GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.
Attempt all questions.

Directions (Questions 1 - 10) : Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words :

1. I have tutored him for a week.
   (a) Noun                                       (b) Verb
   (c) Adjective                                  (d) Adverb

2. The eye of a needle is small.
   (a) Adverb                                    (b) Adjective
   (c) Verb                                      (d) Noun

3. This Prize is matchless.
   (a) Adjective                                 (b) Conjunction
   (c) Noun                                      (d) Verb

4. He has hardly any money.
   (a) Conjunction                               (b) Preposition
   (c) Adverb                                    (d) Determiner

5. We rarely talk to each other.
   (a) Noun                                      (b) Verb
   (c) Adverb                                    (d) Adjective

6. A lot of books are lying about on the floor.
   (a) Preposition                              (b) Conjunction
   (c) Determiner                               (d) Adverb

7. The offer was good, still he refused.
   (a) Determiner                                (b) Adverb
   (c) Conjunction                              (d) Preposition

8. They wrote themselves a ‘Thank You’ note.
   (a) Pronoun                                  (b) Adjective
   (c) Verb                                     (d) Adverb

9. Hurrah! we have won the match.
   (a) Interjection                             (b) Exclamation
   (c) Adverb                                   (d) Noun

10. He is afraid of fireworks.
    (a) Noun                                    (b) Adverb
    (c) Adjective                               (d) Pronoun
Directions (Questions 11 - 15) : Choose the appropriate preposition from the alternatives given under each sentence.

11. The whole nation is __________ its army.
   (a) behind  (b) beside  
   (c) with    (d) by

12. We make payment __________ Cash or kind.
   (a) by  (b) in  
   (c) with   (d) on

13. She came __________ her own Car.
   (a) in  (b) on 
   (c) by    (d) with

14. She came __________ my room without permission.
   (a) in  (b) to 
   (c) by    (d) into

15. I prefer tea __________ coffee.
   (a) than  (b) from 
   (c) to    (d) with

Directions (Questions 16 - 20) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate Conjunction given under each sentence.

16. He is poor __________ honest.
   (a) but  (b) or  
   (c) either  (d) but also

17. She didn’t help me __________ will she.
   (a) never  (b) neither 
   (c) or    (d) and

18. He doesn’t behave well __________ he hopes to get votes.
   (a) beside  (b) hence  
   (c) nevertheless  (d) so

19. I don’t need a car __________ it is costly.
   (a) also  (b) thus 
   (c) however  (d) moreover

20. He is not poor __________ he is very rich.
   (a) beside  (b) meanwhile 
   (c) on the contrary  (d) still

Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Verbs from the four alternatives given below

21. The sun __________ in the east.
   (a) rises  (b) rise  
   (c) rose    (d) risen

22. I __________ a film these days.
   (a) have directed  (b) directed 
   (c) have been directing  (d) am directing
23. Newton ________ an apple fall.
   (a) had seen  (b) saw  (c) seen  (d) have seen
24. While I ________ in the fields, I found a purse.
   (a) was walking  (b) am walking  (c) walked  (d) had walked
25. She ________ this place by next January.
   (a) will be leaving  (b) will have left  (c) will left  (d) will have been leaving
26. When we reached the stadium, the match ________.
   (a) has already started  (b) already start  (c) already started  (d) had already started
27. Mr Mawia ________ this place a month ago.
   (a) left  (b) had left  (c) was leaving  (d) has been leaving
28. I ________ any reply so far.
   (a) am not receiving  (b) was not receiving  (c) have not received  (d) will not be receiving
29. He ________ for a walk every morning.
   (a) goes  (b) went  (c) has gone  (d) was going
30. When we arrived, our team ________ two goals.
   (a) was already scoring  (b) had already scored  (c) is already scoring  (d) already scored

Directions (Questions 31 – 35) : Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns from the alternative given under each sentence :

31. ________ of the two sisters is married.
   (a) Each  (b) Neither  (c) None  (d) who
32. Mawia walked into the room and gave a sweet to ________.
   (a) Everyone  (b) each one  (c) any one  (d) no one
33. ________ did you invite for lunch?
   (a) whom  (b) whose  (c) which  (d) who
34. You don’t look quite ________ today.
   (a) himself  (b) themselves  (c) yourself  (d) ourselves
35. I hope ________ picks up the phone.
   (a) somebody  (b) anybody  (c) anyone  (d) everybody
Directions (Questions 36 - 40) : Insert appropriate articles if necessary to fill up the gaps.

36. He is __________ FBI agent.
   (a) an  (b) the  (c) a  (d) none
37. __________ eunuch was dancing at the party.
   (a) none  (b) a  (c) the  (d) an
38. He is __________ 80 year old man.
   (a) the  (b) none  (c) an  (d) a
39. She is __________ bride for him.
   (a) a  (b) an  (c) none  (d) the
40. She is __________ hopeless at tennis.
   (a) the  (b) none  (c) an  (d) a

Directions (Questions 41 - 48) : Analyze the sentences and choose the correct option :

41. Children should obey their parents.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
42. He waited for the train but the train was late.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
43. If only I could get a first in english.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
44. Although she studied all weekened, she still failed the test.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
45. After she left work, the woman stopped at the store before she went home.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
46. Either you need to study harder or you need to drop the class.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
47. That he likes Cucumbers surprises his mother.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
48. Because of the rain, the museum cancelled the picnic.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound sentence  (c) Complex sentence
Directions (Questions 49 - 56) : Identify the degree of comparison from the alternatives given under each sentence

49. I am not richer than her.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

50. He is better than any other boy.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

51. No other poet is as great as Tulsi Das.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

52. Meera is one of the most helpful students.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

53. Very few books are as good as this.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

54. This story is more interesting than that.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

55. It is most doubtful that he will succeed.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

56. I am not better than her.
   (a) Positive               (b) Comparative
   (c) Superlative

Directions (Questions 57 - 61) : Identify what kind of phrase the underlined words are :

57. Saturday became a cold wet afternoon.
   (a) Noun phrase           (b) Adverb phrase
   (c) Adjective phrase

58. Please wash the dishes in the sink.
   (a) Noun phrase           (b) Adverb phrase
   (c) Adjective phrase

59. We camped by the lake.
   (a) Noun phrase           (b) Adverb phrase
   (c) Adjective phrase

60. He nodded as if he understood.
   (a) Noun phrase           (b) Adverb phrase
   (c) Adjective phrase

61. The girl in the red shirt is my sister.
   (a) Noun phrase           (b) Adverb phrase
   (c) Adjective phrase
Directions (Questions 62 - 65) : Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences

62. No sooner had I started then it began to rain.
   (a) Noun clause  
   (b) Adverb clause  
   (c) Adjective clause

63. I don’t know who he is.
   (a) Noun clause  
   (b) Adverb clause  
   (c) Adjective clause

64. I have bought a car which is red.
   (a) Noun clause  
   (b) Adverb clause  
   (c) Adjective clause

65. That she is honest is known to all.
   (a) Noun clause  
   (b) Adverb clause  
   (c) Adjective clause

Directions (Questions 66 - 70) : Identify the correct notion expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given

66. Barking dogs seldom bite.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Interrogative  
   (d) Negative

67. Let’s go for a walk.
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Interrogative  
   (d) Negative

68. Everyone was present at the meeting.
   (a) Imperative  
   (b) Interrogative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Negative

69. Leave this place at once.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Negative

70. Can you solve this problem?
   (a) Interrogative  
   (b) Negative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Imperative

Directions (Questions 71 – 80) : Choose the correct meaning of idioms and phrases given in bold letters from the four alternatives given below

71. Don’t try to pull the wool over his eyes, he is not an idiot.
   (a) to cheat and deceive  
   (b) to make use of  
   (c) to surprise  
   (d) to make fun of

72. She’ll tidy her room when pigs fly.
   (a) Something likely to happen  
   (b) something unlikely to happen  
   (c) something that will never happen  
   (d) something most likely to happen

73. The dress she is wearing cost an arm and a leg.
   (a) to get something for free  
   (b) cost nothing  
   (c) that covers her arm and leg  
   (d) Very expensive
74. The english test was a piece of cake.
   (a) delicious  (b) very easy
   (c) very hard    (d) hard enough

75. They really cut corners when they built this bathroom; the shower is leaking.
   (a) to do something badly or cheaply  (b) to make things smaller
   (c) to do something very fast           (d) to cut the price.

76. The party got out of hand when the guests started throwing bottles at each other.
   (a) lose control of things  (b) enjoying immensely
   (c) throwing things     (d) slippery

77. You have to pull yourself together otherwise you will be in trouble.
   (a) to calm down and behave normally  (b) to pull someone forcibly
   (c) to pull down someone        (d) to put yourself in great danger

78. She is not coming because she feel under the weather today.
   (a) to feel excited  (b) dull weather
   (c) to feel sad     (d) not feeling well

79. The doctor hit the nail on the head about my illness.
   (a) to hit someone on the head  (b) precisely correct
   (c) making false prediction (d) doubtful

80. Untill I find out who did this, I'll leave no stone unturned.
   (a) to do everything to achieve one’s goal  (b) to unturned stone
   (c) to leave everything to someone  (d) to go away to another place.

Directions (Questions 81 - 86) : Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined words

81. An auspicious day was set for their marriage.
   (a) fortunate  (b) holiday
   (c) sunny     (d) melancholic

82. He was considered sycophants by his co-workers.
   (a) optimist  (b) detractors
   (c) benefactors  (d) flatterers

83. Nothing abated his crusading zeal.
   (a) intensify  (b) neglect
   (c) decrease  (d) increase

84. The host provide a delectable meal.
   (a) unpalatable  (b) delicious
   (c) unusual  (d) satisfying

85. He lurk in the shadow waiting for a cab.
   (a) loiter  (b) enjoy
   (c) deter  (d) watch

86. The repugnant beast was banished from the kingdom.
   (a) ugly  (b) vigilant
   (c) reputable  (d) abhorrent
Directions (Questions 87 - 94) : Select word which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word or phrase.

87. People differ in terms of their innate abilities.
   (a) acquired  (b) external
   (c) inner     (d) unusual

88. The school disclaimed responsibility of his death.
   (a) deny      (b) accept
   (c) refuse    (d) reject

89. There was a disparity between the two sets of figures.
   (a) inconsistency  (b) discrepancy
   (c) variance      (d) similarity

90. The carpet was quite durable than he imagined.
   (a) short-lived  (b) tough
   (c) long lasting (d) dumpy

91. He was elevated to officer.
   (a) exalted      (b) superior
   (c) aloft        (d) lowly

92. The arts flourished during the renaissance period.
   (a) prosper      (b) deny
   (c) wither       (d) multiply

93. Our heartfelt thanks for all you have done.
   (a) insincere    (b) ardent
   (c) genuine      (d) honest

94. He was a nifty cameraman.
   (a) skillful     (b) clumsy
   (c) capable      (d) tactful

Directions (Questions 95 - 100) : Select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningful :

95. An attempt was made to __________ him and his company.
   (a) discredit    (b) disprove
   (c) discreet     (d) discharge

96. Edward __________ his claim to the throne.
   (a) announced    (b) renowned
   (c) renounced    (d) denounced

97. He was __________ for his bravery.
   (a) awarded      (b) rewarded
   (c) forwarded    (d) onward

98. Judging from the environment, the fate of our planet is __________.
   (a) inevitable   (b) impossible
   (c) incapable    (d) indispensable

99. Soil __________ cause many destruction in our state.
   (a) eruption     (b) disintegration
   (c) movement     (d) erosion

100. He was declared winner by __________ decision.
    (a) unbiased     (b) unbeatable
    (c) unanimous    (d) unceasing

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