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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) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

1. There has been sufficient rain this year.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
2. I have some old copper coins.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
3. There are a few gentry in this town.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
4. Wisdom is better than strength.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
5. Make hay while the sun shines.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Pronoun (d) Conjunction
6. Pull this rope and run till the last post.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
7. Build your house fast before the rain comes.
(a) Noun (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
8. Oh my god! What a fabulous décor.
(a) Conjunction (b) Interjection
(c) Preposition (d) Pronoun
9. They will always be happy when others help them.
(a) Conjunction (b) Interjection
(c) Preposition (d) Pronoun

10. The javelin fell beyond the boundary of the field.

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| (a) Conjunction | (b) Interjection |
| (c) Preposition | (d) Pronoun |

Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 20) : Choose the correct type of sentence from the options provided for each.

11. Do you like chocolate pastries?

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

12. Bravo! You have done a wonderful job.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

13. South Africa is one of the largest continents on the planet Earth.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

14. Ravi, get out of the classroom before I call the principal.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

15. Such a beautiful surrounding!

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

16. Please clean the cupboard and the shelves today.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

17. The name of the girl in red velvet dress is Astrid Gracy.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

18. Oh! What a luck.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

19. Is your family related to the freedom fighter Jamal Ahmed?

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

20. I like the little pedlar who has a crooked nose.

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| (a) Imperative | (b) Declarative |
| (c) Interrogative | (d) Exclamatory |

Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 30) : Fill in with the appropriate preposition given at the end of each sentence.

21. Santa's father sent a watch _____ me.

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| (a) for | (b) at |
| (c) by | (d) on |

22. The bangle seller rested _____ a large shady tree.
(a) above (b) behind
(c) before (d) beneath
23. This is the school that she studies _____.
(a) on (b) in
(c) of (d) by
24. Cut the clothes _____ a scissor.
(a) on (b) with
(c) at (d) over
25. The amount you mentioned is _____ my ability to spend.
(a) over (b) behind
(c) beyond (d) above
26. The players will be chosen _____ their all-year performance.
(a) during (b) considering
(c) owing (d) regarding
27. Let us not disturb each other _____ our examinations.
(a) during (b) about
(c) owing (d) regarding
28. At the end of the long journey, all the children opened up _____ their likes and dislikes.
(a) during (b) considering
(c) owing (d) regarding
29. The states submitted a memorandum _____ the union minister for swift action.
(a) at (b) to
(c) with (d) for
30. Five excited puppies are almost too many to put up _____.
(a) at (b) with
(c) by (d) of

Directions (Question Nos. 31 - 40) : Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject of the sentences.

31. Early to bed and early to rise, _____ a man healthy, wealthy and wise.
(a) make (b) makes
(c) will make (d) has made
32. Each day and each hour _____ its duty.
(a) brings (b) bring
(c) has brought (d) will bring
33. Neither the sun nor the rain _____ to affect him.
(a) are able (b) were able
(c) seem (d) seems
34. Neither Rama nor his friends _____ hurt.
(a) is (b) was
(c) were (d) may

35. You and he _____ of the same feather.
(a) is birds (b) are birds
(c) are bird (d) was bird
36. A number of boys _____ copying.
(a) is caught (b) were caught
(c) has caught (d) was caught
37. A number of interesting suggestions _____ been made.
(a) was (b) were
(c) has (d) have
38. Politics _____ with him the business of his life.
(a) was (b) were
(c) have been (d) are
39. A variety of pleasing objects _____ the eye.
(a) is charming (b) are charming
(c) charm (d) charms
40. John, as well as Hari and Govind, _____ hot curry.
(a) like (b) is like
(c) likes (d) are likes

Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 50) : Analyse the following sentences and indicate the kind of each.

41. All students beat the mad dog with a stick.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
42. The dress which you are wearing is expensive.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
43. Only fools build imaginary castles in the air.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
44. The boy who lives in this room is a collegian.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
45. Mary as well as her sister owns a very huge mansion.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
46. Pandit Nehru, our first Prime Minister was a statesman.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
47. Some praise the work, and some praise the architect.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) complex

48. Since I believed his words, I didn't ask for a proof.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
49. He was born great but did not achieve greatness.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex
50. She couldn't hear you because the radio was on.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex

Directions (Question Nos. 51 - 60) : Identify the correct type of sentence from the options given.

51. Very few towns in India are as rich as Mumbai.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
52. Usha is taller than some of the girls in your class.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
53. She is so clever that she will see through your tricks.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
54. Naomi is not destined to fly today.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
55. Mr. Sam is one of the most intelligent men in town.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
56. Australia is the largest island in the world.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
57. Iron is more useful than any other metal.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
58. The stars are not seen from my angle.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
59. This church is the biggest in Aizawl.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative
60. There are few districts in India so hot as Guntur.
(a) Positive (b) Negative
(c) Comparative (d) Superlative

Directions (Question Nos. 61 - 70) : Identify the correct kinds of clauses/phrases for the underlined group of words in the following sentences.

61. He remarked how impudent the boy was.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
62. She died in the village where she was born.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
63. That you are drunk aggravates your offence.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
64. Youth is the time when the seeds of character are sown.
(a) Noun clause (b) Noun phrase
(c) Adjective clause (d) Adverb clause
65. A man who is industrious is sure to succeed.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
66. When the cat is away the mice will play.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
67. He does not always speak as he thinks.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
68. The moment which is lost is lost forever.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
69. He was so tired that he could not stand.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase
70. As the war was ended, the soldiers returned.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) Noun phrase

Directions (Question Nos. 71 - 80) : Choose a suitable idiom to make the sentence meaningful.

71. Having walked twenty miles, he is quite _____.
(a) done for (b) done with
(c) done up (d) done at
72. That building _____ Rs. 5000 a month.
(a) brings in (b) bring about
(c) bring over (d) bring under
73. New responsibilities often _____ virtues and abilities unsuspected before.
(a) call for (b) call out
(c) call in (d) call on

74. When does the Convocation _____?
(a) come of (b) come off
(c) come in (d) come by
75. He agreed to _____ my orders.
(a) carry forward (b) carry of
(c) carry over (d) carry out
76. He was _____ in the prime of life.
(a) cut for (b) cut with
(c) cut off (d) cut over
77. The Director generally _____ the faults of his subordinates.
(a) passed off (b) passed by
(c) passed on (d) passed with
78. I cannot _____ the meaning of this verse.
(a) make out (b) make up
(c) made for (d) made of
79. The tailor's bill has _____ a large amount.
(a) run up with (b) run in with
(c) run away with (d) run up to
80. The piano _____ too much room.
(a) takes in (b) takes up
(c) takes on (d) takes off

Directions (Question Nos. 81 - 90) : Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given sentence.

81. The driver of the truck was _____ injured, he died within half an hour.
(a) bravely (b) gravely
(c) fatally (d) fatefully
82. The family is not rich but they always wear _____ clothes.
(a) respected (b) respectable
(c) respectful (d) respective
83. She is too _____ to be deceived easily.
(a) strong (b) kind
(c) diligent (d) intelligent
84. The government instructed the soldiers to _____ restrain and handle the situation meticulously.
(a) enforce (b) show
(c) incur (d) exhibit
85. We could _____ trouble on our borders.
(a) comprehend (b) supplement
(c) sense (d) complement
86. This is the _____ chosen for the hospital complex to be built next year.
(a) locality (b) area
(c) site (d) sight
87. She lives in the world of _____.
(a) allusions (b) illusions
(c) conclusions (d) delusions

88. The Eiffel Tower is a remarkable _____ of engineering.
(a) feat (b) wonder
(c) creation (d) strength
89. It is grossly _____ to suggest that the school was responsible for the accident.
(a) inappropriate (b) justified
(c) unfair (d) unfit
90. If you drink too much, it will _____ your judgement.
(a) impede (b) impose
(c) infect (d) impair

Direction (Question Nos. 91 - 100) : Identify and choose the correct one-word substitutes from the options provided for the following group of words.

91. An unpleasant mixture of loud sound
(a) cacophony (b) hegemony
(c) irony (d) symphony
92. very careful and precise
(a) meticulous (b) garrulous
(c) tumultuous (d) meritorious
93. A hollow apace on a wall for a statue or ornament
(a) niche (b) effigy
(c) sermon (d) brick
94. A slow sad song often sung at a funeral
(a) grave (b) epitaph
(c) dirge (d) lament
95. To walk aimlessly
(a) amble (b) sprint
(c) crawl (d) slither
96. A display of unnecessary excitement
(a) fuss (b) complaint
(c) layoff (d) temerity
97. Bad or immoral behaviour or habits
(a) spar (b) vice
(c) diatribe (d) wacky
98. To throw an event into confusion and disorder
(a) disrupt (b) detonate
(c) erupt (d) explode
99. A handwriting that cannot be read
(a) legible (b) corrigible
(c) negligible (d) illegible
100. Kind, generous and forgiving
(a) magnificent (b) grandiloquent
(c) portentous (d) magnanimous