GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours
Full Marks : 100

Marks for each question is indicated against it.
Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A
(20 Marks)

This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

1. Write an essay on any one of the given topics (not more than 300 words) (20)
   – Problems and Pleasures of City Life.
   – Economical importance of Tourism in India.
   – My Idea of Success.

SECTION - B
(80 Marks)

All questions carry equal mark of 1 each. Attempt all questions.
This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 1 - 12 that follows:

We go this way but once, Oh! Heart of mine,
So why not make the journey well worthwhile
Giving to those who travel with us
A helping hand, a word of cheer, a smile?
We go this way but once, Ah! Never more.
Can we go along the self same way?
To get more out of life, undo the wrongs
Or speak love’s words we knew we did not say
We go this way but once. Then let us make
The road we travel blossomy and sweet
With helpful, kindly deeds and tender words
Smoothing the path and bruised and stumbling feet.
Directions: (Question 1 - 6) Pick out the correct answer:

1. The writer is speaking about the journey of:
   (a) heart  
   (b) life  
   (c) cheer  

2. The journey can be made worthwhile by:
   (a) giving health  
   (b) giving happiness  
   (c) giving help  

3. The people who travel with us are:
   (a) our fellow mankind  
   (b) happy lovers  
   (c) sympathetic people  

4. Man desire to go back along the self same way........:
   (a) to repeat the same life  
   (b) to undo the wrongs  
   (c) to smile once again  

5. The journey can be made blossomy and sweet by:
   (a) being helpful  
   (b) being happy  
   (c) being hardworking  

6. What words suggest that the journey is not an easy one?
   (a) kindly deeds and tender words  
   (b) getting more out of life  
   (c) bruised and stumbling feet  

Directions: (Question 7 - 12) Find word in the passage which means the same as:

7. A happy feeling or attitude:
   (a) cheer  
   (b) love’s words  
   (c) sweet  

8. To walk unsteadily or clumsily:
   (a) hopping  
   (b) limping  
   (c) stumbling  

9. Good enough:
   (a) kind deeds  
   (b) worthwhile  
   (c) relaxing  

10. A peak period or stage of development:
    (a) blossomy  
    (b) smoothing  
    (c) helping  

11. Very loving and gentle:
    (a) helping hand  
    (b) tender  
    (c) sweet  

12. To change or stop:
    (a) go astray  
    (b) path  
    (c) undo
Directions: (Question 13 - 17): Choose the correct form of the verb to fill in the blanks

13. Two and two ____ four
   (a) is                      (b) are
   (c) were                   (d) was

   (a) am having             (b) have
   (c) was having            (d) had

15. He promised ____ me a post in his department
    (a) to have given         (b) having given
    (c) have given            (d) to give

16. Every man and woman ____ to live in peace
    (a) are wanting           (b) wanted
    (c) wants                 (d) want

17. I wish I ____ a preacher.
    (a) were                  (b) am
    (c) was                   (d) have been

Directions: (Question 18 - 22): Insert appropriate prepositions from the given alternatives:

18. There was a lost of commotion ____ the speaker left the hall.
   (a) when                   (b) after
   (c) while                  (d) by

19. It has been raining ____ yesterday.
    (a) from                  (b) till
    (c) after                 (d) since

20. I prefer tea ____ coffee
    (a) to                    (b) than
    (c) instead of            (d) besides

21. ____ the team members, I would like to thank the club.
    (a) because of            (b) in favour of
    (c) on behalf of          (d) in front of

22. They walked ____ the lake for quite some time.
    (a) down                  (b) along
    (c) through               (d) across
Directions: (Question 23 - 32) : Name the underlined parts of speech.

23. This is the man whom you are speaking.
   (a) Noun  (b) Verb
   (c) Pronoun  (d) Adjective

24. This book is unique.
   (a) Adverb  (b) Adjective
   (c) Verb  (d) Noun

25. Love makes the world go round
   (a) Verb  (b) Conjunction
   (c) Preposition  (d) Noun

26. She walked towards him hurriedly.
   (a) Noun  (b) Preposition
   (c) Pronoun  (d) Verb

27. We meet our friends in the park
   (a) Verb  (b) Adverb
   (c) Adjective  (d) Conjunction

28. He had hardly a friend.
   (a) Noun  (b) Adverb
   (c) Verb  (d) Pronoun

29. Let us catch a taxi lest we should be late.
   (a) Conjunction  (b) Preposition
   (c) Pronoun  (d) Adverb

30. She is as accurate as any other typist.
   (a) Pronoun  (b) Conjunction
   (c) Adjective  (d) Noun

31. The woodcutter felled the tree
   (a) Preposition  (b) Verb
   (c) Noun  (d) Adjective

32. The dog is man’s best friend. It is known for its loyalty.
   (a) Adjective  (b) Conjunction
   (c) Adverb  (d) Pronoun

Directions: (Question 33 - 38) : Choose the correct alternatives given below:

33. He is happy that his son has done well in life.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound Sentence
   (c) Complete Sentence

34. The peacock is admired for its beauty.
   (a) Simple sentence  (b) Compound Sentence
   (c) Complex Sentence
35. If he doesn’t improve his ways he will have no friend.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Compound Sentence  
   (c) Complex Sentence

36. He worked hard so that he might win.
   (a) Simple Sentence  
   (b) Compound Sentence  
   (c) Complex Sentence

37. Search her bag and you will find the purse.
   (a) Simple Sentence  
   (b) Compound Sentence  
   (c) Complex Sentence

38. The unhappy man sat looking into space.
   (a) Simple Sentence  
   (b) Compound Sentence  
   (c) Complex Sentence

Directions : (Question 39 - 43) : Identify the sentences by picking out the correct answer :

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

40. She is taller than me.
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Assertive  
   (c) Interrogative  
   (d) Negative

41. He was kind enough to help you.
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Assertive  
   (c) Interrogative  
   (d) Negative

42. John is too clever to be cheated.
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Assertive  
   (c) Interrogative  
   (d) Negative

43. It never rains but pours.
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Assertive  
   (c) Interrogative  
   (d) Negative

Directions : (Question 44 - 48) : Pick out the correct clause of the underlined words :

44. Where she went is not known to me
   (a) Adjective clause  
   (b) Adverb Clause  
   (c) Noun Clause

45. Show me the house where you were born
   (a) Adjective clause  
   (b) Adverb Clause  
   (c) Noun Clause

46. Wait here till I come back
   (a) Adjective clause  
   (b) Adverb Clause  
   (c) Noun Clause
47. A person who works hard must succeed
   (a) Adjective clause  
   (b) Adverb Clause
   (c) Noun Clause

48. I am happy to know that you have passed.
   (a) Adjective clause  
   (b) Adverb Clause
   (c) Noun Clause

Directions : (Question 49 - 55) : Give one word substitution from the alternatives given :

49. She belief that God pervades nature.
   (a) Panacea  
   (b) Pantheism
   (c) Naturalism  
   (d) Anthropology

50. The study of human behaviour.
   (a) Etymology  
   (b) Entomology
   (c) Ethnology  
   (d) Ethology

51. Government by the rich.
   (a) Plutocracy  
   (b) Neocracy
   (c) Genetocracy  
   (d) Theocracy

52. One who supervises in the examination hall.
   (a) Scrutinizer  
   (b) examiner
   (c) Invigilator  
   (d) tabulator

53. A place for housing aeroplanes.
   (a) Hutch  
   (b) Hangar
   (c) Drey  
   (d) Cache

54. Fear of doctors.
   (a) Cacophobia  
   (b) Cynophobia
   (c) Cellophobia  
   (d) Catrophobia

55. A person who talks in sleep.
   (a) somniloguist  
   (b) soothsayer
   (c) solilouguist  
   (d) somnambulist

Directions : (Question 56 - 60) : Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined word :

56. Our Chief Minister is young and dynamic
   (a) belligerent  
   (b) explosive
   (c) energetic  
   (d) intelligent

57. He gave me an insolent answer.
   (a) respectful  
   (b) gentle
   (c) forceful  
   (d) rude
58. The judge was praised for his wisdom.
   (a) sagacity (b) sanity
   (c) scarcity (d) secrecy

59. Tom asked Jerry not to meddle in his affairs.
   (a) intercede (b) impose
   (c) cross (d) interfere

60. My uncle was involved in a lucrative business.
   (a) profitable (b) dangerous
   (c) challenging (d) questionable

Directions: (Question 61 - 65) : Pick out the phrase similar to the underlined sentence:

61. Fela went to sea at an early age
   (a) went on a voyage (b) became a sailor
   (c) went to see the sea (d) went on a cruise

62. There is little hope of his recovery.
   (a) almost no hope (b) some hope
   (c) no hope (d) much hope

63. Apuii wears a blue blouse and puan.
   (a) only blouse is blue (b) only puan is blue
   (c) both are almost blue (d) both are blue

64. Mawia dealt the cards.
   (a) traded in cards (b) throw away the cards
   (c) distributed the cards (d) used to playing cards

65. My aunt will return in a week.
   (a) at the end of a week (b) before the end of a week
   (c) in the middle of a week (d) at the first day of a week

Directions: (Question 66 - 70) : Fill in the blanks with the correct cries of these animals:

66. Hyenas ______
   (a) bleat (b) laugh
   (c) grunt (d) cry

67. Owls ______
   (a) hoot (b) low
   (c) scream (d) chatter

68. Elephants ______
   (a) croak (b) cackle
   (c) neigh (d) trumpet
69. Foxes _____
   (a) twitter        (b) cluck
   (c) yell          (d) caw

70. Peacocks _____
   (a) strut        (b) chirp
   (c) crow          (d) grunt

Directions: (Questions 71 - 80): Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idioms and phrases:

71. Please give me everything in black and white.
   (a) with all colours (b) without fail
   (c) in writing      (d) in completion

72. He killed his wife in cold blood.
   (a) deliberately (b) slowly
   (c) in anger      (d) without intention

73. Money was the bone of contention.
   (a) Cause of brotherhood (b) Cause of love
   (c) Cause of strength   (d) Cause of dispute

74. The car has gone out of gear.
   (a) not working (b) lost control
   (c) brake failed (d) steering failed

75. The manager could not speak as there was hue and cry in the room.
   (a) complete silence (b) emotion and tears
   (c) a great noise   (d) whisper and tears

76. It was wonderful when my uncle turned up out of the blue.
   (a) recover from illness (b) unexpectedly
   (c) as expected       (d) out from prison

77. They decided to call it a day when they felt tired.
   (a) to stop doing something (b) to fix another date
   (c) to continue the next day (d) to relax for sometime

78. Arun left his room at sixes and sevens.
   (a) very early           (b) on a secret purpose
   (c) in a state of disorder (d) in the evening

79. Many politics of the government are discussed behind the curtain.
   (a) away from public gaze (b) inside the minister’s chamber
   (c) away from party workers (d) Inside the meeting room

80. He is under debt to the finger - nails
   (a) partially (b) completely
   (c) no more       (d) always

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