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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
28. Murder of a man.
(a) Genocide (b) Homicide
(c) Fratricide (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. Occuring 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) Incurable
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.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

53. He gave me a bunch of grapes.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

54. He sets a high value on his time.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

55. Delhi is my favourite city.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

56. Our class consists of twenty pupils.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

57. Nelson is famous for his victory at Trafalgar.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

58. There was a fleet of ships in the harbour.

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| (a) Common Noun | (b) Collective Noun |
| (c) Proper Noun | (d) Abstract noun |

59. He likes reading the works of Shakespeare.

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| (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.

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| (a) noun clause | (b) adverb clause |
| (c) adjective clause | (d) co-ordinate clause |

61. He laughs best who laughs last.

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| (a) noun clause | (b) adverb clause |
| (c) adjective clause | (d) co-ordinate clause |

62. That you should say this is very strange.

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| (a) noun clause | (b) adverb clause |
| (c) adjective clause | (d) co-ordinate clause |

63. When he entered the room he saw the vase broken.

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| (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