PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours Full Marks : 125

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A
(50 Marks)

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

1. Write an essay in about 500 words on why we should protect our environment. (25)
2. Write a précis on the following passage. (25)

There are more literate people in India today than ever before. But there are also more illiterates than even before. More children go to school than at any time in the past. But more children today are out of school than any time in the past. But it is not enough to blame the high birth rate for the state of affairs. Indeed, it can be reasonably argued that continued mass illiteracy is not the result but the cause of the high birth rate. Consequently, spread of literacy can be a potent weapon of socio-economic development.

Unfortunately, official thought and planning in this regard has betrayed a failure of perception. The problem of illiteracy is related to but not the same as that of education. And while it is a colossal task to provide proper and full academic education to all children and youth in the country, the problem of eradicating illiteracy calls for a different and less leisurely blue print. The following measures will be in the right direction: more primary schools, new part-time educational centres for those who cannot attend regular schools and functional literacy centres for adult, especially in semi-urban and rural areas.

SECTION - B
(75 Marks)

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

Directions (Questions 1 - 8) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

1. His voice sounded very hoarse.
   (a) Verb (b) noun (c) adverb (d) adjective

2. He accepted my offer gladly.
   (a) verb (b) noun (c) adverb (d) preposition
3. I wore only a shirt **although** it was very cold.
   (a) verb (b) conjunction
   (c) adjective (d) adverb

4. She is very **generous** to the poor.
   (a) verb (b) adverb
   (c) adjective (d) noun

5. I shall return **within** a week.
   (a) preposition (b) verb
   (c) adverb (d) noun

6. He has seen the ups and **downs** of life.
   (a) adjective (b) noun
   (c) preposition (d) verb

7. We shall **round** the cape safely.
   (a) adjective (b) adverb
   (c) verb (d) conjunction

8. **Such** was not my intention.
   (a) pronoun (b) noun
   (c) adjective (d) preposition

**Directions (Questions 9 - 17): Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions.**

9. **__________** his surprise, the door was open.
   (a) at (b) for
   (c) to (d) on

10. He fell asleep **__________** the meeting.
   (a) at (b) on
   (c) in (d) during

11. You must complete this work **__________** next Monday.
    (a) on (b) until
    (c) by (d) till

12. The shops here are open **__________** 9 am till 5 pm.
    (a) from (b) at
    (c) on (d) for

13. They should be ready to go **__________** 20 minutes.
    (a) on (b) in
    (c) by (d) until

14. Do you always come to work **__________** bike?
    (a) in (b) on
    (c) by (d) of

15. I’ll be in the office **__________** 5 pm.
    (a) of (b) on
    (c) in (d) until
16. He was accused ___________ theft and murder.
   (a) of  (b) with
   (c) for  (d) on

17. She has been ill ___________ three days.
   (a) since  (b) for
   (c) before  (d) in

Directions (Questions 18 - 26): Choose the correct form of verb.

18. I ___________ ill for two weeks.
   (a) am  (b) have been
   (c) has been  (d) will be

19. My brother ___________ football in the same club as me.
   (a) played  (b) plays
   (c) play  (c) is playing

20. Either he or his friends ___________ behind the mischief.
   (a) were  (b) was
   (c) is  (d) be

21. Weather ___________ life a great deal.
   (a) effects  (b) effected
   (c) affects  (d) affected

22. Every even number ___________ by an odd number.
   (a) precedes  (b) was preceded
   (c) preceded  (d) is preceded

23. He ___________ out five minutes ago.
   (a) go  (b) went
   (c) gone  (d) goes

24. This paper ___________ twice weekly.
   (a) appeared  (b) appearing
   (c) appears  (d) is appearing

25. She jumped off the bus while it ___________.
   (a) moved  (b) was moving
   (c) had moved  (d) is moving

26. Here are your shoes, I ___________ them.
   (a) just clean  (b) just cleaned
   (c) just cleaning  (d) have just cleaned
**Direction (Question No. 27 - 35): Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given phrase or sentence:**

27. A number of stars grouped together.
   (a) Comet  
   (b) Orbit  
   (c) Solar system  
   (d) Constellation

   (a) Genocide  
   (b) Homicide  
   (c) Fractricide  
   (d) Regicide

29. Something kept as a reminder of an event.
   (a) Souvenir  
   (b) Antique  
   (c) Trophy  
   (d) Prize

30. Lasting for a very short while.
   (a) Temperate  
   (b) Temporal  
   (c) Transparent  
   (d) Temporary

31. Occurring at irregular intervals in time.
   (a) Endemic  
   (b) Temporal  
   (c) Sporadic  
   (d) Epidemic

32. A person who runs away from justice or the law.
   (a) Martyr  
   (b) Recluse  
   (c) Refugee  
   (d) Fugitive

33. Lack of feeling.
   (a) Pity  
   (b) Apathy  
   (c) Empathy  
   (d) Sympathy

34. Incapable of error.
   (a) Infallible  
   (b) Unbeatable  
   (c) Erroneous  
   (d) Incorrigible

35. Words written on a tomb.
   (a) Epithet  
   (b) Epigraph  
   (c) Epitaph  
   (d) Soliloquy

**Directions (Questions 36 - 43): Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct option.**

36. The classroom is not the place for boys to play in.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) complex sentence  
   (c) compound sentence  
   (d) none of these

37. The boy was tired, therefore he went to bed.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) complex sentence  
   (c) compound sentence  
   (d) none of these

38. I frowned upon him, yet he loves me still.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) complex sentence  
   (c) compound sentence  
   (d) none of these
39. Although he has failed twice he will try again.
   (a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
   (c) compound sentence (d) none of these

40. Where there is a will, there is a way.
   (a) complex sentence (b) simple sentence
   (c) compound sentence (d) none of these

41. I attempted all questions in the test.
   (a) compound sentence (b) simple sentence
   (c) complex sentence (d) none of these

42. Cats are good pets, for they are clean and are not noisy.
   (a) simple sentence (b) complex sentence
   (c) none of these (d) compound sentence

43. The farmer brought home a half dead snake.
   (a) simple sentence (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence (d) none of these

Directions (Questions 44 - 51): Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases.

44. He __________ his homework.
   (a) has done (b) have done
   (c) have did (d) done

45. The load is __________ heavy for me.
   (a) too much (b) much too
   (c) very much (d) too very

46. The tiger is walking __________ inside the railing.
   (a) to and from (b) here and there
   (c) to and fro (d) up and down

47. You must __________ the orders of your seniors.
   (a) carry up (b) carry on
   (c) carry off (d) carry out

48. That building __________ Rs. 8,000/- a month.
   (a) brings in (b) brings with
   (c) brings out (d) brings for

49. The scheme has __________ for want of support.
   (a) fallen off (b) fallen through
   (c) fallen in (d) fallen out

50. These seats are __________ for ladies.
   (a) set off (b) set apart
   (c) set in (d) set for

51. In this city there is no good library to __________.
   (a) speak of (b) speak about
   (c) speak to (d) speak in
**Direction (Question No. 52 - 59): Identify the kind of the underlined nouns in the given sentences:**

52. Never tell a lie.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

53. He gave me a bunch of grapes.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

54. He sets a high value on his time.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

55. Delhi is my favourite city.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

56. Our class consists of twenty pupils.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

57. Nelson is famous for his victory at Trafalgar.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

58. There was a fleet of ships in the harbour.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

59. He likes reading the works of Shakespeare.
   (a) Common Noun  (b) Collective Noun
   (c) Proper Noun  (d) Abstract noun

**Directions (Questions 60 - 67): Pick out the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.**

60. I remarked that it was a fine day.
    (a) noun clause  (b) adverb clause
    (c) adjective clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

61. He laughs best who laughs last.
    (a) noun clause  (b) adverb clause
    (c) adjective clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

62. That you should say this is very strange.
    (a) noun clause  (b) adverb clause
    (c) adjective clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

63. When he entered the room he saw the vase broken.
    (a) noun clause  (b) adverb clause
    (c) adjective clause  (d) co-ordinate clause
64. We will go to the game even if it rains.
   (a) adverb clause  (b) adjective clause
   (c) noun clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

65. The girl who won the first prize is my niece.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

66. You can put the package wherever you want.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

67. Since you have apologized, you will not be punished.
   (a) adjective clause  (b) noun clause
   (c) adverb clause  (d) co-ordinate clause

Direction (Question No. 68 - 75): Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idioms.

68. A close shave.
   (a) stubble  (b) hairless skin
   (c) a very short hair  (d) a narrow escape from danger

69. In a nut shell.
   (a) in detail  (b) confidentially
   (c) in a brief manner  (d) to tell as objective as possible

70. Wet behind the ears.
   (a) stupid and slow witted  (b) young and inexperienced
   (c) drenched in the rain  (d) unpunctual and lethargic

71. A hard nut to crack.
   (a) an expensive thing  (b) a difficult problem
   (c) a foolish search  (d) an easy question

72. Have a thick skin.
   (a) be bold  (b) be uninterested
   (c) be unaffected  (d) be insensitive

73. To rock the boat.
   (a) to create difficulties  (b) to conspire against
   (c) to upset the balance  (d) to agitate against

74. All ears.
   (a) attentive  (b) restless
   (c) silent  (d) smiling

75. A wild goose chase.
   (a) timely action  (b) useless search
   (c) delayed action  (d) wise decision

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