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## **Section – I**

### **(General English)**

(Questions 1-5) Choose the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase.

1. In light of his financial strain, he cancelled his holiday.

(A) Appreciation of (B) Because of  
(C) Hence (D) None of these

2. He scraped the barrel to win the match.

(A) Tried hard (B) Fought  
(C) Hide (D) Was forced to use his last and weakest resource

3. His assistant is always at his elbow.

(A) Next (B) Far away  
(C) Strong grip (D) Strong bond

4. I wish you bear the palm in the football match.

(A) Bring joyful news (B) Lose a game  
(C) Advocate peace (D) Become winner

5. I haven't seen you in donkey's years !

(A) In very long time (B) In very short time  
(C) In unusual manner (D) In different manner

6. I'll be ready to leave \_\_\_\_\_ about twenty minutes.

**(Choose the correct preposition)**

(A) In (B) On  
(C) At (D) Over

7. You \_\_\_\_\_ have bothered coming. (Choose the correct modal)  
(A) Wouldn't (B) Mightn't  
(C) Needn't (D) Shouldn't

8. Someone has stolen my pen. (Find the passive sentence)  
(A) My pen was stolen  
(B) My pen is stolen  
(C) My pen has been stolen by someone  
(D) My pen had been stolen by someone

9. She wants to become \_\_\_\_\_ lawyer. (Find the correct article)  
(A) A (B) An  
(C) The (D) No article

10. I \_\_\_\_\_ to the supermarket yesterday. (Put the correct tense)  
(A) Went (B) Go  
(C) Will go (D) Have gone

11. Our Country is spiritual country, theirs \_\_\_\_\_ religious.  
(A) is (B) are  
(C) also (D) have

12. Please don't laugh \_\_\_\_\_ those beggars.  
(A) for (B) against  
(C) at (D) from

13. She \_\_\_\_\_ her son for 15 minutes.  
(A) is beating (B) has been beating  
(C) has been beaten (D) beats

14. I did not \_\_\_\_\_ to the university yesterday.  
(A) went (B) go  
(C) gone (D) going

(Questions 15-17) Answer the most appropriate Synonym of the given words.

### 15. PERIODIC:

## 16. DETER:

## 17. NOTION:

(A) THOUGHT	(B) FACT
(C) TRUTH	(D) HYPOTHESIS

Answer the correctly spelt word from questions 18-20.

18.

19.

20.

(Questions 21-25) Answer the most appropriate antonym of the given words.

## 21. Impending :

## 22. Arbitrary:

23. Deter :

(A) Petulant (B) Encourage  
(C) Deficit (D) Acrid

24. Modest :

(A) Unhappy (B) Conceited  
(C) Sullen (D) Glum

25. Impeach :

(A) Expulse (B) Dispel  
(C) Include (D) Dismiss

(Questions 26-30) which is the most appropriate one word substitution of the following ?

26. Speaking without preparation :

(A) Deliberate (B) Fluent  
(C) Loquacious (D) Extempore

27. One who helps people by giving them money or other aid :

(A) Benefactor (B) Beneficiary  
(C) Tycoon (D) Patriot

28. Having infinite power :

(A) Impotent (B) Omnipresent  
(C) Omnipotent (D) Omniscient

29. To accustom oneself to a foreign climate :

(A) Adapt (B) Adopt  
(C) Accustom (D) Acclimatise

30. A post with little work but high salary :

(A) Director (B) Trustee  
(C) Sinecure (D) Ombudsman

31. Ram runs 10km everyday. (Identify the proper noun)

(A) Runs (B) Ram  
(C) Everyday (D) None of these

32. Steven is \_\_\_\_\_ good boy. (Find the correct article)

(A) The (B) A  
(C) An (D) From

33. He still lives in that house. (Name the part of speech of the underlined word)

(A) Adverb (B) Adjective  
(C) Noun (D) Verb

34. He died fighting \_\_\_\_\_ of his country. (Choose correct preposition)

(A) On behalf of (B) For  
(C) From (D) In lieu of

35. Hurray! We have won the match. (Identify the interjection from the sentence)

(A) Won (B) Hurray  
(C) The (D) We

36. Which one of the following is in present perfect tense ?

(A) I have seen him (B) I saw him  
(C) I am seeing him (D) I will see him

37. What is the meaning of the word 'adjudicate' ?

(A) Decide (B) Forecast  
(C) Predict (D) Begin

38. He is smart \_\_\_\_\_ for this task. (Put the most appropriate adverb)

(A) Upon (B) Enough  
(C) Beside (D) Through

39. He ran fast ~~and~~ lost the race. (Put the correct conjunction)

(A) But (B) Because  
(C) Neither (D) So

40. The shirt suits you; you ~~can~~ take it.

(A) Should (B) Would  
(C) Will (D) Need not

41. ~~the~~ sun rises in the East. (find the article)

(A) An (B) A  
(C) The (D) Since

42. Mohan is a good singer. ~~he~~ sings in private parties.

(Choose the correct pronoun)

(A) They (B) These  
(C) His (D) He

43. Sakhi was suffering from ~~it~~.

(A) Diarrhoea (B) Diarhoea  
(C) Diarrea (D) Diarrhoeae

44. The public ~~has~~ right to know the truth. (Choose the correct option)

(A) Should (B) Have  
(C) Has (D) Must

45. The meaning of the word 'epitome' is :

(A) Stature (B) Sadness  
(C) Dumb (D) Example

## **Section – II**

### **(General Knowledge)**

55. Which automobile manufacturer has launched a registered vehicle scrapping facility (RVSF) in India ?  
(A) Tata Motors (B) Mahindra Group  
(C) Maruti Suzuki (D) Hyundai Motors

56. Who invented telephone ?  
(A) Alexander Graham Bell (B) Wright Brothers  
(C) Charles Babbage (D) Sir Issac Newton

57. What is the capital of Bangladesh ?  
(A) Kabul (B) Vienna  
(C) Dhaka (D) Delhi

58. Which is the oldest veda ?  
(A) Sam Veda (B) Yajur Veda  
(C) Atharva Veda (D) Rig Veda

59. Arjuna Award is given for :  
(A) Sports (B) Literature  
(C) Science (D) Bravery

60. Who is the present Chief Justice of India ?  
(A) Justice Ranganath Mishra (B) Justice U. U. Lalit  
(C) Justice Y. V. Chandrachud (D) Justice D. Y. Chandrachud

61. What was the theme of World AIDS Day 2023 ?  
(A) Bridges of Understanding (B) Harmony in Healing  
(C) Let Communities Lead (D) Community for Healing

62. Who among the following formed 'Utkal Brahmo Samaj' at Cuttack ?  
(A) Keshab Chandra Sen (B) Pratap Chandra  
(C) Rammohan Roy (D) Haranath Bhattacharya

63. In which landmark judgement of the Apex Court 'Basic Structure' Doctrine came into being ?  
(A) Minerva Mills v. Union of India  
(B) Raj Narain v. State  
(C) Keshavananda Bharti V. Union of India  
(D) A. K. Gopalan v. State

64. What is the capital of Japan ?  
(A) Beijing (B) Tokyo  
(C) Kobe (D) Osaka

65. Odisha High Court was formally inaugurated in which year ?  
(A) 1947 (B) 1948  
(C) 1949 (D) 1950

66. 'Raas Mahotsav or Raas Leela festival' is celebrated in which state ?  
(A) Rajasthan (B) Assam  
(C) West Bengal (D) Gujarat

67. Which institution launched the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) ?  
(A) NITIAayog (B) ILO  
(C) NSSO (D) DPIIT

68. Who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Indian cricket team by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ?  
(A) Rahul Dravid (B) Sachin Tendulkar  
(C) Wasim Akram (D) Mohammad Kaif

69. Who was the first Chief Justice of Odisha when India became a Republic ?  
(A) Justice Lingaraj Panigrahi (B) Justice Khaleel Ahmed  
(C) Justice Satya Bhushan Burman (D) Justice Bira Kishore Ray

70. Which of the following is the first Odia newspaper of Odisha ?  
(A) Dharitri (B) Utkala Deepika  
(C) Dinalipi (D) Anupam Bharat

71. How many seats are there in Odisha Legislative Assembly ?  
(A) 148 (B) 147  
(C) 145 (D) 151

72. World Aids Day is on :  
(A) Dec 2 (B) Dec 1  
(C) Nov 1 (D) Nov 2



82. 'Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency' is a Public Sector Enterprise under which Union Ministry ?

(A) Ministry of Power  
(B) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy  
(C) Ministry of Science and Technology  
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

83. Who was the first Chief Minister of Odisha State ?

(A) Harekrushna Mahatab (B) Surendra Sai  
(C) Gopabandhu Madhusudan Das (D) Maharaja Siram Chandra Bhanj Deo

84. 'Starlink' is a satellite internet constellation designed and manufactured by which company?

(A) Amazon (B) SpaceX  
(C) Blue Origin (D) Apple

85. The Greenfield International Airport at Goa has been named after which leader ?

(A) Atal Bihari Vajpayee (B) Manohar Parrikar  
(C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (D) Sushma Swaraj

86. Who is the author of 'Jungle Book' ?

(A) Mark Twain (B) R. L. Stevens  
(C) Lewis Carroll (D) Rudyard Kipling

87. Which government institution has the Motto, "Yato Dharmastato Jayah" ?

(A) Supreme Court of India (B) Lok Sabha  
(C) Rajya Sabha (D) CBI

88. Salt is obtained from sea water by which process ?

(A) Evaporation (B) Absorption  
(C) Sublimation (D) Adsorption

89. Which of the following is a scalar quantity ?

(A) Force (B) Pressure  
(C) Momentum (D) Acceleration

### **Section – III**

### **(Logical Reasoning)**

90. If PIPE is written as 169165, then what is the last digit of SWAN ?

**91. STATEMENT**

Some monitors are keyboards.

All keyboards are mouses.

No speaker is mouse.

## **CONCLUSIONS :**

(I) Some mouse are monitors.  
(II) No mouse is speaker.  
(A) Only conclusion (II) follows  
(B) Either conclusion (I) or (II) follows  
(C) Neither conclusion (I) nor (II) follows  
(D) Both conclusions (I) and (II) follow

92. Statements: Some actors are singers. All the singers are dancers.

## Conclusions:

(I) Some actors are dancers.  
(II) No singer is actor.  
(A) Only (I) conclusion follows (Answer)  
(B) Only (II) conclusion follows  
(C) Either (I) or (II) follows  
(D) Neither (I) nor (II) follows

93. Statements : Some ants are parrots. All the parrots are apples.

## Conclusions :

(I) All the apples are parrots.  
(II) Some ants are apples.  
(A) Only (I) conclusion follows  
(B) Only (II) conclusion follows  
(C) Either (I) or (II) follows  
(D) Neither (I) nor (II) follows

94. Today is Monday. After 61 days, it will be :

(A) Wednesday (B) Saturday  
(C) Tuesday (D) Thursday

95. REASON : SFBTPO :: THINK : ?

(A) SGHMJ (B) UIJOL  
(C) UHNKI (D) UJKPM

96. Microphone : Loud :: Microscope : ?

(A) Elongate (B) Investigate  
(C) Magnify (D) Examine

97. College : Student :: Hospital : ?

(A) Nurse (B) Doctor  
(C) Treatment (D) Patient

98. Given statements are :

(I) The Reserve Bank of India has recently put restrictions on few small banks in the country.  
(II) The small banks in the private and co-operative sector in India are not in a position to withstand the competitions of the bigger in the public sector.  
(A) Statement (I) is the cause and statement (II) is its effect  
(B) Statement (II) is the cause and statement (I) is its effect  
(C) Both the statements (I) and (II) are independent causes  
(D) Both the statements (I) and (II) are effects of independent causes

99. Answer according to the statements :

(I) The police authority has recently caught a group of house breakers.  
(II) The citizens group in the locality have started night vigil in the area.  
(A) Statement (II) is the cause and statement (I) is its effect  
(B) Both the statements (I) and (II) are independent causes  
(C) Both the statements (I) and (II) are effects of independent causes  
(D) Both the statements (I) and (II) are effects of some common cause

100. In a certain code language,  
'134' means 'good and tasty';  
'478' means 'see good pictures'  
'729' means 'pictures are faint'.  
Which of the following digits stands for 'see' ?  
(A) 9 (B) 2  
(C) 1 (D) 8

101. In certain code 'TIGER' is written as 'QDFHS'. How is 'FISH' written in that code ?  
(A) GERH (B) GRHE  
(D) GREH (D) GHRE

102. According to a military code, SYSTEM is SYSMET and NEARER is AENRER. What is the code for FRACTION ?  
(A) CARFTINO  
(B) CARFTION  
(C) ARECNOIT  
(D) CARFNOIT

103. If train is called bus, bus is called tractor, tractor is called car, car is called scooter, scooter is called bicycle, bicycle is called moped, which is used to plough a field ?  
(A) Train (B) Bus  
(C) Tractor (D) Car

(Questions 104-106) : Read the given information carefully and answer the problems given below :  
Eight persons A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H are sitting around a circular table but do not needs to be sitting in the same arrangement. Five of them are facing inner while others are facing outward.  
E is third to the right of (C) F sits third to the left of E. Three persons sit between F and (B) G sits third to the right of F who is not facing the centre. D sits third to the right of A, who is not facing the centre.

104. Who among the following is second to the right of B ?  
(A) D (B) C  
(C) E (D) H



113. A person walks 4 km towards west, then turns to his right to travel 9 km. He turns towards east and travels 12 km. Finally, he travels 3 km towards south. How far is he from the initial position (in km) ?

(A) 15 (B) 23  
(C) 18 (D) 10

114. After walking 6 km, I turned right and covered a distance of 2 km, then turned left and covered a distance of 10 km. In the end, I was moving towards the north. From which direction did I start my journey ?

(A) North (B) South  
(C) East (D) West

115. Five friends A, B, C, D and E are staying in the same locality. B's house is to the east of A's house and to the north of C's house. C's house is to the west of D's house. D's house is in which direction with respect to A's house ?

(A) South- East (B) North- East  
(C) East (D) None of these

116. JAK, KBL, LCM, MDN, \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) OEP (B) NEO  
(C) MEN (D) PFQ

117. DEF, DEF2, DE2F2, D2E2F3, \_\_\_\_\_.

(A) DEF3  
(B) D3EF3  
(C) D2E3F  
(D) D2E2F2

118. Arrange the words given below in a meaningful sequence starting with commission of an offence.

1. Police 2. Punishment 3. Crime  
4. Judge 5. Judgement  
(A) 3, 1, 2, 4, 5 (B) 1, 2, 4, 3, 5  
(C) 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 (D) 3, 1, 4, 5, 2

119. Arrange the words given below in a sequence of size from small to large.

1. Elephant 2. Cat 3. Mosquito

4. Tiger 5. Whale

(A) 5, 3, 1, 2, 4

(B) 3, 2, 4, 1, 5

(C) 1, 3, 5, 4, 2

(D) 2, 5, 1, 4, 3

120. Choose the word which is different from the rest.

(A) Rigveda

(B) Yajurveda

(C) Atharvaveda

(D) Ayurveda

121. Choose the word which is different from the rest.

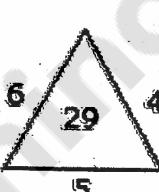
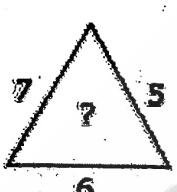
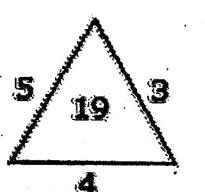
(A) Sparrow

(B) Swan

(C) Parrot

(D) Koel

122. Which one will replace the question mark ?



(A) 25

(B) 37

(C) 41

(D) 47

123. G, J, N, Q, U, \_\_\_\_\_

(A) W

(B) X

(C) Y

(D) Z

124. ACE : BDF : FHJ ?

(A) GIK

(B) GHK

(C) DFH

(D) FHL

125. EIGHTY : GIEYTH :: OUTPUT : ?

(A) TUOTP

(B) TUOUTP

(C) UTOPTU

(D) UOTUPT

**126. ODOMETER : DISTANCE :**

## 127. JAUNDICE : LIVER :

128 EXPLORE : DISCOVER :

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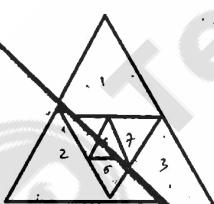
130. During the past year, Josh saw more movies than Stephen.

Stephen saw fewer movies than Darren.

Darren saw more movies than Josh.

If the first two statements are true, the third statement is :

131. How many triangles are there in the given figure?



(A) 12      (B) 11  
 (C) 10      (D) 9

132. Three of the following four words are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out.

## **Section – IV**

### **(Quantitative Aptitude)**

133. A ladder is placed against a wall such that its foot is at a distance of 2.5 m from the wall and its top reaches a window 6 m above the ground. Find the length of the ladder.

(A) 8.5 m (B) 6.5 m  
(C) 4.5 m (D) 2.5 m

134. Mr. Sinha distributes a certain sum of money among his five sons, one daughter and his wife in such a way that each son gets double the amount of his daughter and the wife gets double the amount of each son. If each son gets Rs. 15000, what was the total amount distributed ?

(A) Rs. 123000 (B) Rs. 112500  
(C) Rs. 138500 (D) Rs. 132500

135. Men can develop a mobile app in 3 days. 3 women can develop the same app in 6 days, whereas 6 boys can develop it in 4 days. 3 men and 6 boys worked together for 1 day. If only women were to finish the remaining work in 1 day, how many women would be required ?

(A) 9 (B) 12  
(C) 8 (D) 10

136. The ratio of length and breadth of rectangle is 5 : 2 respectively. The respective ratio of its perimeter and area is 1 : 3 (irrespective of the unit). What is the length of the rectangle ?

(A) 27 units (B) 32 units  
(C) 21 units (D) None of these

137. If the adjacent sides of a rectangle whose perimeter is 60 cm are in the ratio 3 : 2, then what will be the area of the rectangle ?

(A) 864 cm<sup>2</sup> (B) 216 cm<sup>2</sup>  
(C) 60 cm<sup>2</sup> (D) 300 cm<sup>2</sup>

138. The volume of a right circular cone is  $462 \text{ cm}^3$ . If its height is 12 cm, then the area of its base (in  $\text{cm}^2$ ) is :

(A) 124.5 (B) 103.5  
(C) 115.5 (D) 98.5

139. How much time will it take for an amount of Rs. 450 to yield Rs. 81 as interest at 4.5% per annum of simple interest ?

(A) 3.5 years (B) 4 years  
(C) 4.5 years (D) 5 years

140. If  $a - b = 1$  and  $a^3 - b^3 = 61$ , then the value of  $ab$  will be :

(A) 30 (B) 60  
(C) -20 (D) 20

141. The ratio of the age of a father to that of his son is 5 : 2. If the product of their ages in years is 1000, then the father's age (in years) after 10 years will be :

(A) 50 (B) 60  
(C) 80 (D) 100

142. The ratio of number of balls in bags x, y is 2 : 3. Five balls are taken from bag y and are dropped in bag x. The number of balls is equal in each bag now. The number of balls in each bag now is :

(A) 45 (B) 20  
(C) 30 (D) 25

143. The rationalizing factor of  $3\sqrt{3}$  is :

(A)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (B) 3  
(C) -3 (D)  $\sqrt{3}$

144. A, B and C start running at the same time and at the same point in the same direction in a circular stadium. A completes a round in 252 seconds, B in 308 seconds and C in 198 seconds. After what time will they meet again at the starting point ?

(A) 26 minutes 18 seconds (B) 42 minutes 36 seconds  
(C) 45 minutes (D) 46 minutes 12 seconds

145. When 75 is added to 75% of a number, the answer is the number itself. Find 40% of that number ?

(A) 100 (B) 80  
(C) 120 (D) 160

146. B got 20% marks less than A. What percent marks did A got more than B ?

(A) 20% (B) 25%  
(C) 12% (D) 80%

147. A boat covers 12 km upstream and 18 km downstream in 3 hours, while it covers 36 km upstream and 24 km downstream in 6.5 hours. What is the speed of the current ?

(A) 1.5 km/hr (B) 1 km/hr  
(C) 2 km/hr (D) 2.5 km/hr

148. A boat is moving 2 km against the current of the stream in 1 hour and moves 1 km in the direction of the current in 10 minutes. How long will it take the boat to go 5 km in stationary water ?

(A) 1 hr 20 minutes (B) 1 hr 30 minutes  
(C) 1 hr 15 minutes (D) 30 minutes

149. The sum of three consecutive even numbers is 42. Find the middle number of the three ?

(A) 14 (B) 16  
(C) 18 (D) 24

150. The sum of the ages of 5 children born at the intervals of 3 years each is 50 years. What is the age of the youngest child ?

(A) 4 years (B) 8 years  
(C) 10 years (D) None of these