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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 (Question Nos. 1 – 10) : Name the part of speech of the underlined words in the given sentence:**

1. The tall man is in the shop.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
2. There is a wonderful restaurant in this city.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
3. The realtor walked slowly towards the door.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
4. Mawii went to the market with her tools.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) pronoun (d) adverb
5. Hurrah! Our team has won the match!  
(a) interjection (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
6. The workers forced the administrator to resign.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
7. Smoking is an unhealthy choice.  
(a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
8. Dreams never turn into reality unless you wake up.  
(a) noun (b) conjunction  
(c) adjective (d) adverb
9. One will find that many choices are available in the catalogue.  
(a) adverb (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) noun

10. Zami and Rema were in the building last night.

- (a) noun (b) verb  
(c) adjective (d) adverb

**Directions (Question Nos. 11 – 20) : Choose the correct form of the verb given in the bracket:**

11. The family \_\_\_\_\_ in this city for the last ten years. (*live*)

- (a) lived (b) lives  
(c) has been living (d) was living

12. Thanga \_\_\_\_\_ to school every day. (*go*)

- (a) went (b) is going  
(c) go (d) goes

13. Rosanga \_\_\_\_\_ a new car yesterday. (*buy*)

- (a) is buying (b) bought  
(c) buys (d) have bought

14. Hriati \_\_\_\_\_ her lesson when you return. (*learn*)

- (a) will be learning (b) learned  
(c) learns (d) has been learning

15. The man \_\_\_\_\_ up his son early in the morning. (*wake*)

- (a) is waking (b) awoke  
(c) woke (d) waked

16. I \_\_\_\_\_ at the company for five years when I got the promotion. (*work*)

- (a) has been working (b) had been working  
(c) worked (d) was working

17. The parade \_\_\_\_\_ by the time Rinpuia gets out of bed. (*end*)

- (a) ends (b) ended  
(c) will have ended (d) has ended

18. Hriati \_\_\_\_\_ the news later in the evening. (*watch*)

- (a) will watch (b) watches  
(c) watched (d) is watching

19. The Headmaster \_\_\_\_\_ to see you now. (*want*)

- (a) is wanting (b) wants  
(c) was wanting (d) wanted

20. The board of directors \_\_\_\_\_ this agenda tomorrow. (*discuss*)

- (a) will have discussed (b) discuss  
(c) discussed (d) will discuss

**Directions (Question Nos. 21 – 30) : Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blanks:**

21. The cow was beaten \_\_\_\_\_ a stick.

- (a) by (b) with  
(c) under (d) over

22. The woman was born \_\_\_\_\_ Sialsuk, Mizoram.

- (a) on (b) in  
(c) beyond (d) above



23. Please pour the juice \_\_\_\_\_ the glass.  
(a) in (b) onto  
(c) into (d) unto
24. Tommy has been ill \_\_\_\_\_ three days.  
(a) since (b) till  
(c) on (d) for
25. The workers were building a stone bridge \_\_\_\_\_ the river.  
(a) above (b) beyond  
(c) across (d) beside
26. The community depends \_\_\_\_\_ you to make a statement.  
(a) for (b) on  
(c) of (d) with
27. The grandfather distributed his wealth \_\_\_\_\_ his son and daughter.  
(a) amongst (b) among  
(c) besides (d) between
28. The forest in Khawzawl abounds \_\_\_\_\_ wild animals.  
(a) with (b) among  
(c) over (d) from
29. He is an optimist who always hopes \_\_\_\_\_ the best.  
(a) in (b) of  
(c) for (d) over
30. We expect the Chairman to distribute chocolates \_\_\_\_\_ the students.  
(a) between (b) over  
(c) within (d) among

**Directions (Question Nos. 31 – 40) : Identify which kind of pronoun the underlined word is in the following sentences:**

31. This is my book.  
(a) personal pronoun (b) demonstrative pronoun  
(c) indefinite pronoun (d) distributive pronoun
32. Each of them is to blame.  
(a) personal pronoun (b) demonstrative pronoun  
(c) indefinite pronoun (d) distributive pronoun
33. Whom are you looking for?  
(a) distributive pronoun (b) demonstrative pronoun  
(c) interrogative pronoun (d) indefinite pronoun
34. This is the house that my parents had built.  
(a) demonstrative pronoun (b) relative pronoun  
(c) indefinite pronoun (d) personal pronoun
35. We enjoyed ourselves at the festival last night.  
(a) personal pronoun (b) demonstrative pronoun  
(c) relative pronoun (d) reflexive pronoun

36. There are some of us who were born to be wild.  
(a) reflexive pronoun (b) relative pronoun  
(c) indefinite pronoun (d) distributive pronoun
37. The shoes in the cabinet are mine.  
(a) personal pronoun (b) interrogative pronoun  
(c) indefinite pronoun (d) distributive pronoun
38. This lunch box is what my mother needs.  
(a) interrogative pronoun (b) indefinite pronoun  
(c) reflexive pronoun (d) relative pronoun
39. She seated herself before the ushers could assist her.  
(a) reflexive pronoun (b) relative pronoun  
(c) personal pronoun (d) distributive pronoun
40. Which of these paintings do you want to buy?  
(a) indefinite pronoun (b) reflexive pronoun  
(c) interrogative pronoun (d) distributive pronoun

**Directions (Question Nos. 41 – 50) : Analyse the sentences and choose the correct option:**

41. Nunsanga and Remmawia are best friends.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
42. Muana is studying for the test and his sister is learning how to cook.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
43. Gabrielle realised that the plane was late while she was waiting at the airport.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
44. I was unable to finish the project because I reached home late.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
45. David went to the market but Sallie went to the office meeting.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
46. Danmawii invited her friends to her housewarming party.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
47. The manager, whom I saw yesterday, offered me a position in his new company.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
48. Hmingi and Ruati left the meeting before Khuma arrived, so he did not see them.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound



49. Achilles had one weak spot in his body.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound
50. They enjoyed the concert last night and they will be posting the photos later.  
(a) Simple (b) Complex  
(c) Compound

**Directions (Question Nos. 51 – 60) : Transform the following sentences as directed in the bracket without changing the meaning:**

51. He loves all his daughters equally well. (*Negative*)  
(a) He does not love all his daughters at all  
(b) He does not love any of his daughters more than the others  
(c) He would not love any of his daughters more than the others  
(d) He did not love all his daughters any more than the others
52. Alas! That man should die! (*Assertive*)  
(a) It is sad that man should die (b) It is alas that man should die  
(c) It is evident that man should die (d) It is true that man should die
53. It is a pity that you did this. (*Exclamatory*)  
(a) That it is a pity you did this! (b) This you did this with a pity!  
(c) What a pity that you did this! (d) Oh! Pity did this with you!
54. The knife in the kitchen is sharp. (*Negative*)  
(a) The knife in the kitchen is not sharp (b) The knife in the kitchen is not blunt  
(c) The knife is not in the kitchen (d) The knife in the kitchen is not there
55. He was not late. (*Affirmative*)  
(a) He was late (b) He came on time  
(c) He did come (d) He is late
56. Their glory can never fade. (*Interrogative*)  
(a) May their glory never fade? (b) Can their glory ever fade?  
(c) Can their glory never fade? (d) May their glory fade ever?
57. O that I were an eagle! (*Assertive*)  
(a) I wish that I were an eagle (b) I hope that I can be an eagle  
(c) I wish that I was not an eagle (d) I hope that I change into an eagle
58. Henry is leading a very miserable life. (*Exclamatory*)  
(a) How is the life led by Henry! (b) Miserable is Henry's leading life!  
(c) When is Henry leading a miserable life! (d) What a miserable life is Henry leading!
59. Dampuii was doubtful of Buangi's success. (*Negative*)  
(a) Dampuii was not doubtful of Buangi's career (b) Dampuii was not happy of Buangi's success  
(c) Dampuii was not sure of Buangi's success (d) Dampuii was not successful of Buangi's success
60. No other animal is as bold as the lion. (*Affirmative*)  
(a) The lion is as bold as the other animals (b) The lion is the boldest animal  
(c) The lion is a bold animal (d) The lion is a very bold animal



**Directions (Question Nos. 61 – 70) : Synthesize the sentences as given in the brackets:**

61. Sangzuala is working hard. He wants to win a scholarship. (*Use an Infinitive*)
- (a) Sangzuala is working too hard to wins a scholarship
  - (b) Sangzuala was working hard and will win a scholarship
  - (c) Sangzuala is working hard to win a scholarship
  - (d) Sangzuala will work hard and win a scholarship
62. Dingi has eaten it. Muana has eaten it. It must be one of them. (*Use an Alternative Conjunction*)
- (a) Neither Dingi nor Muana has not eaten it
  - (b) Either Dingi or Muana has eaten it
  - (c) Either Dingi or Muana had eaten it
  - (d) Neither Dingi or Muana has eaten it
63. I saw a chair in the room. It had no cushion. (*Use Adjective Clause*)
- (a) I saw a chair in the room and had no cushion
  - (b) I saw a chair in the room and the chair has no cushion
  - (c) I saw a chair in the room and no cushion was seen
  - (d) I saw a chair in the room which had no cushion
64. The guide will help you. You must be polite. (*Use an Adverb Clause*)
- (a) The guide will help you and you have to be polite
  - (b) The guide will help you when you are polite
  - (c) The guide will help you if you are polite
  - (d) The guide will help you unless you are polite
65. Rinmuani did not inform me of it. It was very unfortunate. (*Use an Adverb*)
- (a) Unfortunately Rinmuani did not inform me of it
  - (b) Unfortunately Rinmuani would not inform me of it
  - (c) Unfortunately Rinmuani does not inform me of it
  - (d) Unfortunately Rinmuani choseto not inform me of it
66. Vena is my friend. He is the heir to the throne. (*Use a Noun Phrase in Apposition*)
- (a) Vena is my friend and also was the heir to the throne
  - (b) Vena, my friend, is the heir to the throne
  - (c) Vena, my friend, was the heir to the throne
  - (d) Vena was my friend and he will be the heir to the throne
67. Zodina overworked. His health broke down. (*Use illative conjunction*)
- (a) Zodina overworked because his health broke down
  - (b) Zodina is overworking and his health will break down
  - (c) Zodina overworked and his health will break down
  - (d) Zodina overworked therefore his health broke down
68. Malsawmi is a fine woman. One thing is wanting in her. She is not punctual. (*Use a Noun Clause*)
- (a) Malsawmi is a fine person except that she is not punctual
  - (b) Malsawmi is not a fine person because she is not punctual
  - (c) Malsawmi was a fine person except that she was not punctual
  - (d) Malsawmi is a fine person but she will never be punctual



69. I saw my fiancé. I went up to her. I embraced her fondly. (*Use a Participial Phrase*)
- (a) Upon seeing my fiancé, I went up to him to embrace her fondly
  - (b) Having seen my fiancé, I went up to her to embrace her fondly
  - (c) Seeing my fiancé and I went up to him to embrace him fondly
  - (d) And having seen my fiancé, I went to embrace her fondly
70. Chhingpuii was punished. She was also made to write impositions. (*Use 'not only...but also'*)
- (a) Chhingpuii is not only punished but also make to write impositions
  - (b) Chhingpuii was not punished only but made also to write impositions
  - (c) Chhingpuii was not only punished but also made to write impositions
  - (d) Chhingpuii will be not only punished but also made to write impositions

**Directions (Question Nos. 71 – 80) : Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases:**

71. Scot free.
- (a) freedom
  - (b) Scottish drink
  - (c) reflections
  - (d) unpunished
72. To win laurels
- (a) to gain honour
  - (b) to win a throne
  - (c) to take over someone
  - (d) to be invincible
73. At the zenith
- (a) at the lowest degree
  - (b) at the highest degree
  - (c) at the bottom of the chain
  - (d) at the middle ground
74. To give oneself airs
- (a) to be in a fit
  - (b) to win over someone
  - (c) to boast
  - (d) to be greeted
75. To do away with
- (a) to gain
  - (b) to be embarrassed
  - (c) to enhance
  - (d) to destroy
76. Pros and cons
- (a) earnestly
  - (b) points for and against
  - (c) everywhere and nowhere
  - (d) here and there
77. Tit for tat
- (a) blow for a blow
  - (b) win and lose
  - (c) to waste away
  - (d) joys and hardships
78. Black and blue
- (a) colourful
  - (b) tearful
  - (c) major thing
  - (d) severely
79. Take by storm
- (a) fear of stormy weather
  - (b) hailstorms and thunder
  - (c) capture by a sudden attack
  - (d) sudden storm
80. Hue and cry
- (a) loud noise
  - (b) crying uncontrollably
  - (c) ruin and destroy
  - (d) strong and mighty

**Directions (Question Nos. 81 – 90) : Choose the correct word for the given sentence:**

81. The practice of having many wives.  
(a) Diagamy (b) Monogamy  
(c) Polyamorous (d) Polygamy
82. A song to put babies to sleep  
(a) Lullaby (b) Dirge  
(c) Sonnet (d) Ode
83. A medicine that kills insects  
(a) Herbivores (b) Insecticide  
(c) Polecticide (d) Honoricide
84. A state where no law and order exists  
(a) Aristocracy (b) Amateur  
(c) Anarchy (d) Biped
85. Pertaining to the East  
(a) Oriental (b) Celestial  
(c) Obsolete (d) Oblong
86. A man who keeps changing sides  
(a) Side-changer (b) Turncoat  
(c) Amorous (d) Atheist
87. A medicine that softens the bowels  
(a) Laxative (b) Grassivore  
(c) Insoluble (d) Unsolvent
88. That which cannot be expressed in words  
(a) Unintelligible (b) Unethical  
(c) Inaudible (d) Ineffable
89. Murder of a human being  
(a) Credible (b) Homicide  
(c) Infanticide (d) Fratricide
90. A thing that catches fire easily  
(a) Delible (b) Fastidious  
(c) Ineffable (d) Combustible

**Directions (Question Nos. 91 – 95) : Choose the correct word to fill in the blanks:**

91. Luther is \_\_\_\_\_ in painting.  
(a) adapt  
(b) adept
92. His good manners \_\_\_\_\_ praise from everyone.  
(a) illicit  
(b) elicit



93. The sun is \_\_\_\_\_ while the Earth moves.  
(a) stationery  
(b) stationary
94. The news on the channel is not \_\_\_\_\_ at all.  
(a) credulous  
(b) credible
95. My neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ his dog to bark at the beggar.  
(a) incited  
(b) excited

**Directions (Question Nos. 96 – 100) : Choose the correct word to fill in the blanks:**

96. A \_\_\_\_\_ of lectures.  
(a) cluster  
(b) bevy  
(c) clump  
(d) course
97. A \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers.  
(a) regiment  
(b) hornet  
(c) dump  
(d) host
98. A \_\_\_\_\_ of laws.  
(a) crew  
(b) code  
(c) peal  
(d) course
99. A \_\_\_\_\_ of stones.  
(a) quiver  
(b) mountain  
(c) clutch  
(d) heap
100. A \_\_\_\_\_ of religious persons.  
(a) company  
(b) congregation  
(c) bevy  
(d) consignment

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