1. Write an essay on *any one* of the given following topics in not less than 350 words. (25)
   - Enslavement of man by technology
   - Role of newspapers in influencing society or youth
   - Main Festivals in Mizoram

2. Read the given passage carefully and write a précis in about one third of the original length giving a suitable title. (25)

   Trees give shade for the benefit of others, and while they themselves stand in the sun and endure the scorching heat, they produce the fruit of which others profit. The character of good men is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of mankind? Sandalwood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent does it yield. Sugarcane, the more it is peeled and cut up into pieces, the more juice does it produce. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. What matters whether men praise them or not? What difference does it make whether they die at this moment or whether lives are prolonged? Happen what may, those who tread in the right path will not set foot in the other. Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. To live for the mere sake of living one’s life is to live the life of dog and crows. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of others will assuredly dwell forever in a world of bliss.


**Direction (Questions 1 - 10) : Identify the part of speech of the words in italics in the following sentences.**

1. Mr. Rex and his family have moved in the *new* building.
   (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
   (c) Verb (d) Adjective

2. Be on time or you’ll miss the picnic bus.
   (a) Interjection (b) Conjunction
   (c) Preposition (d) Verb

3. The children *love* ice-cream.
   (a) Verb (b) Adverb
   (c) Adjective (d) Noun

4. It’s a wonderful view!
   (a) Exclamation (b) Preposition
   (c) Verb (d) Noun

5. The *meeting* has been called off.
   (a) Verb (b) Adverb
   (c) Noun (d) Conjunction

6. This garden is the most famous one in the whole *city*.
   (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

7. Pay your debt at the earliest.
   (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
   (c) Verb (d) Preposition

8. *It* has been 3 hours since the operation started.
   (a) Noun (b) Pronoun
   (c) Verb (d) Adjective

9. Thoiba is hiding *behind* the door.
   (a) Adverb (b) Preposition
   (c) Conjunction (d) Exclamation

10. Tom shouted *loudly*.
    (a) Verb (b) Adverb
    (c) Conjunction (d) Exclamation
Directions (Questions 11 - 20) : Identify the kinds of sentences given below.

11. Many people are gathered here for the festival.
   (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
   (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

12. How many of you are staying back?
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

13. It is hard to know how they have landed here.
    (a) Assertive          (b) interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) exclamatory

    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

15. Oh! What a shame!
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

16. Wow! What a goal!
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

17. Can somebody help me with the calculations?
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

18. You can come any day you wish.
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

19. Stop fidgeting at once.
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

20. Will your father come to pick you up tomorrow?
    (a) Assertive          (b) Interrogative
    (c) Imperative        (d) Exclamatory

Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Identify the kind of tenses of the sentences given below.

21. The boys are playing hockey.
    (a) Simple present
    (b) Present continuous
    (c) Simple past
    (d) Past continuous

22. It has been raining from morning today.
    (a) Present perfect
    (b) Present perfect continuous
    (c) Present continuous
    (d) Simple past
23. The artisans *mastered* the art very well.
   (a) Past tense       (b) Present tense
   (c) Future tense    (d) Past perfect

24. *We have lived* here for ten years.
   (a) Present perfect   (b) Past perfect
   (c) Future perfect   (d) Simple present

25. The master *will be back* by Thursday.
   (a) Past tense       (b) Present tense
   (c) Future tense    (d) Past perfect

26. *He will have left* the house by then.
   (a) Present perfect   (b) Past perfect
   (c) Future perfect   (d) Simple present

27. Can I have some milk before I *go* to bed?
   (a) Past tense       (b) Present tense
   (c) Future tense    (d) Past perfect

28. They *are doing* their duty well.
   (a) Past tense       (b) Present continuous
   (c) Future tense    (d) Past perfect

29. She *will be meeting* us the next week.
   (a) Future continuous (b) Past perfect
   (c) Future perfect   (d) Simple present

30. The committee *met* for the first time.
   (a) Past tense       (b) Present tense
   (c) Future tense    (d) Past perfect

31. Don’t loiter _____________ the street.
    (a) off       (b) by
    (c) in        (d) at

32. I came the day _____________ yesterday.
    (a) after      (b) next to
    (c) before     (d) in front of

33. Is she _____________ her room?
    (a) at         (b) by
    (c) on         (d) in

34. Don’t let the driver jump _____________ the car.
    (a) across      (b) at
    (c) with        (d) on

*Directions (Questions 31 - 40) : Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions from the choices provided.*
35. ___________ a month he returned.
   (a) After (b) Within
   (c) Both (a) & (b) (d) None of these

36. The Maharaj ruled ___________ a vast kingdom.
   (a) across (b) within
   (c) over (d) for

37. Mother has not slept ___________ yesterday.
   (a) before (b) after
   (c) on (d) since

38. In the church, he sits ___________ his boys.
   (a) at (b) by
   (c) with (d) across

39. I tried to reason him ___________ of his fears.
   (a) over (b) out
   (c) off (d) behind

40. Humpty Dumpty sat ___________ a wall.
   (a) on (b) of
   (c) in (d) by

Directions (Questions 41 - 50) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of verbs. The choices are provided for each question.

41. Always ___________ the truth.
   (a) tell (b) speak
   (c) say (d) utter

42. My new watch does not ___________ good time.
   (a) keep (b) tell
   (c) show (d) denote

43. The sun ___________ in the east.
   (a) arise (b) rises
   (c) arose (d) arisen

44. He ___________ shelter under a tree.
   (a) taken (b) will take
   (c) takes (d) seek

45. I ___________ a funny little man.
   (a) see (b) saw
   (c) meet (d) following

46. Birds ___________ in the sky.
   (a) flew (b) flown
   (c) fly (d) flying
47. You _____________ too loudly.
   (a) speak  (b) shout
   (c) scream  (d) will speak

48. The dog _____________ after me.
   (a) run  (b) ran
   (c) chase  (d) follow

49. Cocks _____________ in the morning.
   (a) crowing  (b) bellow
   (c) crow  (d) coo

50. _____________ away your books.
    (a) Put  (b) Dive
    (c) Drive  (d) Launder

Direction (Questions 51 - 60) : Complete the following sentences by supplying appropriate connecting words from the choices provided

51. It is a great loss to a man _____________ he cannot laugh.
    (a) for  (b) by
    (c) at  (d) that

52. We met a boy _____________ had lost his way.
    (a) whom  (b) which
    (c) that  (d) who

53. Fit words are better _____________ fine ones.
    (a) over  (b) for
    (c) than  (d) with

54. Money _____________ is easily earned is soon spent.
    (a) who  (b) whom
    (c) which  (d) what

55. _____________ I am dead, my dearest, sing no songs for me.
    (a) If  (b) When
    (c) Since  (d) Because

56. Consider the lilies _____________ they grow.
    (a) when  (b) where
    (c) which  (d) how

57. The house _____________ he was born lies in ruins.
    (a) where  (b) in which
    (c) by which  (d) of which

58. They always talk _____________ never think.
    (a) that  (b) who
    (c) whomever  (d) which
59. We learn_____________we may be able to make our way in the world.
   (a) for
   (b) that
   (c) since
   (d) by

60. ______________ he was not there, I spoke to his brother.
   (a) Since
   (b) For
   (c) Who
   (d) Because

Direction (Questions 61 - 70) : Provide suitable Adjectives in the blank spaces choosing the correct one from the choices given

61. ______________ fool can do that.
   (a) Some
   (b) Two
   (c) Beautiful
   (d) Any

62. Roopa’s mango is _____________.
   (a) sweet
   (b) a lot
   (c) fallen
   (d) many

63. The ______________ prize was won by a lad.
   (a) first
   (b) three
   (c) plenty
   (d) heavy

64. There are not ______________ spoons.
   (a) all
   (b) so many
   (c) empty
   (d) enough

65. He was beaten at his ______________ game.
   (a) mighty
   (b) senior
   (c) junior
   (d) own

66. There has not been ______________ rain this year.
   (a) no
   (b) so much
   (c) sufficient
   (d) such

67. The ______________ old crow tried to sing.
   (a) foolish
   (b) bored
   (c) black
   (d) too

68. The ______________ woman lives in a wretched hut.
   (a) old
   (b) blind
   (c) poor
   (d) all of these

69. He set out on a ______________ journey.
   (a) boyish
   (b) foolish
   (c) careful
   (d) hopeful

70. The ______________ lad saved the child from drowning.
   (a) playful
   (b) dirty
   (c) stormy
   (d) courageous
Directions (Questions 71 - 75) : Pick out the correct question tags to fill in the blanks.

71. They are coming, _____________?
   (a) isn’t it  (b) isn’t they
   (c) aren’t they (d) aren’t it

72. You are free, _____________?
   (a) aren’t they  (b) aren’t you
   (c) isn’t it (d) aren’t I

73. Your sister cooks well, _____________?
   (a) doesn’t she (b) isn’t she
   (c) isn’t it (d) aren’t you

74. She can’t swim, _____________?
   (a) can’t she (b) can she
   (c) will she (d) isn’t she

75. They haven’t come yet, _____________?
   (a) haven’t they (b) have they
   (c) are they (d) do they