1. English is a link language and opens a gateway to knowledge. Write an essay in about 500 words on the importance of English in education. (25)

2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

The importance of education in forming character and opinion is very great and well recognized by all. The genuine beliefs, though not usually unconsciously acquired by most children; and even if they depart from these beliefs in later life, something of them remains deeply implanted, ready to emerge in a time of stress of crisis.

Education is, as a rule, the strongest force on the side of what exists and again fundamental change: threatened institutions while they are still powerful, process themselves of the education machine, and instil a respect for their own excellence into the malleable minds of the young. Reformers retort by trying to dust their opponents from position of vantage.

The children themselves are not considered by either party; they are merely so much material, to be recruited into one army or the other. If the children themselves, were considered, education would not aim at making them belong to this party or that, but at enabling them to choose intelligently between the parties; it would aim at making them able to think, not at making them think what their teachers think.

Education as a political weapon, could not exist if we respected the rights of children. If we respected the rights of children, we should educate them so as to give them the knowledge and the mental habits required for forming independent opinions; but education as a political institution endeavors to form habits and to circumscribe knowledge in such a way as to make one set of opinions inevitable.
Direction (Questions 1 - 9) : Use the appropriate modal to fill in the blanks.

1. We thought it __________ rain.
   (a) can  (b) may  (c) could  (d) might

2. He tried to solve the problem but he __________ not.
   (a) will  (b) could  (c) should  (d) may

3. __________ you read when you were five?
   (a) Can  (b) Will  (c) Could  (d) Would

4. You __________ write on both sides of the paper.
   (a) can  (b) may  (c) could  (d) might

5. When __________ I see you again?
   (a) shall  (b) should  (c) will  (d) would

6. He said he __________ always come when called.
   (a) can  (b) may  (c) could  (d) might

7. __________ that I were rich!
   (a) Would  (b) Could  (c) Should  (d) Might

8. I ran fast so that I __________ catch the train.
   (a) may  (b) can  (c) might  (d) could

9. If you __________ see him, give him my regards.
   (a) will  (b) shall  (c) would  (d) should

Direction (Questions 10 - 19) : Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions.

10. He read a number of books and magazines __________ he was ill.
    (a) for  (b) while  (c) during  (d) besides
11. He spoke ________ the subject for two hours regularly.
   (a) in  (b) of  
   (c) on  (d) with

12. We get rains ________ July every year.
   (a) for  (b) on  
   (c) to  (d) in

13. He is not popular ________ the students.
   (a) by  (b) with  
   (c) among  (d) at

14. She has great love ________ her children.
   (a) for  (b) by  
   (c) of  (d) with

15. They have quarreled ________ a piece of land.
   (a) among  (b) for  
   (c) on  (d) over

16. I was invited ________ tea by his mother.
   (a) for  (b) at  
   (c) to  (d) over

17. These boys go to college ________ college bus.
   (a) by  (b) in  
   (c) with  (d) on

18. The four brothers always quarrel ________ themselves.
   (a) over  (b) among  
   (c) between  (d) for

19. In the month of December the temperature falls ________ 4C.
   (a) below  (b) at  
   (c) from  (d) into

Direction (Questions 20 - 29) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

20. They arrived soon after.
   (a) Adverb  (b) Adjective  
   (c) Preposition  (d) Conjunction

21. All spoke in his favour.
   (a) Noun  (b) Pronoun  
   (c) Adverb  (d) Adjective

22. He came before the appointed time.
   (a) Adverb  (b) Conjunction  
   (c) Preposition  (d) Adjective

23. It was all profit and no loss.
   (a) Noun  (b) Pronoun  
   (c) Adjective  (d) Adverb
24. He has seen the ups and downs of life.
   (a) Adjective  
   (b) Verb  
   (c) Preposition  
   (d) Noun

25. Let us go up the hill.
   (a) Adjective  
   (b) Preposition  
   (c) Noun  
   (d) Adverb

26. Do not start till I give the word.
   (a) Preposition  
   (b) Noun  
   (c) Adjective  
   (d) Conjunction

27. Why did you do it?
   (a) Adverb  
   (b) Conjunction  
   (c) Interjection  
   (d) Adjective

28. God defends the right!
   (a) Pronoun  
   (b) Adverb  
   (c) Noun  
   (d) Adjective

29. Well, who would have thought it?
   (a) Interjection  
   (b) Adjective  
   (c) Adverb  
   (d) Noun

Direction (Questions 30 - 39): Choose the correct question tag to fill in the blanks.

30. Do as I say, __________?
   (a) didn’t you  
   (b) needn’t you  
   (c) won’t you  
   (d) shan’t you

31. You fell on your back, __________?
   (a) didn’t you  
   (b) have you  
   (c) weren’t you  
   (d) did you

32. Few people know that you are an artist, __________?
   (a) aren’t they  
   (b) do they  
   (c) haven’t they  
   (d) don’t they

33. Tomorrow we will attend our college, __________?
   (a) shall we  
   (b) won’t we  
   (c) will we  
   (d) shouldn’t we

34. These people protect trees and animals, __________?
   (a) have they  
   (b) do they  
   (c) weren’t they  
   (d) don’t they?

35. Everyone wanted a ticket, __________?
   (a) didn’t they  
   (b) haven’t they  
   (c) don’t they  
   (d) do they?

36. Let’s take a little rest before we start again, __________?
   (a) will we  
   (b) shall we  
   (c) should we  
   (d) needn’t we
37. She dances very well, __________?
   (a) does she (b) aren’t she
   (c) doesn’t she (d) isn’t she

38. Both Sam and Sean are engineers, __________?
   (a) haven’t they (b) weren’t they
   (c) are they (d) aren’t they

39. Now you can make question tags, __________?
   (a) can you (b) can’t you
   (c) won’t you (d) will you

Direction (Questions 40 - 49) : Fill in the blanks with the correct word/phrases.

40. Technology __________ the forces of change.
   (a) must be used to feed (b) must have been using to feed
   (c) must use having fed (d) must be using to feed

41. Because light travels faster than sound, lightning appears to __________ thunder.
   (a) prolong (b) repel
   (c) traverse (d) precede

42. The crops are dying, it __________ rained.
   (a) must had not (b) must not be
   (c) must not have (d) must not have been

43. It is always better to make people realize the importance of discipline than to __________.
   (a) impose it with them (b) impose them with it
   (c) imposing them on it (d) impose it on them

44. When students do not have time to read a novel before class, they read __________.
   (a) an article (b) a synopsis
   (c) a critique (d) an essay

45. For all our powers of reason and understanding we know __________.
   (a) a little of life’s secrets (b) little about life’s secrets
   (c) nothing about life’s secrets (d) a little about life’s secrets

46. The whole country is disappointed __________ the defeat of the cricket team.
   (a) over (b) about
   (c) on (d) by

47. The tourists insured their luggage because they assumed it __________ stolen.
   (a) might be (b) was going to be
   (c) will be (d) must be

48. During his long discourse, he did not __________ that point.
   (a) touch (b) touch of
   (c) touch upon (d) touch on

49. As he lacks honesty __________ in the good books of his employer.
   (a) has not and cannot be (b) has not and can never been
   (c) has not been and can never be (d) has not and can never be
Direction (Questions 50 - 59) : Choose the option which is closest in meaning as the given word.

50. penitent
   (a) eccentric  
   (b) remorseful  
   (c) profound  
   (d) observant

51. satiate
   (a) direct  
   (b) manage  
   (c) gratify  
   (d) defeat

52. muse
   (a) ponder  
   (b) appease  
   (c) infect  
   (d) taint

53. profane
   (a) assert  
   (b) lengthen  
   (c) benefit  
   (d) desecrate

54. officious
   (a) pushing  
   (b) stubborn  
   (c) modest  
   (d) mystic

55. veracity
   (a) mendacity  
   (b) imperfection  
   (c) truth  
   (d) judgment

56. ingest
   (a) enrage  
   (b) to absorb  
   (c) invigorate  
   (d) burn up completely

57. compendious
   (a) comprehensive  
   (b) unbearable  
   (c) illustrative  
   (d) elaborate

58. nadir
   (a) asylum  
   (b) depth  
   (c) heaven  
   (d) nebulous

59. somber
   (a) causing sleep  
   (b) malicious  
   (c) gloomy  
   (d) complacent

Direction (Questions 60 - 67) : Fill in the blanks with the correct verbal phrase.

60. Trees __________ new leaves during spring season.
   (a) bring up  
   (b) bring in  
   (c) bring about  
   (d) bring forth

61. __________ in the doctor at once.
   (a) Call at  
   (b) Call on  
   (c) Call in  
   (d) Call off
62. ________ the wishes of your parents.
   (a) Carry away  (b) Carry on
       (c) Carry off  (d) Carry out

63. How has all this ________?
   (a) come about  (b) come by
       (c) come across  (d) come of

64. I will have to ________ this less.
   (a) make up  (b) make good
       (c) make face  (d) make off

65. The revolt was ________ with an iron hand.
   (a) put by  (b) put off
       (c) put down  (d) put up

66. He has ________ heavy debt.
   (a) run into  (b) run over
       (c) run down  (d) run short of

67. Please ________ what I speak.
   (a) take in  (b) take to
       (c) take for  (d) take down

Direction (Questions 68 - 75) : Choose the right alternative from the given options.

68. Familiarity ________ contempt.
   (a) makes  (b) generates
       (c) breeds  (d) produces

69. A leopard can’t change its ________.
   (a) tail  (b) spots
       (c) stripes  (d) nature

70. One man’s ________ is another’s poison.
   (a) food  (b) meat
       (c) medicine  (d) drink

71. Think before you ________.
   (a) leap  (b) run
       (c) jump  (d) act

72. A bad worker always blames his ________.
   (a) fate  (b) equipment
       (c) tools  (d) misfortune

73. A burnt child ________ fire.
   (a) fears  (b) dreads
       (c) hates  (d) stops
74. Like a fish out of __________.
   (a) aquarium (b) ocean
   (c) sea (d) water

75. Paddle your own __________.
   (a) canoe (b) yacht
   (c) boat (d) rift

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