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GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

All questions carry equal mark of 1 each.

Attempt all questions.

Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 10) : Select the most appropriate option from the alternatives given :

1. I _____ this task by lunch as it is not hard.
(a) will finish (b) will have finished
(c) will be finishing (d) will have been finished
2. Where _____, had we not met her?
(a) will she be staying (b) would she stay
(c) will she stay (d) will she have stayed
3. The cheese looks as if the rats _____ it.
(a) are nibbling (b) had nibbled
(c) have nibbled (d) nibble it
4. _____ you all along ?
(a) Didn't she support (b) Hasn't she supported
(c) Isn't she supporting (d) Hasn't she been supporting
5. The truck hit her while she _____ the road.
(a) crosses (b) crossed
(c) has been crossing (d) was crossing
6. I wish he _____ me that he was quitting.
(a) told (b) tells
(c) had told (d) has told
7. Thank you so much for the bag. I _____ one for a long time.
(a) had been wanting (b) have wanted
(c) had wanted (d) wanted
8. Rakesh _____ for the competition these days.
(a) has prepared (b) prepares
(c) is preparing (d) prepared
9. That man _____ at the bus stop for the last hour.
(a) has stood (b) is standing
(c) was standing (d) has been standing
10. Shall I tell that person that the last bus _____ ?
(a) has gone (b) is gone
(c) had went (d) was gone

Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 20) : Select the most appropriate meaning of the given Idiom:

11. Casting a slur
(a) putting a curse (b) creating issues
(c) bringing into disrespect (d) making famous
12. Feet of clay
(a) to have a lot information (b) to have hidden agendas
(c) to have weakness of character (d) to be extremely cooperative
13. Broken reed
(a) steadfast (b) incompetent
(c) loyal (d) support that failed
14. A bee in the bonnet
(a) a peculiar habit (b) an obsession about something
(c) an achievement to be proud of (d) disregard
15. To flog a dead horse
(a) to act foolishly (b) to criticise strongly
(c) to do a thing in vain (d) to see a hidden meaning
16. Wet blanket
(a) blanket wet in the rain (b) cold blank
(c) discouraged from enjoying (d) damp clothes
17. All agog
(a) excited (b) rife with rumours
(c) restless (d) playful
18. Turn tail
(a) run like a coward (b) one who changes ideas
(c) run with a tail (d) run at the end
19. Red tapism
(a) to gain cheap popularity (b) official delay
(c) to obstruct (d) to paint something red
20. Ever and Anon
(a) for eternity (b) here and there
(c) sometimes (d) joy and sorrow

Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 25) : Select the best option that expresses the same meaning in Passive / Active Voice:

21. He wants someone to take photographs.
(a) Someone is wanted to take photographs (b) He wants to be taking photographs
(c) He wants photographs to be taken (d) Someone is to take photographs
22. He decided that the house should be sold.
(a) He decided the house to be sold (b) He decided to sell the house
(c) He has decided to sell the house (d) The house was decided to be sold by him
23. I remember them taking me to the zoo.
(a) I remember I am being taken to the zoo
(b) They are taking me to the zoo
(c) I remember being taken to the zoo
(d) I remember that I was taken to the zoo by them

24. Byron is said to have lived on vinegar and potatoes.
(a) They say that Byron lived on vinegar and potatoes
(b) Byron lived on vinegar and potatoes is said by them
(c) Vinegar and potatoes are lived on by Byron
(d) People said that Byron was living on vinegar and potatoes
25. He expected us to offer him the job.
(a) To offer him the job by us was expected by him (b) The job was expected to be offered by us
(c) He expects the job to offer by us (d) He expected to be offered the job

Directions (Question Nos. 26 - 33) : Choose the correct transformation of sentences as directed:

26. Rajendra Prasad was one of the greatest Indian leaders. (*Comparative*)
(a) Rajendra Prasad was as great as other Indian leaders.
(b) Rajendra Prasad was not the weakest of Indian leaders.
(c) Rajendra Prasad was greater than most other Indian leaders.
(d) Rajendra Prasad was also as great as other Indian leaders.
27. Everybody likes to be praised. (*Interrogative*)
(a) Does everybody like praise? (b) Who does not like to be praised?
(c) Do everyone like to be praised? (d) Doesn't everybody likes to be praised?
28. I wish I were a queen. (*Exclamatory*)
(a) Alas! if I were a queen! (b) Oh! to have been a queen!
(c) Oh to be a queen! (d) Alas! I want to be queen!
29. It is often difficult. (*Negative*)
(a) It does not look easy (b) It is never easy
(c) It is not always easy (d) It is not difficult
30. What though the field be lost? (*Assertive*)
(a) The field will be lost eventually (b) We are going to lose the field
(c) We might lose the field (d) It does not matter even if the field is lost
31. She was asked not to loiter in the gallery. (*Affirmative*)
(a) She was forbidden to loiter in the gallery
(b) She was told that she could not loiter in the gallery
(c) They asked her not to loiter in the gallery
(d) They forbade her to loiter in the gallery
32. It is better to lend than borrow. (*Positive*)
(a) To lend is better than to borrow (b) Borrowing is not as good as lending
(c) To borrow is not better than lending (d) Lend than borrow
33. His father is the most honest of all. (*Comparative*)
(a) No one else is so honest as his father (b) None is more honest than his father
(c) His father is more honest than anybody else (d) His father is as honest as anybody else

Directions (Question Nos. 34 - 43) : Fill in the blanks with the most suitable Preposition from the alternatives provided:

34. I wonder who is waiting _____ the table next to ours.
(a) at (b) on
(c) in (d) by
35. Those are actions _____ which you should be ashamed.
(a) to (b) with
(c) of (d) about

36. He was lifted _____ the table.
(a) on (b) up
(c) onto (d) at
37. Cats are tenacious _____ life.
(a) to (b) of
(c) with (d) in
38. The bee came in _____ the door.
(a) from (b) at
(c) by (d) through
39. It is dangerous to enter _____ the enemy's camp.
(a) through (b) in
(c) into (d) on
40. Minority aspirations cannot forever be kept in check _____ the gun.
(a) with (b) through
(c) for (d) about
41. A good judge never gropes _____ the conclusion.
(a) at (b) to
(c) on (d) for
42. Under this heavy load the bridge will give _____.
(a) way (b) in
(c) into (d) away
43. They quarrelled with me _____ the division of the booty.
(a) for (b) about
(c) on (d) in

Directions (Question Nos. 44 - 50) : Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words:

44. It is more of self-interest than service.
(a) Verb (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
45. All spoke in his favour.
(a) Noun (b) Adjective
(c) Conjunction (d) Pronoun
46. As he was poor, I helped him.
(a) Interjection (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Adjective
47. I'm just coming.
(a) Adverb (b) Verb
(c) Pronoun (d) Adjective
48. This is the road by which he came.
(a) Adverb (b) Pronoun
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
49. Every member is present.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Verb
50. He showed much patience.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective

Directions (Question Nos. 51 - 55) : Select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Direct / Indirect speech:

51. He said to her, "What a cold day!"
(a) He told her that it was a cold day. (b) He exclaimed that it was a cold day.
(c) He exclaimed sorrowfully that it was a cold day. (d) He exclaimed that it was a very cold day.
52. The father warned his son that he should be aware of him.
(a) The father warned his son, "Be aware of him!" (b) The father warned his son, "Be careful of him."
(c) The father warns his son, "Beware of him." (d) The father warns, "Son, be aware of him."
53. Harish said to me, "Why didn't you come with us?"
(a) Harish asked me why I did not come with them. (b) Harish asked me why didn't I go with them.
(c) Harish asked me why I did not go with them. (d) Harish asked whether I want to go with them.
54. She said, "When I was a child, I wasn't afraid of ghosts."
(a) She said when she was a child she wasn't afraid of ghosts.
(b) She told me that when she was a child she never feared ghosts.
(c) She said that when she was a child she wasn't afraid of ghosts.
(d) She said that when she had been a child she wasn't afraid of ghosts.
55. "If you don't keep quiet I shall shoot you," he said to her in a calm voice.
(a) He warned her to shoot if she didn't keep quiet calmly.
(b) He said calmly that he shall shoot her if she doesn't keep quiet.
(c) He warned her calmly that he would shoot her if she didn't keep quiet.
(d) He warned with a calm voice that he should shoot if she is not quiet.

Directions (Question Nos. 56 - 60) : Choose the one which can be substituted for the given words / sentence:

56. A political leader appealing to popular desires and prejudices.
(a) Tyrant (b) Demagogue
(c) Popularist (d) Dictator
57. Not allowing the passage of light.
(a) Oblique (b) Opulant
(c) Opaque (d) Optique
58. Thawing snow.
(a) Sludge (b) Slush
(c) Slosh (d) Slash
59. A collection of slaves.
(a) Coflle (b) Crew
(c) Company (d) Cortege
60. A person of humble beginning who has gained wealth.
(a) Extravagant (b) Sumptuary
(c) Promiscuous (d) Parvenu

Directions (Question Nos. 61 - 65) : Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

61. A. Therefore, I bought a good house in a respectable neighbourhood.
B. This made me eager to welcome the first guest at home and show my hospitality.
C. I intended to be a model citizen in the neighbourhood.
D. I decided it was time for me to settle down.
(a) DBCA (b) DACB
(c) CADB (d) CBDA

62. A. I sow a seed. B. I saw the sapling.
C. I saw the sprout. D. I saw the plant.
(a) ACBD (b) DBAC
(c) CABD (d) ABCD
63. A. When it saw me, it moved quickly and hid itself in a coconut shell.
B. I quietly went near and closed the mouth of the coconut shell with a stone.
C. One day I saw a small snake in the compound.
D. It was crawling along slowly.
(a) ABCD (b) DBCA
(c) CDAB (d) BCAD
64. A. Add the product to your shopping cart.
B. Select the brand you like.
C. Enter the card details and buy the product online.
D. Look for the product you want to purchase.
(a) ABCD (b) DACB
(c) BCDA (d) DBAC
65. A. A man on a bike had to ride on the pavement.
B. When he tried to plunge onto the road, a car hit him.
C. As the bus inched through the evening life, the traffic grew.
D. There was no space on the road any more.
(a) CDAB (b) CBAD
(c) DBCA (d) ADBC

Directions (Question Nos. 66 – 70) : Select the incorrectly spelt word.

66. (a) Incentivise (b) Insignificant
(c) Insubordinant (d) Insufficient
67. (a) Prominent (b) Promenade
(c) Providence (d) Prosecuet
68. (a) Leverage (b) Leviathane
(c) Leprechaun (d) Levitate
69. (a) Emaciate (b) Emasculate
(c) Enunciate (d) Erradicate
70. (a) Croissant (b) Crochet
(c) Cromatic (d) Corium

Directions (Question Nos. 71 – 75): Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

71. Admonish
(a) Chide (b) Reprove
(c) Flatter (d) Rebuke
72. Judicious
(a) Unequal (b) Unlawful
(c) Impure (d) Indiscreet
73. Bashful
(a) Sheepish (b) Coy
(c) Confident (d) Chaste
74. Waver
(a) Steady (b) Sway
(c) Slant (d) Tilt

75. Turbid
(a) Mixed (b) Varied
(c) Confused (d) Clear

Directions (Question Nos. 76 – 80) : Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

76. Combine to form a whole
(a) Integrate (b) Scatter
(c) Disjoin (d) Create
77. Come in the way of
(a) Indulge (b) Facilitate
(c) Deprive (d) Hamper
78. To rise in value
(a) Extend (b) Depreciate
(c) Enlarge (d) Appreciate
79. Seeming reasonable
(a) Permeable (b) Plausible
(c) Volatile (d) Versatile
80. A state of perfect balance
(a) Equinox (b) Equivalent
(c) Equilateral (d) Equilibrium

Directions (Question Nos. 81 – 85) : In the given sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

81. The doctor with his interns are due to arrive here by noon.
(a) The doctor with his (b) no error
(c) to arrive here by noon (d) interns are due
82. Are you having your own transport to go home from work?
(a) to go home (b) from work
(c) Are you having (d) your own transport
83. Where have you been from such a long time?
(a) from (b) Where
(c) have you been (d) such a long time?
84. Do you earn so much to make both ends meet?
(a) make both (b) so much to
(c) ends meet (d) Do you earn
85. Aren't you such young to travel by yourself?
(a) by yourself (b) Aren't you
(c) to travel (d) such young

Directions (Question Nos. 86 - 90) : Choose/identify the correct tense of the verbs in the following sentences.

86. Lali _____ taken a lesson on driving.
(a) has (b) have
(c) have been (d) had been
87. The cobbler _____ mending my shoes.
(a) has (b) was
(c) had (d) was being

88. These fruits _____ not be eaten by the patient.
(a) will (b) does
(c) was (d) have
89. Zira _____ his future wife at the park.
(a) met (b) will met
(c) have met (d) is met
90. The ants _____ working hard all winter.
(a) have been (b) have
(c) was (d) had

Directions (Question Nos. 91 - 95) : Choose the correct answer from the given choices.

91. The police _____ having convicted the man.
(a) denial (b) denied
(c) rejects (d) refused
92. The kind woman _____ the little infant as her own.
(a) mother (b) mothers
(c) smother (d) had smother
93. The dampness began to _____ the old man's health.
(a) affected (b) effect
(c) affect (d) recover
94. Linda _____ a gift from her husband.
(a) has hopes (b) expect
(c) receives (d) deliver
95. You must _____ to the instructions given by the teacher.
(a) hear (b) listen
(c) welcome (d) obey

Directions (Question Nos. 96 - 100) : Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word:

96. PERCEPTION
(a) Seeking (b) Understanding
(c) Reception (d) Touching
97. CIRCUMSTANCE
(a) Experiment (b) Evidence
(c) Incident (d) Investment
98. THRIVE
(a) Flourish (b) Perish
(c) Dive (d) Product
99. SCRUTINY
(a) Play (b) Taste
(c) Squeeze (d) Survey
100. LATENT
(a) Inactive (b) Solid
(c) Freeze (d) Unwell