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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.


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

These are two considerations which deserve at least a word in any discussion of the future of the Indian theatre. The first is the rapid development of the cinema as a competitive for prophesied favor. At first, in the early flush of cinematic triumph people—some of whom might have been expected to, know better—prophesies the extinction of the theatre. It is now clear that though here and there, temporarily, the theatre may be affected, the cinema cannot hope to replace the stage and elbow it out of existence. Experience in the West has shown that the stage will always be required as a federal studio. For the technique is different and great stage actors have, always, to their disgust, discovered that film acting is at least only second best to them; it cannot mean to them what the stage means. Something is lacking in the human touch. In the theatre, heart responds to heart and mind acts on mind in a way unknown to the cinema. Thus there is no danger of extinction to the theatre. On the other hand, the rivalry of the screen ought to and will put theatre to a new test and give it a new stimulus that may well lead to still higher planes of artistic achievement. Finally, a word about a national language spoken, written and thought might do for the theatre in India.

With the new awakening in social life the need of a common tongue is being increasingly felt. Much work is being done to bring out a common linguistic medium. The day when, it is accepted will be a great day for the Indian theatre, as it will be for all art in the country. But the theatre, because its life blood is spoken word, will gain most. With a common tongue, with a live national consciousness, the theatre will become to its own as definite instrument of national unity reflecting the national mind, interpreting the national heart and dreaming national dreams for the future.
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. He is on the bus.
   (a) verb  (b) preposition
   (c) conjunction  (d) adjective

2. There are more than twenty files.
   (a) noun  (b) verb
   (c) adjective  (d) preposition

3. I love to read storybooks.
   (a) noun  (b) verb
   (c) pronoun  (d) adverb

4. It will soon be lunchtime.
   (a) noun  (b) verb
   (c) pronoun  (d) adverb

5. Both of them are responsible.
   (a) conjunction  (b) adjective
   (c) pronoun  (d) noun

6. Raju and Ram are good boys.
   (a) conjunction  (b) adjective
   (c) pronoun  (d) noun

7. I met a homeless person today.
   (a) conjunction  (b) adjective
   (c) pronoun  (d) noun

8. Fish and chips go hand in hand.
   (a) conjunction  (b) adjective
   (c) pronoun  (d) noun

Directions (Questions 9 - 16) : Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given phrase/sentence.

   (a) Fratricide  (b) Suicide
   (c) Homicide  (d) Genocide

10. A writing whose writer is not known.
    (a) Anonymous  (b) Posthumous
    (c) Autobiography  (d) None of these
11. A person who studies the evolution of mankind.
   (a) Philanthropist  
   (b) Mycologist  
   (c) Anthropologist  
   (d) Psychologist

12. Literary theft or passing off an author’s original work as one’s own.
   (a) Pantheism  
   (b) Plagiarism  
   (c) Piracy  
   (d) None of these

13. A medicine that kills pests.
   (a) Insecticide  
   (b) germicide  
   (c) Pesticide  
   (d) Patricide

   (a) Autocracy  
   (b) Monarchy  
   (c) Plutocracy  
   (d) Aristocracy

15. Words which are inscribed on the grave or the tomb in memory of the buried.
   (a) Epitaph  
   (b) Manuscript  
   (c) Cartography  
   (d) Inscription

16. A place where plates, dishes, pots and other cooking utensils are washed up.
   (a) Porch  
   (b) Scullery  
   (c) Washbasin  
   (d) Sink

Directions (Questions 17 - 24) : Identify the concept expressed by each of the sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.

17. In order to save time we’ll fax all the information.
   Clauses of -
   (a) Reason  
   (b) Purpose  
   (c) Time  
   (d) None of these

18. There was such a large crowd at the entrance that we couldn’t manage to get in.
   Clauses of -
   (a) Reason  
   (b) Purpose  
   (c) Time  
   (d) Result

19. He was not so ill as we had thought.
   Adverbial clause of -
   (a) Cause  
   (b) Purpose  
   (c) Comparison  
   (d) Concession

20. Everybody wants to be happy.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Affirmative  
   (c) Exclamatory  
   (d) None of these

21. “May her soul rest in peace !”
   (a) Command  
   (b) Proposal  
   (c) Advice  
   (d) Wish

22. But for your help, I would have been ruined.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Affirmative  
   (c) Exclamatory  
   (d) None of these
23. Take only liquid food for three days at least
   (a) Proposal  (b) Order
   (c) Advice   (d) Request

24. I left nothing unfinished.
   (a) Negative  (b) Affirmative
   (c) Assertive (d) None of these

Directions (Questions 25 - 32) : Fill in the blanks with the correct phrases.

25. He_________ the tapestry violently.
   (a) tore down  (b) tear down
   (c) torn down (d) tear downed

26. I_________ with the disease.
   (a) was born   (b) is born
   (c) am bore   (d) will born

27. They_________ free samples.
   (a) are giving away  (b) are give away
   (c) is giving away (d) is give away

28. This tree_________ around longer than you.
   (a) has been  (b) is been
   (c) was been (d) will been

29. King Cobras_________ dangerous animals.
   (a) are extremely  (b) is extremely
   (c) was extremely (d) will extremely

30. He_________ the stairs.
   (a) fell down  (b) fall down
   (c) falling down (d) falled down

31. Motorcycles_________ faster than cars.
   (a) is usually  (b) are usually
   (c) will usually (d) can usually

32. Fortune_________ the brave.
   (a) favours  (b) favour
   (c) fervour (d) favourite

Directions (Questions 33 - 41) : Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions.

33. These computers are cheap enough to be accessible _________ most people.
   (a) by  (b) for
   (c) to  (d) with

34. I am already acquainted _________ the latest developments of the situation.
   (a) for  (b) with
   (c) in  (d) over
35. There is nothing new _________ the Sun.
   (a) under
   (b) for
   (c) in
   (d) to

36. His dress was not appropriate _________ the occasion.
   (a) by
   (b) under
   (c) in
   (d) to

37. There weren’t many people _________ the meeting.
   (a) for
   (b) on
   (c) around
   (d) at

38. Place the table_________ the sofa.
   (a) opposite
   (b) opposite to
   (c) for
   (d) to

39. The baby climbed_________ the table.
   (a) into
   (b) onto
   (c) for
   (d) to

40. She kept the flowers_________ the window.
   (a) into
   (b) onto
   (c) by
   (d) for

41. We have been friends_________ we were small.
   (a) since
   (b) from
   (c) than
   (d) by

Directions (Questions 42 - 49) : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct option.

42. Joe went to the gun shop.
   (a) Simple sentence
   (b) Complex sentence
   (c) Compound sentence
   (d) None of these

43. I fell down the stairs, so my dad came to check up on me.
   (a) Simple sentence
   (b) Complex sentence
   (c) Compound sentence
   (d) None of these

44. Sweep the floor before you leave.
   (a) Simple sentence
   (b) Complex sentence
   (c) Compound sentence
   (d) None of these

45. The food smells delicious.
   (a) Simple sentence
   (b) Complex sentence
   (c) Compound sentence
   (d) None of these

46. Kunga worked hard and passed in the first division.
   (a) Compound sentence
   (b) Complex sentence
   (c) Simple sentence
   (d) None of these

47. It started raining as soon as the match began.
   (a) Complex sentence
   (b) Compound sentence
   (c) Simple sentence
   (d) None of these
48. I bought a ticket and went in.
   (a) Complex sentence
   (b) Compound sentence
   (c) Simple sentence
   (d) None of these

49. You may either go to the library or go out and play.
   (a) Complex sentence
   (b) Compound sentence
   (c) Simple sentence
   (d) None of these

**Directions (Questions 50 - 58) : Choose the correct alternative which is the closest in meaning to the given phase/sentence.**

50. A person who inhabits a particular place.
   (a) denizen
   (b) denisen
   (c) denizends
   (d) demizen

51. In an opposing direction.
   (a) traverse
   (b) adverse
   (c) converse
   (d) diverse

52. A person who pleads for another person, plea or cause.
   (a) advocate
   (b) judge
   (c) jury
   (d) syndicate

53. Showing little or no emotion.
   (a) apathetic
   (b) empathetic
   (c) sympathetic
   (d) nynpathetic

54. One who attacks
   (a) predator
   (b) violator
   (c) agressor
   (d) samurai

55. Living at the same time as another
   (a) contemporary
   (b) generation
   (c) era

56. A speech without preparation
   (a) sermon
   (b) elocution
   (c) oratory
   (d) extempore

57. An office without any pay
   (a) voluntary
   (b) service
   (c) honorary
   (d) provisional

58. That which cannot be taken by force
   (a) hospitable
   (b) impregnable
   (c) imperceptible
   (d) impenetrable
Directions (Questions 59 - 67): Choose the alternative which best express the meaning of the idiom/phrases.

59. Kick the bucket.
   (a) to die                      (b) to fail
   (c) to be ashamed              (d) to be happy

60. Under the weather.
   (a) to feel lonely             (b) to feel gloomy
   (c) to be sad                 (d) to be ill or sick

61. Blow one’s own trumpet.
   (a) to be victorious          (b) to boast about oneself
   (c) to humiliate oneself      (d) to criticize oneself

62. In stitches
   (a) to laugh a lot            (b) to be in extreme pain
   (c) to be in trouble          (d) to be confused

63. When pigs fly.
   (a) something that will never happen
   (b) to be ambitious
   (c) something that might happen
   (d) to be hopeful

64. Man of parts.
   (a) talented                  (b) restless
   (c) strange person            (d) a dull person

65. Upside down.
   (a) extreme displeasure       (b) in total disorder
   (c) here and there            (d) extreme failure

66. At the eleventh hour.
   (a) at the right moment       (b) at the last moment
   (c) by small degree           (d) to be in disorder

67. Give the game away.
   (a) reveal a secret or plan unintentionally
   (b) find out one’s secret opinion
   (c) to betray                 (d) to be ridiculed

Directions(Questions 68 - 75): Pick out the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences.

68. Whatever we study increases our knowledge.
   (a) noun clause
   (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause
   (d) co-ordinate clause

69. I watched a movie which amused me a lot.
   (a) noun clause
   (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause
   (d) co-ordinate clause

70. Call me if you need my help.
   (a) noun clause
   (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause
   (d) co-ordinate clause
71. The patient died before the doctor could remove the tumour.
   (a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

72. Don’t just waste money on whatever you want.
   (a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

73. I dislike people who waste my time.
   (a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

74. You will be healthy as long as you maintain your diet.
   (a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

75. What Ranbir said shocked his friends.
   (a) noun clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

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