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**Previous Year Paper**  
**General English**  
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1. Which is the correct indirect speech of the following sentence ?

She said, "I did my work".

- (a) She said that she does her work.  
(b) She said that she had done her work.  
(c) She said I did my work.  
(d) She said that I had done my work.



2. Which is the correct indirect speech of the given sentence ?

Ram said to Sita, "Who are you ?"

- (a) Ram asked Sita who are you. (b) Ram asked Sita who you are.  
(c) Ram asked Sita who she was. (d) Ram asked Sita who was she.

3. Choose the correct verb form :

My friends \_\_\_\_\_ the Prime Minister yesterday.

- (a) see (b) have seen  
(c) saw (d) will see

4. 'Superannuation' refers to

- (a) retirement (b) promotion  
(c) appointment (d) suspension

5. Which is the correct indirect speech of the following ?

The teacher told us, "Don't write on the table."

- (a) The teacher forbade us to write on the table.  
(b) The teacher forbade us not to write on the table.  
(c) The teacher told us that do not write on the table.  
(d) The teacher told us do not write on the table.



6. Choose the correct meaning of 'To turn down'.

- (a) give up (b) reject  
(c) sink (d) follow

7. 'A white elephant' means \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) an elephant with white skin (b) a costly thing  
(c) a costly and useful thing (d) a costly and useless thing

Costly Possessive

8. Correct the following sentence :

Unless he will ask me, I shall not help him.

- (a) Unless he asks me, I shall not help him.  
(b) Unless he asked me, I shall not help him.  
(c) Unless he ask me, I shall not help him.  
(d) Unless he will ask me, I will not help him.

9. Select the most appropriate verb :  
The campers \_\_\_\_\_ their tent at the base of the mountain.
- (a) established (b) grounded  
(c) pitched (d) installed
10. Choose the appropriate verb :  
I tried to run away from the police station but I was \_\_\_\_\_ by my long coat.
- (a) arrested (b) hampered  
(c) intervened (d) saved
11. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :  
\_\_\_\_\_, he was there as a butler, although he had come to steal the jewels.
- (a) Ostentatiously (b) Obviously  
(c) Primarily (d) Ostensibly
12. Give one word for 'someone beyond correction or improvement'.
- (a) Incurable (b) Inexplicable  
(c) Indispensable (d) Inevitable
13. Fill in the blank with the correct phrasal verb :  
She took two weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ the shock.
- (a) get on (b) get along  
(c) get up (d) get over
14. Complete the sentence with the correct option given below :  
If the summer had been dry, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) the harvest will be better (b) the harvest would have been better  
(c) the harvest would be better (d) the harvest is better
15. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option given below :  
You \_\_\_\_\_ how on a hot day it is often cooler under a tree than inside a building.
- (a) had noticed (b) must have noticed  
(c) were noticing (d) seemed to notice
16. Give the antonym of the word 'sanguine'
- (a) optimistic (b) genuine  
(c) pessimistic (d) altruistic
17. Give one word for the expression 'liable to make mistakes'.
- (a) Flexible (b) Impeccable  
(c) Pliable (d) Fallible

18. Choose the correct form of the sentence given below :

My sister is cooking dinner every evening.

- (a) My sister is cooking the dinner every evening.
- (b) My sister cooks dinner every evening.
- (c) My sister has cooked a dinner every evening.
- (d) My sister cook dinner every evening.



19. Select a word which is opposite in meaning to 'Disgusting'.

- (a) Happy
- (b) Comfortable
- (c) Pleasing
- (d) Clean

20. Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option :

If he comes today, \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) tell him to see me.
- (b) tell him to sees me.
- (c) asks him to see me.
- (d) ask him to sees me.

21. Fill in the blank with correct preposition :

So many servants attended \_\_\_\_\_ him during his prolonged illness.

- (a) for
- (b) on
- (c) at
- (d) beside

22. Give one word for 'A man with abnormal habits'.

- (a) eccentric
- (b) sceptic
- (c) supercilious
- (d) arrogant



23. Give one word for 'a speech delivered without any previous preparation'.

- (a) maiden
- (b) novel
- (c) extraordinary
- (d) extempore

24. What is 'a book published after the death of its author' called ?

- (a) poste-haste
- (b) postscript
- (c) posterior
- (d) posthumous

25. Fill in the blank choosing the correct form of verb :

Three hundred miles \_\_\_\_\_ not a short distance.

- (a) is
- (b) were
- (c) are
- (d) None of the above

26. Choose the synonym of the word 'redundant'.
- (a) bitter (b) redoubtable  
(c) superfluous (d) formidable
27. The expression 'pros and cons' means
- (a) good and evil (b) former and latter  
(c) foul and fair (d) for and against a thing
28. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form :  
By the time evening arrives, we \_\_\_\_\_ the task at hand.
- (a) finished (b) had finished  
(c) will have finished (d) would finishing
29. Supply the appropriate option in agreement with the subject :  
One cannot really understand another country until \_\_\_\_\_ studied its history and culture.
- (a) they have (b) one has  
(c) he has (d) I have
30. What is the term for 'a group of dancers' ?
- (a) batch (b) board  
(c) troop (d) troupe
31. What is the meaning of the office term 'turnover' ?
- (a) Total business done by a company in a year.  
(b) Total money spent by a company in a year.  
(c) Total goods bought from manufacturer.  
(d) Bill of exchange paid after a period of time.
32. What does the term 'CC' stand for in office communication ?
- (a) Cash Card (b) Credit Card  
(c) Chamber of Commerce (d) Carbon Copy
33. Fill in the blank with correct option :  
It \_\_\_\_\_ if you had not caught it.
- (a) will break (b) was breaking  
(c) would have broken (d) would break
34. Give the synonym of the word 'meticulous'.
- (a) steadfast (b) humid  
(c) painstaking (d) quaint

35. Fill in the blank with the correct option given below :

\_\_\_\_\_ poems he has written are all of great excellence.

- (a) Few (b) A few  
(c) The few (d) Fewer

36. Point out the correct sentence.

- (a) Always he is at home on Sundays.  
(b) He is at home always on Sundays.  
(c) He is at home on Sundays always.  
(d) He is always at home on Sundays.



37. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below :

He \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the gym regularly before his accident.

- (a) used (b) was used  
(c) need (d) dared

38. Give the meaning of the idiom 'tight-lipped'.

- (a) To be miserly (b) To be harsh  
(c) Refusing to give information (d) Behaving stiff

39. Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verb :

There is no point in asking Tony to help on Saturday. He always \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) lets us off (b) lets us down  
(c) lets us in (d) lets us up



40. Fill in the blank with a suitable phrasal verb :

Let's just \_\_\_\_\_ what we want to say at the meeting once more.

- (a) run over (b) run through  
(c) run along (d) run down

41. Choose the correct sentence.

- (a) The more they get, more they want.  
(b) More they get, the more they want.  
(c) More they get, more they want.  
(d) The more they get, the more they want.

Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions (42 to 49) given below it :

Parents may concentrate on thinking how their children will get their livelihood, employers on how their employees will earn their pay. But neither parents nor their employees necessarily take a narrow view of education; they would agree that education should produce young people not merely able to get a livelihood but willing to earn it. Experience has taught them that efficiency, which is necessary if all parties – parents, employees and young workers – are to be satisfied, depends on character as well as on skill, knowledge and examination successes, on quality as well as on qualifications. Parents and employees are ready to agree that education should train young people to use their leisure time sensibly and well, but they would go further; they are interested in the ways young people use their time whenever they are ‘on their own’ – all the time that is left to their own responsibility : time spent in the family circle and unsupervised working-time, as well as free leisure time. They believe that young people should be educated in the responsible use of freedom. All responsible people, whether they think about education primarily as parents, employers or citizens, have much in common in what they expect from it. They expect it to help people to grow in quality and to get qualifications, and they look for the results of education to show themselves – as character, knowledge and skill – in the four main aspects of life; at all ages in family and private personal life; at adolescent and adult ages in life as workers earning a livelihood and citizens exercising civic responsibilities.



42. As per the passage, result of education is reflected through \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) qualifications, knowledge and character
  - (b) quality, knowledge and skills
  - (c) knowledge, skills and character
  - (d) taking challenges and having the capacity to cope with them
43. According to the writer, education should churn out young people to be \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) able to cope within and without the family.
  - (b) able to get a job.
  - (c) able to work hard and achieve their goal.
  - (d) able and willing to earn their livelihood.



44. "They believe that young people should be educated in the responsible use of freedom." To whom does 'they' refer in the passage ?
- (a) All the citizens (b) Parents  
(c) Employees (d) Parents and employees
45. What is the meaning of the term 'concentrate' in the passage ?
- (a) Extremely serious (b) Excessive ability  
(c) Exclusive quality (d) None of the above
46. Give the noun form of 'sensibly'.
- (a) senseless (b) sensibility  
(c) sensible (d) to sense
47. Give the opposite of 'responsible', by adding a prefix.
- (a) irresponsible (b) unresponsible  
(c) inresponsible (d) disresponsible
48. Which of the following is not an abstract noun ?
- (a) livelihood (b) education  
(c) family (d) experience
49. What does 'leisure-time' indicate in the given passage ?
- (a) Free time when children are minded by an instructor.  
(b) Free time when children are left to themselves.  
(c) Free time when children are at home.  
(d) Free time spent with friends.
50. Point out the correct reported speech of the following sentence :  
Don't spill it on the carpet.
- (a) He was told don't spill it on the carpet.  
(b) He was asked do not spill it on the carpet.  
(c) He was told not to spill it on the carpet.  
(d) He was asked to not to spill it on the carpet.
51. Fill in the blank with suitable verb :  
The old beggar was \_\_\_\_\_ by a mad dog.
- (a) bite (b) bitted  
(c) bitten (d) bites

52. The word 'utensils' is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) gadgets (b) cutlery  
(c) hammers (d) weapons
53. Choose the correct option to substitute the following :  
These flowers smell sweetly.
- (a) This flowers smell sweet. (b) These flowers smell sweet.  
(c) These flowers smells sweetly. (d) These flower smells sweet.
54. Choose the correct option to complete the following :  
He asked me \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) what was the shortest way back (b) what the shortest way back is  
(c) what the shortest way back was (d) what back way was shortest
55. The word 'expose' is closest in meaning to :
- (a) sprain (b) conceal  
(c) decorate (d) display
56. Fill in the blank with the suitable form of verb :  
Had she worked hard she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) pass (b) would pass  
(c) would have been passed (d) would have passed
57. Choose the correct form of the underlined part :  
They insisted to go to Kanyakumari.
- (a) insisted for going (b) insisted going  
(c) insisted on going (d) No change
58. Another word for business 'tycoon' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) master (b) magnate  
(c) officer (d) manager
59. The passive form of the following sentence is -  
Who killed the tiger ?
- (a) Who was killed by the tiger ? (b) Whom the tiger killed ?  
(c) By whom was the tiger killed ? (d) Was the tiger killed by him ?
60. Which of the following verbs is not followed by the preposition 'for' ?
- (a) atone (b) wish  
(c) pine (d) acquiesce
61. Which of the following gives the meaning of the idiom 'Walk on air' ?
- (a) to glide (b) to be very happy  
(c) to achieve success (d) to prosper

62. Complete the following sentence with the correct option :  
 \_\_\_\_\_ she tried, she could not adjust to life in a hostel.  
 (a) Much as (b) However  
 (c) So much as (d) How much
63. Provide the correct verb :  
 This knife is too blunt. You need to \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
 (a) sharp (b) ensharp  
 (c) sharpen (d) sharp up
64. Complete the sentence, choosing the correct option :  
 This young woman has been a trapeze artist \_\_\_\_\_  
 ever since she was four years old. (b) from when she was four.  
 (c) for the time after her fourth year. (d) while in fourth year.
65. Choose the correct prepositions to fill in the blanks :  
 She lives \_\_\_\_\_ C13 \_\_\_\_\_ Vikram Apartments, Agra.  
 (a) at; in (b) in; at  
 (c) in; in (d) at; at
66. The idiom 'By the dint of' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) by accident (b) by the route of  
 (c) by means of (d) as an example of
67. Fill in the blank with correct alternative :  
 The gate \_\_\_\_\_ opened.  
 (a) does (b) would  
 (c) was (d) ought
68. The opposite of 'bravery' is  
 (a) coward (b) cowardly  
 (c) cowardice (d) cowardness
69. Which of the following sentence is correct ?  
 (a) He died of grief. (b) He died from grief.  
 (c) He died with grief. (d) He died by grief.
70. Which of the following gives the meaning 'to destroy completely' ?  
 (a) kill (b) annihilate  
 (c) tear apart (d) None of the above
71. 'He helped the Drama Club in staging the new play.' The interrogative form of this sentence is -  
 (a) Has he helped the Drama Club in staging the new play ?  
 (b) Did he help the Drama Club in staging the new play ?  
 (c) Did he stage the new play for the Drama Club ?  
 (d) What did he do for the Drama Club ?

72. Fill in the blank with the correct option :  
He generally \_\_\_\_\_ at an odd hour.
- (a) turns over (b) turns on  
(c) turns up (d) turns off
73. Choose the correct alternative for changing the following interrogative sentence into an assertive one :  
Who does not love his country ?
- (a) Everyone loves his country. (b) Everyone does not love his country.  
(c) Everyone love his country. (d) Someone loves his country.
74. Give one word for 'one who hates women'.
- (a) Misanthrope (b) Misogynist  
(c) Feminist (d) Effeminate
75. Choose the correct antonym of 'malicious'.
- (a) benevolent (b) spiteful  
(c) foe (d) repulsive
76. Give the synonym of 'compendium'.
- (a) index (b) collection  
(c) glossary (d) summary
77. Fill in the blank with the correct verb as given below :  
Either Mohan or his friends \_\_\_\_\_ this mistake.
- (a) can made (b) have made  
(c) makes (d) has making
78. Fill in the blank with appropriate determiner given below :  
\_\_\_\_\_ people have car.
- (a) The few (b) A little  
(c) The little (d) A few
79. The idiom 'The Alpha and Omega' means :
- (a) a beautiful object (b) beginning and end  
(c) a good man (d) something divine
80. The idiom 'A snake in the grass' means :
- (a) a hidden enemy (b) a recognizable danger  
(c) not a reliable person (d) unexpected happening
81. The synonym of 'provoke' is :
- (a) say (b) command  
(c) danger (d) excite
82. Find the correct meaning of the following idiom :  
'A man of straw'
- (a) Unreasonable person (b) A man of no substance  
(c) A very active person (d) A worthy person

83. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :  
The company set up a \_\_\_\_\_ to assist the customers/clients communicating with them.
- (a) help desk (b) kiosk  
(c) booth (d) room
84. One of the following proverbs means the same as "a stitch in time saves nine".
- (a) Something is better than nothing.  
(b) Prevention is better than cure.   
(c) Make hay while the sun shines.  
(d) A bird in hand is worth two in the bush.
85. "He was head and shoulders above the rest in the class" means that he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) was very tall ✓ (b) was proud and aloof  
(c) had no equal (d) had an impressive physique ✓
86. To 'turn turtle' means
- (a) to capsize (b) to make an about turn  
(c) to become a turtle ✓ (d) to creep slowly
87. The antonym of 'zenith' is
- (a) acme (b) pinnacle  
(c) surface (d) nadir
88. The synonym for the word 'fragile' may be
- (a) agility (b) angry  
(c) glad (d) brittle 
89. Fill in the blank with correct alternative :  
Children \_\_\_\_\_ obey their parents.
- (a) may (b) might  
(c) should (d) ought
90. The antonym of 'judicious' is
- (a) active (b) intelligent  
(c) foolish (d) zealous
91. What is a netizen-driven society ?
- (a) A society crazy about internet.  
(b) A society crippled by internet.  
(c) A society making the optimum use of internet.  
(d) A society exploited by internet.

92. Give one word for the following :  
'A room where plates, pots etc. are washed'

- (a) Restaurant (b) Pantry  
(c) Scullery (d) Kitchen

93. Give the correct order of the jumbled sentence :

- (P) however desirable (Q) they are not desirable at any price  
(R) one must be cautious that (S) be the results on investment  
(a) Q P S R (b) R Q S P  
(c) R P S Q (d) R S Q P

94. Give the synonym of the word 'venom'.

- (a) poison (b) honey  
(c) tobacco (d) nectar

95. Fill in the blank with correct preposition :

She is vexed \_\_\_\_\_ me.

- (a) across (b) in  
(c) off (d) with

96. Fill in the blank with appropriate preposition :

Suresh is worthy \_\_\_\_\_ remembrance.

- (a) at (b) of  
(c) with (d) to

97. Give the correct option:

The writer and teacher \_\_\_\_\_ dead.

- (a) is (b) am  
(c) would (d) have been

98. Choose the correct preposition :

That old house is being offered \_\_\_\_\_ sale.

- (a) in (b) for  
(c) at (d) on

99. Supply the correct verb :

If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I would forgive him.

- (a) was (b) were  
(c) am (d) been

100. Give one word for the following :

'A person fond of sensuous enjoyments'

- (a) Epicure (b) Puritan  
(c) Stoic (d) Bohemian