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ENGLISH

1. In 'Three years she grew in sun and shower,' Nature says that grace will be endowed on Lucy by the

- (A) Storm (B) Rivulets
(C) Willow (D) Fawn.

2. The speaker in 'A Slumber did my Spirit Seal' had

- (A) no mortal fears (B) no earthly fears
(C) no needless fears (D) no human fears.

3. In 'The World is too much with us,' 'sordid boon' refers to

- (A) Material progress (B) Crowded cities
(C) Decadent lifestyle (D) Blessing in disguise.

4. 'Myself will to my darling be ...' Myself refers to

- (A) Nature (B) Lucy
(C) The poet (D) The lover.

5. 'Chorus Hymeneal' means

- (A) A dirge (B) A choric song
(C) A lullaby (D) A marriage hymn.

6. '... tameless, and swift, and proud' refers to

- (A) the Skylark (B) the West wind
(C) some fierce Maenad (D) the Mediterranean.

7. 'Until they think warm days will never cease.' Who are 'they'?

- (A) the reapers (B) the crickets
(C) the bees (D) the swallows.

8. In 'Ode to a Nightingale', Keats longs for a beaker full of

- (A) Hemlock (B) Opium
(C) Blushful Hippocrene (D) Wine.

9. By 'Scudding Hyades', Tennyson means

- (A) Ocean currents (B) Stormy weather
(C) A constellation (D) An island.

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10. The beloved's eyes in 'The Last Ride Together' are
☒ (A) Dark (B) Light
(C) Kind (D) Blue.
11. In 'The Darkling Thrush', the villagers had
(A) gone to work (B) been busy in friendly banter
(C) been tilling their fields ☒ (D) gone home.
12. Yeats describes the swans at Coole Park on
(A) a beautiful morning (B) a scorching summer day
☒ (C) a twilight evening (D) a dusky evening.
13. That 'sullen hall' in 'Strange Meeting' refers to
(A) A silent hall ☒ (B) Hell
(C) A hall full of sullen men (D) A dark hall.
14. In 'The Listeners', how many times does the stranger knock at the door?
(A) Once (B) Twice
☒ (C) Thrice (D) Five times.
15. The sub-title of Shaw's *Arms & the Man* is
(A) A Romance in Three Acts
(B) A Pleasant Play in Three Acts
☒ (C) An Anti-Romantic Comedy in Three Acts
(D) A Comedy in Three Acts.
16. 'It proves that all our ideas were real after all.' These 'ideas' refer to
☒ (A) Sergius's military exploits and heroic ideals
(B) Bluntschli's military adventures
(C) Major Petkoff's glorious military achievements
(D) Bluntschli's parental property in Switzerland.
17. Nicola wants to open a shop in
(A) Serbia ☒ (B) Sophia
(C) Switzerland (D) Austria.

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18. 'She Stoops to Conquer' is an example of
 (A) A Comedy of Humours (B) A Dark Comedy
 (C) A Tragi-Comedy (D) ☒ An Anti-Sentimental Comedy.
19. 'Catherine Wheel' is
 (A) A wheelchair (B) A horse-drawn carriage
 (C) Catherine's carriage (D) ☒ A kind of firework.
20. Who says, 'I wonder why London cannot keep its own fools at home !' ?
 (A) Sir Charles Marlow (B) Mrs. Hardcastle
 (C) ☒ Mr. Hardcastle (D) Tony Lumpkin.
21. Galsworthy's *Justice* is a critique of
 (A) Contemporary condition of English prisons
 (B) ☒ Contemporary English legal and penal systems
 (C) Contemporary English men and women
 (D) Contemporary English literary tastes.
22. 'I like to be open and jolly together' — is an assertion made by
 (A) ☒ Walter How (B) ☒ Detective Wister
 (C) Cowley (D) ☒ Robert Cokeson.
23. When Falder says, 'I've changed my digs', he means
 (A) He has changed his style of digging
 (B) He has changed his dress
 (C) He has changed his hairstyle
 (D) ☒ He has changed his lodging.
24. 'I had more pleasure in these busy-idle diversions.' 'Busy-idle' is an example of
 (A) Transferred epithet (B) Hyperbaton
 (C) ☒ Oxymoron (D) Zeugma.
25. In 'Dream-Children', Alice and John are
 (A) children of Charles Lamb's brother
 (B) the Norfolk house children
 (C) friends of Charles Lamb's beloved
 (D) ☒ children Charles Lamb wished to have but could not.

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26. The platinum fob chain that Della buys for Jim costs
(A) Sixteen dollars
☒ (B) Twenty-one dollars
(C) Twenty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents
(D) Twenty-two dollars.
27. 'She hugged them to her bosom.' Here, 'them' refers to
(A) The fob chain and the gold watch
☒ (B) The combs
(C) The combs and the watch
(D) The fob chain and the combs.
28. Mr. Thurlow was held at the police station.
(A) Hereford
☒ (B) Metford
(C) Masefield
(D) Chelmsbury.
29. Mrs. Thurlow's brother was a by profession.
(A) Butcher
☒ (B) Carpenter
(C) Painter
(D) Iron monger.
30. To write well, one has to write
(A) clearly and logically
☒ (B) clearly and interestingly
(C) minutely and distinctly
(D) beautifully and coherently.
31. Diamelen was
☒ (A) Arsath's beloved
(B) the White man's beloved
(C) the ruler's mistress
(D) Arsath's brother's beloved.
32. In "The Lagoon", which bird is noticed in the sky when Diamelen dies ?
☒ (A) An Eagle
(B) A Kite
(C) A Vulture
(D) A Hawk.
33. 'The Lotus Eater' is a reference to an indigenous tribe, as narrated in
(A) Homer's *Iliad*
☒ (B) Virgil's *Aeneid*
(C) Milton's *Paradise Lost*
(D) Homer's *Odyssey*.

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34. The author in *The Lotus Eater* re-visited Capri after

- (A) Thirteen years (B) Twelve years
(C) Twenty years (D) Sixteen years.

35. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentence :

disappointment / lead to / broken promises / and sorrow

p q r s

- (A) pqrs (B) pqsr
(C) rqps (D) rqsp.

RSQP
RQPS

36. Fill in with the correct option :

The importance of caring for road-safety has been.....again and again.

- (A) traced (B) stressed
(C) strained (D) striked.

37. Choose the correct preposition :

The old man kept dreaming the past.

- (A) in (B) at
(C) of (D) to.

38. Choose the correct verb form to fill in the blank :

Some people a peculiar habit of walking in sleep.

- (A) has (B) have
(C) had (D) have been.

39. The word opposite to 'duck' in gender is

- (A) He-duck (B) Gander
(C) Boar (D) Drake.

40. 'I drew a blank in the examination' implies

- (A) I drew a big circle in the examination
(B) I kept looking blankly in the examination
(C) I failed in the examination
(D) I failed to draw a blank figure in the examination.

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41. To replace the underlined phrase, the correct alternative will be :

On hearing the sad news, he fainted.

- (A) Just before he heard (B) When he heard
☒ (C) When he had heard (D) No sooner he heard.

42. Which section of the following sentence has an error, if any ?

A "swarm of locust has seriously damaged our crops. No error.

p

q

r

s

- (A) p (B) q
(C) r ☒ (D) s.

43. Replace the underlined words with a suitable clause :

We need a teacher with two years' teaching experience.

- (A) with two years of teaching experience
☒ (B) who has two years' teaching experience
(C) whom we can provide two years' teaching experience
(D) which has two years' teaching experience.

44. Replace the underlined word with a phrase :

Everybody respects an honourable man.

- (A) with many honours (B) able of honouring
☒ (C) of honour (D) having honour.

45. The correct option on changing the given sentence to indirect speech will be :

I said to my friend, 'Please help me in checking the accounts'.

- (A) I ordered my friend to help me in checking the accounts
(B) I said to my friend that please help me in checking the accounts
(C) I pleased my friend so that he helped me in checking the accounts
☒ (D) I requested my friend to help me in checking the accounts.

46. Choose the correct verb form :

As I was tired, I down for a while.

- (A) lay (B) lie
☒ (C) laid (D) lied.

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47. Choose the correct option to turn the given sentence to passive voice :

Let us forget the past.

- (A) Let the past and us be forgotten
- (B) Let not the past be forgotten
- (C) We must let to forget the past
- ☒ (D) Let the past be forgotten.

48. Fill in with appropriate preposition :

He came to meet me Esplanade.

- (A) in
- (B) on
- (C) at
- ☒ (D) by.

49. Choose the correct alternative to join the two sentences :

The burglar saw a policeman. He took to his heels.

- (A) The burglar on seeing his heels, took a policeman with him
- ☒ (B) Seeing a policeman, the burglar took to his heels
- (C) Seeing a policeman, the burglar picked up his heels and took off
- (D) When the burglar see the policeman, he take to his heels.

50. Choose the correct alternative in changing from passive to active voice :

My cup had been broken by you.

- (A) You have broken my cup
- ☒ (B) You had broken my cup
- (C) By you was my cup broken
- (D) You had taken my broken cup.

51. The correct option in changing the mood of the given sentence to imperative mood will be

Reena waters the plants.

- ☒ (A) Does Reena water the plants ?
- (B) Reena, water the plants.
- (C) If Reena waters the plants, they will prosper.
- (D) Reena should not water the plants.

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52. The following sentence is incorrect. Pick the correct form of the sentence among the given options :

He can speak the English fluently like English.

- (A) He can speak English fluently like English
(B) He can talk English fluently like the English
(C) He can speak English fluently like the English
(D) He can speak the English fluently like the English.

53. Change the voice of the given sentence and select the correct option :

He loves himself.

- (A) Himself was loved by him
(B) He is loved by himself
(C) He has been loved by himself
(D) He had loved by himself.

54. Choose the correct pair of alternatives :

I who my watch.

- (A) wonders-stole (B) wondered-steal
(C) wander-stole (D) wonder-stole.

55. Choose the correct option if the given sentence is changed to the subjunctive mood :

Reena, read your books thoroughly.

- (A) Reena reads her books thoroughly
(B) Reena should read her books thoroughly
(C) Reena, why are you not reading your books thoroughly ?
(D) If Reena reads her books thoroughly, she will score well in the examination.