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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
SUB ASST. ENGINEERS
RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION
CIVIL EXAMINATION—2018**

Time allowed : 2 hours

Full marks : 200

Answer all the questions.

Questions are of equal value

1. Normal formation width of a hill road for one way traffic is
(A) 3.6 m (B) 4.8 m (C) 5.5 m (D) 6 m
2. The settling velocity of a particle in a sedimentation tank depends on
(A) surface area of tank
(B) depth of tank
(C) both surface area and depth of tank
(D) volume of the tank
3. The self-cleansing velocity of all sewers in India is usually
(A) 0.90 m/sec to 1.2 m/sec
(B) 1.2 m/sec to 1.5 m/sec
(C) 1.5 m/sec to 2 m/sec
(D) 3 m/sec to 5 m/sec
4. An inverted syphon is generally designed for
(A) one pipe (B) two pipes
(C) three pipes (D) four pipes
5. When was the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act enacted by the Indian Parliament ?
(A) 1970 (B) 1974 (C) 1975 (D) 1980

6. The best unit duration of storm for a unit hydrograph is
(A) 1 hour
(B) one-fourth of basin lag
(C) one-half of basin lag
(D) equal to basin lag
7. Infiltration galleries are used to trap ground water in
(A) sandy riverbed
(B) clayey river bed
(C) rocky river bed
(D) perennial river bed
8. Hydraulic failure of earthen dam is due to
(A) overtopping
(B) wave erosion
(C) toe erosion
(D) All of the above
9. A manhole is classified as shallow if its depth is between
(A) 0.4 to 0.5 m
(B) 0.5 to 0.7 m
(C) 0.7 to 0.9 m
(D) 0.9 to 1.2 m
10. In India, which of the following is adopted as standard recording rain gauge?
(A) Symon's rain gauge
(B) Tipping bucket rain gauge
(C) Natural syphon type
(D) Weighing bucket type
11. Specific capacity of a well
(A) decreases with diameter
(B) decreases with time from the start of pumping
(C) increases with discharge rate
(D) None of the above

12. Zone of aeration in a subsurface water system does not include
- (A) capillary zone
 - (B) saturation zone
 - (C) soil water zone
 - (D) intermediate zone
13. Most widely used type of deep state tube wells in India is
- (A) cavity tube well
 - (B) strainer tube well
 - (C) slotted pipe-gravel packed tube well
 - (D) None of the above
14. If the ratio of fine sand is increased in a concrete mix, its workability is likely to
- (A) decrease
 - (B) increase
 - (C) remain constant
 - (D) None of the above
15. The form work of RCC slabs up to 4-5 m span can be removed after
- (A) 1 day
 - (B) 3 days
 - (C) 7 days
 - (D) 14 days
16. The factor of safety for concrete and steel in the working stress method are taken as
- (A) 3, 1.78
 - (B) 2, 1.85
 - (C) 2.5, 1.2
 - (D) 1.5, 1.15
17. The maximum spacing of vertical stirrups is $0.75d$, and that for inclined at 45° is
- (A) $0.375d$
 - (B) d
 - (C) $0.5d$
 - (D) None of the above
18. If the area of tensile steel reinforcement is doubled, the moment of resistance of the beam increases by about
- (A) 12%
 - (B) 22%
 - (C) 32%
 - (D) 42%

19. The diagonal tension in concrete can be resisted by providing
(A) diagonal tension reinforcement
(B) shear reinforcement
(C) inclined tension reinforcement
(D) All of the above
20. The weight of the footing is assumed as of the weight transferred to the column.
(A) 5% (B) 10% (C) 15% (D) 20%
21. In a RCC footing on soil, the minimum thickness at edge should not be less than
(A) 100 mm (B) 200 mm
(C) 150 mm (D) 250 mm
22. RCC pipe carrying water is mainly designed for
(A) bending moment (B) shear force
(C) hoop tension (D) torsional moment
23. Doubly reinforced beams are recommended when
(A) depth of the beam is restricted
(B) breadth of the beam is restricted
(C) both breadth and depth are restricted
(D) shear is high
24. What is the value of Young's modulus for M25 concrete as per IS 456 : 2000 ?
(A) 2×10^5 MPa (B) 2.5×10^4 MPa
(C) 2.2×10^3 MPa (D) 1.5×10^5 MPa
25. The maximum deflection in a steel beam is limited to
(A) $L/360$ (B) $L/325$ (C) $L/350$ (D) $L/150$

26. Highly yield deformed bar have a
- (A) definite yield value
 - (B) chemical composition different from mild steel
 - (C) percentage elongation less than that of mild steel
 - (D) percentage elongation more than that of mild steel
27. Heat of Hydration in a cement at early age is maximum for
- (A) C_2S
 - (B) C_3S
 - (C) C_4AF
 - (D) C_3A
28. The failure of a rivet joint may take place due to
- (A) shear failure of rivets
 - (B) bearing failure of rivets
 - (C) tearing failure of plates
 - (D) All of the above
29. Bun weld is specified by
- (A) leg length
 - (B) plate thickness
 - (C) effective throat thickness
 - (D) penetration thickness
30. Which of the following is the best compression member section ?
- (A) Single angle section
 - (B) Double angle section
 - (C) I-section
 - (D) Tubular section
31. Slenderness ratio of a compression member is the ratio of effective length of the compression member to the
- (A) area of cross section
 - (B) moment of inertia
 - (C) radius of gyration
 - (D) None of the above
32. Modular ratio of two materials is the ratio of
- (A) linear stress to linear strain
 - (B) shear stress to shear strain
 - (C) their modulus of rigidities
 - (D) their modulus of elasticities

33. The length of a conical bar is l , diameter of the base is d and weight per unit volume is w . It is fixed at its upper end and hanging freely. The elongation of the bar under action of its own weight will be
- (A) $wl^2 / 2E$ (B) $wl^2 / 4E$
(C) $wl^2 / 6E$ (D) $wl^2 / 8E$
34. The Poisson's ratio for steel varies from
- (A) 0.23 to 0.27 (B) 0.25 to 0.33
(C) 0.31 to 0.34 (D) 0.32 to 0.42
35. When a cantilever beam is loaded with uniformly distributed loads, the bending moment diagram will be a
- (A) horizontal straight line (B) vertical straight line
(C) inclined straight line (D) parabolic curve
36. When the shear force diagram is a parabolic curve between two points, it indicates that there is a
- (A) point load at the two points
(B) no loading between the two points
(C) uniformly distributed load between the two points
(D) uniformly varying load between the two points
37. The section modulus of a circular section about an axis through its C. G., is
- (A) $\frac{\pi}{4} \times d^2$ (B) $\frac{\pi}{16} \times d^2$
(C) $\frac{\pi}{16} \times d^3$ (D) $\frac{\pi}{32} \times d^3$
38. When a cantilever beam is loaded at its free end, the maximum compressive stress shall develop at
- (A) bottom fibre (B) top fibre
(C) neutral axis (D) centre of gravity

39. Two beams, one of circular cross-section and the other of square cross-section, have equal area of cross-section, when this beam are subjected to bending ?
(A) Both beams are equally economical
(B) Square beam is more economical
(C) Circular beam is more economical
(D) None of the above
40. The shear stress at the centre of a circular shaft under torsion is
(A) zero (B) minimum
(C) maximum (D) infinity
41. With increase in w/c ratio in a concrete mix
(A) strength decreases and workability increases
(B) strength and workability decreases
(C) workability increases
(D) strength increases and workability decreases
42. Minimum width of landing should be
(A) equal to width of stairs
(B) half the width of stairs
(C) twice the width of stairs
(D) one fourth the width of stairs
43. To make ten cubic metre of 1 : 2 : 4 by volume concrete, the volume of coarse aggregates required is
(A) 9.5 m³ (B) 8.5 m³
(C) 7.5 m³ (D) 6.5 m³
44. Paints with white lead base are suitable for painting of
(A) woodwork (B) ironwork
(C) both wood work and iron work
(D) None of the above

45. Sum of the tread and the riser must lie between
(A) 300 to 350 mm (B) 400 to 450 mm
(C) 500 to 550 mm (D) 600 to 700 mm
46. The minimum height of a head room is
(A) 2.1 m (B) 2.5 m (C) 2.7 m (D) 3 m
47. Which of the following foundation is used for weaker soil ?
(A) Column footing (B) Grillage footing
(C) Raft footing (D) All of the above
48. Unless otherwise specified, thickness of plaster should be kept
(A) 6 mm to 12 mm
(B) 10 mm to 12 mm
(C) 12 mm to 25 mm
(D) None of the above
49. Grader is mainly used for
(A) trimming and finishing
(B) shaping and trimming
(C) finishing and shaping
(D) finishing, shaping and trimming
50. Unit of measurement for roofing tiles is specified in terms of
(A) sq. m. (B) cum. (C) number (D) kg
51. Speed regulations on road is decided on the basis of
(A) 60 percentile cumulative frequency
(B) 75 percentile cumulative frequency
(C) 80 percentile cumulative frequency
(D) 85 percentile cumulative frequency

52. When the bituminous surfacing is done on already existing black top road or over existing concrete road, the type of treatment to be given is
(A) seal coat (B) tack coat
(C) prime coat (D) spray of emulsion
53. The type of transition curves generally provided on hill roads, is
(A) circular (B) spiral
(C) cubic parabola (D) lemniscate
54. The percentage compensation ingradient for ruling gradient of 4% and horizontal curve of radius 760 m is
(A) 0.1% (B) 1%
(C) 10% (D) no compensation
55. Road tar RT-4 is recommended for
(A) surface painting
(B) renewal of coats
(C) premixing tar macadam in base course
(D) All of the above
56. Which one of the following binders is recommended for a wet and cold climate ?
(A) 80/100 penetration asphalt (B) Tar
(C) Cutback (D) Emulsion
57. Coefficient of curvature for a well graded soil, must be between
(A) 0.5 to 1.0 (B) 1.0 to 3.0
(C) 3.0 to 4.0 (D) 4.0 to 5.0
58. Fine sand possesses
(A) good plasticity
(B) limited plasticity
(C) reasonable plasticity
(D) no plasticity and clay like

59. Undisturbed soil samples are required for conducting
(A) hydrometer test (B) shrinkage limit test
(C) consolidation test (D) specific gravity test
60. If the shearing stress is zero on two planes, then the angle between the two planes is
(A) 45° (B) 90° (C) 135° (D) 225°
61. The specific gravity and initial void ratio of a sample of soil deposit are 2.71 and 0.85 respectively. The value of critical hydraulic gradient is
(A) 0.82 (B) 0.85 (C) 0.92 (D) 0.95
62. The specific gravity of quartz is
(A) 2.65 (B) 2.72 (C) 2.75 (D) 2.85
63. A sample of clay and a sample of sand have the same specific gravity and void ratio. Their permeability's will differ because
(A) their porosities will be different
(B) their densities will be different
(C) their degree of saturation will be different
(D) the size range of their voids will be different
64. A phreatic line is defined as the line within a dam section below which there are
(A) positive equipotential lines
(B) positive hydrostatic pressure
(C) negative hydrostatic pressure
(D) None of the above
65. When the degree of consolidation is 50%, the time factor is about
(A) 0.2 (B) 0.5 (C) 1.0 (D) 2.0

66. The soil moisture driven off by heat is called
(A) free water (B) hygroscopic water
(C) gravity water (D) fringe water
67. Coefficient of compressibility of soil is the ratio of
(A) stress to strain
(B) strain to stress
(C) stress to settlement
(D) rate of loading to settlement
68. The process of turning the telescope of theodolite over its supporting axes through 180° in a vertical plane is called
(A) transiting (B) reversing
(C) plunging (D) Any one of the above
69. The horizontal angle between the true meridian and a survey line is called
(A) magnetic bearing (B) azimuth
(C) dip (D) magnetic declination
70. An ideal transition curve is
(A) cubic parabola (B) clothoid spiral
(C) cubic spiral (D) true spiral
71. Which of the following curves is avoided on a highway?
(A) Simple curve (B) Compound curve
(C) Reverse curve (D) None of the above
72. Location of contour gradient for a highway is best set out from
(A) ridge down the hill (B) saddle down the hill
(C) bottom to the ridge (D) bottom to the saddle
73. The suitable contour interval for a map with scale 1 : 10000 is
(A) 2 m (B) 5 m (C) 10 m (D) 20 m

74. The included angles of a theodolite traverse are generally measured as
(A) clockwise from the forward station
(B) anti-clockwise from back station
(C) anti-clockwise from forward station
(D) clockwise from back station
75. If the fore-bearing of a line AB is 35° and that of a line BC 15° , then the included angle between the lines is
(A) 20° (B) 50° (C) 160° (D) 230°
76. The pipe joint commonly used in pumping station
(A) flexible joint (B) flanged joint
(C) expansion joint (D) spigot and socket joint
77. The maximum efficiency of BOD removal is achieved in
(A) oxidation pond
(B) oxidation ditch
(C) aerated lagoons
(D) trickling filters
78. The characteristics of fresh and septic sewage respectively are
(A) acidic and alkaline (B) alkaline and acidic
(C) Both acidic (D) Both alkaline
79. The amount of chlorine used for plain chlorination of water is about
(A) 0.2 ppm (B) 0.3 ppm
(C) 0.4 ppm (D) 0.5 ppm
80. The ratio of the quantity of water stored in root zone of the crops to the quantity of water actually delivered in the field is termed as
(A) water conveyance efficiency
(B) water application efficiency
(C) water use efficiency
(D) None of the above

81. The effluents from the septic tank are discharged into
(A) drainage (B) sewer
(C) soak pit (D) oxidation pond
82. A hyetograph is a graphical representation of
(A) rainfall intensity and time
(B) rainfall depth and time
(C) discharge and time
(D) cumulative rainfall and time
83. The drainage water intercepting the canal can be disposed of by passing the canal below the drainage in
(A) aqueduct and syphon aqueduct
(B) aqueduct and super passage
(C) super passage and canal syphon
(D) level crossing
84. An aggrading river is a
(A) silting river
(B) scouring river
(C) both silting and scouring river
(D) neither silting nor scouring river
85. Original cost of the property minus depreciation is
(A) book value (B) market value
(C) salvage value (D) capital value
86. Approximate cost for water supply is
(A) 4 to 5% of estimated cost of the building works
(B) 2 to 3% of estimated cost of the building works
(C) 5 to 7% of estimated cost of the building works
(D) 1 to 2% of estimated cost of the building works
87. Minimum compressive strength of burnt clay brick is
(A) 10.5 MP (B) 7.5 MPa (C) 3.5 MPa (D) 5 MPa

88. Biological action is used in
- (A) screens
 - (B) sedimentation tanks
 - (C) tridding fliers
 - (D) All of the above
89. Blast furnace slag cement is used for
- (A) dams
 - (B) bridge abutments
 - (C) retaining walls
 - (D) All of the above
90. Unit weight of concrete is taken as
- (A) 25 KN/m^3
 - (B) 20 KN/m^3
 - (C) 24 KN/m^3
 - (D) 18 KN/m^3
91. An isometric view provides
- (A) just another elevation details
 - (B) a two-dimensional details
 - (C) a three-dimensional details
 - (D) equal projection line of equal length
92. Euler's formula is valid for
- (A) short columns
 - (B) long columns
 - (C) both short and long columns
 - (D) weak columns
93. The point of contraflexure is a point where
- (A) shear force changes sign
 - (B) bending moment changes sign
 - (C) shear force is maximum
 - (D) bending moment is maximum

94. A beam of uniform strength may be obtained by
(A) keeping the width uniform and varying the depth
(B) keeping the depth uniform and varying the width
(C) varying the width and depth
(D) Any one of the above
95. A rod is enclosed centrally in a tube and the assembly is tightened by rigid washer. If the assemble is subjected to a compressive load, then
(A) rod is under compression
(B) tube is under compression
(C) bom tube and rod are under compression
(D) tube is under tension and rod is under compression
96. At the neutral axis of a beam
(A) the layers are subjected to maximum bending stress
(B) the layers are subjected to minimum bending stress
(C) the layers are subjected to compression
(D) the layers do not undergo any strain
97. Factor of safety is defined as the ratio of
(A) ultimate stress to working stress
(B) working stress to ultimate stress
(C) breaking stress to ultimate stress
(D) ultimate stress to breaking stress
98. A reinforced cement concrete beam is considered to be made of
(A) homogeneous material
(B) heterogeneous material
(C) ccxaposae maerial
(D) isotropic material

