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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.

Attempt all questions.

Directions (Questions 1-10) : Name the parts of speech of the underlined words in the given sentences:

1. My friend said, "oh! What a cold weather!"
(a) Adjective (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Interjection
2. We didn't spend the night there.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
3. I went to the store to buy a few things.
(a) Preposition (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
4. If we finish our work quickly we can go to the movie.
(a) Adverb (b) Conjunction
(c) Preposition (d) Adjective
5. I knocked on the door but nobody answered.
(a) Conjunction (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Pronoun
6. Few escaped unhurt.
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
7. As he was poor, I helped him.
(a) Interjection (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Adjective
8. Still waters run deep.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Verb (d) Pronoun
9. They have booked the place for the meeting
(a) noun (b) adverb
(c) Verb (d) preposition

10. They awarded the brave
- (a) noun (b) verb
(c) pronoun (d) adjective

Directions (Questions 11-20): Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets:

11. It _____ when I left the house. (rain)
- (a) is raining (b) will rain
(c) was raining (d) rain
12. Air _____ oxygen which we inhale. (contain)
- (a) contain (b) contained
(c) contains (d) has contained
13. We _____ here since 2010. (live)
- (a) live (b) lived
(c) have been living (d) have lived
14. He was _____ in as the Chief Minister yesterday (swear)
- (a) swear (b) swore
(c) sworn (d) swearing
15. Thomas Edison _____ the electric lamp in 1879. (invent)
- (a) invent (b) invented
(c) has invented (d) had invent
16. She dropped her bag while she _____ into her car. (get)
- (a) gets (b) had got
(c) got (d) was getting
17. I _____ him for five years. (know)
- (a) know (b) have known
(c) knew (c) will have known
18. When I arrived, Ann _____. (left)
- (a) already left (b) was already leaving
(c) had already left (d) has already left
19. He _____ his work by the time we return. (finish)
- (a) will be finishing (b) will have finished
(c) is going to (d) will finish
20. I am sure I _____ her before. (see)
- (a) saw (b) see
(c) have seen (d) had seen

Directions (Questions 21-30) : Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentences:

21. We are going _____ holiday next week.
(a) for (b) on
(c) to (d) in
22. There is a bridge _____ the river.
(a) over (b) on
(c) across (d) above
23. Who is the person _____ this picture?
(a) on (b) in
(c) at (d) onto
24. She is holding a cup _____ her hands.
(a) on (b) with
(c) in (d) to
25. I will have finished my work _____ Friday.
(a) by (b) on
(c) at (d) over
26. The shop is closing down and selling _____ all the stocks at reduced prices.
(a) out (b) off
(c) of (d) over
27. I'd be glad _____ some help.
(a) for (b) by
(c) of (d) with
28. Urchins are loitering _____ the street.
(a) on (b) about
(c) around (d) in
29. You haven't complied _____ the regulations.
(a) by (b) at
(c) over (d) with
30. _____ the beginning of a book, there is often a table of contents.
(a) On (b) At
(c) In (d) By

Directions (Question 31-40) : Analyse the sentences and choose the correct one from the options given.

31. Owing to drought the crop is short.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound
32. He not only pitied him but relieved him.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound

34. Drink while you may.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound
34. He will pay only under compulsion.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound
35. If you come here you will regret it.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound
36. The coach and the captain met in the hall near the pavilion.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound
37. They got there early and got really good seats
(a) Compound (b) Simple
(c) Complex
38. He climbed up the tree and plucked some mangoes.
(a) Simple (b) Complex
(c) Compound
39. Though she is young, she is very sesponsible.
(a) Complex (b) Compound
(c) Simple
40. She is not only beautiful, but also intelligent.
(a) Simple (b) Compound
(c) Complex

Directions (Question 41-45) : Name the kind of phrases of the underlined words in the sentence.

41. Have you ever tried cooking food?
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
42. Show me how to do it.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
43. She is a woman of great prudence.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
44. The police will find him wherever he goes.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase

45. The verdict of the jury was in his favour.

- (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase

Directions (Question 46-50) : Identify the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.

46. Let us go for a picnic.

- (a) Assertive (b) Imperative
(c) Affirmative (d) Comparative

47. He never seems to be idle

- (a) Assertive (b) Affirmative
(c) Negative (d) Interrogative

48. There is nothing better than a busy life.

- (a) Assertive (b) Affirmative
(c) Comparative (d) Negative

49. Only a fool would miss such an opportunity

- (a) Assertive (b) Affirmative
(c) Comparative (d) Negative

50. Very few poets are as great as Browning.

- (a) Assertive (b) Affirmative
(c) Imperative (d) Comparative

Directions (Questions 51-55): Identify the tense of the following verbs:

51. In November, I will have been working here for three years.

- (a) Future Perfect Continuous Tense (b) Future Indefinite Tense
(c) Future Continuous Tense (d) Future Perfect Tense

52. I have been studying hard for my test.

- (a) Present Continuous Tense (b) Past continuous Tense
(c) Present Perfect Continuous Tense (d) Past Indefinite

53. He will have completed his project by Saturday.

- (a) Past Perfect Tense (b) Future Perfect Tense
(c) Past Perfect Continuous Tense (d) Present Indefinite

54. They build giant buildings.

- (a) Past Indefinite Tense (b) Past Continuous Tense
(c) Past Perfect Tense (d) Present Indefinite Tense

55. She has lived here all her life.

- (a) Present Perfect Tense (b) Past Perfect Tense
(c) Present Indefinite Tense (d) Past Indefinite Tense

Directions (Questions 56-60): Synthesize the sentences as given in the brackets:

56. I must finish this novel. There are still few chapters. (Use an infinitive)
- (a) I still have few chapters in this novel to finish.
 - (a) I still have few chapters in the novel before I finish it.
 - (c) Few chapters are still left for me to finish the novel.
 - (d) There are still few chapters for me to finish this novel.
57. Ani speaks English. She also speaks French. (use “as well as”)
- (a) Ani speaks both English and French.
 - (b) Ani speaks English as well as French.
 - (c) English is spoken by Ani as well as French.
 - (d) English as well as French is speak by Ani.
58. Mohan is industrious. He is very particular in his work. (use Conjunction)
- (a) Mohan is very particular in his work as he is industrious.
 - (b) Mohan is not only industrious but also very particular in his work.
 - (c) Mohan is industrious and particular in his work.
 - (d) Mohan is industrious as well as particular in his work.
59. He is Snobbish. I like him. (use though)
- (a) Though he is snobbish, I like him.
 - (b) Though I like him ,he is snobbish.
 - (c) He is snobbish though , I like him.
 - (d) I like him though , he is snobbish.
60. I know the man. He is a doctor. (use a relative pronoun)
- (a) He is a doctor and I know him.
 - (b) I know the man who is a doctor.
 - (c) The doctor is the man I know.
 - (d) The man I know is a doctor.

Directions (Questions 61-70): Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases:

61. At one’s wit’s end.
- (a) Perplexed
 - (b) Clear up
 - (c) Explain
 - (d) Enlighten
62. Call a spade a spade.
- (a) to disrespect
 - (b) to say in anger
 - (c) to speak plainly
 - (d) to manipulate
63. Nip in the bud.
- (a) to destroy in the very beginning
 - (b) to destroy at the end
 - (c) to make use of time
 - (d) to waste time
64. Play ducks and drakes.
- (a) Play like children
 - (b) Play with friends
 - (c) To waste time
 - (d) To squander money

65. Give a cold shoulder
(a) to scold (b) to insult
(c) to abuse (d) to ignore
66. a man of straw
(a) a poor man (b) a rich man
(c) a man who is clever (d) a useless man
67. died in harness
(a) died while sleeping (b) died while working
(c) died while resting (d) died while eating
68. tall talk
(a) interesting story (b) talk in exaggeration
(c) fake information (d) true
69. casting a slur
(a) putting a curse (b) bringing to disrepute
(c) making famous. (d) creating issues
70. apple pie order.
(a) perfect order. (b) ascending order
(c) total order (d) descending order

Directions (Question 71 - 75) : Choose the correct article from the given alternatives.

71. _____ Andamans are a group of islands in the Bay of Bengal.
(a) An (b) A
(c) The (d) None of these
72. Like true sportsmen they would give _____ enemy fair play.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) none of these
73. Man cannot live by _____ bread alone.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) none of these
74. _____ Appenines are in Italy.
(a) A (b) An
(c) The (d) None of these
75. They never fail who die in _____ great cause.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) none of these

Directions (Questions 76-80) : Transform the following sentences as directed:

76. It rained heavily for three days and nights. (Interrogative)

- (a) Does it rain heavily for three days and nights?
- (b) Did it rain heavily for three days and nights?
- (c) Had it rain heavily for three days and nights?
- (d) Will it rain heavily for three days and nights?

77. If only I were young again! (Assertive)

- (a) I wish I were young again.
- (b) I want to be young again.
- (c) If I could be young again.
- (d) I do wish to be young again.

78. Do you mind closing the door? (Imperative)

- (a) I wish to close the door.
- (b) You have to close the door.
- (c) Please close the door.
- (d) The door is being closed.

79. This night is very beautiful. (Exclamatory)

- (a) How beautiful is this night!
- (b) It is a beautiful night!
- (c) Isn't this night beautiful!
- (d) How beautiful the night was!

80. The girl was not present today. (Affirmative)

- (a) The girl could not come today.
- (b) The girl was absent today.
- (c) The girl could be absent today.
- (d) The girl was not here today.

Directions (Questions 81-90) : Choose the correct word-substitute from the given choices:

81. Misologist

- (a) A hater of women
- (b) A hater of knowledge and learning
- (c) One who studies historical linguistic
- (d) One who studies birds

82. Epitaph

- (a) A change in form or character
- (b) Representation of abstract beautiful.
- (c) A writer of tragedies
- (d) A writing in memory of a deceased person

83. Legend

- (a) An extended narrative poem about traditional heroes
- (b) The main protagonist in a work of fiction
- (c) A plausible story of extraordinary historical past events
- (d) A drama of disastrous

84. Ditty

- (a) A short verse or tune
- (b) An argument or discussion
- (c) Scenes of rural life
- (d) A writing or reverence or honor

85. Homicide

- (a) Overthrowing a ruler
- (b) The killing of one person by another
- (c) Tragic criminal investigations
- (d) Murder of a king

86. Stoic

- (a) A person indifferent to pleasure or pain
- (b) A person who enjoys inflicting pain on others
- (c) A person who enjoys being in pain
- (d) A person who has not pain

87. Soliloquy

- (a) A conversation between two or more individuals
- (b) A speech which is spoken by a speaker to himself
- (c) A drama about a tragic romance
- (d) A musical drama with thrilling scenes

88. Panacea

- (a) Excessive love of power
- (b) A scholar of many languages
- (c) Something that will solve all problems
- (d) A service for mankind

89. Misogamy

- (a) Having two wives
- (b) Having more than one wife
- (c) Having only one wife
- (d) Hatred of marriage

90. Renegade

- (a) An outlaw or rebel
- (b) Forbidden by law
- (c) The act of testing
- (d) Judgement in the court of law

Directions (Question 91-95) : Choose the word which best fills the blank from the given options.

91. The hedge has become a little untidy so I think I'll call the gardener to _____ the edges a bit.

- (a) thin
- (b) prim
- (c) prune
- (d) slim

92. The men drilled and _____ the stone into smaller bits so that they could be carted away in trucks.

- (a) mauled
- (b) whacked
- (c) whittle
- (d) hewed

93. He dresses in a _____ and flamboyant manner which offends aesthetics.

- (a) garish
- (b) gregarious
- (c) golden
- (d) glimmering

94. Wars are _____ in a scenario where power is attained by bloodshed.

- (a) chaotic
- (b) alarming
- (c) welcomed
- (d) inevitable

95. Never try to _____ others to bring them around to agree with you.

- (a) push
- (b) pester
- (c) persuade
- (d) presage

Directions (Questions 96 -100) : Choose the correct verb which best agrees with the subject of the following sentences:

96. Mr. Brown is the man _____ they asked to make the design.
(a) which (b) who
(c) whom (d) whose
97. Ambition is one of those passions that _____ never satisfied.
(a) were (b) is
(c) has (d) are
98. Neither party _____ ready for compromise.
(a) is (b) are
(c) that (d) which
99. None so blind as _____ that will not see.
(a) themselves (b) their
(c) them (d) they
100. I _____ your king, will lead you
(a) whose (b) who am
(c) who is (d) that is

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