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RECRUITMENT OF A. S. O.

(A) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(B) ODIA LANGUAGE

T. B. C. : ASG – 3/21

Sl. No. **506131**

Time Allowed : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 200

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(A) ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Directions (Q. No. 1) : In each of the following questions four words are given of which two are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words which are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning, from the below given combinations.

1. (I) Jeopardise
(II) Repudiate
(III) Confuse
(IV) Disown
(A) (I) – (III)
(B) (III) – (IV)
(C) (II) – (IV)
(D) (I) – (II)
2. Nafeesa is afraid _____ spiders.
(A) from
(B) in
(C) about
(D) of
3. I am worried _____ the exam.
(A) in
(B) about
(C) on
(D) of
4. He looks upset, I think he took the criticism _____ heart.
(A) to
(B) about
(C) in
(D) of
5. I am envious _____ them.
(A) of
(B) about
(C) in
(D) on
6. He confided _____ me.
(A) about
(B) in
(C) on
(D) of
7. They decided _____ the grey sofa.
(A) about
(B) on
(C) in
(D) of

8. She suffers _____ a heart disease.

- (A) about
- (B) in
- (C) from
- (D) on

9. The teacher set some homework _____ the end of the lesson.

- (A) about
- (B) in
- (C) of
- (D) at

10. I am good _____ tennis.

- (A) about
- (B) in
- (C) at
- (D) of

11. We arrived _____ the station an hour late.

- (A) about
- (B) in
- (C) at
- (D) of

12. They usually spend their holidays in _____ mountains.

- (A) the

(B) no article

(C) a

(D) an

13. Los Angeles has _____ ideal climate.

- (A) the
- (B) no article
- (C) a
- (D) an

14. This is _____ worst Mexican restaurant in the country.

- (A) the
- (B) no article
- (C) a
- (D) an

15. I can't live on _____ 500 dollars a month.

- (A) the
- (B) no article
- (C) a
- (D) an

16. Someone call _____ police-man !

- (A) the
- (B) no article
- (C) a
- (D) an

17. Someone call _____ police !
(A) the
(B) no article
(C) a
(D) an
18. He is _____ real American hero.
(A) the
(B) no article
(C) a
(D) an
19. I don't like _____ dogs, but I like my brother's dog.
(A) the
(B) no article
(C) a
(D) an
20. I haven't seen him in _____ five years.
(A) the
(B) no article
(C) a
(D) an
21. Kobe Bryant is _____ basketball player.
(A) the
(B) no article
(C) a
(D) an
22. The fire _____ the huts before the fire brigade came.
(A) had burnt
(B) will burn
(C) has burnt
(D) burns
23. I have _____ my work.
(A) do
(B) does
(C) will do
(D) done
24. Don't make a noise, she _____
(A) sleep
(B) will sleep
(C) is sleeping
(D) None of these
25. Will you go _____ a movie ?
(A) to see
(B) seen
(C) to seeing
(D) None of these

26. You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence :

- (P) for thousands of years
- (Q) famous symbols of ancient civilizations
- (R) Monuments have been created
- (S) and they are often the most durable and

- (A) SRQP
- (B) QPRS
- (C) PRSQ
- (D) RPSQ

27. You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence :

- (P) is one of the most widely used indicators
- (Q) of ecosystems and their biodiversity
- (R) for assessing the condition
- (S) The conservation status of plants and animals

- (A) SPRQ
- (B) SRQP
- (C) QRPS
- (D) PQRS

28. You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence :

- (P) for a short time where a new, innovative, or much-improved product
- (Q) The practice of price skimming
- (R) is launched onto a market
- (S) involves charging a relatively high price

- (A) QSPR
- (B) RSQP
- (C) PRSQ
- (D) RQSP

29. You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence :

- (P) by an emperor named Shah Jahan
- (Q) The Taj Mahal is a
- (R) in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal
- (S) beautiful monument built in 1631

- (A) QPRS
- (B) QSRP
- (C) PQRS
- (D) QSPR

30. You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence :
- (P) was designed by the British architect George Wittet and
(Q) The Gateway of India
(R) in the year 1924
(S) was opened for general Public
- (A) QSPR
(B) QPSR
(C) PQSR
(D) SRQP
31. Do you _____ these events ?
- (A) likes
(B) like
(C) liking
(D) have like
32. The dog and the cat _____ been fed.
- (A) has
(B) are
(C) were
(D) have
33. His works _____ appreciable.
- (A) are
(B) is
(C) has
(D) have
34. Many a man _____ suffered during partition.
- (A) have
(B) has
(C) were
(D) is
35. The chief along with his family _____ involved.
- (A) are
(B) has
(C) is
(D) have
36. She shall _____ soon.
- (A) come
(B) comes
(C) coming
(D) came
37. Measles _____ a common disease among children.
- (A) are
(B) is
(C) were
(D) has

38. The board of directors _____ anxious.
- (A) are
(B) have been
(C) has been
(D) were
39. Few applicants _____ backed out.
- (A) have
(B) has
(C) were
(D) are
40. Some of the rice _____ still left.
- (A) is
(B) are
(C) has
(D) have
41. Public speaking _____ a skill.
- (A) are
(B) have
(C) has
(D) is

Directions (Q. Nos. 42 to 46) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

A man is known by the book he reads as well as by the company he keeps ; for

there is a companionship of books as well as of men and one should always live in the best company, whether it be of books or of man.

A good book may be among the best of friends. It is the same today that it always was, and it will never change. It is the most patient and cheerful of companions. It does not turn its back upon in times of adversity or distress. It always receives us with the same kindness ; amusing and interesting us in youth, comforting and consoling us in age.

42. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the given passage ?
- (A) Books show the reader's character
(B) Books as man's abiding friends
(C) Books are useful in the youth
(D) The importance of books in old age
43. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the word 'adversity' occurring in the passage ?
- (A) Happiness
(B) Prosperity
(C) Progress
(D) Misfortune

44. The statement, "a good book may be among best of friends," in the passage means that :
- (A) There cannot be a better friend than a good book
 - (B) Books may be good friends, but not better than good men
 - (C) A good book can be included among the best of friends of mankind
 - (D) Our best friends read the same good books
45. According to the passage, which of the following statements is not true ?
- (A) Good books as well as good men always provide the finest company.
 - (B) A good book never betrays us.
 - (C) We have sometimes to be patient with a book as it may bore us.
 - (D) A good book serves as a permanent friend.
46. According to the passage, A man may usually be known by the books he reads because :
- (A) His reading habits shows that he is a scholar
 - (B) The books he reads affect his thinking
 - (C) Books provide him a lot of knowledge
 - (D) His selection of books generally reveals his temperament and character
47. Glutton is related to Eat as Garrulous is related to _____.
- (A) Walk
 - (B) Talk
 - (C) Laugh
 - (D) Travel
48. Dwell is related to Denizen as Inherit is related to _____.
- (A) Acquire
 - (B) Successor
 - (C) Outcast
 - (D) Heir
49. Writer is related to Reader as Producer is related to _____.
- (A) Seller
 - (B) Consumer
 - (C) Creator
 - (D) Contractor

50. Change the active voice into passive voice : I will clean the house every Saturday. The house _____ by me every Saturday.

- (A) cleaned
- (B) will cleaned
- (C) will be cleaned
- (D) None of these

51. People _____ walk on grass.

- (A) couldn't
- (B) needn't
- (C) mustn't
- (D) may not

52. Choose the correct word order :

- (A) Why she did leave so early ?
- (B) Why did she leave so early ?
- (C) Why did so early she leave ?
- (D) Why so early did she leave ?

53. Select same meaning of the underlined word : Take care not to get hurt with the steam from the Kettle.

- (A) Burnt
- (B) Bruised
- (C) Scalded
- (D) Cut

54. _____ his principles, he has to be very careful.

- (A) With regard of
- (B) With regard on

(C) With regard to

(D) None of these

55. He was seen _____ to the school.

- (A) went
- (B) going
- (C) gone
- (D) go

56. They organized a party _____ his honour. That Ajita was not invited _____ it, was a shame. She admired him most and it seems unlikely that she would forgive the organizers _____ their omission.

- (A) at, for, towards
- (B) about, at, against
- (C) in, to, for
- (D) after, on, with

57. When I say that the benefits of demonetization are moot, what do I mean ?

- (A) That I do not understand what the benefits are.
- (B) That I do not understand what demonetization is.
- (C) That the benefits of demonetization are surely seen.
- (D) That the benefits of demonetization are debatable.

58. Choose matching prepositions to complete the following phrases :

- (I) According _____ (i) of the source ...
- (II) Different _____ (ii) to the first draft ...
- (III) Based _____ (iii) by this information ...
- (IV) Bored _____ (iv) from the events ...
- (V) Consisting _____ (v) on cards ...

According to the code, the correctly matched pairs would be :

- (A) I – (ii), II – (iv), III – (v), IV – (iii), V – (i)
- (B) I – (i), II – (ii), III – (iii), IV – (v), V – (iv)
- (C) I – (v), II – (iii), III – (i), IV – (ii), V – (iv)
- (D) I – (ii), II – (v), III – (i), IV – (iii), V – (iv)

59. He had earned his well-paid job after a long struggle, but when he laughed at the most inopportune time, it cost him the job.

List the verbs in this sentence :

- (A) earned, struggle, laughed
- (B) had earned, laughed, cost

- (C) struggle, laughed, cost
- (D) job, laughed, inopportune

60. Which of the statements about the following sentence is TRUE ?

The Raos had been living so frugally all year that they saved enough money for a Mercedes.

- (A) The present perfect continuous tense used here indicates a state that continues into the present.
- (B) The past perfect continuous tense used here indicates an ongoing state prior to a past action.
- (C) The perfect tense used here is not clear enough to justify the state indicated in the present.
- (D) The past perfect tense used here does not indicate an ongoing state prior to a past action.

61. Choose from the options how the sentence can be improved :

They could not admire his bright performance because of they dislike him.

- (A) because of their disliking of him
- (B) because of their dislike him
- (C) because they dislike him
- (D) No correction required

62. Choose from the options how the sentence can be improved :

She was uneasy because she never be on a plane before.

- (A) had never been
- (B) never been
- (C) is never been
- (D) No improvement

63. Choose from the options how the sentence can be improved :

They only work when they have no money.

- (A) When they have no money, they only work
- (B) they only work
- (C) work only when
- (D) No improvement

64. Choose from the options how the sentence can be improved :

I. T. experts may have to stop hunting for better job opportunities as these are not so easily available now.

- (A) No correction required
- (B) may be stopping the hunting
- (C) should have to stop hunt
- (D) might have to stop hunting

65. Choose from the options how the sentence can be improved :

The NYC building at New York City is as high as every other building in the United States of America.

- (A) high than every other building

- (B) as high as every other building

- (C) higher than any other building

- (D) No improvement

66. Choose the correct part of speech for the words in bracket :

She (as well as) her sister is engaged.

- (A) Conjunction

- (B) Preposition

- (C) Adjective

- (D) Adverb

67. Choose the correct part of speech for the word in bracket :

This politician is notorious (for) corruption.

- (A) Conjunction

- (B) Preposition

- (C) Adjective

- (D) Adverb

68. Choose the correct part of speech for the word in bracket :

This golden ring is too (costly) to purchase.

- (A) Conjunction

- (B) Preposition

- (C) Adjective

- (D) Adverb

69. Choose the correct part of speech for the word in bracket :

A(drowning) man catches at a straw.

- (A) Complement
- (B) Infinitive
- (C) Gerund
- (D) Participle

70. Choose the correct part of speech for the word in bracket :

A great talker is a great (liar).

- (A) Article
- (B) Verb
- (C) Pronoun
- (D) Noun

71. Choose the correct part of speech for the words in bracket :

Eat (to live), but do not live to eat.

- (A) Complement
- (B) Infinitive
- (C) Gerund
- (D) Participle

72. Anita _____ for the charitable cause.

- (A) come to contributed
- (B) came to contributed
- (C) came to contribute
- (D) comes to contributed

73. Everyone at the party _____ amazed by his performance.

- (A) was
- (B) were
- (C) are
- (D) can

74. Alice is not at home at the moment.

She _____ work.

- (A) was on
- (B) was at
- (C) is on
- (D) is at

75. French people love cooking, _____ the English don't seem very interested.

- (A) when
- (B) whenever
- (C) where
- (D) whereas

76. Choose the correct statement :

- (A) My aunt who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
- (B) My aunt, who lives in Mumbai, is a doctor.
- (C) My aunt, who lives in Mumbai is a doctor.
- (D) My aunt who lives in Mumbai, is a doctor.

77. Wait a minute, I _____ this box for you.
(A) carry
(B) will carry
(C) carried
(D) was carrying
78. It's wet and rainy outside today. You _____ go out without an umbrella.
(A) shouldn't
(B) won't
(C) don't have to
(D) should
79. Change into passive : The salt-water corroded the metal beams. The metal beams _____ by the salt-water.
(A) was corroded
(B) corroded
(C) has corroded
(D) were corroded
80. The headmaster _____ to talk to you.
(A) want
(B) wants
(C) has wanted
(D) None of these
81. A bomb scare _____ a delay of the flight.
(A) causing
(B) cause
(C) was caused
(D) had caused
82. Change into passive : Everyone understands English. English _____ by everyone.
(A) is understood
(B) has been understood
(C) was understood
(D) had understood
83. The diamond ring that her husband bought for her turned _____ to be fake one.
(A) in
(B) of
(C) out
(D) None of these
84. Tom _____ to call Susan yesterday but he has forgotten.
(A) is supposed
(B) supposed
(C) supposes
(D) was supposed

85. Choose the correct statement :
- (A) She is senior than me.
 - (B) She is senior to me.
 - (C) She is senior then me.
 - (D) None of these
86. Choose the correct statement :
- (A) I will inform this them.
 - (B) I will inform them of this.
 - (C) I will inform this to them.
 - (D) I will inform them with this.
87. Which sentence is correct ?
- (A) She lives in an apartment.
 - (B) She lives to an apartment.
 - (C) She lives on an apartment.
 - (D) She live in apartment.
88. Which sentence is correct ?
- (A) We'll go shopping soon.
 - (B) We'll go a shopping soon.
 - (C) We'll go to shopping soon.
 - (D) We will shopping soon.
89. Which sentence is correct ?
- (A) I'm tired of working.
 - (B) I am tired to working.
 - (C) I'm tiring of working.
 - (D) I'm tired and working.
90. Doesn't it (intrigue) you.
The word in the bracket means :
- (A) Arouse interest
 - (B) Pleases
 - (C) Offends
 - (D) Tiredness
91. The branches of trees were (fondling) the sky.
The word in bracket means :
- (A) Moving
 - (B) Leaning
 - (C) Touching
 - (D) Reaching
92. What is the synonym of "veracity" ?
- (A) Inaccuracy
 - (B) Reality
 - (C) Redundancy
 - (D) Falsehood
93. Give the antonym of MILITARY :
- (A) Civil
 - (B) Militant
 - (C) Civility
 - (D) Coup
94. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word EMBRACE :
- (A) Disobey
 - (B) Contradict
 - (C) Reject
 - (D) Obscure

95. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word SUBVERSION :

- (A) Destabilisation
- (B) Clarity
- (C) Compliance
- (D) Sanity

96. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word SINISTER :

- (A) Good
- (B) Evil
- (C) Long
- (D) Short

97. She wasn't feeling well, so she was _____ to go to the evening party.
What word should be used to fill in the blank ?

- (A) reliant
- (B) reluctant
- (C) relinquished
- (D) resistance

98. He fired his assistant for accessing his files without his _____.
What word is appropriate for the blank ?

- (A) Consensus
- (B) Contempt
- (C) Consent
- (D) Concede

Directions (Q. Nos. 99 – 100) : In each of the following questions four words are given of which two are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words which are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning, from the below given combinations.

99. (I) Withstand
(II) Climate
(III) Hot
(IV) Surrender

- (A) (II) – (III)
- (B) (I) – (IV)
- (C) (III) – (IV)
- (D) (I) – (II)

100. (I) Gregarious
(II) Quixotic
(III) Sociable
(IV) Discernible

- (A) (I) – (III)
- (B) (III) – (IV)
- (C) (II) – (IV)
- (D) (I) – (II)