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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 - 10) : Choose the correct Parts of Speech for the underlined words from the options given. Follow the instructions for each question.

1. Muslims fast in the month of Ramzan.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
2. He still lives in that dilapidated house.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
3. They arrived after we had left.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Conjunction (d) Interjection
4. I have spoken to him already.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Conjunction (d) Interjection
5. Without health there is no happiness.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
6. Either the manager or his assistants failed in their duty.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
7. The lion and the unicorn fought for the crown.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Conjunction (d) Interjection
8. Oh my God! That was unexpected.
(a) Adverb (b) Preposition
(c) Conjunction (d) Interjection
9. The rhythm of the road and the wind coming in the cracked windows brought on a surge of nostalgia.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective
10. Some people disagree with this theory, however, it's never been proven right.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adjective

Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 20) : Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets. Select an answer from the given options.

11. The thief was _____ (accuse) of robbing the bank and attacking three men.
(a) accuse (b) accused
(c) accusing (d) accused by
12. The fact that he likes expensive cars very much _____ (conflict) with the fact that he is a poor man.
(a) conflicts (b) conflicting
(c) conflict (d) are conflicting
13. I think that Turkey _____ (deserve) a special place among other countries because of its tremendous potential.
(a) deserve (b) deserving
(c) deserves (d) deserved
14. It is amazing that only a three-year-old child _____ (survive) the plane crash in which hundreds of passengers died.
(a) survive (b) surviving
(c) survives (d) survived
15. He is so arrogant and vain that he looks down on everyone. Consequently, everyone _____ (ignore) him.
(a) ignore (b) ignores
(c) ignored (d) ignoring
16. It is a very bad habit for a person to _____ (hesitate) when he is crossing the street.
(a) hesitate (b) hesitates
(c) hesitated (d) hesitating
17. The baby _____ (inherit) his mother's green eyes and his father's strength.
(a) inherit (b) inherits
(c) inherited (d) inheriting
18. If money hadn't been _____ (invent) maybe there wouldn't be so much chaos in the world.
(a) invent (b) invents
(c) invented (d) inventing
19. Why do you _____ (insist) on his smoking all the time even though you know that he is not a smoker?
(a) insist (b) insists
(c) insisted (d) insisting
20. The army bravely _____ (fight) the enemy.
(a) fight (b) fights
(c) fought (d) fighting

Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 30) : Identify the type of Imperative sentences and pick out the correct answer from the given types.

21. Watch your mouth, young man.
(a) Command (b) Request
(c) Advice (d) Instruction
22. Turn to the right at the junction.
(a) Command (b) Request
(c) Advice (d) Instruction

23. Don't count the days. Make the days count.
(a) Command (b) Request
(c) Instruction (d) Advice
24. Help me pick up these boxes.
(a) Command (b) Request
(c) Instruction (d) Advice
25. Watch out!
(a) Warning (b) Instruction
(c) Proposal (d) Prohibition
26. Heat the pan before pouring the batter.
(a) Warning (b) Instruction
(c) Proposal (d) Prohibition
27. Let us all go for a swim tomorrow.
(a) Warning (b) Instruction
(c) Proposal (d) Prohibition
28. No parking!
(a) Warning (b) Instruction
(c) Proposal (d) Prohibition
29. Try not to cross the yellow line.
(a) Warning (b) Instruction
(c) Proposal (d) Prohibition
30. Can I borrow your pen?
(a) Warning (b) Request
(c) Proposal (d) Prohibition

Directions (Question Nos. 31 - 40) : Fill in with the appropriate preposition provided at the end of each question.

31. _____ a month he returned.
(a) In (b) By
(c) After (d) At
32. He rules _____ a vast empire.
(a) in (b) at
(c) over (d) by
33. John Gilpin was a citizen _____ credit and renown.
(a) by (b) of
(c) with (d) at
34. He worked and sang _____ morn till night.
(a) with (b) before
(c) from (d) over
35. She sat _____ the fire, and told me a tale.
(a) at (b) by
(c) on (d) in
36. _____ a spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands.
(a) Over (b) Across
(c) Below (d) Under

37. He goes on Sunday to the church, and sits _____ his boys.
(a) besides (b) with
(c) among (d) by
38. One crowded hour of glorious life is worth an age _____ a name.
(a) with (b) without
(c) beyond (d) besides
39. I tried to reason him out _____ his fears.
(a) of (b) by
(c) at (d) on
40. _____ the street the Piper stepped.
(a) Within (b) Off
(c) Into (d) About

Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 50) : Identify the type of sentences and choose the correct answer from the choices provided at the end of each.

41. Please leave me now, I have an important appointment with your seniors.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
42. Such a number of rocks came over her head.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
43. Don't you dare cross my path.
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
44. What a fantastic offer!
(a) Declarative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
45. Shut the window before you come down.
(a) Declarative (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
46. Ah! I am in great pain.
(a) Declarative (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
47. How do you differentiate Nina and Mina who are so identical?
(a) Declarative (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
48. Most of the migratory birds in this lake come from Siberia every winter.
(a) Declarative (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
49. Kindly forward the message I sent you to all our friends.
(a) Declarative (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory
50. When is the rain expected in this part of the country?
(a) Declarative (b) Interrogative
(c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory

Directions (Question Nos. 51 - 60) : Analyze the following sentences and indicate the kind of each.

51. Life has few enjoyments; still, we cling to it.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
52. Only do the right, and you will have no reason to be ashamed.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
53. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
54. Time flies fast, yet it sometimes appears to move slowly.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
55. Keep quiet or you will be punished.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
56. When he saw the danger he paused.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
57. As soon as he got the telegram, he left in a taxi.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
58. After seeing the Chief Minister he departed.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
59. He saved the child at the risk of his life.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
60. Although he saw the danger, he pressed on.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex

Directions (Question Nos. 61 - 70) : Choose the correct type of clause for the words underlined in the given sentences.

61. They went where living was cheaper.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
62. I remember the house where I was born.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
63. Just as he entered the room the clock struck.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause

64. I have a little shadow which goes in and out with me.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
65. We shall wait here until you come.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
66. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
67. I earn whatever I can.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
68. That you should cheat me hurts me.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
69. I know the man who was here.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
70. The law will punish whosoever is guilty.
(a) Main clause (b) Noun clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause

Directions (Question Nos. 71 - 80) : For each of the underlined Idioms and Phrases in the following sentences, replace them with the correct or nearest in meaning from the options given.

71. A leader should respect the opinion of the rank and file.
(a) the poor people (b) the military personnel
(c) the majority (d) the common people
72. I am all at sea.
(a) out of reach (b) very happy
(c) puzzled (d) drowning
73. I cannot deal with a queer fish like him.
(a) having too much critical habit (b) eccentric and peculiar person
(c) dishonest person (d) very mean person
74. Thousands put on a daily fight to keep the wolf from the door.
(a) avoid starvation (b) guard from pickpockets
(c) ward off mosquitoes (d) keep oneself healthy
75. His dealings are all above board.
(a) open (b) simple
(c) decent (d) friendly
76. The teacher gave the naughty child a slap on the wrist.
(a) short on time (b) a very mild punishment
(c) to have a dispute (d) to force an issue

77. For the first week, the apprentice felt like fish out of water.
(a) frustrated (b) homeless
(c) disappointed (d) uncomfortable
78. His oily tongue has won him promotion.
(a) soft speech (b) word power
(c) flattery (d) fluency in speech
79. The news of your exam gave me cold comfort.
(a) absurdity (b) deception
(c) slight satisfaction (d) foolish proposal
80. It was he who put a spoke in my wheel.
(a) tried to cause an accident (b) helped in the execution of the plan
(c) thwarted the execution of the plan (d) destroy the plan

Directions (Question Nos. 81 - 90) : Identify the word that best expresses its meaning to fill in the blanks in the sentences from the options given below each sentence.

81. They demanded _____ from the government regarding the policy.
(a) aberrancy (b) currency
(c) transparency (d) transportation
82. She was _____ in her efforts to learn the new language.
(a) purposeful (b) resolute
(c) persistent (d) persevering
83. The sunlight was so _____ that it caused a sunburn.
(a) enormous (b) fierce
(c) extreme (d) intense
84. The old chair made a _____ sound when I sat on it.
(a) creaking (b) bitter
(c) disturbing (d) craggy
85. He made some _____ to the years they lived apart.
(a) illusion (b) allusion
(c) delusion (d) diffusion
86. They divorced in a pleasant and _____ manner.
(a) amiable (b) boorish
(c) surly (d) rude
87. Murphy's Law is a good example of an _____ that takes a pessimistic view of life.
(a) adage (b) paradox
(c) absurdity (d) absolute
88. The spectators had to be _____ into the hall for want of space.
(a) mashed (b) crushed
(c) pounded (d) squashed
89. Treating people like pawns and playthings in your own private emotional board game is sheer _____.
(a) callosity (b) insensitivity
(c) callousness (d) numbness

90. Although the pain medication has its benefits, it can also _____ the body's capacity to break down toxins.
- (a) hamper (b) facilitate
(c) assist (d) inhibit

Directions (Question Nos. 91 - 100) : Choose the correct one-word substitute from the choices provided for each group of words.

91. The action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things.

(a) Belligerent (b) Crusade
(c) Blasphemy (d) Ephemeral

92. A doctrine which identifies God with the universe.

(a) Pedantic (b) Pantheism
(c) Penance (d) Indelible

93. A system of government by one person with absolute power.

(a) Autocracy (b) Autonomy
(c) Anarchy (d) Democracy

94. A place where bees are kept; a collection of beehives.

(a) Aviary (b) Apiary
(c) Abattoir (d) Arena

95. A room in a public building where outdoor clothes or luggage may be left.

(a) Cache (b) Creche
(c) Casino (d) Cloakroom

96. A closed political meeting.

(a) Clique (b) Cortege
(c) Caucus (d) Caravan

97. A community of people smaller than a village.

(a) Hamlet (b) Herd
(c) Horde (d) Posse

98. One who makes an official examination of accounts.

(a) Amateur (b) Auditor
(c) Anarchist (d) Apostate

99. One who is hard to please.

(a) Fastidious (b) Fugitive
(c) Fanatic (d) Fatalist

100. A scolding nagging bad-tempered woman.

(a) Uxorious (b) Virtuoso
(c) Termagant (d) Stoic