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1. Find out the newly formed blended word, among the words given below, formed from the following words.

Education + Entertainment

(A) educament
 (B) edutainment
(C) edutertainment
(D) educainment

2. Find out the word we get it we blend travel + catalogue.

(A) travelogue
(B) travellogue
(C) tracatalogue
(D) travecatalogue

3. Which new word is formed by blending the words?

International + police

(A) nation police
(B) inter police
(C) international police
 (D) Interpol

4. Fill in the blank with the suitable form of adjective.

Very few cities in India are _____ Mumbai.

(A) as populous as
(B) more populous than
(C) as popular than
(D) most popular as

5. Pick out the sentence in comparative degree.

(A) He run as fast as deer
(B) This is the most delicious dish that I have ever tasted
(C) Mr. Roshanlal is the richest man in his village
 (D) Prevention is better than cure

6. Which one of the following is not a plural word?

(A) genie

(B) strata

(C) foci

(D) alumnae

7. Give the plural form of the word 'Criterion'.

(A) criteri

(B) criter

(C) criterius

(D) criteria

8. Select the correct plural form of the word, 'axis'.

(A) axes

(B) axe

(C) axis

(D) axces

9. Find out the odd word from the options given below.

(A) accompaniment

(B) aisle

(C) baton

(D) forte

10. Find the sentence which conveys the same meaning.

Majority of the students achieved success in their examination.

(A) Very few students failed in their English paper
(B) Very few students achieved success in their examination
 (C) Very few students failed in their examination
(D) Very few passed in their examination

11. Last month, a colourful and memorable Golden Jubilee Annual Day event was organised in our school. Many eminent personalities and educationists graced the occasion.

Why do people celebrate "Golden Jubilee"?

(A) to celebrate 25th anniversary
(B) to celebrate 50th anniversary
(C) to celebrate 60th anniversary
(D) to celebrate 75th anniversary

12. Who is the cunning money lender in "The Merchant of Venice"?

(A) Bassanio
(B) Antonio
 (C) Shylock
(D) Lorenzo

13. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follows

They sweep, they swap, they wash, they cook, they take care of our children and our pets and they look after our elderly. We see them every day. Yet they are invisible. Who are these people "invisible"?

(A) man
(B) woman
(C) children
 (D) domestic workers

14. Which is incorrect in the following sentences?

(A) The weary dancer turned wiry after the final performance

(B) When the pole vaulter cleared 28 feet, it was declared a record

(C) The stranger paused for a few minutes before he passed my house

 (D) Nobody can say weather there will be an improvement in the whether

15. Fill in the blanks with correct "Homophones" :

The chain that I presented to my sister was not made of gold ; it was just _____.

I am suffering from a sense of _____.

(A) gilt, guilty

(B) guilt, gilt

(C) guilty, gilt

 (D) gilt, guilt

16. The teacher wanted me to submit my work within a week.

How do grammarians call the underlined verb in the above sentence?

(A) concord

(B) intransitive verb

(C) finite verb

 (D) infinitive

17. Which sentence is correct in using the participle

The dog saw the stranger. It barked loudly

(A) The dog barked loudly to see the stranger

(B) The dog saw the stranger and barked loudly

(C) The barked dog saw the stranger

 (D) Seeing the stranger, the dog barked loudly

18. We, the Tamilians, have been holding aloft this ideal for more than two thousand years as expressed in Purananuru (182). What is the tense used above?

- (A) Present perfect
- (B) Past perfect
- (C) Past Perfect Continuous
- (D) Present perfect continuous

19. English _____ (speak) all over the world by millions of people.

Fill the blank with correct voice.

- (A) was spoken
- (B) had spoken
- (C) was being spoken
- (D) is spoken

20. Write the verb given in bracket.

Using the correct Tense form.

I _____ (see) this movie already.

- (A) saw
- (B) had seen
- (C) have seen
- (D) seeing

21. Choose the correct statement for the following tag question

_____, does he?

- (A) Madhav doesn't speak Telugu
- (B) Madhav don't speak Telugu
- (C) Madhav do not speak Telugu
- (D) Madhav speaks Telugu

22. Choose the right preposition and fill in the blanks :

The papers are to be prepared _____ a month.

(A) by

 within

(C) on

(D) for

23. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

Transcription is _____ process of listening to an audio file and writing what has been said verbatim in _____ same language that the original speaker used.

(A) a, the

(B) an, the

(C) the, a

 the, the

24. Karthik is _____ famous violinist.

Fill in the blank with a suitable article.

(A) an

 a

(C) the

(D) none

25. Choose the appropriate article to complete the sentence :

"What _____ amazing model" Whispered Hughie"?

(A) the

 an

(C) a

(D) all the three

26. It snows continuously.

Find out the antonym of the underlined word.

- (A) regularly
- (B) intermediate
- (C) alternately
- (D) intermittently

27. Choose the correct “Antonyms” for the underlined word from the options given.

Taj Mahal is a beautiful monument.

- (A) unclean
- (B) ugly
- (C) worst
- (D) bad

28. Find the out the meaning of the underlined word from the options given below.

Muhammad Ali was an American professional Pugilist and an activist.

- (A) an artist
- (B) a bowler
- (C) a boxer
- (D) a linguist

29. Choose the correct meaning for the word “countenance”.

- (A) neck
- (B) next
- (C) face
- (D) beauty

30. Replace the underlined word with its equivalent American English word
"The tall tree sheds its leaves during the autumn".

(A) down

(B) laid

fall

(D) spring

31. To the Land of snow – prose, “ But When I step off the bus in Munsiyari, all memories of the bizarre journey vanish”

The word Vanish means.

disappear

(B) appear

(C) diminish

(D) decrease

32. “To live unknown beyond the cherished circle” what does the word ‘cherished circle’ mean?

(A) friends

family

(C) soldiers

(D) passengers

33. “The first step is to set yourself clear goals, to define precisely what you want to achieve”.

What is the first step to success?

(A) assets

goal

(C) time

(D) money

34. The selfish, Giant built a high wall all round it, and put up a notice board _____

(A) Trespassers will be prosecuted
(B) Trespassers will be respected
(C) Trespassers will be welcomed
(D) Trespassers will be allowed

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

“Our car ran out of Petrol”

(A) oil
 (B) gasoline
(C) water
(D) power

36. Who speaks the following lines in Shakespeare's?

“The Merchant of Venice”,

“The quality of mercy is not strain'd

It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven”

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

37. “But mercy is above this sceptred sway

It is enthroned in the hearts of Kings

It is an attribute to god himself

And earthly power doth then show likest God's

When mercy seasons justice”.

It is from Shakespeare's _____ play

(A) The Tempest
(B) Julius Ceaser
(C) Much Ado about Nothing
 (D) The Merchant of Venice

38. "For, all day the wheels are droning, turning,
Their wind comes in our faces"

What is the meaning of 'droning'
in the above poetic lines?

(A) Making a continuous no sound
 (B) Making a continuous low sound
(C) Making a continuous high sound
(D) Making a continuous sound

39. "Had he and I but met
By some old ancient inn"

Who met whom?

(A) The poet met his foe
(B) The poet met his friend
(C) The poet met his brother
(D) The poet met his father

40. Identify the figure of speech used in the following lines :

"And I thought of the albatross
And I wished he would come back, my snake"

(A) Allusion
(B) Simile
(C) Metaphor
(D) Repetition

41. "Life, what is it but a dream"?

What is the figure of speech used in this line?

(A) Simile
(B) Personification
 (C) Metaphor
(D) Alliteration

42. "We Claim to dwell in quiet and seclusion".

The word 'We' in this line stands for the _____.

- (A) Human souls
- (B) Male Chauvinists
- (C) Enemy soldiers
- (D) Suppressed women

43. 'India is a nation of billion people. A nation's progress depends upon how its people think'.

Whose lines are these?

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (B) Gandhiji
- (C) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- (D) Abraham Lincoln

44. Who speaks the following lines?

"But mercy is above this sceptred sway,

It is enthroned in the hearts of kings,

It is an attribute to God himself"

- (A) Antonio
- (B) Shylock
- (C) Duke
- (D) Portia

45. Match the following and choose the correct :

Column A	Column B
(a) William Shakespeare	1. India
(b) Kulothungan	2. U.S.A.
(c) T.S. Eliot	3. Nigeria
(d) Gabriel Okara	4. England

Code :

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A) 1	3	4	2
(B) 2	3	4	1
(C) 3	1	2	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D) 4	1	2	3

46. Shakespeare has penned a total of _____ sonnets.

(A) 134

(B) 144

(C) 154

(D) 164

47. In which of these following poems, these lines occur?

“Glad till the dancing stops, and the

Lilt of the music ends”.

(A) Granny, Granny, please Comb my hair

(B) A Tiger in the Zoo

(C) No men are foreign

(D) Laugh and Be Merry

48. 'Evangeline' is an anthology of poems written by

(A) Anne Louisa Walker

(B) H.W. Longfellow

(C) William Wordsworth

(D) Elizabeth Barret Browning

49. Johnsy was counting backward from number

(A) Eleven

(B) Twelve

(C) Fifteen

(D) Sixteen

50. Choose a compound word, from the following, having 'Adjective + Verb' form.

(A) deep-fry

(B) outrun

(C) sea food

(D) school boy

51. Match the following and choose the correct sentence

(a) Noun + Noun	1. in sight
(b) Adverb + Noun	2. dry clean
(c) Noun + adjective	3. star light
(d) Adjective + verb	4. radio-active

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

(A) 3 4 1 2

(B) 2 3 4 1

(C) 4 1 3 2

(D) 3 1 4 2

52. Which one of the following words is an example of a compound word consisting of noun + verb?

1. school boy

2. radio-active

3. waterfall

4. downcast

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

53. Identify the sentence which is in superlative degree.

1. Mr. Roshanlal is the richest man in his village.
2. Mr. Roshanlal is a rich man.
3. No other man is so rich as Mr. Roshanlal.
4. The rich man of the village is Mr. Roshanlal.

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

54. Which one of the following is not a complex sentence?

(A) It is really surprising that he has not been arrested by the police

(B) Unless you work hard, you will not clear the semester

(C) As my uncle was not willing to help me, I had to apply for a loan from the bank

(D) Look at the signature carefully and you will know the forgery.

55. Pick out the simple sentence from the following sentences.

(A) I wanted to buy a house where there is a greenery and fresh air

(B) This is a sweet mango from my garden

(C) The transport workers were on strike so I had to walk back home

(D) When the thief saw the dog, he ran away

56. Identify the type of sentence.

Being intelligent, she got the job.

(A) simple sentence

(B) compound sentence

(C) complex sentence

(D) none of these

57. Find out the odd one

- (A) rhythm
- (B) alliteration
- (C) paraphrase
- (D) metre

58. Which of the following is not a poem?

- 1. Once upon a time
- 2. Manliness
- 3. The man he killed
- 4. The Queen of Boxing

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

59. Select the correct sentence from the following.

- (A) In spite of heavy rain, the match was continued
- (B) Despite of heavy rain, the match was continued
- (C) Though it rained heavily, the match will be continued
- (D) It rained heavily but the match will be continued.

60. Pick out the correct meaning of the sentence.

How dare you ask me such a question?

- (A) He was a cheat
- (B) He was so bold
- (C) He was a coward
- (D) He was a liar

61. Pick out the correct meaning for the underlined word:

The stench was so nauseating.

- (A) smell
- (B) small
- (C) flavour
- (D) perfume

62. Find out the error and correct it with a suitable word given in the options.

I prefer train than bus.

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

63. Which one of the following sentences has an error in it?

- I. No other road is more narrow as this one.
- II. Rain water is the purest form of natural water.
- III. Reena's work was the best.
- IV. Apples are not so sweet as Mangoes.

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

64. Find out the sentence pattern of the following :

Reading made him a complete man.

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

65. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form to complete the sentence :
_____ to music, he was able to over come his grief.

- (A) resort
- (B) to resort
- (C) resorted
- (D) resorting

66. In primitive times, stone implements _____ (employ) to kill animals.
Fill in the blanks with passive voice verb.

- (A) is employed
- (B) were employed
- (C) has employed
- (D) have employed

67. Select the sentence in the other voice for the below given sentence :
Magdalene is singing the prayer.

- (A) The prayer is sung by Magdalene
- (B) The prayer is being sung by Magdalene
- (C) The prayer is being singing by Magdalene
- (D) The prayer was being sung by Magdalene

68. Fill in the blanks using the correct voice of the verbs given below :
You cannot meet the captain of the Cricket Team now, as he _____ by the reporter at the moment.

- (A) is being interviewed
- (B) was interviewed
- (C) will interview
- (D) interview

69. Supply suitable question tag.

He should see a doctor if he is unwell, _____?

(A) shall he?

(B) shouldn't he?

(C) does he?

(D) should he?

70. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement?

I'm not late _____?

(A) aren't I

(B) am I

(C) have I

(D) had I

71. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

The absent – minded man is often a man who is making the best _____ life and therefore has no time _____ remember the mediocre.

(A) about, for

(B) for, to

(C) of, to

(D) with, to

72. The cat hid _____ the door.

Fill in the blank with correct preposition.

(A) behind

(B) at

(C) with

(D) under

73. Fill in the blank with a suitable “prefix” from the options given below :
Your school organised an _____ school sports event at Nehru Stadium. Write a report.

(A) enter
 (B) inter
(C) multi
(D) poly

74. Match the words in Column A with the suffixes in Column B

	Column A		Column B
(a)	magic	1.	- ity
(b)	manage	2.	- al
(c)	able	3.	- ly
(d)	slow	4.	- ment
	(a) 2	(b) 1	(c) 4
	(A) 4	(B) 3	(C) 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	4	1
(D)	3	1	4

75. Add a suffix to the word 'exception'.

(A)ment
 (B)al
(C)ance
(D)ful

76. Choose the antonym of “invaluable”, from the following options.

(A) valuable
 (B) valueless
(C) very useful
(D) worthy

77. Choose the correct “Synonyms” for the underlined word from the option given. Vedanthangal was an exceptional place for the students of ornithology.

(A) excellent (B) good
 (C) extra-ordinary (D) unusual

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

Column A				Column B			
(a) lay by		1.	move back				
(b) lay over		2.	keep away				
(c) stand off		3.	stop at a place				
(d) stand back		4.	keep for future use				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
	4	3	2	1			
(B)	3	2	1	4			
(C)	1	4	2	3			
(D)	2	1	4	3			

79. Match the words and phrases in Column A with their meanings in Column B and choose the correct code below.

Column A				Column B			
(a) cocktail face		1.	physically strong				
(b) absurdity		2.	mixed emotions				
(c) Stalwart		3.	Poisonous teeth				
(d) fangs		4.	silly and foolish				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
	1	2	4	3			
(B)	2	1	4	3			
	2	4	1	3			
(D)	4	3	2	1			

80. You must resist continuously to defend your right views.

(A) stand off  stand out
(C) stand in (D) stand by

81. " I told them
When I grow up
I'm not going to be a scientist
Or someone who reads the news on TV
No, a million birds will fly through me
'I'm going to be a tree'.
What does she/he want to become?

(A) tree
 (B) scientist
 (C) news reader
 (D) teacher

82. Why did art find a place, even in concentration camps?

(B) Art is part of survival
 (C) Music is a luxury and a lavish thing
 (D) Art is wasting our time

83. How did Messiaen spend his time in prison?

(A) Composing music and playing music
 (B) Telling story and writing
 (C) Cutting the cloths
 (D) Simply sitting and talking

84. With whom the selfish giant had stayed for seven years?

(A) with his friend
 (B) with the child
 (C) with the children
 (D) with his son

85. "Even as young girl She preferred to sketch and paint airplanes rather than to dress up her Barbie dolls".

Who is the girl referred to here?

(A) Kalpana Chawla
(B) Meena Alexander
(C) Chitra Diwakaruni
(D) Sunita Williams

86. In which trip Kalpana Chawla said, "The Ganges Valley looked majestic, mind – boggling". "Africa looked like a desert and the Nile a vein in it".

(A) Her first space flight
(B) Her second space flight
(C) Her first air travel
(D) Nothing above all

87. You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish

Nor turn our thoughts away" These lines appear in _____.

(A) Women's Rights
(B) The Man he killed
(C) Shilpi
(D) O Captain My Captain

88. "Will no one tell me what she sings?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow"

The above lines are taken from "_____"

(A) Where the mind is without fear
(B) Going for water
 (C) The Solitary Reaper
(D) Sonnet No. 116

89. Match the poems with the poets :

(a) The Piano	1. H.W. Longfellow
(b) O Captain! My captain	2. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
(c) The cry of the children	3. Walt Whitman
(d) A Psalm of life	4. D.H. Lawrence

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

90. Which nationality does the story 'Swept Away' belong to?

(A) England
(B) Poland
(C) India
 (D) France

91. Which of the following short story writers wrote 'The Refugee'?

(A) H.H. Munro
(B) Oscar Wilde
(C) Rudyard Kipling
 (D) Pearl S. Buck

92. Who wrote the auto-biography, "My Country My Life"?

(A) Khushwant Singh
(B) Arjun Singh
 (C) L.K. Advani
(D) Rajendra Prasad

93. Who is the poet of the following line?

"He's broken every human law, he breaks the law of gravity."

(A) T.S. Eliot
(B) John Keats
(C) Shelley
(D) Wordsworth

94. Which period the underlined poet belongs to?

1. William Shakespeare
2. D.H. Lawrence
3. Walt Whitman
4. H.W. Long Fellow

(A) 15th Century
(B) 16th Century
(C) 18th Century
(D) 19th Century

95. Match the works with the authors.

Column A	Column B
(a) Be the Best	1. Norman Nicholson
(b) Off to Outer Space Tomorrow	2. Thomas Hardy
(c) A Noiseless Patient Spider	3. Douglas Mallock
(d) The Man He Killed	4. Walt Whitman

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

96. Which is the smallest migrant bird of the following?

(A) William Warbler (B) Wagtail
(C) Wild Duck (D) Sparrow

97. Match the folk arts with the states concerned :

(a) Kathak	1. Gujarat
(b) Garba	2. Andhra Pradesh
(c) Odissi	3. Uttar Pradesh
(d) Kuchipudi	4. Odisha

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

98. Match the author with the relevant title :

(a) Oscar Wilde	1. The Face of Judas Iscariot
(b) Tammy Ruggles	2. Making Visible the Invisible
(c) Bonnie Chamberlain	3. Sam
(d) Kalpana Sharma	4. The Model Millionaire

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

99. Match Column A with Column B

Column A	Column B
(a) Selfish Giant	1. Lovely music
(b) Happy Prince	2. Heaven
(c) Paradise	3. Cornish Ogre
(d) Linnet	4. Oscar Wilde

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

100. Who is the poet popularly known as a Nature Poet?

(A) William Shakespeare	(B) John Dryden
(C) Robert Frost	(D) William Wordsworth