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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 Nos. 1 - 10) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words:

1. When will you invite her over?
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
2. Are you really that dense?
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Pronoun (d) Noun
3. He ran over to his mom hastily.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
4. Could you repeat the question?
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
5. That little kid stole my wallet.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
6. We were just talking about you.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
7. I hope you're happy with the results.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Noun
8. I did it because of you.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
9. Listen closely or else you'll forget.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun
10. Those flowers are beautiful.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun

Directions (Questions Nos. 11 - 20) : Choose the correct pronouns:

11. To _____ did you give the book.
(a) whom (b) whose
(c) which (d) whoever
12. _____ will never understand the magnitude of what they did.
(a) Them (b) The
(c) They'll (d) They
13. The cat is_____.
(a) myself (b) me
(c) mine (d) our
14. You have to this_____.
(a) you (b) yourself
(c) your (d) you're
15. I am not sure _____ is mine.
(a) which (b) when
(c) whichever (d) why
16. Are the vegetables_____?
(a) yours (b) you're
(c) your (d) you
17. _____ am not impressed at all.
(a) I (b) She
(c) He (d) You
18. You have to do all of it_____.
(a) herself (b) myself
(c) himself (d) yourself
19. I need someone_____ understands my situation.
(a) which (b) who
(c) whose (d) none of these
20. _____ am willing to help if you need it.
(a) I (b) They
(c) He (d) She

Directions (Questions Nos. 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with proper conjunctions.

21. I'd rather die_____ live dishonorably.
(a) but (b) then
(c) because (d) than
22. You will be punished _____ you are late.
(a) so (b) if
(c) than (d) else
23. It might be the case _____ I highly doubt it.
(a) than (b) nor
(c) though (d) then

24. He finished first _____ he had a rough start.
(a) though (b) then
(c) by (d) than
25. You will not play _____ you are finished.
(a) by (b) than
(c) then (d) until
26. I did not get entry _____ I was late.
(a) than (b) as
(c) then (d) nor
27. I visit my parents _____ I'm in town.
(a) whenever (b) whoever
(c) than (d) moreover
28. I wanted the dog _____ my father did not.
(a) but (b) else
(c) than (d) nor
29. I really need a bike _____ commuting to work.
(a) but (b) else
(c) then (d) for
30. I am angry _____ you broke my trust.
(a) because (b) by
(c) whenever (d) than

Directions (Questions Nos. 31 - 35) : Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions:

31. I am currently _____ a diet.
(a) on (b) onto
(c) at (d) around
32. He jumped _____ of the bridge.
(a) in (b) off
(c) under (d) over
33. Place it _____ the table.
(a) opposite (b) opposite to
(c) around (d) in
34. The police are _____ us.
(a) in (b) onto
(c) off (d) into
35. The cat jumped _____ the river.
(a) across (b) off
(c) under (d) none of these

Directions (Questions Nos. 36 - 45) : Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verb from the given options:

36. I have been _____ for over an hour.
(a) waited (b) wait
(c) waits (d) waiting

37. My grandmother _____ when I was young.
(a) died (b) dying
(c) die (d) dies
38. I spend most of my day _____ books.
(a) reading (b) by read
(c) read (d) reads
39. You must _____ the pot slowly.
(a) stir (b) stirring
(c) stiring (d) stirs
40. He is _____ on it.
(a) work (b) working
(c) works (d) worked
41. The dog _____ off the wolves.
(a) fought (b) fight
(c) fighting (d) none of these
42. He _____ quite fast for his size.
(a) running (b) run
(c) was run (d) runs
43. I am _____ than i look.
(a) strongest (b) strong
(c) strongly (d) stronger
44. You have to do it _____ or else they will notice.
(a) quickly (b) quickest
(c) fastly (d) quicker
45. I _____ him as a lost as he taught me so much.
(a) admires (b) admiring
(c) admire (d) none of these

Directions (Questions Nos. 46 - 51) : Transform the following sentences as directed.

46. I must sleep early. I have a test tomorrow. (*use appropriate conjunction*)
(a) I must sleep early for I have a test tomorrow.
(b) I must sleep early on I have a test tomorrow.
(c) I must sleep early in I have a test tomorrow.
(d) I must sleep early onto I have a test tomorrow.
47. It is too late to start a new project now. (*change to complex*)
(a) It is so late that we cannot start a new project. (b) It is late to start a new project.
(c) It is late to start the project anew. (d) None of these.
48. He ordered that the janitor be jailed. (*change to simple*)
(a) He put an order out to jail the janitor. (b) He ordered them to jail the janitor.
(c) He ordered the janitor be jailed. (d) None of these.
49. Help me. (*change to interrogative*)
(a) Could you please help me? (b) Please help me.
(c) Help me please. (d) None of these.

50. He confessed his illegal act. (*change to complex*)
- (a) He confessed that his act was illegal.
 - (b) His illegal act was confessed by him.
 - (c) He confessed that he was guilty of his illegal act.
 - (d) None of these.

51. Alex is a great athlete. (*change to interrogative*)
- (a) Is Alex a great athlete?
 - (b) A great athlete is Alex?
 - (c) Alex is a great athlete?
 - (d) None of these.

Directions (Questions Nos. 52 - 56) : Identify the following sentences or clauses from the given options.

52. It is too late to start over.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Complex
 - (c) Compound
 - (d) None of these
53. I met rather few people who could play football.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Complex
 - (c) Compound
 - (d) None of these
54. Not too long ago that tree was only a sapling, but now it has started to bear fruit.
- (a) Simple
 - (b) Complex
 - (c) Compound
 - (d) None of these
55. When winter arrives, plant life starts to wither.
- (a) adverb clause
 - (b) noun clause
 - (c) adjective clause
 - (d) none of these
56. Though he was tired, Jack helped the old lady.
- (a) adverb clause
 - (b) noun clause
 - (c) adjective clause
 - (d) none of these

Directions (Questions Nos. 57 - 61) : Synthesize the sentences as directed.

57. She must be playing. Her room was empty when I checked. (*use for*)
- (a) She must be playing for her room was empty when I checked.
 - (b) She is playing for her room was empty.
 - (c) For her room was empty, she must be playing.
 - (d) None of these.
58. I have some work to do. I must complete them. (*use infinitive*)
- (a) I have some work to complete.
 - (b) I have some work do to complete.
 - (c) I have some incomplete work to do.
 - (d) I must complete my work.
59. He deserved to succeed. He failed. (*adverbial phrase*)
- (a) He failed undeservedly.
 - (b) He deserved to succeed but failed.
 - (c) He failed though he deserved to succeed.
 - (d) He succeeded deservedly.
60. He got up. He ran away. (*use participle*)
- (a) Getting up, he ran away.
 - (b) He ran away as he got up.
 - (c) He got up and ran away.
 - (d) He got up then ran way.
61. The soldiers arrived. The terrorists dispersed. (*use preposition with noun/gerund*)
- (a) The soldiers having arrived, the terrorists dispersed.
 - (b) The soldiers arrived and the terrorists dispersed.
 - (c) The terrorists dispersed as the soldiers arrived.
 - (d) The soldiers made the terrorists disperse.

Directions (Questions Nos. 62 - 66) : Pick the correct clause in the given sentences.

62. I have no idea whether my father is at home.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
63. I went straight home after I finished work.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
64. The person that was injured succumbed to his wounds and died.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
65. So this is the park where you met.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause
66. We always played until the sun set.
(a) adverb clause (b) noun clause
(c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

Directions (Questions Nos. 67 - 71) : Choose the correct collocation.

67. He was greeted with a warm _____.
(a) love (b) arrival
(c) noise (d) welcome
68. He was _____ wounded and eventually passed away.
(a) fatally (b) lightly
(c) nicely (d) slightly
69. The loch ness monster is just an urban _____.
(a) legend (b) legendary
(c) mythic (d) story
70. There's a lot of _____ surrounding his shady rise to power.
(a) beliefs (b) controversy
(c) myths (d) story
71. He's a valuable _____ to the company, so do be kind with him.
(a) person (b) people
(c) asset (d) value

Directions (Questions Nos. 72 - 76) : Choose the correct synonym for the following words.

72. Writer
(a) editor (b) anonymous
(c) publisher (d) author
73. Ask
(a) require (b) enquire
(c) inquire (d) acquire
74. Coarse
(a) rough (b) straight
(c) course (d) circuit

75. Ancient

- (a) majestic (b) new
(c) triumphant (d) old

76. Amends

- (a) divinity (b) rejoice
(c) joyful (d) atonement

Directions (Questions Nos. 77 - 86) : Choose the correct antonyms of the following words.

77. Arrogant

- (a) humble (b) selfish
(c) futile (d) proud

78. Blunt

- (a) sharp (b) hard
(c) long (d) round

79. Sparse

- (a) rare (b) plentiful
(c) special (d) scarce

80. Rigid

- (a) hard (b) flexible
(c) coarse (d) dense

81. Expand

- (a) widen (b) harden
(c) shorten (d) contract

82. Arrive

- (a) invite (b) receive
(c) depart (d) flight

83. Jubilant

- (a) gloomy (b) cheerful
(c) exuberant (d) dark

84. Moderate

- (a) extreme (b) modify
(c) simplify (d) normal

85. Gargantuan

- (a) majestic (b) tiny
(c) ridiculous (d) fake

86. Hastily

- (a) slowly (b) softly
(c) quickly (d) angrily

Directions (Questions Nos. 87 - 96) : Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases.

87. Rank and file.

- (a) social status (b) qualification
(c) information about a person (d) ordinary people

88. At daggers drawn.
(a) to debate (b) ready to fight
(c) to fight (d) bitterly hostile
89. Cry for the moon.
(a) cry out of loneliness (b) to wish for impossible things
(c) cry out of heartbreak (d) to cry for no reason
90. Take to one's heels.
(a) to run away (b) to take off a shoe
(c) to take it up by oneself (d) to be cocky
91. In high spirits.
(a) very happy (b) very drunk
(c) to accomplish a great feat (d) to be at a high location
92. A house of cards.
(a) a fake house (b) a poor plan
(c) a weak building (d) a foolproof plan
93. To kick the bucket.
(a) to do something out of anger (b) to kick a pest
(c) to annoy someone (d) to pass away
94. Close fisted.
(a) kind (b) readily
(c) mean (d) politely
95. To be cock sure.
(a) to be unsure (b) to be accused
(c) to be absolutely certain (d) to accuse someone
96. Cut and dried.
(a) to die (b) to be left for dead
(c) postmortem (d) readymade

Directions (Questions Nos. 97 - 100) : Choose the correct alternative:

97. He said that he _____ soon.
(a) will have arrived (b) will be arrived
(c) arrive (d) will be arriving
98. He was unfortunately _____ from the school.
(a) be rejected (b) rejected
(c) be reject (d) reject
99. This goes against my _____.
(a) principles (b) principality
(c) principal (d) none of these.
100. The dog barks a lot when it's _____.
(a) bore (b) board
(c) brood (d) bored