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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.

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

1. The pillow is full of down.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
2. The up train is late.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
3. He is a near relative of mine.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
4. He told us all about the battle.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Preposition
5. We were sitting face to face.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
6. Never while away your time.
(a) Adjective (b) Verb
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
7. Such was not my intention.
(a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition
8. Once he hesitates we have him.
(a) Adverb (b) Noun
(c) Conjunction (d) Adjective
9. That is a fault that will right itself.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Verb (d) Noun

10. The little ones cried for joy.
(a) Adjective (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Pronoun

Directions (Questions 11 - 20) : Choose the correct kind of noun.

11. The farmer is looking for his oxen.
(a) Proper noun (b) Material noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
12. Our team must win the shield.
(a) Proper noun (b) Abstract noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
13. The king burst into a loud laughter.
(a) Proper noun (b) Abstract noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
14. The Red Fort is a structure of red stone.
(a) Proper noun (b) Material noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
15. Stainless steel utensils are commonly used nowadays.
(a) Proper noun (b) Material noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
16. Our army beat the enemy back.
(a) Proper noun (b) Material noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
17. Misfortune is also a gift of God.
(a) Proper noun (b) Abstract noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
18. The train stopped at the station.
(a) Proper noun (b) Abstract noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
19. She is wearing a red silk dress.
(a) Proper noun (b) Material noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun
20. A hare and a tortoise had a race.
(a) Proper noun (b) Abstract noun
(c) Common noun (d) Collective noun

Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions.

21. I got your parcel _____ Tuesday.
(a) since (b) to
(c) for (d) on
22. He was fined _____ driving negligently.
(a) to (b) by
(c) of (d) for

23. He is often late _____ his dinner.
(a) for (b) to
(c) at (d) in
24. Try to reach the village _____ sunset.
(a) before (b) from
(c) by (d) with
25. I will _____ the railway station till the train arrives.
(a) abide in (b) abide by
(c) abide at (d) abide with
26. A notebook is _____ papers.
(a) made from (b) made in
(c) made with (d) made of
27. He persevered _____ difficulties.
(a) instead of (b) by dint of
(c) in spite of (d) in case of
28. He retired from business _____ his ill health.
(a) in case of (b) owing to
(c) by reason of (d) in addition to
29. You cannot _____ the importance of self-respect.
(a) reason with (b) reason in
(c) reason about (d) reason at
30. We must be _____ the cause of humanity.
(a) zealous in (b) zealous with
(c) zealous for (d) zealous by

Directions (Questions 31 - 40) : Indicate the kind of the adjectives.

31. He is a man of few words.
(a) Quality (b) Indefinite Numeral
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
32. I like the little peddler who has a crooked nose.
(a) Quality (b) Number
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
33. Say the same thing twice over.
(a) Quality (b) Number
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
34. I hate such things.
(a) Descriptive (b) Definite Numeral
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
35. I have not seen him for several days.
(a) Descriptive (b) Indefinite Numeral
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative

36. You have no sense.
(a) Quality (b) Definite Numeral
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
37. He died a glorious death.
(a) Descriptive (b) Number
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
38. A cross child is not liked.
(a) Descriptive (b) Numeral
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
39. He did not eat any rice.
(a) Quality (b) Number
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative
40. He won the second prize.
(a) Descriptive (b) Definite Numeral
(c) Quantity (d) Demonstrative

Directions (Questions 41 - 50) : Analyze the sentences and choose the correct option.

41. Call your father as soon as you arrive in Delhi.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
42. I am very tired for I have been walking all the morning.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
43. I do not own a car.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
44. Mary wanted to be here, but she cannot come because her car is in the shop.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
45. She wrote a letter and posted it through her brother.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
46. He acted according to my advice.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
47. I met a girl, who informed me that my purse had been stolen by a thief.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
48. I looked for John and Mary at the bus station.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence

49. Write as fast as you can.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence
50. Take whatever you like.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Mixed sentence

Directions (Questions 51 - 60) : Pick out the correct clause of the underlined words.

51. In my old home we had many fruit trees.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
52. I cannot tell you the date of my return.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
53. He speaks like a born orator.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
54. This is my home.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
55. The girl with long hair is my cousin.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
56. He cannot find a place to sleep in.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
57. The duration of the war is uncertain.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
58. I know the man who is here.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
59. In spite of his efforts he failed.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these
60. He walked slowly to avoid slipping.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause (d) None of these

Directions (Questions 61 - 70) : Analyze the sentences and choose the correct degree of comparison.

61. She is my best friend.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these

62. Lead is heavier than any metal.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
63. He gave the boys much wholesome advice.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
64. Make less noise.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
65. Which of the story do you like most
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
66. The child has a slight cold.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
67. His simple word is as good as an oath.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
68. This is his best dress.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
69. My shoes are better than yours.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these
70. There was not the slightest excuse for it.
(a) Positive (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) None of these

Directions (Questions 71 - 80) : Choose the correct pair of words to fill in the blanks.

71. She was _____ because all her plans had gone _____.
(a) happy, selected (b) dejected, splendidly
(c) distraught, awry (d) frustrated, magnificently
72. He was initially _____ at the suggestion but was soon _____ it himself.
(a) impressed, negating (b) shocked, advocating
(c) suspicious, trusting (d) thrilled, propagating
73. _____ members of a group often _____ influence the outcome of a consensus forecast.
(a) Fixed, exert (b) Majority, rightly
(c) Oral, legitimately (d) Dominant, unduly
74. Our latest battle plan _____ some projects _____ at saving the earth's biological diversity
(a) finishes, stirring (b) finances, looking
(c) covers, aimed (d) excludes, arriving

75. Unless the authorities adopt the principle _____ the strategies cannot become _____.
- (a) whole-heartedly, successful (b) finally, obsolete
(c) fully, defunct (d) legitimately, noteworthy
76. John _____ a bit _____ he was not invited by his friend to attend the party.
- (a) annoyed, before (b) grumbled, when
(c) angered, since (d) surprised, about
77. He is _____ to _____ any kind of work with due sincerity.
- (a) fond, perform (b) determined, undertake
(c) reluctant, entrust (d) eager, avoid
78. _____ of crops was due to continuous _____.
- (a) Loss, draught (b) Ruin, draft
(c) Failure, drought (d) Depreciation, drift
79. The _____ imposed for non-payment was too _____ for it to bring in improvement in collection.
- (a) penalty, low (b) toll, simple
(c) fine, severe (d) punishment, harsh
80. We are _____ to have him _____ here to make this function a great success.
- (a) happy, have (b) sure, come
(c) unhappy, arrive (d) pleased, over

Directions (Questions 81 - 90) : Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate word from the options.

81. My mother upset the kettle of boiling water and _____ her right hand badly.
- (a) scorched (b) wounded
(c) burned (d) scalded
82. Please do not _____ an offer made by the Chairman.
- (a) refuse (b) refrain
(c) deny (d) refuge
83. The government is confident that the standard of living will begin to _____ again soon.
- (a) rise (b) flourish
(c) lift (d) revive
84. On second reading, his poems strike us as singularly _____ of sublime emotions.
- (a) attribute (b) symptomatic
(c) significance (d) evocative
85. Even a _____ glance will reveal the mystery.
- (a) crude (b) critical
(c) cursory (d) curious
86. An employment advertisement should _____ the number of vacancies.
- (a) provide (b) contain
(c) declare (d) specify
87. I have not seen you _____ a week.
- (a) within (b) for
(c) since (d) from

88. The battalion operating from the mountain was able to _____ three enemy divisions.
(a) tie up (b) tie on
(c) tie down (d) tie with
89. _____ of old paintings is a job for the experts.
(a) Restoration (b) Retrieval
(c) Resurrection (d) Resumption
90. The Finance Minister may _____ new proposals in his budget speech.
(a) bring out (b) bring round
(c) bring forward (d) bring forth

Directions (Questions 91 - 100) : Give one word for the following expressions.

91. A statement that can have a double meaning.
(a) Verbose (b) Epigraph
(c) Ambivalent (d) Ambiguous
92. List of headings of the business to be transacted at a meeting.
(a) Minutes (b) Excerpts
(c) Agenda (d) Proceedings
93. Regard for others as a principle of action.
(a) Altruism (b) Nepotism
(c) Philanthropy (d) Cynicism
94. An office with no work but high pay.
(a) Honorary (b) Ex-officio
(c) Sinecure (d) Reticent
95. One who deserts his religion.
(a) Deserter (b) Opportunist
(c) Apostate (d) Turncoat
96. The act of looking back upon past events.
(a) Introspection (b) Retrospection
(c) Extrospection (d) Circumspection
97. One who is honorably discharged from service.
(a) Emeritus (b) Relieved
(c) Retired (d) Emancipated
98. Constant effort to achieve something.
(a) Patience (b) Enthusiasm
(c) Vigor (d) Perseverance
99. Anything written in a letter after it is signed.
(a) Corrigendum (b) Postscript
(c) Manuscript (d) Posterity
100. The science of language and words is known as:
(a) Philology (b) Bibliography
(c) Paleontology (d) Entomology