. Eliot insinuate through terms such as crowskin and staves that hollow men are merely scarecrows?

(A) V

(B) IV

(C) II

(D) I

55. A total of how many rhyming quatrains is William Shakespeare's Sonnet-29 composed of?

(A) Thirty

(B) Three

(C) Thirteen

(D) Five

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56. In the play *Dr. Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe, what is the one question that Mephistophilis declines to answer to Faustus after being given a book of spells to learn?
- (A) The question regarding how black magic is performed (B) The question regarding the man who created the universe (C) The question regarding who is the master of black magic (D) The question regarding how much power Lucifer has over him
57. In A.C. Baugh's 'A History of the English Language', to simplify the pronunciation and spelling of English words, a movement was started in the early 20th century, which was supported by the ex-US President-
- (A) Theodore Roosevelt (B) George Washington (C) John Adams (D) Thomas Jefferson
58. Rewrite the sentence in passive voice.
I have written this short story.
- (A) This short story is written by me (B) This short story had been written by me (C) This short story has been written by me (D) This short story was written by me
59. Choose the correct adverb from the options given to complete the sentence.
She nodded _____.
- (A) Sympathize (B) Sympathy (C) Sympathetically (D) Sympathetic
60. In the novel 'The Old Man and the Sea' by Ernest Hemingway, how long does Santiago struggle with his catch to subdue it?
- (A) Three days (B) Thirty days (C) Two days (D) One day and one night
61. In *Fasting, Feasting* written by Anita Desai, why does Uma have to play truant?
- (A) Because her parents want her to care for their newborn (B) On her own volition (C) She wants to break into business (D) Her parents want her to take up a remunerative job
62. The extent to which John Keats deals with death and illness in 'Ode to a Nightingale' poem stems from the fact that the poet was unable to come to terms with the death of his-
- (A) School teacher (B) Elder brother (C) Monarch (D) Servant maid
63. Kamala Markandaya in her short story 'The Flood' describes the devastation that a flood unleashes on a locality. The flood occurred due to-
- (A) A tsunami (B) A cloudburst (C) A dam breach (D) A severe storm
64. What prerequisite did the snake-charmer lay down in R.K. Narayan's 'A Snake in the Grass' story in order that he catch the snake?
- (A) Catch the snake first (B) Chase the snake away first (C) Show the snake first (D) Kill the snake first
65. In R.K. Narayan's *Painter of Signs*, what is the calling of Daisy, who sweeps Raman off his feet?
- (A) Firefighter (B) Pandemic (C) School headmistress (D) Paramedic
66. What moral truth does R.K. Narayan seek to convey in his 'A Snake in the Grass' short story?
- (A) One must always believe what is said on the spur of the moment (B) One must analyze the situation to establish the fact (C) Having a grasscutter will help ward off snakes (D) Snakes are to be worshiped if they make ingress into homes
67. H.G. Wells' short story 'The Country of the Blind' is about the mysterious people who inhabit a valley situated in which continent?
- (A) South America (B) Antarctica (C) North America (D) Australia

68. Choose the sentence with the CORRECT subject-verb agreement.

- (A) Either the principal or the students is right
(B) Either the principal or the students are right
(C) Neither the principal nor the students is right
(D) The jury is ready with their verdict

69. In 'The Splendour Falls' by Lord Tennyson, what literary device does the poet employ at the start of the second stanza, when he says 'O, hark, O, hear!'

- (A) Apostrophe (B) Alliteration (C) Litotes (D) Metaphor

70. Identify the main clause in the sentence below:

I read a novel last week, which is written by Jane Austen

- (A) Last week (B) I read a novel (C) Which is written (D) By Jane Austen

71. Choose the MISSPELT word.

- (A) Fiduciary (B) Judicial (C) Vestigial (D) Prestigiuous

72. The location where Rabindranath Tagore's 'The Castaway' short story is set is-

- (A) Chotanagpur (B) Birbhum (C) Bankura (D) Chandernagore

73. According to P. Ladefoged's book titled 'A Course in Phonetics', what sound does the notation 'i:' denote?

- (A) [aɪ] as in 'Faith' (B) [ɪ] as in 'Pin' (C) [ee] as in 'Teal' (D) [ə] as in 'Ago'

74. In the fifth and final Act of William Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest', what revenge does Prospero mete out to his enemies?

- (A) He banishes them from the island for life
(B) He casts a spell on them to become foxes
(C) He casts a spell on them to become wolves
(D) No, he forgives them all and re-assumes dukedom

75. In the play Dr. Faustus by Christopher Marlowe, in one final act of sorcery before the 24-year contract with Lucifer ends, Faustus summons up which female from ancient history?

- (A) Elizabeth Taylor (B) Mona Lisa (C) Cleopatra (D) Helen of Troy

76. According to P. Ladefoged's book titled 'A Course in Phonetics', what are the variants of phonemes that occur in detailed phonetic transcriptions called?

- (A) Linguaphones (B) Cellaphones (C) Homophones (D) Allophones

77. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word which will suit the context of the sentence. Rajesh can hardly walk, but he wants to participate in weightlifting. _____ of it what you will.

- (A) Cake (B) Fake (C) Make (D) Take

78. In Graham Greene's 'The Power and the Glory' novel, why does the clergyman happen to miss the boat?

- (A) Because he did not have the exact fare to tend to the boatman
(B) Because the boat broke down at the journey start
(C) To attend to a dying woman following Mr. Tench's request
(D) None of the options

79. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence.

Never _____ begged for money as today.

- (A) Have I ever (B) Did I (C) Had I been (D) Am I

80. Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech.

He said, 'My brother is writing a letter.'

- (A) He said that his brother was writing a letter
(B) He said that my brother was writing a letter
(C) He said that his brother has been writing a letter
(D) He said that his brother had been writing a letter

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81. Choose from the four options, the word that best substitutes the given phrase.
"Obstacle to the progress of something"
(A) Entrance (B) Science (C) Conscience (D) Barrier
82. In *Fasting, Feasting* written by Anita Desai, Arun becomes his parents' bete noire because-
(A) He chooses to be clad in traditional attire (B) He practises vegetarianism, which his parents consider retrogressive in culture
(C) He is interested in learning classical music at the expense of his academic pursuit (D) He wants to become a football player
83. Identify the intransitive verb among these.
(A) Create (B) Disappear (C) Offer (D) Fetch
84. Which of these is an uncountable noun form?
(A) Furniture (B) Reverberation (C) Chair (D) Friend
85. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct pronoun from the given options.
Kumar _____ is his worst critic.
(A) Herself (B) Myself (C) Himself (D) Themselves
86. Based on Joseph Willies' book entitled '*Origins of the English Language*', which of these is an example of Ural-Altaic family of languages?
(A) English (B) German (C) Finnish (D) French
87. Based on T Balasubramaniam's '*A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students*', which of these is an example of a glottal sound?
(A) Finger (B) Hat (C) Yes (D) Dear
88. In Girish Karnard's *Hayavadana* play, who was the mother of the eponymous character?
(A) A teacher (B) A physician (C) A princess (D) A servant maid
89. Consider Lewis Mumford's opinion about prehistory under the collection of his views entitled '*Discipline for Daily Life*', where he says 'In the realm of prehistory the generalist has a special office'. What does he mean by the term 'office'?
(A) A large building complex that he was functioning from (B) A great favour that he is intending to do (C) An important task (D) A room that he converted into an office
90. In Girish Karnard's *Hayavadana* play, how many dolls does the now transposed Devadatta buy at the Ujjain fair to give to his forthcoming child?
(A) Five (B) Ten (C) Twenty (D) Two
91. Why does Daisy eventually decide against moving to the house at Ellaman Street in R.K. Narayan's *Painter of Signs*?
(A) She does not like the house (B) To preserve her sense of purpose and autonomy (C) Raman changes his mind about marrying her (D) Decision of Raman's aunt to go to Benares
92. In the following question, the given sentence has four parts marked P, Q, R and S. Choose the part of sentence with the error and mark as your answer. If there is no error, mark 'No error (S)' as your answer.
The thiefs (P)/ escaped with the (Q)/ connivance of the guards. (R)/ No error (S)
(A) P (B) Q (C) R (D) S
93. Rewrite the sentence in direct speech.
Siraj told his friends that they would meet on Sunday.
(A) Siraj said to his friends, "We met on Sunday"
(B) Siraj said to his friends, "We meet on Sunday"
(C) Siraj said to his friends, "We will meet on Sunday"
(D) Siraj said to his friends, "We could meet on Sunday"

94. Why does C.E.M. Joad prophesy in The Civilization of To-day that machines soon will become man's masters?

- (A) Man has become too reliant on them (B) Machines are made of iron and steel (C) Machines are reliant on men (D) Machines are reliant on electricity to operate

95. In A.C. Baugh's 'A History of the English Language', what is the origin of the word 'Duet'?

- (A) Russian (B) German (C) Italian (D) Sanskrit

96. According to P. Ladefoged's book titled 'A Course in Phonetics', which syllable is stressed in the word 'Simplistic'?

- (A) First (B) Second (C) Third (D) Fourth

97. According to T Balasubramanian's 'A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students' book, what are sounds articulated with a stricture of intermittent closure called?

- (A) Trills (B) Rolled consonants (C) Fricatives (D) Either trills or rolled consonants

98. Mahesh Dattani's Final Solutions play begins with the diary account of Daksha and with the stage set initially against the backdrop of the-

- (A) Partition of India (B) Quit India Movement by Gandhiji (C) Salt Satyagraha (D) Jallianwala Bagh massacre

99. In William Shakespeare's Sonnet-29, although the speaker is disenchanted with his being an outcast, how does he come to terms eventually with his plight?

- (A) By thinking of his love (B) By thinking of his grandmother (C) By thinking of his pet animal (D) By thinking of his king

100. In the speech made by M.K. Gandhi on 'Voluntary Poverty', what does he say is the most desirable outcome of 'the less we have, the less we want'?

- (A) Enjoyment of personal service to our fellow-beings (B) Contribution to industrial productivity (C) Contribution to a cleaner environment (D) More savings in banking accounts

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