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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK



1. Still, like muffled drums, are beating funeral marches to the grave.

What is the figure of speech used in these lines?

2. Each cloud that floated in the sky. Writes a letter in my book. Identify the figure of speech.

3. Choose the correct infinitive for the following sentence

My father agreed _____ (buy) me a computer.

(A) buying (B) to buy
(C) buy (D) bought

4. Name the underlined word correctly :

Resorting to music, he was able to overcome his grief.

5. Select the correct voice from the given option

He _____ (award) a prize by the government last year.

(A) is awarded (B) will award
(C) will be awarded (D) was awarded

6. Select the right answer

They fail in their duty, _____ ?

(A) don't they
(B) won't they
(C) didn't they
(D) do they

7. Find out the error and correct it with the word from the options given

The cat hid on the door

(A) over (B) behind
(C) into (D) above

8. Fill in the blank with suitable option

Ram is elder _____ Raju.

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

9. Choose the appropriate preposition :

Both Jimmy and Bob were _____ the same age.

(A) on (B) in
(C) at (D) of

10. Match the foreign words in Column A with their meanings in Column B

Column A	Column B
(a) repartee	1. and the rest
(b) etcetera	2. a heavy stick
(c) lathi	3. genuine
(d) bonafide	4. a ready and witty retort

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 4 1 3 2
(B) 3 2 4 1
 (C) 4 1 2 3
(D) 1 4 3 2

11. Match the idioms in Column A with their corresponding meanings in Column B.

(a) at the mercy of	1. to cut off in the early stage
(b) in the pink of	2. to disagree strongly
(c) nip in the bud	3. at the control of others
(d) to be at logger heads	4. extremely healthy

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 1 3 4 2
(B) 2 3 4 1
(C) 4 2 1 3
 (D) 3 4 1 2

12. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word

Women are endowed with unique qualities.

(A) denied (B) abide
 (C) cursed (D) blessed

13. Match the following and fill in the blanks :

Column A	Column B
(a) The police book —— FIR	1. the
(b) —— Red fort is in Delhi	2. zero/no article
(c) He lives in —— America	3. a
(d) She wants to become —— doctor	4. an

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A) 2	3	1	4
(B) 3	2	4	1
(C) 4	1	2	3
(D) 1	3	2	4

14. Fill in the blank with suitable article.

I bought ————— HMT watch.

(A) the	(B) a
(C) an	(D) none

15. What is the figure of speech employed in the following poetic line?

'A child sitting under the piano, in the boom of tingling strings'

(A) Alliteration	(B) Allusion
(C) Simile	(D) Onomatopoeia

16. "Bowed to the earth with bitter woe
or laughing at some raree – show
we flutter idly to and fro"

These lines occur in the poem

(A) The Solitary Reaper	(B) Sonnet No. 116
(C) Is Life But a Dream	(D) Be the Best

17. "The quality of mercy is not strained
It droppeth as gentle rain from heaven".

These are the words of

- (A) William Wordsworth
- (B) William Shakespeare
- (C) William Hazlitt
- (D) John Keats

18. How much does a model get for sitting?

- (A) One shilling an hour
- (B) Two sillings an hour
- (C) Two pounds an hour
- (D) Ten sillings an hour

19. In Oscar Wilde's "The Model Millionaire" _____ is a painter by profession.

- (A) Alan Trevor
- (B) Hughie
- (C) The Colonel
- (D) Baron Hausberg

20. In Oscar Wilde's, "The Model Millionaire" who said the following words to whom?

"Come to me my boy, when you have got ten thousand pounds of your own"

- (A) Alan Trevor to Hughie
- (B) The Colonel to Alan Trevor
- (C) The Colonel to Hughie
- (D) Alan Trevor to Baron Hausberg

21. Pick out the correct plural form for the underlined compound word :

'Woman Student'

(A) Woman Students (B) Women Student
(C) Woman Student (D) Women Students

22. Select the correct plural form of the word, 'premises'

23. Identify the complex sentence :

- (A) I had to walk back home as the transport workers were on strike
- (B) Having completed my work, I set out to play
- (C) Bharath is very arrogant and he will not apologise
- (D) Though she was ill, she obtained a high score in the subject

24. . Identify the type of sentence :

She Sang well yet she didn't win the prize.

- (A) Simple sentence
- (B)** Compound sentence
- (C) Complex sentence
- (D) None of them

25. Find out the compound word that is not formed by joining noun + noun

(A) seafood (B) starlight
(C) school boy (D) software

26. Select the correct pair of homophones to fill in the blanks :

He wants to _____ a flat _____ selling his house.

(A) by, bye (B) buy, by
(C) by, buy (D) bye, by

27. Identify the sentence pattern :

Due to gravity, the earth could hold everything

(A) S V O A (B) A S V O
(C) S V A O (D) A S V C

28. Find out the sentence with an error

I. The girl and her sisters watch television everyday.
II. Ravi doesn't like sports.
III. One of the cookies is missing.
IV. A lady with ten cats live in that big house.

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

29. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition :

The clothes that he has put _____ are very impressive.

(A) of (B) on
(C) out (D) by

30. Find the odd one out :

- I. H.W. Long Fellow
- II. Watt Whitman
- III. D.H. Lawrence
- IV. Annie Louisa Walker

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

31. Find out the odd word :

(A) Clever (B) Wise
 (C) Well (D) Kind

32. "I spread my wings through all the din
Through fears and fight I fly my flight"
Who is the speaker here?

(A) The Migrant Bird (B) Famida Y. Basheer
(C) Aeroplane (D) Fish

33. In the poem "The Solitary Reaper" – "Hebrides" refers to

- (A) a group of stars
- (B) a group of cities
- (C) a group of islands
- (D) a group of people

34. The moral of the story "The Greedy Govind" is _____

Choose the right option and complete the sentence.

- (A) Greediness helps to save money
- (B) Time is saved
- (C) Money is precious
- (D) Greediness in the end leads to spending more

35. In which of the following works superstition among Indians is the central theme?

- (A) Snake
- (B) Keep your Spirits High
- (C) The Mark of Vishnu
- (D) The Cry of the Children

36. Who said this? Choose the right option

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

- (A) Mark Twain
- (B) Swami Vivekananda
- (C) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (D) Kiran Desai

37. Find out to which period William Shakespeare belongs

- (A) 1564–1616
- (B) 1829–1930
- (C) 1868–1938
- (D) 1879–1949

38. The story, "Two Friends" of Guy de Maupassant is set in the background of which of the following countries?

(A) England (B) China
 (C) France (D) Russia

39. The birds did not like to sing in the Giant's garden because

(A) they did not like the garden
(B) they were afraid of the giant
 (C) they were no children
(D) the garden was covered with snow

40. How many years did the selfish giant stay with his friend?

(A) Seventeen years
(B) Five years
(C) Six years
 (D) Seven years

41. Who among the following wrote a poem to admire English language?

(A) Tagore
 (B) V.K. Gokak
(C) A.L. Walker
(D) Walt Whitman

42. The story writer who has written many of her books in Chinese background is
(A) Anton Chekhov ~~(B)~~ Pearl S Buck
(C) Oscar Wilde (D) Saki

43. "Whom are you bringing dancing down"? asked the butterfly. Whom did the butterfly talk to?
(A) The Sun (B) The Beam
~~(C)~~ The Sun beam (D) to its' mother

44. Match the authors with relevant characters from their works :

Characters	Authors
(a) Morisset	1. Lewis Carroll
(b) Masha	2. Rudyard Kipling
(c) Alice	3. Anton Chekov
(d) The Djinn	4. Guy de Maupassant
(a) (b) (c) (d)	
(A) 4 2 3 1	
(B) 3 4 1 2	
(C) 4 3 1 2	
(D) 1 2 3 4	

45. "If you have tears, prepare to shed them now. You all do know this Mantle".

The above lines are spoken by

(A) Julius Caesar ~~(B)~~ Mark Antony
(C) Decius Brutus (D) Calpurnia

46. What is the name of the Indian Poet who wrote the poem "Punishment in Kindergarten"?

(A) Sarojini Naidu
 (B) Kamala Das
(C) V.K. Gokak
(D) Rabindranath Tagore

47. Which nationality does the author of the short story "The Lottery Ticket" belong to?

(A) Russia
(C) France
(B) England
(D) Burma

48. The story "Caught Sneezing" is adapted from a short story by

(A) Rob Reily
(C) Bonnie Chamberlain
 (B) Tammy Ruggles
(D) Oscar Wilde

49. "Unbreakable" is the autobiography of

(A) Kapil Dev
 (B) Tendulkar
(C) Mary Kom
(D) Gavaskar

50. Which nationality does the poet, Henry Wordsworth Longfellow belong to?

(A) France
(C) India
 (B) America
(D) Britain

51. According to Gokhale what requires whole-hearted devotion?

(A) Acquiring knowledge
(B) Sacrifice
(C) Charity
(D) Co-operation

52. "I stood in awe, astonishment and reverence when I saw a walled fortress inside – a standing testimony of the Chola's opulence and vision". What stands as a testimony to the Cholas Opulence?

(A) the temple
(B) the fortress
(C) the museum
(D) the palace

53. The monolith, Yaanai Malai looks like an elephant only when it's viewed from the

(A) North west
(B) South west
(C) North east
(D) South east

54. Choose the correct American English word for 'Holiday'.

(A) Leave
(B) Vacation
(C) Fall
(D) Excursion

55. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word

I bought some biscuits to present Meena who has just delivered a male baby.

(A) Cookies
(B) Fruits
(C) Jam
(D) Milk

56. Choose the correct answer

The prizes _____ by the Chief Guest to the winners.

(A) was distributed (B) were distributed
(C) distributed (D) is distributed

57. Write the verb given in bracket in the correct tense form.

The movie _____ (portray) the story of three friends.

(A) was portraying (B) portray
(C) will portray (D) portrays

58. I _____ (work) in this school since 1998.

(A) have been working (B) has been working
(C) work (D) works

59. Select the correct tense form of the verb in bracket.

The war _____ (last) for eighteen years.

(A) has lasted (B) had lasted
 (C) lasted (D) is lasting

60. Complete the sentence with correct question tag.

He hasn't completed the painting, _____ ?

(A) does he (B) doesn't he
(C) hasn't he (D) has he

61. Match Column A and Column B and choose the correct code from the options given below.

Column A	Column B
(a) Pathologist	1. Studies insects
(b) Ornithologist	2. Studies diseases
(c) Entomologist	3. Studies weather
(d) Meteorologist	4. Studies birds
(a) (b) (c) (d)	
(A) 1 2 4 3	
(B) 2 1 4 3	
(C) 2 4 1 3	
(D) 4 2 3 1	

62. Match the following words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column A	Column B
(a) act upon	1. support
(b) back up	2. obey
(c) bear with	3. stop
(d) break down	4. tolerate
(a) (b) (c) (d)	
(A) 2 1 4 3	
(B) 3 1 2 4	
(C) 4 3 2 1	
(D) 1 2 3 4	

63. Choose the correct 'synonyms' for the underlined word from the options given.

Chaya leaps up and joins the human torrent in the street.

~~(A)~~ an outpour (B) leaking
(C) crowd (D) being

64. Select the correct synonym for the underlined word.

..... He had every accomplishment except that of making money.

(A) victory (B) a well – learned ability
(C) success (D) applause

65. Match the correct Antonyms :

	Column A		Column B
(a)	complex	1.	skillful
(b)	fanciful	2.	main
(c)	novice	3.	simple
(d)	ancillary	4.	unimaginative

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	3	2	4
(B)	2	4	1	3
(C)	3	1	4	2
(D)	3	4	1	2

66. Match the given prefixes (A) with the root words (B) and select the code :

	A		B
(a)	ir	1.	location
(b)	mal	2.	moral
(c)	im	3.	nutrition
(d)	dis	4.	regular

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	1	2	3
(B)	4	3	1	2
(C)	4	3	2	1
(D)	1	2	3	4

67. Choose the best answer by using prefix in the following sentence :

Your voice is _____ audible.

(A) un ✓(B) in
(C) dis (D) im

68. "The highest result of education is tolerance". Who said this?

(A) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
 (B) Helen Keller
(C) Mahatma Gandhi
(D) Alan Poe

69. Who was the ceaseless crusader of women's equality?

(A) Subash Chandra Bose
(B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Rani of Jhansi
 (D) Mahatma Gandhi

70. Has she not greater Intuition, is she not more self – sacrificing, has she?

Choose the synonym of the underlined word from the options given.

(A) insight
(B) intimidation
(C) courage
(D) mentality

71. Who speaks the following lines in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice"
"Most learned judge! A Sentence! Come, Prepare".

(A) Antony
(B) Portia
 (C) Shylock
(D) Duke

72. 'We shall overcome' is derived from

- (A) Charles Tindley's country songs 'I will overcome someday'
- (B) Charles Tindley's gospel song 'I will overcome someday'
- (C) Charles Tindley's Hiphop song 'I will overcome someday'
- (D) Charles Taylor's gospel song 'I will overcome someday'

73. Who holds the longest tenure in Philharmonic history?

- (A) Johannes Brahms
- (B) Oliver Messiaen
- (C) Tinsley Lindley
- (D) Zubin Mehta

74. What is a refrain?

- (A) The first line and the last line are one and the same in the last stanza
- (B) The repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses
- (C) Two words together that have, or seem to have, opposite meanings
- (D) Two repetition of a line or lines within a poem, at given intervals

75. Give the plural form of 'axis'

- (A) axon
- (B) axes
- (C) axesus
- (D) axus

76. Fill in the blank with suitable degree of comparison :

Your choice is _____ mine (Good)

(A) good than (B) better than
(C) best (D) better

77. Which one of the following sentence is not in positive degree?

(A) Very few cities in India are as populous as Mumbai
(B) He runs as swift as deer
 (C) Punitha is smarter than all the other girls in her class
(D) No other animal runs as fast as Cheetah

78. Form a new word by blending the following word : Travel + Catalogue

(A) Travel Catalogue (B) Travelogue
(C) Tracatalogue (D) Travelling Catalogue

79. Which of the following is not a blended word?

(A) Violinist (B) Smog
(C) Techno-wizard (D) Vegeburger

80. Choose the compound word for Gerund + Noun

(A) Walking Stick (B) Air Conditioning
(C) Up Stream (D) Light house

81. Lake Vostok is about 250 kilometres long and 40 kilometres wide making it one of the largest lakes. But nobody has yet touched its waters. This is because it lies under almost four kilometres of ice, in the centre of Antarctica below Russia's Vostok Station, Russian and British Scientists using radar technology confirmed it only in 1996. Where is Lake Vostok?

(A) In the centre of Antarctica (B) In Britain
(C) In the western part of Antarctica (D) In the eastern part of Antarctica

82. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follows :

A painting of a Maratha King welcomes you to the Durbar Hall. On the rear side of the painting an array of Pallava and Chola statues throws light on the craftsmanship and art of their era.

What were the Pallava and the Chola eras famous for?

(A) Paintings (B) Durbar Hall
(C) Craftsmanship (D) Craftsmanship and art

83. Find the sentence which conveys the same meaning.

We do not have sufficient water.

(A) We barely have enough water (B) We often have enough water
(C) We never have enough water (D) We might have enough water

84. Pick out the incorrect sentence

(A) Cakes are softer than cookies
(B) Your Signature is more valid than mine
(C) Your answer is the most relevant
 (D) Reena's work was the most best

89. Match the authors with their works :

(a) William Shakespeare	1. The Solitary Reaper
(b) William Wordsworth	2. The Portrait of a Lady
(c) Robert Lynd	3. Julius Caesar
(d) Kushwant Singh	4. Forgetting

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 1 2 3 4
 (B) 3 1 4 2
(C) 3 1 2 4
(D) 1 4 2 3

90. Who wrote the poem "The Flying Wonder"?

(A) Elizabeth Barret Browning (B) Robert Browning
(C) Walt Witman (D) Stephen Vincent Benet

91. Pick out the right option and complete the sentence :

Jack Pederoso, a 45 year old teacher, was standing on concrete platform just above the storm drain exit, checking _____

(A) for his daughter's arrival
(B) for Celine arrival
(C) for leakage
 (D) that his daughter's horse was all right

92. In the story 'Holiday' for which holiday did Phatik long for?

(A) Summer holiday (B) Puja holiday
(C) Christmas holiday (D) Winter holiday

93. Walt Whitman took to teaching for some time and started his own newspaper, the

(A) Daily Mail
(B) Modern Messenger
 (C) The Long Islander
(D) Great Bugle

94. Which of the following plays is not written by William Shakespeare?

(A) Othello
 (B) Macbeth
 (C) Long Islander
(D) King Lear

95. Who wrote the following lines? Whose words are these?
"We are not advocating Xenophobia not isolation
But all of us have to be clear that nobody is
going to hold our hands to lead us into the
developed country club".

(A) Rabindranath Tagore
(B) Deepa Agarwal
 (C) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(D) Lakshmi Mukuntan

96. The story "The Lottery Ticket" is set in the background of which of the following countries?

(A) France
(B) Italy
(C) England
 (D) Russia

97. "Yea, beg a hair of him for memory, And dying mention it within their wills, Bequeathing it as a rich legacy".

The above lines are taken from

(A) The Merchant of Venice (B) Julius Caesar
(C) Antony and Cleopatra (D) As you like it

98. Match the following :

Column A

(a) The Selfish Giant
(b) The lottery ticket
(c) The Refugee
(d) The last leaf

Column B

1. 'O' Henry
2. Pearl S. Buck
3. Oscar Wilde
4. Anton Chekhov

(a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) 1
 (A) 4 3 2 1
(C) 2 3 4 1
(D) 1 2 3 4

99. Which of the following is a poem?

(A) A Golden Path (B) Music The Hope Reviser
 (C) English Words (D) Two Friends

100. Who among the following is not a character in Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'?

(A) Portia (B) Antony
(C) Brutus (D) Calphurnia