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2. This Question Booklet contains 200 questions. Prior to attempting to answer, the candidates are requested to check whether all the questions are there in series and ensure there are no blank pages in the question booklet. **In case any defect in the Question Paper is noticed, it shall be reported to the Invigilator within first 10 minutes and get it replaced with a complete Question Booklet. If any defect is noticed in the Question Booklet after the commencement of examination, it will not be replaced.**
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1. Choose the suitable synonym for the underlined word in the following :

... they can laugh to scorn the power of armaments.

- (A) sermons
- (B) weapons
- (C) talents
- (D) wealth

2. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.

See what a rent the envious casca made.

- (A) greedy
- (B) shameless
- (C) foolish
- (D) jealous

3. I am transfixed.

Choose the word which is not a synonym of the underlined word in the above sentence.

- (A) impressed
- (B) frightened
- (C) confused
- (D) fascinated

4. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word in this sentence.

Your attitude towards the authorities is one of greater or less hostility.

- (A) lavishness
- (B) kindness
- (C) friendliness
- (D) righteousness

5. Choose the root word that cannot be attached with the prefix 'counter'.

- (A) act
- (B) indicate
- (C) clockwise
- (D) part

6. Fill in the blank with a suitable article.

Man is ————— only animal who uses fire.

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

7. Choose the appropriate article that and fill in the blank.

I have brought you ————— collection of award-winning books of this year

- (A) an
- (B) a
- (C) some
- (D) the

8. Pick out the sentence with the wrong usage of article.

- (A) I read a book
- (B) He drives an old car
- (C) I asked her for an advice
- (D) Let's go to park

9. Complete the following sentence with a correct question tag.

People shouldn't be rude to one another, _____?

- (A) don't they?
- (B) have they?
- (C) should they?
- (D) shouldn't they?

10. Choose the suitable question tag for the statement given below.

We hardly ever speak to each other.

- (A) could we?
- (B) do we?
- (C) hadn't we?
- (D) didn't we?

11. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb, choosing from the given options.

Last month, the ship with its crew _____ lost.

- (A) was
- (B) are
- (C) have
- (D) have been

12. Choose the correct passive form of the following sentence.

The organisers have successfully completed the assigned task.

- (A) The assigned task is successfully completed by the organizers
- (B) The assigned task has been successfully completed by the organizers
- (C) The assigned task will have been successfully completed by the organizers
- (D) The assigned task have been successfully completed by the organizers

13. Choose the correct passive form of the following sentence.

When did the chief guest conclude his speech?

- (A) When was the speech concluded by the chief guest?
- (B) When had the speech been concluded by the chief guest?
- (C) When will the speech be concluded by the chief guest?
- (D) When is the speech being concluded by the chief guest?

14. Choose the correct non-finite verb to fill in the blank.

_____ along the seashore, I saw a beautiful sight.

- (A) Driven
- (B) Having driven
- (C) To drive
- (D) Driving

15. We smelt something burning in the kitchen.

The underlined part of the sentence is a/an _____.

- (A) infinitive
- (B) present participle
- (C) past participle
- (D) gerund

16. Choose the part of the sentence which is wrong.

My new neighbour is / the most worst person / I have ever met/ in my life

- (A) My new neighbour is
- (B) The most worst person
- (C) I have ever met
- (D) In my life

17. Choose the part which has an error.

The widowed lady is / now enough strong / to face the challenges / of life.

- (A) The widowed lady is
- (B) Now enough strong
- (C) To face the challenges
- (D) Of life

18. The Maharaja of Travancore said, " Be assured that the wielding of a spade, or the driving of a plough in one's own interest, is not less honourable than scratching foolscap (paper) with goose quills (pens)."

These words talk of the _____.

- (A) greatness of education
- (B) Problem of unemployment
- (C) dignity of labour
- (D) bane of physical work

19. Thomas Alva Edison stepped from a train and walked down the platform. The station master knew how forgetful the inventor was. Therefore, he would ask him a customary question.

The word 'customary' in this passage mean _____.

- (A) annoying
- (B) futile
- (C) humorous
- (D) habitual

20. Pick out the odd one based on the part of speech.

- (A) valuable
- (B) brilliantly
- (C) dangerous
- (D) personal

21. Pick out the odd word on the basis of its function.

- (A) difference
- (B) withdraw
- (C) translate
- (D) classify

22. Pick out the odd word, based on the word-class they belong to.

- (A) approval
- (B) wastage
- (C) authorise
- (D) guidance

23. "There never were two brothers more devoted to each other"

Whom does Stephen Vincent Benet refer in the above given lines?

- (A) Wright Brothers
- (B) Laurel and Hardy
- (C) Tom Sawyer and Hucklebury Fin
- (D) Jack and Jill

24. Choose the plural form of the word 'alumna' from the options given below.

- (A) alumnas
- (B) alumnus
- (C) alumnae
- (D) alumni

25. Fill in the blanks with correct degree of comparison.

Aluminium is _____ gold.

- (A) heavy
- (B) not heavier than
- (C) more heavy of
- (D) heaviest than

26. Choose the correct sentence based on degrees of comparison.

- (A) Kumar is more helpful than most other persons.
- (B) Reena's work was the most best.
- (C) Henry is the good batsman in our team.
- (D) Leela is more clever than her sister.

27. Identify the correct pair of words for the blended word 'motel'

- (A) Motorway + hotel
- (B) Motor + hotel
- (C) Motorable + hotel
- (D) Mobile + hotel

28. Choose the word formed by blending 'television' and 'broadcast'.

- (A) visioncast
- (B) telecast
- (C) visionbroad
- (D) telebroad

29. Form a new word by blending the words 'emote' and 'icon'

- (A) emotion
- (B) emoton
- (C) emoticon
- (D) emocon

30. Identify the figure of speech used in the following lines.

“Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!”

- (A) Metaphor
- (B) Personification
- (C) Simile
- (D) Oxymoron

31. Complete the following poetic line by choosing the correct option given below” :

If you can't be a highway, then
just be a _____.

- (A) scrub
- (B) muskie
- (C) trail
- (D) bass

32. In the poem 'O Captain! My Captain', The speaker celebrates the end of the _____.

- (A) American Civil War
- (B) Crimean War
- (C) Second World War
- (D) Indo-China War

33. Complete the following line from the poem 'A Psalm of Life'.

“Art is long, and _____.”

- (A) Life is short
- (B) Time is fleeting
- (C) Heart is strong
- (D) Science is growing

34. Fill in the blank with the right option:

Caesar's wife stopped him from going to the Senate House because _____

- (A) the weather was very bad
- (B) he was not keeping good health
- (C) it was an inauspicious day
- (D) she had bad dreams

35. The Selfish Giant heard a _____ singing outside the window

- (A) sparrow
- (B) nightingale
- (C) linnet
- (D) cuckoo

36. Mahatma Gandhi and his wife Kasturba were both born in the same year in

- (A) 1860
- (B) 1866
- (C) 1868
- (D) 1869

37. The philharmonic symphony orchestra is based in _____ city in the United States.

- (A) Chicago
- (B) New Orleans
- (C) Los Angels
- (D) New York

38. Atushi Deshpande compares the majestic peaks of the Panchekuli range with the five _____ . (Fill in the blank with the right option.)

- (A) Elements of nature
- (B) Knights of ancient Rome
- (C) Mythological Pandavas
- (D) Armed forces of the United States

39. Choose the correct British English word for 'Faucet'.

- (A) shower
- (B) tap
- (C) nozzle
- (D) pipe

40. Choose the equivalent American English word for 'underground'.

- (A) subway
- (B) tunnel
- (C) pavement
- (D) pipeline

41. Match the following and choose the right order.

- | A | | B | |
|--|-----|------------------|-----|
| (a) The cry of the children | 1. | D.H. Lawrence | |
| (b) Migrant Bird | 2. | Ashwin Parthiban | |
| (c) The piano | 3. | Famida.Y.Basheer | |
| (d) Shilpi | 4. | E.B. Browning | |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (C) 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (D) 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

42. Identify the recipient of the 'Kalpana Chawla Award' from the options below.

- (A) Mother Teresa
- (B) Saina Nehwal
- (C) Sunita Williams
- (D) Dr. A. Pushpanjali

43. Complete the following line from Portia's speech in 'The Merchant of Venice'. (Choose from the options given below.)

"The quality of mercy is not strain'd
It droppeth as the _____.

- (A) dry leaves from the trees
- (B) milky mist from the sky
- (C) gentle rain from heaven
- (D) sweet nectar from blossoms

44. Match the Column A with the Column B. Select the correct code given below.

Column A		Column B	
(a) Don't Quit		1. Randall Jarrel	
(b) With a Friend		2. Famida Y. Basheer	
(c) Bat		3. Edgar A. Guest	
(d) Migrant Bird		4. Vivian Gould	

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

45. The Nobel Laurette Rabindranath Tagore is a _____ poet.
- (A) Marathi
 - (B) Punjabi
 - (C) Bengali
 - (D) Gujarathi
46. The first collected edition of Shakespeare's _____ appeared in 1609.
- (A) plays
 - (B) stories
 - (C) articles
 - (D) sonnets
47. In which poem does the following line occur?
"They too, aware of sun and air and water"
- (A) Night
 - (B) A Poison Tree
 - (C) No Men Are Foreign
 - (D) What Trees Are For
48. Identify the author of the poem "MANLINESS".
- (A) Francis Bacon
 - (B) Rabindranath Tagore
 - (C) Rudyard Kipling
 - (D) Sundara Ramasamy
49. The poem "Sonnet No.116" speaks of the _____
- (A) Destructive power of time
 - (B) Qualities of true love
 - (C) Permanence of Art
 - (D) Greatness of god

50. Match List I with List II and select your answers using the codes given below :

List I				List II			
(a)	a penny for your thoughts	1.	to take advantage				
(b)	to cash in on	2.	very well behaved				
(c)	as good as gold	3.	two contrasting characters in the same category				
(d)	two sides of the same coin	4.	tell me what you are thinking about				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
(A)	1	2	3	4			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B)	4	1	2	3			
(C)	3	1	2	4			
(D)	2	1	3	4			

51. Match the phrasal verbs under Column A with their single word substitutes under Column B.

A				B			
(a)	stand by	1.	investigate				
(b)	put off	2.	support				
(c)	look into	3.	demand				
(d)	call for	4.	postpone				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
(A)	4	1	3	2			
(B)	1	3	4	2			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (C)	2	4	1	3			
(D)	3	1	2	4			

52. Match the phrasal verbs under Column A with their meanings under Column B and choose the correct order.

A				B			
(a)	carry out	1.	maintain				
(b)	keep up	2.	resemble				
(c)	take after	3.	continue				
(d)	go on	4.	execute				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
(A)	2	3	1	4			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B)	4	1	2	3			
(C)	3	1	4	2			
(D)	1	4	3	2			

53. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word.

Women's marvellous power is lying dormant.

- (A) ordinary
- (B) magnificent
- (C) bright
- (D) active

54. Choose the appropriate antonym of the word underlined in the following sentence.

It may repress the triumph of malignant criticism.

- (A) adequate
- (B) negative
- (C) benign
- (D) elaborate

55. Choose the suitable prefix that can be added to the word 'indicate' to form a derivative.

- (A) pre-
- (B) post-
- (C) contra-
- (D) counter-

56. Choose the root word with which a derivative cannot be formed with the suffix '-able'.

- (A) comfort
- (B) avail
- (C) access
- (D) notice

57. Identify the correct preposition from the options given below.

The girl is standing ————— two pillars.

(A) at

(B) for

(C) with

(D) between

58. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

Thirukkural has been translated ————— many languages.

(A) into

(B) to

(C) of

(D) on

59. Choose the appropriate preposition from the given options and fill in the blank.

Mr. Roshanlal is the richest man ————— his village.

(A) on

(B) over

(C) upon

(D) in

60. Choose the appropriate Question Tag for the following statement.

I am a brilliant boy, —————?

(A) isn't I?

(B) aren't I?

(C) amn't I?

(D) am I?

61. Fill in the blank by using the correct tense form of the verb given in the brackets.

Our teacher always _____ (come) to school in time.

- (A) will come
- (B) comes
- (C) is coming
- (D) are coming

62. Fill in the blank with the suitable tense form of the verb given in brackets.

The guests _____ (leave) before I reached home.

- (A) left
- (B) have left
- (C) had left
- (D) were leaving

63. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

'How did you ask such a question?'

- (A) How did such a question was asked by you?
- (B) How was such a question asked by you?
- (C) How have such a question asked by you?
- (D) How had such a question asked by you?

64. Find out the sentence where gerund is used.
- (A) The society has nothing to do with entertainment
 - (B) He assisted me in filling this form
 - (C) The sound made him run away
 - (D) On entering the room, he switched on the lights

65. Pick out the sentence of 'SVCA' Pattern
- (A) He is a professor with a lot of experience
 - (B) The crowd cheered him lustily
 - (C) My father gave me a pen
 - (D) He painted the car blue

66. Identify the sentence pattern:-

It will make you mad.

- (A) S V O C
 - (B) A S V O
 - (C) S V O A
 - (D) S V I O D O
67. Identify the odd sentence pattern
- (A) My mother keeps the house clean
 - (B) It will make you mad
 - (C) They proved him wrong
 - (D) Rani is a kind nurse

68. Identify which part of the given sentence has an error.

You, who is my friend, should not blame me

A B C D

- (A) You
- (B) Who is my friend
- (C) Should not blame
- (D) Me

69. Our knees tremble sorely in the stooping.

We fall upon our faces, trying to go.

Give the meaning of the word 'stooping'

(A) bending backward

(B) bending forward

(C) closing eyes

(D) eating stew

70. Choose the correct sentence framed by rearranging the following jumbled parts.

a feast / as good/ enough / is / as

(A) As good is enough as a feast

(B) Enough is as good as a feast

(C) As good as a feast is enough

(D) A feast is as enough as good

71. Select the sentence that expresses an idea, which is different from the rest.

(A) You must take good rest or you'll not be alright.

(B) If you take good rest, you'll be alright.

(C) Though you take good rest, you'll not be alright.

(D) Unless you take good rest, you'll not be alright.

72. Choose the correct sentence from the options given below.

(A) This suitcase is so heavy and I could not carry it.

(B) This suitcase is very heavy so that I cannot carry it.

(C) As this suitcase is heavy, therefore I cannot carry it.

(D) This suitcase is too heavy for me to carry.

73. Choose the suitable plural form of the word 'taxi'.
- (A) taxis
 - (B) taxes
 - (C) taxies
 - (D) taxius
74. Identify the simple sentence from the options given below
- (A) The milkman came when the sun rose.
 - (B) If it rains the match will be cancelled.
 - (C) On seeing the snake, she ran away.
 - (D) Though he is thin, he is strong.
75. Select the correct sentence.
- (A) If I had a bicycle, I shall reach early.
 - (B) If I had had a bicycle, I would have reached early.
 - (C) If I had a bicycle, I will reach early.
 - (D) If I have had a bicycle I could reach early.
76. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence
If I were the wind, _____
- (A) I would have travelled everywhere.
 - (B) I would have been travelled everywhere.
 - (C) I would travel everywhere.
 - (D) I will travel everywhere.
77. Identify the sentence in which the superlative degree of the adjective is used
- (A) He is not stronger than I.
 - (B) Calcutta is the largest town in India.
 - (C) This razor is not as sharp as that one.
 - (D) Joshi writes more interestingly than most historians.

78. Choose the compound word formed of the combination 'Adjective + Noun'

- (A) windmill
- (B) life-long
- (C) shorthand
- (D) passport

79. Choose the compound word formed of the combination 'Adjective' + 'Verb'

- (A) homesick
- (B) dryclean
- (C) wristwatch
- (D) birthright

80. The compound word 'intake' is formed of the combination _____

- (A) Adverb + Verb
- (B) Adverb + Preposition
- (C) Adjective + Noun
- (D) Noun + Verb

81. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence

"With the teacups circling around me like the planets round the Sun".

- (A) Oxymoron
- (B) Simile
- (C) Metaphor
- (D) Personification

82. Which of the following lines is taken from the poem "The Solitary Reaper"?
- (A) Stop here, or gently pass!
 - (B) There's something for all of us here
 - (C) Learn to labor and to wait
 - (D) It is the star to every wand'ring bark
83. 'Nursing Brotherhood' was organized by _____
- (A) Swami Vivekananda
 - (B) Mahatma Gandhi
 - (C) Subhas Chandra Bose
 - (D) A.P.J. Abdul kalam
84. "Every dawn is preceded by a thick darkness. The dawn is therefore close at hand.
So Cheer up! Hold the Indian flag aloft and fight on!"
- The above sentence is said by
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
 - (B) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - (C) Subhas Chandra Bose
 - (D) Nelson Mandela
85. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill the blank
"I pray you, let me look upon the bond".
- This is from Shakespeare's drama,
- (A) Twelfth night
 - (B) The Merchant of Venice
 - (C) As you like it
 - (D) Julius Caesar

86. Who composed the German Requiem?

- (A) Johannes Brahms
- (B) Benjamin Britten
- (C) Joseph Haydn
- (D) Robert Browning

87. Read the passage and choose the option that indicates the idea contained in the passage.

But since both are indispensable, I would urge on you that you should attach as much importance to character as to knowledge.

- (A) Both knowledge and character are very essential
- (B) Character alone is important and indispensable
- (C) Character is inferior to knowledge
- (D) Knowledge is not so important as character

88. Success in life depends more on _____ than on knowledge as per Gokhale's words.

- (A) Attitude
- (B) Appearance
- (C) Character
- (D) Wealth

89. What is the English equivalent of the Tamil word "Karuvarai".

- (A) Secret chamber
- (B) Government treasury
- (C) Queen's bower
- (D) Sanctum sanctorum

90. Which of the following is a Russian short story?

- (A) The Refugee
- (B) The Last Leaf
- (C) The Lottery Ticket
- (D) The Selfish Giant

91. Which of the following short stories is written by Hector Hugh Munro?

- (A) Open Window
- (B) A Close Encounter
- (C) The selfish giant
- (D) How the Camel got its Hump

92. Which of the following is the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi?

- (A) An Autobiography
- (B) Wings of Fire
- (C) The story of My Experiments with Truth
- (D) Waiting for a Visa

93. Thomas Hardy is a/an _____ poet.

- (A) Australian
- (B) Russian
- (C) British
- (D) Italian

94. "You must be the change you wish to see in the world".

Who said these words?

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (B) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- (C) Mahatma Gandhi
- (D) Bala Gangadhar Tilak

95. To which period does D.H. Lawrence belong?

- (A) 1770-1850
- (B) 1807-1882
- (C) 1819-1892
- (D) 1885-1930

96. "The Wooden Bowl" is a short story written by _____

- (A) Oscar Wilde
- (B) Leo Tolstoy
- (C) Rabindranath Tagore
- (D) Ruskin Bond

97. According to Diwan Singh, in five to ten years, people will migrate from their place due to

- (A) Flash Floods
- (B) Changes in the economy
- (C) Water Scarcity
- (D) Poverty

98. A folk song containing a story is called _____.

- (A) couplet
- (B) ballad
- (C) villupattu
- (D) oration

99. Match the authors with the titles of their works.

A		B	
(a) Every Living Thing	1.	E.M. Forster	
(b) The Gift of the Magi	2.	James Herriot	
(c) The Helping Hand	3.	Oscar Wilde	
(d) The Selfish giant	4.	O. Henry	

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

100. Match the characters in Column A with the authors in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A		Column B	
(a) Hughie	1.	Kalpana Sharma	
(b) Celine	2.	Oscar Wilde	
(c) Sonu	3.	Tammy Ruggles	
(d) Shelly	4.	Susannah Hickling	

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