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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

*All questions carry equal mark of 1 each.
Attempt all questions.*

Directions (Questions No. 1 - 10) : Choose the correct Part of Speech or their kind as directed in each question.

1. What part of speech is the underlined word? The kidnapped child jumped off a running car.
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Interjection (d) Noun
2. What part of speech connects words or groups of words?
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Interjection (d) Noun
3. Which part of speech expresses a mild or sudden burst of emotion?
(a) Noun (b) Adverb
(c) Interjection (d) preposition
4. Which part of speech describes the distance/placement/proximity of one word and another word in a sentence? Examples: to, on, of, behind, with etc.
(a) Adverb (b) preposition
(c) Interjection (d) Conjunction
5. What are the adjectives-**a**, **an** and **the** called?
(a) Articles (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative (d) None of these
6. (She/Her) and Sara went to the store. Which is the correct pronoun to use?
(a) She (b) Her
(c) Him (d) None of these
7. What type of noun is a noun that names a group of things?
(a) Collective (b) Proper
(c) Uncountable (d) Concrete
8. Which part of speech is this underlined word? The boys went inside to eat dinner.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Noun (d) Conjunction
9. Which part of speech is the underlined word? You smell terrible.
(a) Adjective (b) adverb
(c) Verb (d) Preposition

10. Freedom is the birthright of every citizen. Identify the part of speech of the underlined word.

- (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective

Directions (Questions No. 11 - 20) : Here are some Imperative Sentences, identify and pick the correct type of Imperatives for each sentence.

11. Leave the child right now.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

12. Forgive us, we will not commit the same mistake again.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

13. Let me show you how to solve this sum.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

14. Health is wealth. So, always take good care of your health.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

15. Do as you are told.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

16. Always show compassion and help the needy.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

17. Stop all your tantrums.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

18. You had (You'd) better finish this assignment in time.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

19. Let me make an effort to help you.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

20. Speak some kind words, please.

- (a) Command (b) Advice
(c) Request (d) proposal

Directions (Questions No. 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs given in brackets. Select answer from the given options.

21. He _____ (buy) a car one month ago.

- (a) bought (b) has bought
(c) has been buying (d) had been buying

22. She _____ (leave) for Jammu yesterday.
(a) leaves (b) is leaving
(c) has been leaving (d) left
23. My son _____ (write) to me every month.
(a) is writing (b) writes
(c) has been writing (d) have been writing
24. Where does he _____ (go) to play in the evening.
(a) go (b) went
(c) gone (d) none of these
25. This servant _____ (work) with us for ten years.
(a) works (b) has been working
(c) is working (d) does work
26. What time _____ (do) you usually reach home in the evening?
(a) do (b) does
(c) did (d) have
27. How are you _____ (get) on with your studies?
(a) get (b) got
(c) gets (d) getting
28. The family _____ (be) here early next month.
(a) was (b) has been
(c) had been (d) will be
29. Tony _____ (wait) for you.
(a) will waiting (b) shall have been waiting
(c) will be waiting (d) have been waiting
30. The house _____ (auction) before we reached there.
(a) had been auctioned (b) has been auctioned
(c) was auctioning (d) auctioned

Directions (Questions No. 31 - 40) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition choosing the correct one from the choices provided.

31. What he says has hardly any bearing _____ the lives of tribals.
(a) at (b) for
(c) on (d) with
32. Being a religious leader he should not delve _____ politics.
(a) in (b) into
(c) with (d) at
33. Let this be an example _____ the troublemakers.
(a) to (b) for
(c) with (d) by
34. He was disappointed _____ not finding the doctor in his seat.
(a) on (b) at
(c) about (d) for

35. A good judge never gropes _____ the conclusion.
(a) along (b) about
(c) to (d) for
36. It is dangerous to enter _____ the enemy camp.
(a) through (b) from
(c) into (d) in
37. The customer smashed his fist down _____ the table.
(a) into (b) against
(c) on (d) over
38. He has suffered heavy losses, yet he was rolling _____ wealth.
(a) on (b) in
(c) with (d) about
39. His conduct smacks _____ recklessness.
(a) in (b) with
(c) of (d) through
40. Often we do not get what we pine _____.
(a) for (b) of
(c) about (d) by

Directions (Questions No. 41 - 50) : Analyze the following sentences and indicate the kind of each.

41. The task which your boss entrusted you is risky.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
42. There is no limit to learning more.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
43. Tina was intelligent but didn't make use of her intelligence and so she failed in the finals.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
44. Since it was raining cats and dogs, I didn't dare to go out.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
45. Some praised the student and some praised the teacher.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
46. Dr. Radhakrishnan, our President, was a philosopher.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
47. Tony as well as his brother Mony owns a car.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex

48. The family who lived in this house is on the move.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
49. The old man with a long walking stick could not catch up with his younger friend.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
50. He arrived late for the class because there was a heavy traffic jam on the way.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex

Directions (Questions No. 51 - 60) : Identify the type of sentences and choose the correct one from the choices provided at the end of each.

51. I am no wine connoisseur, but I know what I like.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
52. Please help me find my way back home.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
53. What a lovely day!
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
54. I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's you.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
55. Which do you prefer, apple or mango?
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
56. Hey, no smoking in here!
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
57. Remember to pick up the dry cleaning today.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
58. Keep off the grass.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
59. What kind of house do you want to live in?
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
60. Bravo! You have done it again.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

Directions (Questions No. 61 - 70) : Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.

61. She was saddened by what she had read.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
62. So that he would not ruin the carpet, he took off his shoes.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
63. This apple is attractive but it tastes very bad.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) adverb clause
64. Those people whose names are on the list will go to camp.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
65. The store where the new phone was being sold had a huge line of people outside it.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
66. The big field, where the corn is planted, needs to be mowed.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
67. Those who do not complain are never pitied.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
68. After the chores are done, we will eat ice cream.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
69. Why my pet turtle stares at me all day, is beyond me.
(a) Co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause
70. He carried the luggage in order to help the poor man.
(a) co-ordinate clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) adverb clause

Directions (Questions No. 71 - 80) : Choose the right meaning of the following idioms and phrases.

71. To grow upon:
(a) to grow (b) nurture
(c) get a stronger hold on something gradually (d) to flourish
72. Bore away:
(a) Dug up (b) get bored
(c) won (d) passed time
73. Get the better of:
(a) Advantage over (b) be better off
(c) take the better things and leave the rest (d) take advantage of

74. At the drop of a hat:
(a) As soon as it was spoken (b) done easily without any preparation
(c) done in an instant (d) after something is done
75. Keep at bay:
(a) Keep at a distance (b) keep at the sea-shore
(c) keep in mind (d) keep thinking about something
76. Hornet's nest:
(a) A bee's house (b) a violent situation
(c) a busy house (d) a dangerous place
77. To eat away:
(a) Finish (b) corrode
(c) destroy (d) eat up
78. Trump up:
(a) Encourage (b) fabricate
(c) trump card (d) break
79. Hold one's horse:
(a) Keep one's expectations (b) keep one's gift
(c) have patience (d) high on energy
80. Never-never land:
(a) An ideal place (b) dream land
(c) a worthless place (d) a useless situation

Directions (Questions No. 81 - 90) : Find the right vocabulary as directed by each question.

81. What is the antonym of the word 'intrepid'?
(a) Cowardly (b) courageous
(c) fearful (d) timid
82. Choose the word which means the opposite of 'quench'.
(a) Parch (b) douse
(c) extinguish (d) smother
83. Pick the option which is the antonym for 'vicious'.
(a) Passive (b) savage
(c) merciless (d) cordial
84. What word has the same meaning as 'hostility'?
(a) Cynosure (b) antagonism
(c) support (d) behemoth
85. Select the right word which means 'something huge'.
(a) Collusion (b) behemoth
(c) trivial (d) piety
86. Find the word which is a synonym for 'berated'.
(a) Praised (b) supervised
(c) reproached (d) detained
87. Select the right antonym of the word 'amicable'.
(a) Grumpy (b) friendly
(c) pleasant (d) affable

88. What word corresponds to the meaning of 'being implied without being stated'.
- (a) Hostile (b) tacit
(c) overt (d) generic
89. Which of the following word means 'to recede back'?
- (a) Come (b) forward
(c) retreat (d) move
90. Fill in with the appropriate word: 'The decision will _____ the entire nation.'
- (a) Impact (b) impress
(c) implant (d) implement

Directions (Questions No. 91 - 100) : Choose the correct one-word substitutes for the following group of words.

91. A large bundle bound for storage or transportation.
- (a) Bevy (b) Bouquet
(c) Bale (d) Brood
92. Open refusal to obey orders
- (a) Obedience (b) Defiance
(c) Compliance (d) Adherence
93. Critical judge of any art and craft
- (a) Comrade (b) Curator
(c) Connoisseur (d) Crusader
94. Something that is to your advantage but happened by chance
- (a) Occidental (b) Purposeful
(c) Deliberate (d) Fortuitous
95. A song sung at a burial
- (a) Hymn (b) Dirge
(c) Ballad (d) Sonnet
96. A person who has an irresistible impulse to steal
- (a) Pyromania (b) Dipsomania
(c) Megalomania (d) Kleptomaniac
97. One who works for the good of others
- (a) Antagonist (b) Atheist
(c) Altruist (d) Agnostic
98. A place where Buddhist monks live
- (a) Stupa (b) Temple
(c) Monastery (d) Pagoda
99. Seat on elephant's back
- (a) Heath (b) Bridle
(c) Rump (d) Howdah
100. A group of worshippers
- (a) Congregation (b) Cortege
(c) Caravan (d) Crusade