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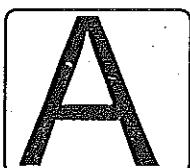
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## TEST BOOKLET

GENERAL ENGLISH

SI. No. 1293

*Time Allowed : 2 Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

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TEST  
BOOKLET

**Direction (Q. No. 1 to 22) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate choice:**

1. Wait for me \_\_\_\_\_ I come back.  
(A) unless  
(B) until  
(C) till  
(D) when
2. He practices hard \_\_\_\_\_ he may win the match.  
(A) so that  
(B) that  
(C) so  
(D) because
3. I was told \_\_\_\_\_ I did not get the job.  
(A) but  
(B) so  
(C) then  
(D) than
4. God will help you \_\_\_\_\_ you help others.  
(A) unless  
(B) only  
(C) if  
(D) lest
5. I have never done this \_\_\_\_\_  
hope to do so.  
(A) or  
(B) not  
(C) neither  
(D) nor
6. Last week I \_\_\_\_\_ a bad toothache.  
(A) have had  
(B) had  
(C) have  
(D) had been
7. By next year I \_\_\_\_\_ a practicing lawyer for 21 years.  
(A) will have been  
(B) will be  
(C) have been  
(D) would have been
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ the job if you had paid me enough.  
(A) will be doing  
(B) would be  
(C) would have done  
(D) must be doing

9. They want the dispute \_\_\_\_\_ settled.

(A) to be  
(B) to have  
(C) to have been  
(D) to had been

10. I am sure he will come if you \_\_\_\_\_ him.

(A) asked  
(B) ask  
(C) had asked  
(D) would ask

11. We \_\_\_\_\_ have hurried.

(A) need not to  
(B) need not  
(C) need  
(D) need to

12. He could speak German well when he was young, but he \_\_\_\_\_ most of it now.

(A) unless  
(B) have forgotten  
(C) was forgetting  
(D) has forgotten

13. You are always to knock before you \_\_\_\_\_ the room.

(A) enter  
(B) entered  
(C) would enter  
(D) will enter

14. The weather \_\_\_\_\_ excellent, so we may expect a good harvest.

(A) would be  
(B) has been  
(C) had been  
(D) will be

15. The motorist was \_\_\_\_\_ with exceeding the speed limit.

(A) accused  
(B) suspected  
(C) charged  
(D) convicted

16. I was so surprised that I was at a loss for \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) talk  
(B) subject  
(C) words  
(D) speech

17. The suspect \_\_\_\_\_ the accusation.

(A) defied  
(B) deferred  
(C) disagreed  
(D) denied

18. Skilled workers are able to \_\_\_\_\_ high wages.

(A) command  
(B) insist  
(C) require  
(D) control

19. The meeting had to be \_\_\_\_\_ due to unforeseen circumstances.

(A) inferred  
(B) deferred  
(C) referred  
(D) conferred

20. I \_\_\_\_\_ upstairs so as not to wake anyone up.

(A) crawled  
(B) slipped  
(C) crept  
(D) sneaked

21. Cows are \_\_\_\_\_ in an abattoir.

(A) eradicated

(B) terminated  
(C) slaughtered  
(D) deleted

22. The patient's health \_\_\_\_\_ to such an extent that he was put into intensive care.

(A) declined  
(B) degenerated  
(C) dwindled  
(D) decreased

*Direction (Q. No. 23 to 27) : Tick the choice which express the meaning of the underlined word :*

23. His wife is a very docile person.

(A) easily managed  
(B) easily fooled  
(C) easily disturbed  
(D) easily irritated

24. If you decide to curtail the facilities enjoyed by them, they would surely protest.

(A) strengthen  
(B) criticize  
(C) reduce  
(D) weaken

25. His master dispensed with his services.

- (A) carried on
- (B) did away
- (C) was pleased
- (D) was displeased

26. He tore up the stairs of his house when he heard about the theft.

- (A) walked up
- (B) ran up
- (C) cut up
- (D) jumped up

27. If you waver at the last minute, you will inevitably spoil everything.

- (A) resolve
- (B) settle
- (C) determine
- (D) hesitate

**Direction (Q. No. 28 to 45) :** Choose the appropriate word or phrase which expresses the meaning of the word :

28. **Deride :**

- (A) Entertain
- (B) Mock

(C) Display

(D) Tell

29. **Memento :**

- (A) Remembrance
- (B) Story
- (C) History
- (D) Banner

30. **Congregate :**

- (A) Deturn
- (B) Delay
- (C) Assemble
- (D) Gather

31. **Tenacious :**

- (A) Frightened
- (B) Talkative
- (C) Holding
- (D) Growing

32. **Libel :**

- (A) Defamation
- (B) Slander
- (C) Scandal
- (D) Compensation

33. **Extempore :** (C) Proud

(A) Elaborately (D) Popular  
(B) Emotionally  
(C) Freely  
(D) Spontaneously

34. **Tentative :** (C) Fail to grasp

(A) Appropriate (D) Rest  
(B) Approximate  
(C) Provisional  
(D) Personal

35. **Riddle :** (A) Arrange  
(B) Keep up  
(C) Settle  
(D) Connect

36. **Defection :** (A) Hesitate  
(B) Stammer  
(C) Move uneasily  
(D) Irritate

37. **Zealous :** (A) Surprising  
(B) Confusing  
(C) Convincing  
(D) Embarrassing

38. **Withstand :**

(A) Support

(B) Pass

(C) Fail to grasp

(D) Rest

39. **Maintain :**

(A) Arrange

(B) Keep up

(C) Settle

(D) Connect

40. **Fidget :**

(A) Hesitate

(B) Stammer

(C) Move uneasily

(D) Irritate

41. **Amazing :**

(A) Surprising

(B) Confusing

(C) Convincing

(D) Embarrassing

42. **Anecdote :**

- (A) Novel
- (B) Illustration
- (C) A personal incident
- (D) Accident

43. **Antipathy :**

- (A) Silence
- (B) Friendship
- (C) Ecstasy
- (D) Intense dislike

44. **Exonerate :**

- (A) Punish
- (B) Acquit
- (C) Accuse
- (D) Contaminate

45. **Invincible :**

- (A) Cannot be conquered
- (B) Defeated
- (C) Learned
- (D) Spoken

**Direction (Q. No. 46 to 60) :** Mark the correct meaning of the idiom from the alternative given below :

46. **A snake in the grass :**

- (A) Not reliable person
- (B) Very ferocious snake
- (C) Unforeseen happening
- (D) Unrecognizable danger

47. **To look down one's nose at :**

- (A) To show anger
- (B) To backbite
- (C) To regard with half-hidden displeasure or contempt
- (D) To insult in the presence of others

48. **Hobson's choice :**

- (A) Excellent choice
- (B) No choice at all because there is only one thing to take or do
- (C) Choice to live or die
- (D) First choice

49. **To flog a dead horse :**

- (A) To do a vain thing
- (B) To beat a horse that is dead
- (C) To revive interest in a subject which is out of date
- (D) To act in a foolish way

50. **To be lost in the cloud :**

- (A) To be concealed from the view
- (B) To find oneself in a very uncomfortable position
- (C) To be perplexed
- (D) To meet with one's death

51. **To fly off the handle :**

- (A) To dislocate
- (B) To be indifferent
- (C) To lose one's temper
- (D) To be air borne

52. **To fight tooth and nail :**

- (A) Making every possible effort to win
- (B) To fight cowardly
- (C) To fight heroically
- (D) To fight a losing battle

53. **To let the grass grow under one's feet :**

- (A) To miss the opportunity
- (B) To let things go on in their natural way

54. **To be a good Samaritan :**

- (A) A religious person
- (B) A genuinely charitable person
- (C) To be obedient
- (D) To be law abiding

55. **To risk like a phoenix :**

- (A) To rise with anger
- (B) To get up with start
- (C) Rise with a new life
- (D) To stand up with royal gait

56. **Merry as a cricket :**

- (A) To enjoy a game of cricket
- (B) To be carefree, lively and full of fun
- (C) To be extremely cheerful
- (D) To be good at sports

57. **Between the devil and the deep sea :**

- (A) In a dilemma
- (B) A deep sea diver
- (C) To be evil tempered
- (D) Near the coastline

58. **To worship the rising sun :**

- (A) To honour the promising people
- (B) To welcome the coming events
- (C) To make salutation to the sun early morning
- (D) To honour a man who is comming to office

59. **To read between the lines :**

- (A) To suspect
- (B) To read carefully
- (C) To understand the hidden meaning of the writer
- (D) To do useless things

60. **To face the music :**

- (A) To prepare to give a musical performance
- (B) To suffer hardship
- (C) To have a very happy time
- (D) To suffer evil consequences of one's wicked acts

62. **His appeal fell flat :**

- (A) Effective
- (B) Liked by others
- (C) To produce no effect
- (D) Created interest

63. **He is leaving Kolkata for good :**

- (A) Going for a job
- (B) Permanently
- (C) Temporarily
- (D) Getting married

64. **He had to eat humble pie :**

- (A) Yield to the pressing circumstances
- (B) To be poor
- (C) To be brave
- (D) To be stupid

**Direction (Q. No. 65 to 73) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition :**

65. Every man must answer \_\_\_\_\_ his actions of God.

- (A) to
- (B) for
- (C) into
- (D) of

66. You seem to have broken \_\_\_\_\_ him altogether.

(A) with  
(B) by  
(C) into  
(D) to

67. Parliament will be called \_\_\_\_\_ next session to undertake important legislation.

(A) for  
(B) on  
(C) upon  
(D) in

68. Cholera has carried \_\_\_\_\_ half the people of the village.

(A) into  
(B) off  
(C) to  
(D) in

69. If the weather clears \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon, we shall go for a drive.

(A) with  
(B) upto  
(C) off  
(D) up

70. The event came \_\_\_\_\_ just as he has predicted it.

(A) on  
(B) about  
(C) in  
(D) up

71. A look of terror came \_\_\_\_\_ the sweet smiling office.

(A) over  
(B) into  
(C) to  
(D) upon

72. They forced him, to comply \_\_\_\_\_ their request.

(A) to  
(B) for  
(C) of  
(D) with

73. The man has run \_\_\_\_\_ his whole fortune.

(A) upon  
(B) through  
(C) off  
(D) into

**Direction (Q. No. 74 to 77) : Fill in the blanks with the appropriate determiners :**

74. I gave him \_\_\_\_\_ money.

- (A) a few
- (B) few
- (C) some
- (D) a

75. I need \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) some information
- (B) a piece of information
- (C) a few information
- (D) little bit of information

76. Hurry up ! There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ time left.

- (A) great
- (B) many
- (C) little
- (D) much

77. He isn't very intelligent but he reads \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) much
- (B) too much
- (C) a lot
- (D) lot

**Direction (Q. No. 78 to 92) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate verbs :**

78. He \_\_\_\_\_ this work since morning.

- (A) is doing
- (B) has done
- (C) does
- (D) has been doing

79. He was \_\_\_\_\_ very fast when I met him yesterday.

- (A) walking
- (B) walked
- (C) walk
- (D) walks

80. The bird \_\_\_\_\_ away from the nest.

- (A) flown
- (B) flew
- (C) flies
- (D) is flying

81. He was \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman of the Board.

- (A) electing
- (B) elected
- (C) elects
- (D) elect

82. The traveller \_\_\_\_\_ to death.  
(A) was freezing  
(B) had frozen  
(C) was frozen  
(D) froze

83. He \_\_\_\_\_ run over by a car.  
(A) ran  
(B) was running  
(C) had run  
(D) was run

84. She could not come as she \_\_\_\_\_ ill.  
(A) being  
(B) was  
(C) had been  
(D) was being

85. I \_\_\_\_\_ the train, if I had walked fast.  
(A) had caught  
(B) was catching  
(C) would have caught  
(D) will have caught

86. The batsman \_\_\_\_\_ a run.  
(A) stole  
(B) was stealing

87. Fish and rice \_\_\_\_\_ his favourite food.  
(A) is  
(B) are  
(C) has  
(D) having

88. Each one of them \_\_\_\_\_ rewarded.  
(A) has  
(B) have  
(C) were  
(D) was

89. Neither of them \_\_\_\_\_ present.  
(A) is  
(B) are  
(C) has  
(D) being

90. The Principal with his teachers \_\_\_\_\_ come.  
(A) have  
(B) has  
(C) is  
(D) are

91. Physics \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting subject.

(A) are  
(B) have  
(C) is  
(D) having

92. Not only you but your friend also \_\_\_\_\_ to blame.

(A) is  
(B) are  
(C) has  
(D) have

93. He was ill yesterday, but he is iller today.

(A) Worse  
(B) Poorer  
(C) Good  
(D) No change

94. The police siezed the truck carrying smuggled opinion.

(A) Caught  
(B) Arrested  
(C) Seized  
(D) No change

95. If we introduce compulsory education, the country will make more progress.

(A) Greater  
(B) Larger  
(C) Wider  
(D) No change

96. You have had to suffer for no fault of you.

(A) If you  
(B) Of yours  
(C) By you  
(D) No change

97. He has lived in that house during several years.

(A) Since  
(B) For  
(C) From  
(D) No change

98. The coffee smells strongly.

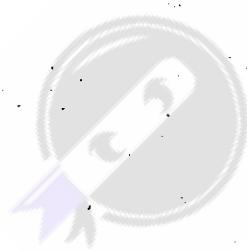
(A) Smells strong  
(B) Is smelling strong  
(C) Has smelled strongly  
(D) No change

99. I shall be away for three days; till you continue with your work.

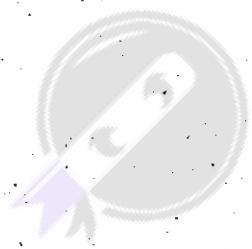
- (A) when
- (B) while
- (C) meanwhile
- (D) no change

100. I cried although I was sad.

- (A) Though
- (B) Because
- (C) Therefore
- (D) No change



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