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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

*All questions carry equal mark of 1 each.
Attempt all questions.*

Direction (Questions No. 1 - 10) : Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words :

1. Take any magazine that you like.
(a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition
2. She went away before he came.
(a) Preposition (b) Adverb
(c) Pronoun (d) Conjunction
3. He cannot even see me.
(a) Adjective (b) Adverb
(c) Verb (d) Preposition
4. He was much loved by his wife.
(a) Preposition (b) Pronoun
(c) Verb (d) Conjunction
5. He conceived a master plan.
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
6. One would think he was mad.
(a) Verb (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Pronoun
7. Do not back false friends.
(a) Conjunction (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Noun
8. She fell down into the deep.
(a) Pronoun (b) Verb
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
9. He likes this more than that.
(a) Verb (b) Pronoun
(c) Conjunction (d) Adjective
10. The man was in a terrible fix.
(a) Verb (b) Noun
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb

Direction (Questions No. 11 - 20) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

11. There was a very serious accident _____ the roundabout.
(a) in (b) to
(c) at (d) from
12. In many countries people drive _____ the left.
(a) in (b) by
(c) at (d) on
13. To reach their village, they have to change _____ a small train at the junction.
(a) on (b) over
(c) to (d) into
14. There was nothing he could do _____ wait.
(a) and (b) otherwise
(c) except (d) than
15. If you live in a corrupt society, you cannot easily rise _____ the prevailing corruption.
(a) upon (b) above
(c) over (d) beyond
16. A jeep hit him while he was going _____ main road.
(a) on (b) across
(c) through (d) behind
17. The bridge _____ this river was built in the year 1995.
(a) above (b) over
(c) on (d) at
18. We hadn't had anything to eat _____ the journey.
(a) during (b) for
(c) since (d) while
19. He is quick _____ solving questions.
(a) in (b) with
(c) at (d) about
20. We must not fight _____ our friends.
(a) against (b) over
(c) with (d) for

Direction (Questions No. 21 - 30) : Indicate the mood of the given sentences.

21. I may go to the beach later.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
22. Science is fascinating.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
23. Stop writing, put your pens down.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive

24. Have you found your book?
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
25. They came to speak to me.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
26. God bless you!
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
27. Do sit down.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
28. He walks as though he were drunk.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
29. I will do the work tonight.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive
30. Take care of your health.
(a) Indicative (b) Infinitive
(c) Imperative (d) Subjunctive

Direction (Questions No. 31 - 40) : Choose the correct modal to fill in the blanks.

31. Why _____ we go out for dinner tonight?
(a) shall (b) don't
(c) do (d) are
32. I _____ met him for lunch had I known he was coming.
(a) would (b) had
(c) would have (d) will
33. He _____ passed easily if only he had spent a bit more time revising.
(a) could have (b) must have
(c) would have (d) might have
34. She went to get flowers, she _____ be here in a minute.
(a) could (b) must
(c) might (d) should
35. _____ you learn anything?
(a) Hadn't (b) Didn't
(c) Weren't (d) Haven't
36. Although we didn't have the right tools, we _____ get the work finished on time.
(a) could have (b) were able to
(c) could (d) managed to

37. She _____ to lunch, she usually goes at this time.
(a) should have gone (b) must go
(c) must have gone (d) should go
38. It _____ be ready by Friday, if we don't have any unexpected problems.
(a) should (b) may
(c) must (d) might
39. Peter _____ waiting long when she arrived.
(a) hadn't been (b) wasn't
(c) hasn't been (d) won't be
40. It was her birthday yesterday, we _____ got her a card.
(a) should have (b) had to
(c) should (d) must have

Direction (Questions No. 41 - 50) : Analyze the sentences and choose the correct option.

41. My parents were much delighted.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
42. Tired of playing he went to take bath.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
43. Do not walk so quickly, you may fall.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
44. I met a girl who was very beautiful.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
45. He is doing his best and I am sure of it.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
46. I was very happy to receive her message.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
47. He is slow but he is sincere.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
48. Can you inform me where she has gone?
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence
49. The tea is too hot to drink.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence

50. As she was very tired, she didn't cook food.
- (a) Simple sentence (b) Complex Sentence
(c) Compound sentence

Direction (Questions No. 51 - 60) : Choose the correct clause from the given options.

51. Please show me how the machine works.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
52. No man who is honest shall suffer in any way.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
53. Nobody likes him because he is arrogant.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
54. When I was younger, I thought so.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
55. He laughs best who laughs last.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
56. It is uncertain whether he will come.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
57. This is just what I wanted.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
58. Anyone who comes late will be punished.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
59. He always does as I tell him.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these
60. We all admire a man who is courageous.
- (a) Noun clause (b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverb clause (d) None of these

Direction (Questions No. 61 - 70) : Analyze the sentences and choose the correct answer.

61. Have a cup of tea.
- (a) Affirmative (b) Comparative
(c) Negative (d) Assertive
62. She does not come here very often.
- (a) Comparative (b) Negative
(c) Affirmative (d) Superlative

63. It is a unique item.
(a) Comparative (b) Superlative
(c) Affirmative (d) Negative
64. That razor is sharper than this one.
(a) Comparative (b) Assertive
(c) Superlative (d) Negative
65. There is no item like this.
(a) Comparative (b) Superlative
(c) Negative (d) Affirmative
66. He is the tallest boy in the class.
(a) Negative (b) Superlative
(c) Assertive (d) Comparative
67. It is a matter of joy that he scored a goal.
(a) Negative (b) Affirmative
(c) Comparative (d) Assertive
68. John is more sincere than his brothers.
(a) Affirmative (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) Assertive
69. We won all the matches.
(a) Affirmative (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) Assertive
70. Mr. Rama is the richest man in the village.
(a) Affirmative (b) Superlative
(c) Comparative (d) Assertive

Direction (Questions No. 71 - 80) : Choose the correct pair of words to fill in the blanks.

71. The Deputy Manager _____ to resign because all his proposals were _____ down by his superiors.
(a) planned, thrown (b) threatened, turned
(c) began, kept (d) began, kept
72. She was not _____ by the criticism and paid no _____ even when her best friend talked against her.
(a) bothered, attention (b) shaken, indication
(c) threatened, warning (d) troubled, brain
73. Children are more _____ than adults, it is _____ their quickness in learning a new language.
(a) intelligent, disproved by (b) adaptable, reflected in
(c) conservative, seen in (d) susceptible, demonstrated in
74. Mary's _____ in athletics yielded rich _____ she got a scholarship.
(a) performance, money (b) defeat, results
(c) behavior, appreciation (d) excellence, dividends

75. I am not _____ to sell you my house unless you offer a more _____ price.
(a) agree, better (b) ready, correct
(c) prepared, realistic (d) having, actual
76. Due to _____ rainfall this year, there will be _____ cut in water supply.
(a) scanty, substantial (b) surplus, abundant
(c) meagre, least (d) abundant, considerable
77. We _____ him with many promises, but nothing would _____ him.
(a) tempted, influence (b) attracted, fascinate
(c) provoked, desiccate (d) gave, deprive
78. In his _____, he followed the _____ course.
(a) agony, appropriate (b) hurry, diversified
(c) ignorance, wrong (d) predicament, proper
79. The construction of the hall has been _____ because of the _____ of cement in the market.
(a) held, non-availability (b) denied, restrictions
(c) hampered, shortage (d) prevented, supply
80. Only when _____ failed, the police resorted to _____.
(a) efforts, power (b) power, punishment
(c) arrests, imprisonment (d) persuasions, force

Direction (Questions No. 81 - 85) : Complete the common proverbs using the given options.

81. A bad man is better than a bad _____.
(a) action (b) thought
(c) wife (d) name
82. Do good and cast it into the _____.
(a) river (b) fire
(c) air (d) wind
83. Guilty conscience is always _____.
(a) unsure (b) doubtful
(c) suspicious (d) dubious
84. A bad workman quarrels with his _____.
(a) tools (b) friends
(c) master (d) workshop
85. Every potter praises his _____.
(a) wheel (b) pot
(c) vessel (d) bowl

Direction (Questions No. 86 - 90) : Choose the correct option as required.

86. When someone has advanced to the highest position attainable, he is said to have reached the-
(a) vigil (b) precipice
(c) threshold (d) pinnacle
87. One who does not care for art or literature is called-
(a) Philistine (b) Philanthropist
(c) Philanderer (d) Pessimist

88. The synonym of BACKLASH is-
- (a) reaction (b) frighten
(c) result (d) ridicule
89. The antonym of AMPLE is-
- (a) extensive (b) empty
(c) scanty (d) unusual
90. The Latin words 'Prima facie' means-
- (a) for the time being (b) in proportion
(c) with equal place (d) on the first impression

Direction (Questions No. 91 - 100) : Fill in the blanks using the correct alternative.

91. Many companies see technology as a _____ for a whole host of business problems.
(a) consideration (b) linking
(c) preference (d) panacea
92. The judge acquitted the prisoner _____ the charge of murder.
(a) from (b) of
(c) with (d) about
93. You must _____ your house in order before you offer advice to others.
(a) get (b) arrange
(c) bring (d) organize
94. His rustic behavior was an embarrassment to the _____ sensibility of the young ladies.
(a) fragile (b) soft
(c) delicate (d) sober
95. Robert is too _____ as far as his food habits are concerned.
(a) enjoyable (b) curious
(c) fastidious (d) interesting
96. The soldiers were instructed to _____ restraint and handle the situation peacefully.
(a) exercise (b) enforce
(c) control (d) remain
97. It was _____ hot that day and the cable suffered the brunt of the heat.
(a) treacherously (b) unfailingly
(c) acceptably (d) unbelievably
98. As the waves rose the ship tossed, many of the passengers felt _____.
(a) lethargic (b) queasy
(c) subdued (d) tremulous
99. Having lived a _____ life for forty years, he is not able to take any independent decision.
(a) safe (b) happy
(c) cloistered (d) successful
100. His approach to work is so _____ that none of his colleagues consider him dependable.
(a) uninterestingly (b) common
(c) low (d) casual