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Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 200

PART - A (Multiple Choice Questions) (150 Marks)

All questions carry equal mark of 2 each. Attempt all questions.

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

1. Which among the following has become the first country in the world to eliminate leprosy?
(a) Sweden (b) Finland
(c) Jordan (d) China
2. In which city was India's first digital population clock inaugurated in November, 2024?
(a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi
(c) Hyderabad (d) Bengaluru
3. Which organization recently released the Global TB Report 2024?
(a) Global Forum for Health Research
(b) Global Health Council
(c) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
(d) World Health Organization (WHO)
4. Who received the National Handloom Award - 'The Tribal Weaves Award' in August 2024?
(a) Vanlalruati (b) Zonunsangi Hmar
(c) Lalhmingnawii (d) Irene Lalhmangaihi
5. In which of the following, UN Climate Change Conference (COP29) was held in November, 2024?
(a) Paris, France (b) Baku, Azerbaijan
(c) New Delhi, India (d) Geneva, Switzerland
6. At what temperature will both Celsius and Fahrenheit scales read the same value?
(a) 100° C or F (b) -60° C or F
(c) 50° C or F (d) -40° C or F
7. The maximum number of members in the Council of Ministers is determined by which Constitutional Amendment?
(a) 86th Constitutional Amendment (b) 91st Constitutional Amendment
(c) 97th Constitutional Amendment (d) 99th Constitutional Amendment
8. The tax on import and export of commodities is known as:
(a) VAT (b) GST
(c) Custom duties (d) Excise duties

14. Which of the following rivers drains into the Arabian Sea?
(a) Narmada (b) Mahanadi
(c) Godavari (d) Kaveri
15. Which political party was commonly known as 'Zalen Pawl'?
(a) Mizo Union (b) MNF
(c) MPC (d) UMFO
16. From which place did Mahatma Gandhi begin the Salt March?
(a) Ahmedabad (b) Nagpur
(c) Kolkata (d) Jaipur
17. A temporary sub-village created for the sole purpose of jhumming in a certain area for a specified period is called-
(a) Khawper (b) Thlawhbawk
(c) Leipui (d) Zau
18. Who is the author of '*A Fly on the Wheel: How I Helped Govern India*'?
(a) T. H. Lewin (b) J. Shakespear
(c) R. B. McCabe (d) N. E. Parry
19. Which amendment added the word 'Secular' in the Preamble to the Constitution of India?
(a) 41st Amendment (b) 42nd Amendment
(c) 44th Amendment (d) 45th Amendment
20. Prohibition of intoxicating drinks is found in which part / schedule of the Constitution of India?
(a) Fourth Schedule (b) Part-IV
(c) Ninth Schedule (d) Part-IV A
21. The 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat depicts which Indian leader?
(a) Subhas Chandra Bose (b) Pandit Nehru
(c) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (d) Mahatma Gandhi
22. Which party won the most number of seats in the recently concluded General Election to Sinlung Hills Council?
(a) INC (b) MNF
(c) ZPM (d) HPC(R)
23. The Guidelines for Inner Line Pass (ILP) are issued under which law?
(a) Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873
(b) Government of Assam Act, 1933
(c) North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971
(d) State of Mizoram Act, 1986
24. Who is the current Chief Justice of India?
(a) DY Chandrachud (b) N.V. Ramana
(c) Sanjiv Khanna (d) Uday Umesh Lalit
25. The rate at which a central bank lends money to commercial banks is called -
(a) repo rate (b) bank rate
(c) SLR (d) CRR

26. Who is the Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces of the Union of India?
(a) Prime Minister (b) President
(c) Defence Minister (d) Chief of Defence Staff
27. 'En Tlang Ngaw' is in which district?
(a) Khawzawl (b) Serchhip
(c) Saitual (d) Champhai
28. Who was the Hamas leader killed by Israeli troops on 16th October, 2024?
(a) Ismail Haniyeh (b) Khalil al-Hayya
(c) Yahya Sinwar (d) Khaled Mashal
29. 'Bharatanatyam' originated from which Indian state?
(a) Kerala (b) Karnataka
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Tamil Nadu
30. In 2022, India overtook United Kingdom to become the _____ largest economy in the world.
(a) third (b) fourth
(c) fifth (d) sixth
31. Who was the running mate of Kamala Harris in the 2024 U.S. Presidential election?
(a) JD Vance (b) Nancy Pelosi
(c) Tim Walz (d) Mike Pence
32. An individual or an organization selected under the *Mizoram Bana Kaih (Handholding Scheme, 2024)* is called -
(a) Progress Partner (b) Development Partner
(c) Progress Loanee (d) Progress Entrepreneur
33. Which one of the following lakes in India has the highest water salinity?
(a) Dal (b) Chilka
(c) Wular (d) Sambhar
34. Which Article of the Indian Constitution granting special status to Jammu & Kashmir was abrogated by the Union Government in 2019?
(a) Article 360 (b) Article 368
(c) Article 370 (d) Article 371
35. According to Article 343(1) of the Constitution, what is the official language of the Union of India?
(a) English language (b) Hindi in Devanagari script
(c) All the languages in the Eighth Schedule (d) There is no official language
36. Who was the last Viceroy of India?
(a) Lord Linlithgow (b) Lord Canning
(c) Lord Mountbatten (d) C. Rajagopalachari
37. *Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan* aims to tackle which issue?
(a) Domestic violence (b) Child abuse
(c) Substance abuse (d) Non-communicable diseases
38. Who founded the Arya Samaj?
(a) Dayanand Saraswati (b) Swami Vivekanand
(c) Ramakrishna (d) Raja Rammohan Roy

39. Which Article of the Indian Constitution provides for Right to Education?
(a) Article 14 (b) Article 16
(c) Article 21 (d) Article 21A
40. Which of the following is NOT a Fundamental Duty?
(a) to abide by the Constitution
(b) to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood
(c) to promote international peace and security
(d) to develop the scientific temper
41. Who is the current State Election Commissioner of Mizoram?
(a) Laima Chozah (b) Lalmalsawma
(c) John Neihlaia (d) Dr. H. Lalthlangliana
42. Barometer is used to measure:
(a) atmospheric pressure (b) sea level
(c) water pressure (d) flying height of airplanes
43. Which of the following would come under capital expenditure?
(a) Salaries and wages (b) Payment of rent
(c) Repairs and maintenance (d) Purchase of tools and machinery
44. The trade winds blow in which direction?
(a) north to south (b) south to north
(c) east to west (d) west to east
45. What is the chemical formula of edible salt?
(a) NaHCO_3 (b) KCl
(c) Na_2CO_3 (d) NaCl
46. A male person appointed by the bride's family to escort the bride as she leaves for the bridegroom's house is called:
(a) Pazawn (b) Palal
(c) Lawichal (d) Palai
47. Who is the 2024 MotoGP world champion?
(a) Francesco Bagnaia (b) Jorge Martin
(c) Fabio Quartararo (d) Marc Marquez
48. Who fought against Babur in the First Battle of Panipat?
(a) Prithviraj Chauhan (b) Sher Shah Suri
(c) Shivaji (d) Ibrahim Lodi
49. Anaemia is caused by the deficiency of which mineral?
(a) Phosphorus (b) Iodine
(c) Calcium (d) Iron
50. Which of the following produces growth hormones?
(a) Pineal gland (b) Adrenal gland
(c) Pituitary gland (d) Pancreas

51. The guests are sitting each _____ an arm-chair.
(a) up (b) into
(c) in (d) above
52. Always live _____ your means
(a) by (b) within
(c) of (d) in
53. The crowd left the ground _____.
(a) one by one (b) one after one
(c) one after another (d) one on one
54. Are you confident _____ a scholarship?
(a) of getting (b) getting
(c) getting to (d) to get
55. He is insisting _____ having this book.
(a) on (b) for
(c) to (d) by

Directions (Question Nos. 56-60): Choose the correct verb form from the options provided :

56. The firemen _____ (rescue) the old woman who was trapped in the third floor of the burning building.
(a) was rescuing (b) rescues
(c) rescued (d) has rescued.
57. When Jack entered the room, I did not recognize him because he _____ (lose) so much weight.
(a) have lost (b) has lost
(c) had lost (d) have been losing
58. She studies hard, lest she _____.
(a) fails (b) fail
(c) failed (d) will fail
59. It's high time they _____ planning for the future.
(a) start (b) have started
(c) started (d) had started
60. Were he _____ the offer, it would change his profession.
(a) accept (b) accepting
(c) accepted (d) to accept

Directions (Question Nos. 61-65): Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases:

61. "Dog in the manger" means:
(a) A friendly person (b) A selfish person
(c) A coward (d) A kindhearted person
62. Bite the bullet
(a) to endure a painful or difficult situation (b) to take a risky chance
(c) to act aggressively (d) to avoid responsibility

63. "To make one's mark" means:

- (a) To achieve distinction
- (b) To score less marks
- (c) To understand
- (d) To confess

64. A hue and cry

- (a) a celebration or joyous event
- (b) a cry for help in an emergency situation
- (c) a quiet protest
- (d) a loud and public demonstration of disapproval

65. On the up and up

- (a) Moving in the wrong direction
- (b) Losing confidence
- (c) Honest and legitimate
- (d) In need of improvement

Directions (Question Nos. 66-69): Select the best option that expresses the same meaning in Passive/Active Voice :

66. It surprised me. Choose the correct Passive voice from the following sentences:

- (a) I was surprised at it.
- (b) It was surprised by me.
- (c) I am surprised at it.
- (d) I was being surprised.

67. The book had been read by the time the bell rang.

- (a) The book was read by the time the bell rang.
- (b) The book had read by the time the bell rang.
- (c) The book had been reading by the time the bell rang.
- (d) The book had read the bell when it rang.

68. The committee is considering the proposal.

- (a) The proposal is considered by the committee.
- (b) The proposal has been considered by the committee.
- (c) The proposal is being considered by the committee.
- (d) The proposal was considered by the committee.

69. Are the poor not being helped by the rich?

- (a) Are the poor being helped by the rich?
- (b) Are the rich not helping the poor?
- (c) Do the rich not help the poor?
- (d) Are they not helping the poor by the rich?

70. The old lady said, "Thief! Thief! Catch him." Change the speech.

- (a) The old lady shouted for the thief to be caught.
- (b) The old lady shouts for them to catch the thief.
- (c) The old lady shouts for the thief to be caught.
- (d) The old lady is shouting to catch the thief.

Directions (Question Nos. 71-74): Choose the correct answer from the given choices:

71. The antonym of the word "efface" is:
- (a) Annihilate (b) Maintain
(c) Uncertain (d) Abolish
72. The synonym of the word "defer" is:
- (a) Postpone (b) Stimulate
(c) Deceit (d) Neglect
73. They fought as heroes do. Identify the class of the underlined subordinate clause.
- (a) Adverb clause of manner (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause of condition (d) Noun clause
74. The commander, with all his soldiers, _____ killed.
- (a) were (b) has
(c) was (d) has been
75. He climbed up the tree and plucked some mangoes. Convert the sentence into a Simple sentence.
- (a) Climbing up the tree, he plucks some mangoes.
(b) As he ascended the tree, he picked several mangoes.
(c) Once he had climbed the tree, he was plucking some mangoes.
(d) Climbing up the tree, he plucked some mangoes.

PART- B (Conventional Type) (50 Marks)

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

Attempt all questions.

1. Write an essay on any 1 (one) of the given topics in not less than 500 words. (20)
 - Integrity in the workplace
 - Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Opportunities
 - Rising perils to global stability
 - The mobile revolution

2. Write a precis of the following passages and supply a suitable title for the same. (10)

As the 23rd conference of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn shifts into high gear, developing countries including India are focussing on the imperatives of ensuring adequate financing for mitigation and adaptation. They are moving ahead with specific instruments for loss and damage they suffer due to destructive climate-linked events. India's progress in reducing the intensity of its greenhouse gas emissions per unit of GDP by 20-25% from 2005 levels by 2020, based on the commitment made in Copenhagen in 2009, has been positive. Early studies also suggest that it is on track to achieve the national pledge under the 2015 Paris Agreement for a 33-35% cut in emissions intensity per unit of growth from the same base year by 2030, and thus heed the 2°C warming goal. Since this performance is predicated on a growth rate of just over 7%, and the parallel target for 40% share of renewable energy by that year, the national road map is clear. What is not, however, is the impact of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods that would have a bearing on economic growth. It is in this context that the rich countries must give up their rigid approach towards the demands of low and middle income countries, and come to an early resolution on the question of financing of mitigation, adaptation and compensation. Of course, India could further raise its ambition in the use of green technologies and emissions cuts, which would give it the mantle of global climate leadership.

The climate question presents a leapfrog era for India's development paradigm. Already, the country has chalked out an ambitious policy on renewable energy, hoping to generate 175 gigawatts of power from green sources by 2022. This has to be resolutely pursued, breaking down the barriers to wider adoption of rooftop solar energy at every level and implementing net metering systems for all categories of consumers. At the Bonn conference, a new Transport Decarbonisation Alliance has been declared. It is aimed at achieving a shift to sustainable fuels, getting cities to commit to eco-friendly mobility and delivering more walkable communities, all of which will improve the quality of urban life. This presents a good template for India, building on its existing plans to introduce electric mobility through buses first, and cars by 2030. Such measures will have a beneficial effect not just on transport choices, but on public health through pollution abatement.

To understand the elements of the policy and regulatory environment, we first identify the characteristics of 5G. Unlike earlier generations that provided for ever higher speeds and more bandwidth, 5G also promises ultra-reliable, very fast speeds and high bandwidth mobile connectivity and supports massive interconnected devices spread across wide areas. 5G provides peak speeds of 20 times, compared with 4G, such as that required in virtual reality applications. It is also designed to provide latency at 10 times lower than 4G. Low latency is required in applications dealing with critical emergency health care, autonomous vehicles or disaster management. Since 5G roll-outs are likely even before 4G is extensively deployed, the adopted road map for 5G should ensure that the existing and near-future investments in 4G can be leveraged. One suggested approach has been that since operators are likely to deploy 5G in bands that they are currently using for 4G, policy should facilitate this by making spectrum usage an agnostic service. The role of wired infrastructure, especially fibre

optic cables, is critical and complementary to growth of wireless. This is because very large capacities are required in the backhaul to cater to applications enabled through 5G. This would entail accelerating the Bharat Net Programme for deploying fibre optic cables to gram panchayats and increasing the involvement of the private sector to exploit complementarities and efficiencies of the private sector.

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

The rise of social media over the past decade has dramatically changed the way people communicate, share information, and perceive the world. What began as a tool for social interaction has now evolved into a powerful platform that influences politics, business, and culture. Platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram allow users to connect with friends and family, but they also enable individuals to express their opinions to a global audience. However, the widespread use of social media has led to both positive and negative consequences. On the one hand, it has democratized communication, giving voice to people from all walks of life. On the other hand, it has created an environment where misinformation spreads easily, and individuals often find themselves trapped in echo chambers that reinforce their own beliefs. As a result, the impact of social media on society is a topic of ongoing debate.

While social media has made it easier to stay connected, it has also led to a decline in face-to-face interactions. People increasingly rely on online communication, which can sometimes lack the nuance and depth of in-person conversations. Moreover, the constant stream of information and notifications can lead to a sense of overload and stress, making it difficult for individuals to disconnect from the digital world. Despite these challenges, social media continues to play a central role in shaping public opinion, especially during times of crisis, such as elections or global pandemics.

In conclusion, social media is a double-edged sword: it offers both immense opportunities and significant challenges. As users, it is essential to navigate this space thoughtfully, ensuring that we use these platforms responsibly while remaining aware of their potential drawbacks.

- (a) What has been the primary function of social media in its early days, according to the passage? (1)
- (b) How has social media evolved in the past decade? (1)
- (c) Which platforms are mentioned in the passage as popular social media sites? (1)
- (d) What are some of the positive impacts of social media mentioned in the passage? (1)
- (e) In what way does social media influence public opinion during times of crisis? (1)
- (f) How has social media affected face-to-face communication? (2)
- (g) What is the impact of constant notifications on individuals, as mentioned in the passage? (2)
- (h) According to the passage, why is social media described as a “double-edged sword”? (2)
- (i) What advice does the passage offer regarding social media usage? (2)
- (j) Mention any three negative consequences of social media highlighted in the passage? (3)
- (k) Find words from the passage similar in meaning to: (1+1=2)
 - (i) Sense
 - (ii) Distinction
- (l) Find words from the passage opposite in meaning to: (1+1=2)
 - (i) Diminish
 - (ii) Refrain