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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER-II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

FM : 100

All questions carry equal mark of 1 each.

Attempt all questions.

Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 7) : Identify the part of Speech of the words in italics and choose the correct answer from the answers provided:

1. Tommy ran fast *but* missed the bus.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
2. The lady is fond *of* flowers.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
3. The children *sang* to their heart's content before the warden returned from market.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
4. A *beautiful* brave girl stood in front of the crowd.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
5. As I was walking back home today, a *lonely* cloud passed by.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
6. *Pride* can be very harmful if not checked.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Interjection (d) Preposition
7. *Hey!* Have a wonderful day.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Interjection (d) Preposition

Directions (Question Nos. 8 -15) : Identify the kind of adjectives for the words in *Italics* from the options provided at the end of each.

8. These words are from the *French* language.
(a) Adjective of Quantity (b) Adjective of Quality
(c) Adjective of number (d) Demonstrative adjective
9. He did not eat *any* rice.
(a) Adjective of Quality (b) Adjective of Number
(c) Demonstrative adjective (d) Interrogative adjective
10. *Those* rascals must be punished.
(a) Adjective of Quality (b) Adjective of Number
(c) Demonstrative adjective (d) Interrogative adjective
11. *What* manner of man is he?
(a) Adjective of Quality (b) Adjective of Number
(c) Demonstrative adjective (d) Interrogative adjective
12. Try not to be in *such* a hurry.
(a) Adjective of Quality (b) Adjective of Number
(c) Demonstrative adjective (d) Interrogative adjective
13. *Yonder* fort once belonged to Shivaji.
(a) Adjective of Quality (b) Adjective of Number
(c) Interrogative adjective (d) Demonstrative adjective
14. *Each* child must take his/her turn.
(a) Adjective of Quality (b) Interrogative adjective
(c) Demonstrative adjective (d) Distributive Numeral Adjective
15. You have had *enough* exercise.
(a) Adjective of Quantity (b) Adjective of Quality
(c) Adjective of number (d) Demonstrative adjective

Directions (Question Nos. 16 - 22) : Choose the correct form of the verb as provided at the end of each.

16. In order to save the company from further loss, the employees _____.
(a) formed a union (b) asked for increase in salary
(c) decided to work extra hours (d) went on a strike
17. If you _____ your eyes you will hurt them.
(a) squeeze (b) squeezing
(c) squeezed (d) squeezes
18. Although it _____ (rain) heavily this monsoon, there is a deficit of rainfall in some parts of the state.
(a) raining (b) rained
(c) been raining (d) has been raining
19. I am busy today. You _____ meet me tomorrow after the class.
(a) must (b) could
(c) would (d) shouldn't

20. That you are _____ (drink) while driving, aggravates your offence.
(a) drink (b) drank
(c) drunk (d) been drunk
21. If your path is being blocked, I _____ (move) my vehicle out of your way.
(a) have moved (b) moving
(c) will move (d) moved
22. I was very grateful that he _____ (repair) my computer so promptly.
(a) repairs (b) will be repairing
(c) will repair (d) repaired

Directions (Question Nos. 23 - 28) : Fill in with suitable prepositions from the answers provided.

23. This is in conformity _____ the rules laid down by the corporation.
(a) for (b) against
(c) about (d) with
24. She has not eaten anything _____ Monday.
(a) for (b) over
(c) since (d) from
25. Eggs are sold _____ the dozen.
(a) at (b) to
(c) by (d) in
26. He was ashtonished _____ his failure.
(a) with (b) for
(c) in (d) at
27. Mary passed me _____ her bicycle.
(a) at (b) in
(c) above (d) on
28. Nowadays rich people enjoy influence _____ the police authorities.
(a) with (b) over
(c) on (d) of

Directions (Question Nos. 29 - 34) : Identify the kind of Nouns for the words in italics from the options provided.

29. *Chicago* is a city in Illinois.
(a) Common Noun (b) Proper Noun
(c) Collective Noun (d) Abstract Noun
30. My favourite *newspaper* is The Hindu.
(a) Common Noun (b) Proper Noun
(c) Collective Noun (d) Abstract Noun
31. *Slavery* is abolished in India.
(a) Common Noun (b) Proper Noun
(c) Collective Noun (d) Abstract Noun

32. *Goodness* and *kindness* are humane qualities one must always follow.
- (a) Common Noun (b) Proper Noun
(c) Abstract Noun (d) Collective Noun
33. The English *army* was defeated at Tannenberg.
- (a) Common Noun (b) Proper Noun
(c) Collective Noun (d) Abstract Noun
34. The farmer said his *name* was Tommy.
- (a) Common Noun (b) Proper Noun
(c) Collective Noun (d) Abstract Noun

Directions (Question Nos. 35 - 40) : Fill in with appropriate conjunctions. Choose the answer from the options provided at the end of each question.

35. He not only visited Lahore, _____ also Karachi.
- (a) not (b) and
(c) but (d) or
36. Many people read the paper _____ it interests them.
- (a) whether (b) because
(c) also (d) but
37. Answer the first question _____ you proceed further.
- (a) until (b) still
(c) unless (d) before
38. Mr Mohilal grew up in a small town, _____ he feels very comfortable in a big city.
- (a) so (b) nor
(c) yet (d) for
39. So many things have happened _____ I saw you.
- (a) for (b) since
(c) so (d) after
40. Zain will not pay _____ he is compelled.
- (a) until (b) while
(c) whether (d) unless

Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 48) : Analyse the following sentences and choose the right one.

41. You can fight the dragon or run away.
- (a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these
42. The wolf knocked on the pig's door but they wouldn't let him in.
- (a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these
43. While the people came, Rachel sneaked in through the window.
- (a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these

44. Although he searched everywhere, Mr. Brooks could not find the keys to the computer lab.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these
45. I decided I really wanted to eat pumpkin muffin, so I drove to the store to buy one.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these
46. Having completed her training, she took a job.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these
47. Although she was considered smart, she failed all her exams.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these
48. I did not know that this food was meant only for the staff.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence (d) None of these

Directions (Question Nos. 49 - 58) : Transform the sentences as directed and choose the right option from the answers provided.

49. How gorgeous is the sunset! (*change to Assertive sentence*)
(a) How is the sunset so gorgeous? (b) The Sunset is gorgeous, isn't it?
(c) The sunset is very gorgeous. (d) How gorgeous the sunset is!
50. Human is mortal. (*change to negative sentence*)
(a) Human is immortal. (b) Human is not immortal
(c) Not all humans are mortal (d) Not all humans are immortal
51. My ambition is to serve the country. (*change to complex sentence*)
(a) My ambition is that I should serve my country. (b) My ambition is that I shall serve my country.
(c) To serve my country is my ambition. (d) I serve my country is my great ambition.
52. That chocolate is not as sweet as this one. (*Transform to a comparative sentence*)
(a) The chocolate vary in their sweetness.
(b) This chocolate is sweeter than that chocolate.
(c) This chocolate is not sweeter than that chocolate.
(d) This chocolate is sweeter than that one.
53. Everybody has heard of Amitabh Bachchan. (*Change to interrogative sentence*)
(a) Has everybody heard of Amitabh Bachchan?
(b) Isn't that everybody has heard of Amitabh Bachchan?
(c) Everybody has heard of Amitabh Bachchan isn't it?
(d) Amitabh Bachchan is known to all, isn't it?
54. Her looks proclaim her innocence. (*change to complex sentence*)
(a) Her looks proclaim that she is innocent. (b) She is innocent, her looks proclaim.
(c) Her innocence is seen on her looks. (d) She is innocent, proclaims her looks.

55. Everyone knows that the earth is round. (*Change to compound sentence*)
- (a) The earth is round and everyone knows it.
 - (b) Everyone knows that the earth is circular in shape.
 - (c) The earth is round is a fact.
 - (d) The earth is round is known to everyone.
56. Coming to me, Anita delivered the letter. (*Change to compound sentence*)
- (a) Anita came to me to deliver the letter.
 - (b) Anita came to deliver the letter.
 - (c) Anita delivered the letter while she was coming to me.
 - (d) Anita came to me and delivered the letter.
57. Buy one shirt and get one free. (*change to complex sentence*)
- (a) If you buy one shirt, you get another shirt free. (b) If you buy one shirt, you get one free.
 - (c) A shirt free on purchase of a shirt. (d) Buy one shirt to get one free.
58. How kind of you to help her like that. (*Change the exclamatory sentence to Assertive sentence*)
- (a) How kind of you that you helped her like that. (b) It is very kind of you to help her.
 - (c) You are very kind to help her like that. (d) It is very kind of you to help her like that.

Directions (Question Nos. 59 - 64) : Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech.

59. The captain said that the crew had to leave the ship at Liverpool.
- (a) The captain said, "The crew have to leave the ship at Liverpool."
 - (b) The captain said to the crew, "Leave the ship at Liverpool."
 - (c) The captain said, "The crew could leave the ship at Liverpool."
 - (d) The captain said, "The crew has to leave the ship at Liverpool,"
60. The guard asked the boy if he hadn't been told to be indoors.
- (a) The guard said to the boy, "Hadn't you told to be indoors?"
 - (b) The guard said to the boy, "Wasn't he told to be indoors?"
 - (c) The guard said to the boy, "Weren't you told to be indoors?"
 - (d) The guard said to the boy, "You weren't told to be indoors?"
61. He asked me when I had booked the flight tickets.
- (a) He said to me, "When did you book the flight tickets?"
 - (b) He said to me, "When are you booking the flight tickets?"
 - (c) He said to me, "When do you book the flight tickets?"
 - (d) He said to me, "When you had book the flight tickets?"
62. Neha wished Shila that her dreams might come true.
- (a) Neha said to Shila, "May your dreams come true."
 - (b) Neha said to Shila, "Your dreams will come true."
 - (c) Neha said to Shila, "Pray for your dreams to come true."
 - (d) Neha said to Shila, "I am praying for your dreams to come true."

63. The little boy said that those flowers were very colourful.
- (a) The little boy said, "Those flowers were very colourful."
 - (b) The little boy says, "How colourful were these flowers!"
 - (c) The little boy said, "Are those flowers very colourful?"
 - (d) The little boy said, "These flowers are very colourful."
64. Ridhima said that she had already made lunch and dinner.
- (a) Ridhima said, "I have already make the lunch and the dinner."
 - (b) Ridhima said, "I have already made lunch and dinner."
 - (c) Ridhima said, "I had already made the lunch and the dinner."
 - (d) Ridhima said, "I has already made the lunch and the dinner."

Directions (Question Nos. 65 - 70) : Identify the types of sentences for the following sentences by choosing one of the option given.

65. "There is no way I am going to let you get a tatoos."
- (a) Declarative sentence
 - (b) Imperative sentence
 - (c) Interrogative sentence
 - (d) Exclamatory sentence
66. Gabrielle is one of the best soccer players on her team.
- (a) Declarative sentence
 - (b) Imperative sentence
 - (c) Interrogative sentence
 - (d) Exclamatory sentence
67. What time should we leave for the airport?
- (a) Exclamatory sentence
 - (b) Interrogative sentence
 - (c) Imperative sentence
 - (d) Declarative sentence
68. Anthony was riding a bike before he turned seven years old.
- (a) Declarative sentence
 - (b) Imperative sentence
 - (c) Interrogative sentence
 - (d) Exclamatory sentence
69. Tell me where you found those glasses.
- (a) Declarative sentence
 - (b) Interrogative sentence
 - (c) Exclamatory sentence
 - (d) Imperative sentence
70. An exclamatory sentence ends with an
- (a) Exclamation mark
 - (b) Period
 - (c) Full stop
 - (d) All of the above

Directions (Question Nos. 71 - 78) : Choose the nearest in meaning for the words italicized.

71. The convicted criminal *absconded* prior to the sentencing phase of the trial.
- (a) touched the jury
 - (b) reported immediately
 - (c) departed secretly
 - (d) left after discussion
72. The old man was *benevolent* with his fortune.
- (a) Secretive
 - (b) Stingy
 - (c) Kind
 - (d) Careful

73. The doctor was known as a *charlatan* over the years of his practice.
(a) Quack (b) Knowledgeable physician
(c) Procedural physician (d) Medical examiner
74. The detective was able to *derive* the facts of the case.
(a) Desist (b) Deter
(c) Devise (d) Deduce
75. The desperados held up in a *grotto* in New Mexico during the escape.
(a) Large cave (b) Small cavern
(c) Hotel (d) Motel
76. The yacht club members were excited about conditions on the *loch*.
(a) Water (b) Lake
(c) Gulf (d) Ocean
77. The general tried to *instill* in his troops the hope of victory.
(a) Infuse (b) Delay
(c) Inscribe (d) Indict
78. The winning team of the World Series often has a *joyful* attitude.
(a) Merry (b) Sad
(c) Somber (d) Laborious

Directions (Question Nos. 79 - 85) : Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

79. A bone of contention
(a) The only part to which two arguing parties agree
(b) An issue over which there is continuing disagreement
(c) A very expensive inherited property
(d) To be happy with only a few things
80. Zip your lip
(a) Keep quiet about something (b) To talk fast
(c) To not think before speaking (d) The silence before a storm
81. Make a scene
(a) To perform beautifully in front of an audience
(b) Make a public disturbance or excited emotional display.
(c) To narrate an elaborate false story
(d) Describe a scene in so much detail that it comes vividly.
82. Drive someone up the wall
(a) To help someone achieve success. (b) To overcome an obstacle by going over it.
(c) To close someone's path of escape. (d) Make someone very irritated or angry.
83. A wet blanket
(a) A safety net of precaution from fires.
(b) A person who discourages enjoyment or enthusiasm.
(c) An extremely uncomfortable place to sleep.
(d) A trick to shoo away unwelcome guests.

84. A thorn in the flesh

- (a) A minor discomfort which is easily ignored. (b) To fight despite being injured.
(c) A source of continual annoyance or trouble. (d) A person within

85. Silver bullet

- (a) A very expensive solution used only as the last measure.
(b) A simple and seemingly magical solution to a complicated problem.
(c) A solution which is worse than the problem.
(d) A thing of beauty but which is actually deadly

Directions (Question Nos. 86 - 92) : Rearrange the order of words to form meaningful sentences. Choose the correct answer from the choices provided.

86. Grandmother never skating goes his swimming nor

- (a) His grandmother does not go swimming nor skating.
(b) Skating nor swimming is never gone by his grandmother.
(c) Swimming and skating never gone by his grandmother.
(d) His grandmother never goes skating nor swimming.

87. The fast running to the car reporter is

- (a) The reporter is fast running to the car. (b) The reporter is running fast to the car.
(c) The car is running fast to the reporter. (d) The car is running to the reporter fast.

88. Night at usually cats do not sleep

- (a) Cats do not usually sleep at night. (b) Usually, cats do not sleep at night.
(c) Cats usually do not sleep at night. (d) All of the above

89. I two cannot hamsters see.

- (a) I cannot see two hamsters. (b) I can see three hamsters.
(c) She cannot see two hamsters. (d) He cannot see two hamsters.

90. Computer she on afternoons seldom lab goes Tuesday the to

- (a) She goes seldom to the computer lab on Tuesday afternoon.
(b) She seldom goes to the computer lab on Tuesday afternoon.
(c) She seldom goes on Tuesday afternoon to the computer lab.
(d) She seldom on Tuesday afternoon goes to the computer lab.

91. He a new is singing now song

- (a) He is singing a new song now. (b) A new song he is singing now.
(c) Now he is singing a new song. (d) He is now singing a new song.

92. Late not do mum and dad stay up on weekdays

- (a) Mum and dad on weekdays do not stay up late.
(b) Mum and dad do not stay up late on weekdays.
(c) Mum and dad weekdays on do not stay up late.
(d) Mum and dad does not stay up late on weekdays.

Directions (Question Nos. 93 - 100) : In the following sentences, supply a verb in agreement with its Subject from the choices provided.

93. The United States _____ a big navy.
(a) have (b) has
(c) consist (d) consists
94. None _____ so deaf as those who will not hear.
(a) is (b) was
(c) are (d) has
95. Neither you nor he _____ to blame.
(a) are (b) is
(c) were (d) has been
96. Many a man _____ not know his own good deeds.
(a) do (b) has
(c) have (d) does
97. The committee _____ divided on one minor point.
(a) is (b) are
(c) has (d) have
98. Either he or I _____ mistaken.
(a) is (b) was
(c) am (d) were
99. The house, with its contents, _____ insured.
(a) was (b) were
(c) has (d) have
100. Time and tide _____ for no man.
(a) wait (b) waits
(c) waited (d) was wait
