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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

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| (a) Born | (b) Bore |
| (c) Borne | (d) Bored |

39. Wake

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| (a) Waked | (b) Woke |
| (c) Waken | (d) Woken |

40. Strike

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| (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.

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| (a) Simple | (b) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

42. A dead man needs no riches.

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| (a) Simple | (c) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

43. But for your help I should have been drowned.

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| (a) Simple | (c) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

44. Where he is hiding is still unknown

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| (a) Simple | (c) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

45. Either I am right or you are.

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| (a) Simple | (c) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

46. Sit down where you please.

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| (a) Simple | (b) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

47. The heart that is full of grief is heavy.

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| (a) Simple | (b) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

48. She trotted back, smiling

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| (a) Simple | (b) Complex |
| (c) Compound | |

49. Be good to be happy.

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| (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.

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| (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 (c) Negative
65. Let him go for a picnic.
(a) Assertive (b) Imperative
(c) Affirmative (c) Interrogative
66. We found the road rather bad.
(a) Assertive (b) Imperative
(c) Affirmative (c) 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