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1. Re-order the following sentences into a meaningful paragraph :
 P. He waited for her, he fumbled and stood. Q. She came.
 R. Till he drew away. S. But she stood back
 (a) P Q S R (b) S R Q P (c) Q S R P (d) R S Q P
2. Re-order the following sentences into a meaningful paragraph :
 P. but his tradition was carried forward by Plato.
 Q. that eventually became the starting point of European thought.
 R. it was Plato who authored a series of dialogues in question and answer format.
 S. Socrates left no written words behind him.
 (a) P Q R S (b) S Q R P (c) Q R S P (d) S P R Q
3. Re-arrange the following sentences into a meaningful paragraph :
 P. with this note the nation's capital played host to World Book Fair.
 Q. the Book Fair attracted men, women and children in a large number.
 R. the year 2002 was declared the 'Year of Books' by National Book Trust.
 S. the Book Fair was indeed a spectacle to watch.
 (a) P S Q R (b) S Q R P (c) Q P R S (d) R P Q S
4. Give the active voice for the following sentence :
 He was praised by his father.
 (a) He praised his father. (b) His father had praised him.
 (c) His father praised him. (d) His father praises him.
5. Re-arrange the following sentences into a meaningful paragraph :
 P. are the most manifest. Q. that the beneficial effects of cold.
 R. it is in the temperate countries. S. of Northern Europe.
 (a) Q S R P (b) P R Q S (c) R S Q P (d) S R Q P
6. Re-order the following sentences into a meaningful paragraph :
 P. is the Q. one of the peculiarities
 R. multiplication of the books S. which distinguish the present age.
 (a) Q S P R (b) S P Q R (c) R P Q S (d) P Q R S

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (Q. No. 7 to Q. No. 11)

The simple fact of unbroken continuity of ancient Hindu traditions is no big deal in itself. For tradition, after all, may become a burden and clinging to some outdated traditions may be an obstacle to progress and development. The caste system, for instance, is often cited as an obnoxious tradition associated with the Hindu civilization which tends to split the Hindu Society. But the caste system was only a social arrangement as distinguished from religious arrangement in the old Indian society envisaging an occupational division of labour. It was mentioned as "Varna" system in scriptures as an existing fact of social life and was not a part of Hindu religious system. The following verse of Rigveda suggests that a person's occupation was not necessarily determined by that of his family even in those times : "I am a bard, my father is a physician, my mother's job is to grind the corn." And all apostles of Hindu family of religions from ancient to modern times have categorically rejected caste based distinctions between man and man.

7. Complete the following sentence with the options given below :
 The caste system in the old Indian society was only a/an _____.
 (a) Social arrangement (b) Religious arrangement
 (c) Cultural arrangement (d) Administrative arrangement

8. Which word in the passage gives the following expression ?
 "Very rude, offensive or unpleasant"
 (a) clinging (b) envisaging (c) obnoxious (d) apostle
9. Complete the following sentence with the options given below :
 Occupational division of labour was mentioned in _____.
 (a) Social books (b) Religious books (c) Political books (d) Historical books
10. Transform the following sentence into indirect speech :
 He said to me, "I am a bard, my father is a physician, my mother's job is to grind the corn".
 (a) He told me that I am a bard, my father is a physician, my mother's job is to grind the corn.
 (b) He asked me that was a bard, his father was a physician, his mother's job is to grind the corn.
 (c) He told me that he was a bard, his father was a physician, his mother's job was to grind the corn.
 (d) He told me that he is a bard, his father is a physician, his mother's job is to grind the corn.
11. Which of the following is often held responsible for splitting the Hindu society ?
 (a) Some outdated traditions (b) Caste system
 (c) Family system (d) Both (a) and (b)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (Q. No. 12 to Q. No. 16)

People moan about poverty as a great evil; and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more happiness obtained from life in the humble cottage of the poor man than in the palaces of the rich. It is because I know how sweet and happy and pure the house of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and from social envies and jealousies – how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family.

12. Give antonym of the word :
 'genuine'
 (a) original (b) fake (c) honest (d) authentic
13. According to the passage :
 Can a poor man be happy ?
 (a) Yes (b) No
 (c) Both (a) and (b) above (d) None of these
14. What is required to be happy in life as mentioned in the given passage ?
 (a) One should be rich. (b) People should be wealthy.
 (c) One should have humanitarian attitude. (d) One should have a lot of authority.
15. Change the sentence into passive voice :
 People moan poverty.
 (a) Poverty was moaned by people. (b) Poverty will be moaned by people.
 (c) Poverty would be moaned by people. (d) Poverty is moaned by people.
16. Give the synonym of the word :
 'humble'
 (a) proud (b) arrogant (c) cruel (d) polite

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (Q. No. 17 to Q. No. 21)

The capitalist system of society does not foster healthy relation among human beings. A few people own all the means of production and others though nominally few have to sell their labour under conditions imposed upon them. The emphasis of capitalism being on the supreme importance of material wealth, the intensity of its appeal is to the acquisitive intensity. It promotes worship of economic power with little regard to the means employed for its acquisition and the end that it serves. By its exploitation of human beings to the limits of endurance its concentration is on the largest profit rather than maximum production. Thus, the division of human family is done on the basis of economic circumstances. All this is injurious to division of human dignity. And when the harrowed poor turns to the founders of religion for succour, they rather offer a subtle defence of the established order. They promise future happiness for their present suffering and conjure up visions of paradise to redress the balance to soothe the suffering and the revolt of the tortured man. The system imposes injustice, the religion justifies it.

17. Capitalism is injurious to human relations because it divides society into groups, i.e.
- (a) working and non-working
 - ☒ (b) exploiters and exploited
 - (c) religious and irreligious
 - (d) buyers and sellers
18. In a capitalist system of society each man wishes
- (a) to acquire maximum wealth. ✓
 - (b) to donate maximum wealth.
 - (c) to have vision of paradise.
 - (d) to soothe the suffering of others.
19. The passage indicates that the capitalist system is
- (a) fair
 - ☒ (b) ambitious. ✓
 - (c) prosperous
 - ☒ (d) dehumanising
20. The established order is supported by religion to
- (a) alleviate the suffering of the poor in the capitalist system.
 - (b) end the injustice imposed by the capitalist system.
 - ☒ (c) balance the suffering of the poor with hopes of future rewards.
 - (d) help to the tortured man to seek redress.
21. In the capitalist system :
- ☒ (a) the means justify the ends.
 - (b) the ends justify the means.
 - (c) the means endorsed by religion are strictly followed.
 - (d) means which lead to exploitation are strictly prohibited.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : (Q. No. 22 to Q. No. 26)

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure but very substantially. At the stroke of the mid-night hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedicating to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity. At the dawn of history, India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers itself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future ?

22. Which of the following are waiting for us ?

- (a) Greater achievements
- (b) Greater triumphs
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) Time to rule over other countries

23. Transform the following sentence into passive voice :

"We shall redeem our pledge."

- (a) Our pledge will be redeemed.
- (b) Our pledge shall be redeemed.
- (c) Our pledge will have been redeemed.
- (d) Our pledge will redeem.

24. Which of the following pledges of dedication need to be taken ?

- (a) The service of India.
- (b) The service of Indian people.
- (c) The service of humanity.
- (d) All of these



25. Which of the following statements is incorrect ?

- (a) At this moment, India will awake to life and freedom.
- (b) A period of fortune has come to an end for India.
- (c) We need to ignore the opportunity.
- (d) We must continue struggle for freedom.

26. Which of the words given below means "A secret meeting between two people" ?

- (a) Pledge
- (b) Tryst
- (c) Quest
- (d) Grasp

27. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :
The sun rises in _____ East and sets in _____ West.
(a) an, a (b) a, the (c) the, the (d) a, and
28. Fill in the blank with suitable article :
Some children suffer from _____ fear of the dark.
(a) a (b) the (c) an (d) and
29. Choose the correct option of preposition to fill in the blank :
They are dealing _____ the fertilizer business.
(a) of (b) for (c) with (d) in
30. Select the correct preposition to fill in the blank :
Are you aware _____ the risks ?
(a) of (b) on (c) with (d) for
31. Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank :
I'll be at home _____ Friday.
(a) in (b) on (c) at (d) during
32. Fill in the blank space with suitable preposition :
A drowning man clutches _____ a straw.
(a) to (b) at (c) with (d) for
33. Choose correct preposition to fill in the blank :
_____ the end of July I'll have read all those books.
(a) At (b) In (c) By (d) For
34. Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction from the choices given below :
He finished first _____ he began late.
(a) till (b) though (c) until (d) yet
35. Choose a suitable conjunction from the options given below :
Walk quickly, _____ you will not overtake him.
(a) else (b) unless (c) if (d) rather
36. Fill in the blank with correct conjunction from the options given below :
Grievances cannot be redressed _____ they are known.
(a) as (b) though (c) unless (d) while
37. Fill in the blank with suitable article from the options given below :
He is looking for _____ job.
(a) the (b) an (c) a (d) and
38. Fill in the blank with appropriate article from the options given below :
Man is _____ only animal that uses fire.
(a) a (b) the (c) an (d) and
39. Use an article, if necessary to fill in the blank :
Shri Surendranath was _____ excellent orator.
(a) a (b) an (c) the (d) or

40. Fill in the blank with correct form of verb "see" :
I _____ him thrice last week.
(a) see (b) seen (c) sees (d) saw
41. Choose the correct verb form from the options given below :
The Prime Minister _____ make a statement tomorrow.
(a) want (b) need (c) is to (d) couldn't
42. Fill in the blank with correct modals from the options given below :
We tried hard but we _____ persuade them to come with us.
(a) might not (b) cannot (c) should not (d) could not
43. Choose the correct verb form from the options given below :
A _____ stone _____ no mass.
(a) rolled, gathered (b) rolling, gathers
(c) had rolled, gather (d) having rolled, gathers
44. Fill in the blank with correct tense form :
Fortune _____ the brave.
(a) favour (b) favours (c) favoured (d) has favoured
45. Choose the correct form of tense from the options given below :
If it _____ we shall get wet.
(a) rain (b) rained (c) rains (d) would rain
46. Fill in the blank with suitable tense form :
He _____ tea every morning.
(a) is drinking (b) drinks (c) will drink (d) has drunk
47. Fill in the blank with correct tense form :
I _____ his letter a week ago.
(a) received (b) receive (c) has received (d) will receive
48. Select the appropriate tense form from the options given below :
When we got home last night, we found that somebody _____ into the flat.
(a) has broken (b) broke (c) had broken (d) is broken
49. Fill in the blank with correct conjunction from the options given below :
He is very rich _____ he is not happy.
(a) and (b) so (c) yet (d) till
50. Choose a correct conjunction from the options given below :
He has _____ the time and the money to play polo.
(a) either (b) both (c) neither (d) nor
51. Select the correct form of the verb "go" to fill in the blank :
Robert usually _____ away two or three times a year.
(a) go (b) gone (c) goes (d) going

52. Give one word substitution for the following :
The study of law.
(a) Iconology (b) Pedagogy (c) Astrology (d) Jurisprudence
53. Give one word substitution for the following :
One who remains absent from school without permission.
(a) Verbose (b) Set (c) Truant (d) Veteran
54. Give synonym of the following word from the options given below :
Exile
(a) Support (b) Passage (c) Banishment (d) Immigration
55. Choose the synonym from the options given below for :
Peculiar
(a) Strange (b) Even (c) Differ (d) Indifferent
56. Choose a synonym for the word given below :
Riddle
(a) Dictum (b) Saying (c) Phrase (d) Enigma
57. Choose a synonym of the word :
'Zenith'
(a) Valley (b) Peak (c) Bottom (d) Shallow
58. Give synonym for the word 'Stumble' :
(a) Rise (b) Speed (c) Fall (d) Stuff
59. Give correct antonym for the following word :
Nepotism
(a) Impartiality (b) Hatred (c) Condemnation (d) Indifference
60. Choose the correct antonym for the word :
Forbearance
(a) Patience (b) Self-control (c) Intolerance (d) Preference
61. Select the correct antonym for the word "Dwindle" :
(a) Decrease (b) Diminish (c) Shrink (d) Increase
62. Give the antonym of the following word :
Flexible
(a) Precise (b) Small (c) Tender (d) Rigid
63. Give one word substitution for the following expression :
A person who is successful in business or industry and has become rich.
(a) leader (b) master (c) tycoon (d) owner
64. Give one word for the following expression :
One who has extreme interest in one's own appearance and problems without any care for other people.
(a) Pacifist (b) Philogynist (c) Philanthropist (d) Narcissist
65. Give one word substitution for the following :
The crime of killing somebody.
(a) Genocide (b) Homicide (c) Matricide (d) Patricide

66. Fill in the blank choosing from the options given below :
Your case is so unique that I am not getting any _____ to support it.
(a) reasonable (b) helpful (c) happening (d) precedence
67. Fill in the blank with appropriate word from the choices given below :
The police _____ the mob.
(a) disbursed (b) disbanded (c) drove (d) dispersed
68. The committee's appeal to the people for money _____ little response.
(a) evoked (b) provoked (c) gained (d) provided
69. Transform the following sentence into indirect speech :
The teacher said to him, "Do not read so fast."
(a) The teacher advised him that he do not read so fast.
(b) The teacher advised him not to read so fast.
(c) The teacher advised him not to reading so fast.
(d) The teacher advised him to not read so fast.
70. Choose the correct indirect speech for the following sentence :
The teacher told us, "Do not tell a lie."
(a) The teacher forbade us to tell a lie. (b) The teacher forbade us not to tell a lie.
(c) The teacher told us that do not tell a lie. (d) The teacher told us do not tell a lie.
71. Transform the following sentence from indirect to direct speech :
Paul said that he was feeling ill.
(a) Paul asked, "I was feeling ill." (b) Paul said, "I am feeling ill."
(c) Paul said, "He is feeling ill." (d) Paul said, "I were feeling ill."
72. Change the following sentence into direct speech :
I told Joe not to be late.
(a) "Didn't be late", I said to Joe. (b) "Don't be late", I said to Joe.
(c) "Doesn't be late", I said to Joe. (d) "Cannot be late", I said to Joe.
73. Convert the following sentence into indirect speech :
He said, "Bravo ! You have done well."
(a) He asked him that he has done well.
(b) He told him that he has done well.
(c) He congratulated him that he has done well.
(d) He applauded him saying that he had done well.
74. Select the antonym of the following word :
Defiant
(a) Dependent (b) Obedient (c) Fellow (d) Companion
75. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word :
In order to maintain good health one should eat a _____ diet.
(a) spicy (b) creamy (c) balanced (d) salty
76. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence :
The prisoner was released on _____ as he promised to obey rules.
(a) bail (b) probation (c) parole (d) request

77. Which of the following words is correctly spelt ?
 (a) Apostrophe (b) Apestroke (c) Apastroph (d) Appostrophe
78. Select the correctly spelled word :
 (a) Commission (b) Comission (c) Commession (d) Commisson
79. Fill in the blank with the appropriate homonym :
 Ritesh can play a few _____ on the guitar.
 (a) cords (b) chords (c) chord (d) cord
80. Fill in the blank with appropriate homonym :
 One needs _____ to make rotis (chapatis).
 (a) flower (b) floor (c) flour (d) flora
81. Fill in the blank with appropriate homonym :
 What _____ do you take to work ?
 (a) rout (b) root (c) roots (d) route
82. Fill in the blank with appropriate homonym :
 The wound took time to _____.
 (a) heel (b) hell (c) heal (d) hail
83. Fill in the blank with correct homonym :
 She writes articles for a _____ annual magazine.
 (a) bi (b) by (c) bye (d) buy
84. Choose the meaning of the following phrase :
 Look after
 (a) Neglect (b) Take care (c) Bring up (d) Inspire
85. Select the correct meaning of the phrase :
 Give up
 (a) Relinquish (b) Get (c) Take (d) Bear
86. Select the correct meaning of the idiom :
 Cut a sorry figure
 (a) Impress (b) Influence
 (c) Encourage (d) To leave a poor impression
87. Give the meaning of the following idiom :
 In full swing
 (a) Very active (b) Passive (c) Very slow (d) Very disappointed
88. Select the correctly spelled word :
 (a) Entepreneur (b) Entepeneur
 (c) Entrepreneor (d) Entrepreneur
89. Select the correctly spelled word :
 (a) Hamorhage (b) Haemorrhage (c) Haemorhage (d) Hemorhage
90. Which of the following words is correctly spelt ?
 (a) Quintesential (b) Quentessintial (c) Quintessential (d) Quintisential

91. Give the correct subject – verb agreement for the following sentence :
Time and tide _____ for none.
(a) wait (b) waiting (c) has waited (d) have waited
92. Choose the correct subject – verb agreement for the following sentence :
One of my teachers _____ next door to my aunt.
(a) live (b) lives (c) have lived (d) are living ✓
93. Choose the correct subject – verb agreement for the following sentence :
Ten pounds _____ a lot of money.
(a) have been (b) have (c) is (d) are
94. Choose the correct passive voice for the following sentence :
Do not pluck flowers.
(a) You are suggested not to pluck flowers. ✓
(b) The flowers are not being plucked by him. ✓
(c) Let the flowers not be plucked.
(d) Flowers are not being plucked. ✓
95. Choose the correct passive voice form for the following sentence :
He made us work. – उसने हमारा कार्य किया।
(a) We made him work. (b) He worked for us. → उसके द्वारा हमारा कार्य
(c) We were made to work. (d) We made work for him.
96. Give the correct form of passive voice for the following sentence :
Who is knocking at the door ?
(a) By whom is the door being knocked at ?
(b) By whom the door being knocked ?
(c) By whom has the door been knocked at ? ✓
(d) By whom the door has been knocked at ? ✓
97. Change the following sentence into active voice :
Many accidents are caused by careless driving.
(a) Careless driving causes many accidents.
(b) Careless driving cause many accidents.
(c) Careless driving may cause many accidents.
(d) Careless driving caused many accidents.
98. What is the meaning of the following idiom ?
Apple of discord
(a) Cause of disagreement (b) Sweet apple
(c) Cause of happiness (d) Something rare
99. Fill in the blank to make subject – verb agreement in the following sentence :
Bread and butter _____ his only food.
(a) is (b) are (c) were (d) was
100. Fill in the blank to make subject – verb agreement in the given sentence :
The United States _____ a big navy.
(a) have (b) has (c) are (d) an