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Question
Booklet Series

B

QUESTION BOOKLET

PAPER-I

(General Knowledge, General English, Precis writing, Essay writing, English Comprehension)

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 200

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Immediately after the commencement of the examination, you should check that this question booklet does not have any unprinted or torn or missing pages or items, etc. If so, get it replaced by a complete question booklet of the same series.
2. Write and encode clearly the question booklet series A, B, C or D as the case may be in the appropriate place in the OMR Answer Sheet.
3. **Particulars/Details to be filled up in the OMR Answer Sheet should be filled up completely and correctly, OMR Answer Sheet of candidates failing to do so will NOT be evaluated.**
4. This Question Booklet contains Section - 'A' & 'B'. Section - 'A' should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet and Section - 'B' should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.
5. After the examination has concluded, you should hand over the OMR and the Answer Sheet to the Invigilator only. You are permitted to take away with you the Question Booklet.
6. Separate sheets for rough work will be provided in the Examination Hall.
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SECTION-A
(150 Marks)

*All questions carry equal marks of 2 each. Attempt all questions.
This Section should be answered only on the **OMR Response Sheet** provided.*

1. Which country is the largest producer of Rice in the world?
(a) India (b) USA
(c) Russia (d) China
2. What is the approximate power/electricity consumption of Mizoram per day?
(a) 2.6 MW (b) 144 MW
(c) 1550 MW (d) 3100 MW
3. Mautam occurred in Mizoram in which of the following years?
(a) 1953 (b) 1959
(c) 1966 (d) 1969
4. How long does light from the sun take to reach the earth?
(a) 0.20 seconds (b) 8 minutes 20 seconds
(c) 88 minutes 40 seconds (d) 180 minutes
5. Kamarupa is the historical name of which Indian state?
(a) Karnataka (b) Assam
(c) Kerala (d) Bihar
6. Which Indian state has the highest GDP during 2023-24?
(a) Tamil Nadu (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Karnataka (d) Maharashtra
7. In North East India, monsoon is caused by winds blowing from the--
(a) North West (b) North East
(c) South West (d) South East
8. Which state is the largest producer of ginger in India?
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Mizoram
(c) Karnataka (d) Assam
9. Which type of cancer is the most common among men in Mizoram?
(a) Stomach Cancer (b) Prostate cancer
(c) Lung Cancer (d) Skin Cancer
10. Which of the following countries is not a republic?
(a) India (b) United States of America
(c) Great Britain (d) Turkey
11. On the occasion of World Tourism Day on 27 September 2024, Sialsuk village in Mizoram has been conferred the Best Tourism Village award 2024 in which of the following categories?
(a) Adventure Tourism Category (b) Community Based Tourism category
(c) Agri-Tourism Category (d) Heritage Category
12. The new pension scheme called the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) will become effective on -
(a) September 1, 2024 (b) January 1, 2025
(c) March 1, 2025 (d) April 1, 2025.
13. On August 2024, a controversial bill that could potentially reduce the legal marriage age for girls to 9 and boys to 15 has been introduced in which of the following parliament?
(a) Iran (b) Iraq
(c) Afghanistan (d) Sudan
14. Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi on 21 September, 2024 took oath as the youngest Chief Minister of Delhi. She became the-
(a) First Woman Chief Minister of Delhi (b) Second Woman Chief Minister of Delhi
(c) Third Woman Chief Minister of Delhi (d) Fourth Woman Chief Minister of Delhi

15. Recently, China paid tribute to the First American Volunteer Group (AVG) members in a ceremony commemorating the conclusion of World War-II. These AVG members were popularly known as –
- (a) The Flying Tigers (b) The Crouching Tigers
(c) The Dragon Squad (d) The Flying Slayers
16. Which country is the most peaceful country in the world as per the Global Peace Index 2024?
- (a) Ireland (b) Austria
(c) Iceland (d) Switzerland
17. Who was known as the Liberator of the press?
- (a) William Bentinck (b) Warren Hastings
(c) Lord Metcalfe (d) Lord Macaulay
18. The first Muslim invasion of India was led by-
- (a) Mohammad bin Qasim (b) Mohammad Ghori
(c) Mahmud of Ghazni (d) Timur
19. Which one of the following immediately preceded the Jallianwala Bagh carnage?
- (a) Passage of Rowlatt Act (b) Coming of the Simon Commission
(c) Partition of Bengal (d) Gandhi's Salt Satyagraha
20. In 1857, the first Indian University was opened at-
- (a) Calcutta (b) Allahabad
(c) Madras (d) Banaras
21. As per the order of precedence of the Republic of India, Prime Minister of India is the –
- (a) First citizen of India (b) Second citizen of India
(c) Third citizen of India (d) Fourth citizen of India
22. Which of the following article of the constitution abolishes untouchability in India?
- (a) Article 13 (b) Article 14
(c) Article 16 (d) Article 17
23. In India, the speaker of Lok Sabha can ask a member of the house to stop speaking and let another member speak. This practice is known as -
- (a) Decorum (b) Yielding the floor
(c) Interpretation (d) Crossing the floor
24. In the event of death or non-availability of both the President and Vice President of India, who will take over the post of President of India?
- (a) Speaker of Lok Sabha (b) Leader of opposition
(c) Governor of State (d) Chief Justice of India
25. Which Article of the Indian constitution is automatically suspended during the proclamation of national emergency by the President?
- (a) Article 17 (b) Article 18
(c) Article 19 (d) Article 21
26. Who is the Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission of India?
- (a) Vijay L Kelkar (b) Arvind Panagariya
(c) NK Singh (d) Nandan Nilekani
27. The amount of money allocated for capital expenditure (CAPEX) in the Indian Budget 2024-25 is-
- (a) ₹11,11,111 crore (b) ₹12,34,567 crore
(c) ₹12,13,145 crore (d) ₹12,14,168 crore
28. 'Operation Flood' refers to-
- (a) Increase production of meat (b) Increase production of milk
(c) Increase production of water (d) Increase production of juice

29. Ad Valorem tax is a tax levied:
(a) According to advertisement cost (b) According to weight
(c) According to size (d) According to value
30. To control inflation in the economy, RBI-
(a) Sells securities in the market (b) Reduces repo rate
(c) Buys securities in the market (d) Decrease the bank rate
31. The oldest fold mountain of India is-
(a) Aravallis (b) Himalaya
(c) Satpura (d) Vindhya
32. What is the difference between Indian Standard Time and Greenwich Mean Time?
(a) 5 hours (b) 4 ½ hours
(c) 6 hours (d) 5 ½ hours
33. When was the 'Young Lushai Association' now known as 'Young Mizo Association' established.
(a) 15th June, 1925 (b) 15th June, 1935
(c) 15th June, 1937 (d) 15th August, 1940
34. The first batch of Mizo tribes who migrated from Chin Hills into the present Mizoram -
(a) Hmar (b) Ralte
(c) Lusei (d) Lai
35. In the early Mizo cultivation, which of the following cultivator has the first right/privilege in choosing the Jhum sites?
(a) Zalen (b) Ramhual
(c) Thirdeng (d) Khawnbawl Upa

Directions (Question Nos. 36 - 40) : Complete the following sentences with the most suitable alternative provided below:

36. Every candidate has to poll a minimum number of votes in order to avoid _____ of his security.
(a) sustain (b) cancellation
(c) forfeiture (d) confiscate
37. Some people are so _____ that they would believe anything.
(a) fastidious (b) credulous
(c) conspicuous (d) incredulous
38. The guidelines for the examination was so _____ that the students were confused.
(a) vague (b) definite
(c) clear (d) firm
39. This case is so unique that we cannot find any _____ to support it.
(a) reason (b) precedent
(c) help (d) triviality
40. Sharing heavy responsibilities with colleagues does not involve loss of prestige or _____ of the authority of an institute's Head.
(a) deterioration (b) decrease
(c) diminution (d) loss

Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 45) : Out of the four alternatives suggested, select one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive / Active Voice :

41. The Prime Minister was to have opened the dry dock.
(a) The dry dock was to have been opened by the Prime Minister.
(b) The dry dock have been opened by the Prime Minister.
(c) The dry dock was to be opened by the Prime Minister.
(d) The dry dock was opened by the Prime Minister.

42. Who wrote it?
 (a) By who was it written by? (b) Who was writing it?
 (c) Who was it written by? (d) Who had written it?
43. This speed limit is to be introduced gradually by the authorities.
 (a) The authorities are going to introduce this speed limit gradually.
 (b) The authorities are to introduce this speed limit gradually.
 (c) The authorities introduced this speed limit gradually.
 (d) The authorities is gradually introducing this speed limit.
44. They are pulling down the old theatre.
 (a) The old theatre will be pulled down by them.
 (b) The old theatre is pulled down by them.
 (c) The old theatre is going to be pulled down by them.
 (d) The old theatre is being pulled down by them.
45. Boys of sixteen to eighteen are to man this training ship.
 (a) Boys of sixteen to eighteen manned this training ship.
 (b) This training ship will be manned by boys of sixteen to eighteen.
 (c) This training ship is to be manned by boys of sixteen to eighteen.
 (d) This training ship was to be manned by boys of sixteen to eighteen.

Directions (Question Nos. 46 - 50): Choose the alternative that is similar/nearest in meaning to the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

46. She is not seen smiling these days, she is rather pensive.
 (a) flippant (b) gloomy
 (c) patient (d) thoughtful
47. On account of the paucity of the funds, work has remained suspended.
 (a) abundance (b) scarcity
 (c) unapproval (d) possibility
48. After he came back from his evening walk, he felt famished.
 (a) exhausted (b) hungry
 (c) relaxed (d) famous
49. He spoke impromptu on the occasion.
 (a) eloquently (b) without preparation
 (c) enthusiastically (d) with great passion
50. The workers tried their best to thwart the plans of the management.
 (a) embarrass (b) embitter
 (c) frustrate (d) hasten

Directions (Question Nos. 51 - 55) : Choose the correct Antonyms of the underlined words :

51. She has a few nebulous ideas about what she might want to do in the future.
 (a) vague or cloudy (b) deceiving
 (c) having definite content (d) very clear
52. Doctors and lawyers are not driven solely by altruistic motives.
 (a) egoistic (b) decent
 (c) humanitarian (d) philanthropic
53. The efforts to debilitate the political will of the Western alliance is in vain.
 (a) weaken (b) paralyse
 (c) strengthen (d) delay

54. He is no sour churl to take offence at the idle words of a foolish boy.
(a) peasant (b) miser
(c) gentleman (d) boor

55. Garlic is anathema to vampires.
(a) bane (b) hateful
(c) causative (d) benison

Directions (Question Nos. 56 - 60): Choose the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks.

56. On the _____ occasion of laxmi Puja the Mathurs bought a new car.
(a) officious (b) fortuitous
(c) prosperous (d) auspicious
57. A trader was _____ at the city airport early on sunday morning for carrying gold jewellery worth over 3 crores.
(a) hindered (b) retained
(c) blocked (d) detained
58. His direction to the driver were _____ and helped him to reach on time.
(a) expletive (b) explicit
(c) implicate (d) implicit
59. The _____ crowd gave the victorious team a tumultuous welcome.
(a) jubilant (b) troublesome
(c) noisy (d) arrogant
60. We must _____ help to the people hit by the cyclone.
(a) contribute (b) summon
(c) impart (d) render
61. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) operates under which Ministry of the Central Government?
(a) Ministry of Home Affairs
(b) Ministry of Defence
(c) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(d) Ministry of Law and Justice
62. The parent administrative Department of SIPMIU, Mizoram is-
(a) Public Health Engineering Department
(b) Public Works Department
(c) Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Department
(d) General Administration Department
63. Mobile phone batteries are made of-
(a) Lithium ion (b) Graphite ion
(c) Tungsten ion (d) All of the above
64. OnePlus is a manufacturer of mobile phones from-
(a) South Korea (b) China
(c) Japan (d) The United States of America
65. The capital of Lebanon is-
(a) Ankara (b) Beirut
(c) Tehran (d) Amman
66. Donbas is a region situated in which country?
(a) Argentina (b) Spain
(c) Ukraine (d) Bangladesh

67. Kia is a car manufacturer from which country?
 (a) Japan (b) India
 (c) South Korea (d) Germany
68. PM Vishwakarma is a Central Government Scheme to support-
 (a) Farmers (b) Persons with Disabilities
 (c) Artisans and craftsmen (d) Orphans under the age of 14
69. Which of the following villages is not located in Aizawl District?
 (a) Ratu (b) Sialsuk
 (c) Rawpuichhip (d) East Phaileng
70. Which city will host the Summer Olympics 2028?
 (a) Seoul (b) Abu Dhabi
 (c) Atlanta (d) Los Angeles
71. The total number of Rural Development Blocks in Mizoram is-
 (a) 15 (b) 23
 (c) 28 (d) 31
72. Which Article of the Indian Constitution deals with the special powers for the state of Mizoram?
 (a) Article 371 D (b) Article 371 G
 (c) Article 371 K (d) Article 371 H
73. The altitude of Aizawl from the sea level is approximately-
 (a) 1130m (b) 1650m
 (c) 1990m (d) 2665m
74. The Old Testament of the Bible was mostly written in which language?
 (a) Greek (b) Latin
 (c) Hebrew (d) None of the above
75. The famous ship Titanic sank in the Atlantic Ocean in which year?
 (a) 1912 (b) 1919
 (c) 1924 (d) 1929

SECTION - B

(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 (1)*** of the following: **(20)**
- Mitigation of man-made Disasters
 - Higher Education Vs. Skill Acquisition
 - Impact of Social Media on Mental Health
 - Effect of Inflation on Low-Income Families
2. Write a précis of the following passage, reducing it to 1/3rd of its original length, and giving it a suitable title. **(10)**

Global warming is a term almost everyone is familiar with. But, its meaning is still not clear to most of us. So, Global warming refers to the gradual rise in the overall temperature of the atmosphere of the Earth. There are various activities taking place which have been increasing the temperature gradually. Global warming is melting our ice glaciers rapidly. This is extremely harmful to the earth as well as its inhabitants. It is quite challenging to control global warming; however, it is not unmanageable. The first step in solving any problem is identifying the cause of the problem. Therefore, we need to first understand the causes of global warming that will help us proceed further in solving it.

These causes are both natural as well as manmade. The natural causes include the release of greenhouses gases which are not able to escape from earth, causing the temperature to increase. After that, the excessive use of automobiles and fossil fuels results in increased levels of carbon dioxide. In addition, activities like mining and cattle rearing are very harmful to the environment.

Global warming can be stopped when combined efforts are put in. For that, individuals and governments both have to take steps towards achieving it. We must begin with the reduction of greenhouse gas. An important step is to monitor the consumption of gasoline. Switch to a hybrid car and reduce the release of carbon dioxide. Moreover, citizens can choose public transport or carpool together. Subsequently, recycling must also be encouraged. On the government's part, they must regulate industrial waste and ban them from emitting harmful gases in the air. Deforestation must be stopped immediately and planting of trees must be encouraged. Global warming is a global problem, and therefore, its solution also needs a global effort.

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, "The task is so big. What can I do alone?" So nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.

It is good to adopt a two-uses-attitude! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The clean sides of envelopes can be used to write small notes, lists and reminders around the house. The more paper we use, the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason, we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good, for they can be washed and used over and over again.

Another area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. Similarly, each one of us can contribute to a cleaner environment. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those of you who have green fingers can turn this into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is a little over half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three or six months, we will have a good garden manure. It can also be done as a community project by digging a large pit in the colony. Do take help of all the members, for nothing succeeds like cooperation.

A lot of people don't care about the environment because they don't understand the adverse effect that society has on it. It is important to convince people to care about the environment. The first step would be to convince people to change by providing simple alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The internet is a powerful tool and a group on social media of like-minded people can be formed. People can share environmental stories and issues, as well as pool in solutions and alternatives to educate one another.

With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly to act now.

- (a) Comment on the writer's statement that 'we do not take the first step towards a good cause'. (4)
- (b) What can we do to avoid the abuse of paper? (*any two points*) (4)
- (c) What procedure can one adopt for kitchen waste? How long does it take to make good garden manure? (4)
- (d) How can making of garden manure be done as community project? (2)
- (e) Complete the given sentence appropriately. An effective garbage disposal ensures ____ (2)
- (f) List the ways in which the internet can be used towards the cause of the environment. (4)