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ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

SECTION-A
(50 Marks)

*This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.
Marks for each question is indicated against it.*

1. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics: (25)
- Importance of Time Management
 - Importance of Entrepreneurship in Mizoram
 - Prospects and Challenges of Tourism in Mizoram

2. Write a précis of the passage given below. (15)

The establishment of modern machine-based industries in India during the period of the British rule played a significant role in the consolidation of the national economy of the country. It also generated social forces which gave impetus to the growth of Indian nationalism and the nationalist movement. It is true that the industrial development of India was insufficient and lop-sided due to a number of reasons. Still, this industrial development created powerful social forces which helped national advance. To mention only the most important among them, the growth of modern industries brought into existence modern industrial cities which became the theatres of intense, social, political, and cultural life and prime sources from which all progressive movements generally emanated. Further, the growth of modern industries led to the emergence of such new social groups as the class of the bourgeoisie and that of the proletariat, two basic classes whose specific weight in the movement of contemporary society was found great, even decisive.

The bourgeoisie and the proletariat are the basic classes of the modern capitalist society. As capitalist economy based on competition and commodity production develops, the intermediate classes of small producers such as artisans, and others, being unable to compete with powerful industrial rivals in the market, are ruined and increasingly fall into the ranks of the workers. In the countryside, too, the intermediate stratum of peasant proprietors, due to progressive impoverishment in the circumstances of capital economic environment, increasingly lose land to usurers and merchants and other capitalists and a good proportion of them become landless labourers or agricultural proletariat.

3. Make sentences with each word to denote their differences: (5×2=10)
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|---------------------|-----------------|
| (a) elicit, illicit | (b) reck, wreck |
| (c) team, teem | (d) loose, lose |
| (e) defer, differ | |

SECTION-B

(50 Marks)

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

This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 5) : Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words:

1. Football is practically a religion in some places.
(a) exclusively (b) regularly
(c) almost (d) decidedly
2. The continued fighting undermines the ongoing peace negotiations.
(a) weakens (b) intensifies
(c) cancels (d) inflames
3. Her yellow blouse accentuated her ivory skin tone.
(a) concealed (b) highlighted
(c) reflected (d) insulated
4. The officials are very circumspect in dealing with the matter.
(a) lenient (b) serious
(c) understanding (d) cautious
5. The military undertook covert operation in the region.
(a) undercover (b) concerted
(c) organized (d) mandatory

Directions (Question Nos. 6 - 10) : Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words:

6. Indiscriminate use of antibiotics can be hazardous.
(a) systematic (b) excessive
(c) wide (d) unplanned
7. She is at best mediocre within the scientific community.
(a) talented (b) excellent
(c) ordinary (d) decent
8. The project, from its inception had been nothing but arduous.
(a) challenging (b) effortless
(c) fascinating (d) enjoyable
9. Unscrupulous capitalism is the enemy of the state.
(a) unchecked (b) competitive
(c) immoral (d) ethical
10. The clients find themselves in a precarious situation due to the company's new policy.
(a) better (b) terrible
(c) worse (d) certain

Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 15) : Complete the following sentences with the appropriate prepositions:

11. The teacher rushed _____ the classroom.
(a) to (b) into
(c) between (d) onto
12. The money was divided equally _____ the two friends.
(a) between (b) among
(c) by (d) within
13. The concert ended _____ 7.00 p.m.
(a) on (b) by
(c) in (d) at
14. The mouse was bitten _____ the cat.
(a) upon (b) by
(c) with (d) over
15. They began their journey _____ daybreak.
(a) from (b) upon
(c) at (d) on

Directions (Question Nos. 16 - 20) : Join the sentences using appropriate conjunctions:

16. She did not like the food, _____ she ate it.
(a) despite (b) therefore
(c) yet (d) for
17. He completed the task _____ facing many hurdles.
(a) although (b) despite
(c) since (d) while
18. My boss ordered, _____ I went.
(a) because (b) even though
(c) lest (d) therefore
19. I shall finish in no time _____ you let me do the work.
(a) since (b) if
(c) while (d) for
20. I tried to warn you _____ you did not pay heed.
(a) but (b) if
(c) because (d) as

Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 25) : Complete the following sentences with the appropriate forms of the verbs.

21. We _____ together for the entire ongoing semester.
(a) will have worked (b) will be working
(c) will have been working (d) will be worked
22. She wanted to _____ a letter to the school authority.
(a) written (b) writes
(c) write (d) wrote

23. The gatekeeper must be duly _____ before entering the premise.
(a) inform (b) informed
(c) have informed (d) informs
24. He _____ with an old friend while on vacation.
(a) met (b) meet
(c) was met (d) had been meeting
25. They _____ not want to sign the agreement yesterday.
(a) do (b) does
(c) have (d) did

Directions (Question Nos. 26 - 35) : Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases below:

26. By fits and starts
(a) Angrily (b) Warily
(c) Consistently (d) Irregularly
27. A hue and cry
(a) Loud noise (b) To cry loudly
(c) To complain (d) To show disappointment
28. Tit for tat
(a) To exchange (b) Blow for a blow
(c) To forgive (d) To repent
29. To play fast and loose
(a) To be trustworthy (b) To be loyal
(c) To be reliable (d) To be unreliable
30. To bury the hatchet
(a) To make peace (b) To hide
(c) To run away (d) To fight
31. At daggers drawn
(a) Good friends (b) Bitter enemies
(c) Good acquaintances (d) Close relatives
32. A white elephant
(a) A very rare object (b) a precious thing
(c) A costly but useless thing (d) a priceless artifact
33. To leave in the lurch
(a) To desert in difficulty (b) To leave at one's choice
(c) To desert bad habits (d) To leave at the middle of something
34. Read between the lines
(a) To read carefully (b) To read wrongly
(c) To miss the point (d) To discover hidden meaning
35. To leave no stone unturned
(a) To search everywhere (b) To overcome problems
(c) To try one's best (d) To solve a puzzle

Directions (Question Nos. 36 - 40) : Choose the correct meaning of the following sentences:

36. That which happens after every two years
(a) annual (b) quarterly
(c) biennial (d) centennial
37. That cannot be corrected
(a) indelible (b) incorrigible
(c) corrigible (d) horrible
38. That which has more than one explanation
(a) ambiguous (b) heterogenous
(c) contagious (d) humongous
39. One who cannot pay off one's debts
(a) indebted (b) bankrupt
(c) defaulter (d) creditor
40. An object through which light can pass
(a) opaque (b) translucent
(c) transparent (d) transient

Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 45) : Complete the following by making the verb agree with the subject.

41. The quality of the oranges _____ not up to the mark.
(a) were (b) was
(c) had (d) am
42. Neither of the two boys _____ qualified for the job.
(a) were (b) have been
(c) was (d) are
43. His knowledge of indigenous cultures _____ outstanding.
(a) are (b) is
(c) were (d) am
44. Apples, as well as mangoes _____ fallen in prices.
(a) have (b) has
(c) have been (d) are
45. Neither John nor his classmates _____ present in the class.
(a) were (b) was
(c) has (d) is

Directions (Question Nos. 46 - 50) : Choose the correct indirect form of speech of the following direct sentences.

46. The teacher said to us, "Where are you going?"
(a) The teacher enquired our whereabouts.
(b) The teacher enquired where we were going.
(c) The teacher enquired where we are going.
(d) The teacher wanted to know where we were going.

47. She said to him, "Please wait here till I return."
- (a) She ordered him to wait upon her return.
 - (b) She asked him to wait till her return.
 - (c) She requested him to wait there till he returned.
 - (d) She requested him to wait there till he had returned.
48. Varun said, "How foolish I am!"
- (a) Varun exclaimed that he was very foolish.
 - (b) Varun exclaimed his foolishness.
 - (c) Varun expressed that he is indeed foolish.
 - (d) Varun exclaimed that he is very foolish.
49. He said, "Be quiet and listen to me"
- (a) He ordered them to be quiet and listen to him.
 - (b) He requested them to be quiet and listen to him.
 - (c) He exclaimed that they should be quiet and listen to him.
 - (d) He urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.
50. He said to him, "Is not your name John?"
- (a) He asked him if his name is John.
 - (b) He enquired whether his name was not John.
 - (c) He enquired whether his name is not John.
 - (d) He enquired if his name is John or not.

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