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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours Full Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.

Attempt all questions.

Directions (Question 1 - 10): Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words:

1. I’m just coming
   (a) Adverb (b) Adjective
   (c) Pronoun (d) Verb

2. Out sprang the cuckoo.
   (a) Noun (b) Adverb
   (c) Verb (d) Adjective

3. Away they went.
   (a) Noun (b) Adjective
   (c) Pronoun (d) Conjunction

4. Down with the tyrant.
   (a) Verb (b) Adverb
   (c) Noun (d) Adjective

5. Like she says, it is a rare experience to meet the President.
   (a) Verb (c) Conjunction
   (c) Pronoun (d) Adverb

6. It is more of self-interest than service.
   (a) Adjective (b) Verb
   (c) Adverb (d) Noun

7. We had no hope of getting the tickets for the match, and tell you what, David gave us two tickets.
   (a) Adverb (b) Conjunction
   (c) Interjection (d) Adjective

8. As he was ill, I pitied him.
   (a) Pronoun (b) Conjunction
   (c) Interjection (d) Adverb

9. I have had enough of this.
   (a) Adjective (b) Verb
   (c) Noun (d) Adverb

10. The message is clear.
    (a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
    (c) Adverb (d) Verb
Directions (Questions 11-20): Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate form of the verb given.

11. When I saw the vase, I knew it was exactly what I __________ for.
   (a) had looked    (b) had been looking
   (c) was looking   (d) have been looking

12. The perfume you are using __________ very good.
   (a) is smelling   (b) smelled
   (c) smells        (d) smell

13. Where __________, had we not met her?
   (a) will she be staying    (b) would she stay
   (c) will she stay          (d) will she have stayed

14. She __________ into her office when the telephone rang.
   (a) had just stepped      (b) just step
   (c) just stepped          (d) has just stepped

15. Let’s hope the volcanic eruption __________ before we arrive on the island.
   (a) has finished         (b) will have finished
   (c) finished             (d) will finish

16. He refused to go till he __________ all the pictures.
   (a) saw                  (b) had seen
   (c) sees                 (d) has seen

17. My sister __________ law these days.
   (a) practices            (b) has practiced
   (c) is practicing         (d) has been practicing

18. __________ you all along?
   (a) Didn’t she support    (b) Hasn’t she been supporting
   (c) Hasn’t she supported  (d) Isn’t she supporting

19. I __________ to thank you for the present you sent.
   (a) call                 (b) called
   (c) have been calling    (d) am calling

20. Delhi __________ on the banks of the Yamina River.
   (a) stands               (b) stood
   (c) is standing          (d) will stand

Directions (Question 21-30): Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition given below each sentence.

21. My friend accommodated me __________ a loan.
    (a) over                 (b) for
    (c) with                 (d) to

22. Cats are tenacious __________ life.
    (a) of                   (b) about
    (c) with                 (d) to

23. I’m anxious __________ the work to be done as soon as possible.
    (a) with                 (b) about
    (c) to                   (d) for

24. My house was broken __________.
    (a) into                 (b) in
    (c) of                   (d) up
25. Dogs have antipathy _____________ cats.
   (a) for                     (b) to
   (c) about                  (c) with

26. We lifted him _____________ the table.
   (a) at                           (b) up
   (c) on                           (d) onto

27. His followers now began to intrigue _____________ his adversary.
   (a) about                    (b) upon
   (c) with                    (d) of

28. His friends prevailed _____________ him to withdraw his resignation.
   (a) on                         (b) to
   (c) upon                     (d) with

29. The fly came in _____________ the door.
   (a) by                          (b) at
   (c) from                      (d) through.

30. His father connives _____________ his follies.
   (a) to                              (b) at
   (c) of                             (d) by

Directions (Question 31-35) : Choose the correct article from the given alternatives.

31. That’s fifteen because its got _____________ five.
   (a) a                        (b) the
   (c) an                      (d) none of these

32. This is _____________ one suggestion I can give.
   (a) a                        (b) the
   (c) an                      (d) none of these

33. The mascot for the Games is _____________ unicorn.
   (a) a                        (b) the
   (c) an                      (d) none of these

34. He wants to marry _____________ heiress.
   (a) a                        (b) the
   (c) an                      (d) none of these

35. It’s a pity I haven’t got _____________ work permit.
   (a) a                        (b) the
   (c) an                      (d) none of these

Directions (Question 36-40) : Choose the correct past form of the verb from the alternatives provided.

36. Wring
   (a) wrang                   (b) wringed
   (c) wrung                   (d) wrings

37. Forsake
   (a) Forsook                 (b) Forsaken
   (c) Forsaked                (d) Forsake
38. Bear
   (a) Born          (b) Bore
   (c) Borne         (d) Bored

39. Wake
   (a) Waked         (b) Woke
   (c) Waken         (d) Woken

40. Strike
   (a) Stroke        (b) Strike
   (c) Striked       (d) Struck

Directions (Question 41-49): Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct one from the options given.

41. Be just and fear not.
   (a) Simple        (b) Complex
   (c) Compound

42. A dead man needs no riches.
   (a) Simple        (c) Complex
   (c) Compound

43. But for your help I should have been drowned.
   (a) Simple        (c) Complex
   (c) Compound

44. Where he is hiding is still unknown
   (a) Simple        (c) Complex
   (c) Compound

45. Either I am right or you are.
   (a) Simple        (c) Complex
   (c) Compound

46. Sit down where you please.
   (a) Simple        (b) Complex
   (c) Compound

47. The heart that is full of grief is heavy.
   (a) Simple        (b) Complex
   (c) Compound

48. She trotted back, smiling
   (a) Simple        (b) Complex
   (c) Compound

49. Be good to be happy.
   (a) Simple        (b) Complex
   (c) Compound

Directions (Question 50-56): Name the kind of phrases of the underlined words in the sentence.

50. He is a man of means.
    (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adjective Phrase
    (c) Adverb Phrase

51. Cats like catching mice.
   (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase (c) Adverb Phrase

52. To believe in rumours is foolishness.
   (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase (c) Adverb Phrase

53. He left in the twinkling of an eye.
   (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase (c) Adverb Phrase

54. Do not answer at random.
   (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase (c) Adverb Phrase

55. The atmosphere in the market was very buoyant.
   (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase (c) Adverb Phrase

56. He thumbed on the table with great force.
   (a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase (c) Adverb Phrase

Directions (Question 57-63): Name the kind of clauses of the underlined words.

57. He tells a tale that sounds untrue.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause

58. I know the place which you mention.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause

59. He spoke of a time when wars should cease.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause

60. Come when you like.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause

61. Glancing over his shoulder, he could see the dog.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause

62. The swallows will return to the country whence such birds migrate.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause

63. That was how we managed to crack the code.
   (a) Adverb Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Noun Clause
Directions (Question 64-70): Identify the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.

64. We could have done nothing without your help.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Negative

65. Let him go for a picnic.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Interrogative

66. We found the road rather bad.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Interrogative

67. None but truth triumphs.
   (a) Imperative  
   (b) Assertive  
   (c) Negative  
   (d) Affirmative

68. Only a fool would miss such an opportunity.
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Negative  
   (c) Assertive  
   (d) Exclamatory

69. No one could have done better.
   (a) Assertive  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Affirmative  
   (d) Negative

70. That we should meet here!
   (a) Affirmative  
   (b) Imperative  
   (c) Assertive  
   (d) Exclamatory

Directions (Questions 71-80): Choose the correct meaning of idioms and phrases written in bold letters from the four alternatives given below.

71. He was asked to do the job by the king on pain of death.
   (a) on the verge of  
   (b) as painful as  
   (c) under the threat of  
   (d) to sacrifice life

72. I plan to go on a world tour before I kick the bucket.
   (a) retire  
   (b) die  
   (c) get married  
   (d) quit

73. He stole a march when he invented the fastest moving device.
   (a) started early  
   (b) stole the formula  
   (c) outshine others  
   (d) fell behind others

74. She seemed to be chewing the cud when I asked her about the appraisal.
   (a) grinding her teeth  
   (b) moving restlessly  
   (c) feeling annoyed  
   (d) thinking deeply

75. He stands well with his employer.
   (a) is well thought of by  
   (b) is in good hands  
   (c) of the same height and stature  
   (d) is related to

76. This is where the shoe pinches
   (a) where it does not fit  
   (b) where the trouble lies  
   (c) where it hurts  
   (d) perfectly fits
77. He will never set the Thames on fire
(a) do something bad (b) catch people’s attention
(c) outshine others (d) do a remarkable or surprising thing.

78. I have heard it on the grapevine that there are going to be more recruitments.
(a) heard rumours (b) heard it when it was announced
(c) heard the truth (d) knew after enquiring.

79. Whosoever comes and goes, it is important to keep the ball rolling in life.
(a) work much harder (b) earn more and more
(c) keep the task going (d) keep in touch

80. To solve the recent murder case felt like cutting the Gordian knot for the new detective.
(a) untangling the situation (b) solving an intricate situation
(c) doing an easy thing (d) carrying out a tedious job

Directions (Question 81-89): Choose the word which best fills the blank from the given options.

81. Robert’s behaviour is worthy of __________ by all the kids.
   (a) experiment (b) accolade
   (c) appraisal (d) emulation

82. The employee was __________ in spite of being castigated by his superior.
   (a) blase (b) dejected
   (c) blithe (d) excited

83. The refrigerator stinks of __________ eggs and tomatoes.
   (a) putrid (b) rancid
   (c) fragrant (d) sour

84. The good old Ambassador cars are now considered __________.
   (a) obscure (b) absolute
   (c) obsolete (d) oblivious

85. The man has intense respect for her political __________.
   (a) attitude (b) personality
   (c) feature (d) sagacity

86. To __________ the vast store of energy, universities have employed the N.S.S programme as part of extra activities.
   (a) inculcate (b) harness
   (c) use (d) join

87. My niece who is an opera singer has a _________ voice.
   (a) mellifluous (b) meticulous
   (c) malleable (d) malevolent

88. The uncalled for remarks by the leader __________ the situation and many of his followers turned violent.
   (a) exaggerated (b) aggravated
   (c) alleviated (d) irritated

89. The purpose of moral guidance is to _________ people to choose and achieve life serving goals and values.
   (a) encumber (b) serve
   (c) assist (d) support
Directions (Question 90-95): Choose a verb which best agrees with the subject of the following sentences.

90. Either he or I ________ mistaken.
   (a) am  (b) is  
   (c) are  (d) were

91. Many a man ________ done so.
   (a) have  (b) were  
   (c) has  (d) is

92. Three candidates ________ the company had called for interview have come.
   (a) who  (b) those  
   (c) whom  (d) whose

93. It was ________ who raised the alarm on seeing a snake.
   (a) myself  (b) I  
   (c) mine  (d) me

94. The horse and carriage ________ at the door.
   (a) are  (b) were  
   (c) have  (d) is

95. Each of the apples ________ ripe.
   (a) are  (b) is  
   (c) were  (d) have

Direction (Question 96-100): Choose the word nearest in meaning of the italicized words.

96. Perseverance is the very hinge of all virtues.
   (a) depend on  (b) turn on  
   (c) joint  (d) beguile

97. Comment me to the virtues of perseverance.
   (a) chastity  (b) modest  
   (c) strength  (d) chide

98. The ignorant lamb licks the hand of the butcher who is about to slaughter it.
   (a) abattoir  (b) carnage  
   (c) disparage  (d) vassal

99. It is always a pleasure to watch her manner of speech, her cadence and intonations.
   (a) conundrum  (b) rhythm  
   (c) buoyant  (d) doggerel

100. He proved himself a sagacious publicist so he was in much demand.
    (a) hard-working  (b) noble  
    (c) opportunist  (d) wise

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