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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.

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

1. Let us move on.
   (a) Preposition (b) Adjective
   (c) Adverb (d) Verb

2. I have singled her out of a thousand.
   (a) Verb (b) Adverb
   (c) Noun (d) Adjective

3. He still lives in his old village.
   (a) Noun (b) Adverb
   (c) Verb (d) Preposition

4. He works hard that he may pass.
   (a) Conjunction (b) Adverb
   (c) Preposition (d) Adjective

5. Individual tastes are different.
   (a) Verb (b) Conjunction
   (c) Adverb (d) Noun

6. There is something odd about her.
   (a) Pronoun (b) Preposition
   (c) Noun (d) Adjective

7. The books are where you left them.
   (a) Noun (b) Preposition
   (c) Pronoun (d) Adverb

8. There are several nurses in the hospital.
   (a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
   (c) Noun (d) Adverb
9. Wow! What a beautiful scenery!
   (a) Interjection (b) Conjunction
   (c) Pronoun (d) Preposition

10. He kept the fast for a week.
    (a) Adverb (b) Noun
    (c) Adjective (d) Verb

Directions (Question 11-20): Choose the appropriate preposition from the alternatives given under each sentence.

11. Nothing can deter him _____ pursuing his aim in life.
    (a) for (b) from
    (c) in (d) off

12. The problem of communal harmony cannot be glossed _____ by the government.
    (a) at (b) on
    (c) over (d) upon

13. She could not muster _____ enough courage to stand against the maltreatment.
    (a) to (b) up
    (c) about (d) out

14. He has great antipathy _____ those who are hypocrites.
    (a) to (b) against
    (c) for (d) at

15. He decided to enter _____ a new course of life.
    (a) For (b) upon
    (c) onto (d) for

16. The Hindus believe in many rituals to ward _____ evils.
    (a) against (b) off
    (c) out (d) at

17. The scheme of Rozgan Yojna originated _____ the Prime Minister.
    (a) in (b) with
    (c) of (d) by

18. The Government acted judiciously to stave _____ the crisis.
    (a) of (b) out
    (c) over (d) off

19. Afflicted _____ penury he died a miserable death.
    (a) with (b) from
    (c) of (d) at

20. The whole town plunged _____ darkness after the storm.
    (a) in (b) into
    (c) to (d) upon
Directions (Question 21-30): Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from the four alternatives given below:

21. My friends _____ the Chief Minister yesterday.
   (a) saw                              (b) have seen
   (c) see                              (d) has seen

22. It started to rain while we _____ basketball.
   (a) are playing                    (b) play
   (c) were playing                   (d) had played

23. He _____ here for the last ten years.
   (a) worked                         (b) have been working
   (c) has been working               (d) is working

24. She ______ strange noises from the closet.
   (a) hear                           (b) am hearing
   (c) have been hearing              (d) has been hearing

25. Don’t disturb him. He_____ his homework.
   (a) do                              (b) am doing
   (c) is doing                       (d) did

26. Everyday last week my aunt ______ a plate.
   (a) breaks                         (b) broke
   (c) was breaking                   (d) have broken

27. When we went to the cinemas, the film ______
   (a) already started               (b) had already started
   (c) has started                    (d) would already start

28. I _____ for half an hour when it suddenly started to rain.
   (a) have walked                    (b) walk
   (c) had been walking               (d) has been walking

29. When he lived in Chennai, he _____ to the Zoo once a month.
   (a) goes                           (b) has been going
   (c) was going                      (d) went

30. She jumped off the bus while it _____
   (a) moves                          (b) moved
   (c) had moved                      (d) was moving

Directions (Question 31-35): Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns from the alternatives given under each sentence:

31. She has gone to Aizawl, ______ is her birthplace.
   (a) which                           (b) that
   (c) where                           (d) what
32. He gave away _____ he did not need.
   (a) who  (b) what  (c) which  (d) who

33. Time _____ is lost is never found again.
   (a) that  (b) what  (c) whom  (d) who

34. _____ do you believe him to be?
   (a) which  (b) who  (c) whom  (d) whose

35. The wisest man _____ ever lived made mistakes.
   (a) that  (b) who  (c) whom  (d) whom

Directions (Question 36-40): Insert appropriate articles if necessary, to fill up the gaps.

36. Yesterday _____ European called at my office.
   (a) a  (b) an  (c) the  (d) None

37. Man, thou art _____ wonderful animal.
   (a) a  (b) an  (c) the  (d) None

38. While there is _____ life there is hope.
   (a) a  (b) an  (c) the  (d) None

39. Let us discuss _____ matter seriously.
   (a) a  (b) an  (c) the  (d) None

40. _____ able man has not always a distinguished look.
   (a) a  (b) an  (c) the  (d) None

Directions (Question 41-48): Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct option:

41. Walk quickly; else you will not overtake him.
   (a) Simple Sentence  (b) Compound Sentence  (c) Complex Sentence

42. If it rains, the match will be cancelled.
   (a) Simple Sentence  (b) Compound Sentence  (c) Complex Sentence

43. God made the country and man made the town.
   (a) Simple Sentence  (b) Compound Sentence  (c) Complex Sentence
44. The duration of the war is uncertain.  
   (a) Simple Sentence   (b) Compound Sentence   (c) Complex Sentence  
45. He took no notice of my order to halt.  
   (a) Simple Sentence   (b) Compound Sentence   (c) Complex Sentence  
46. The moon was bright and we could see our way.  
   (a) Simple Sentence   (b) Compound Sentence   (c) Complex Sentence  
47. Where there is a will, there is a way.  
   (a) Simple Sentence   (b) Compound Sentence   (c) Complex Sentence  
48. Parents should discipline their children.  
   (a) Simple Sentence   (b) Compound Sentence   (c) Complex Sentence  

Directions (Question 49-56): Identify what kind of phrase the underlined words are:

49. He speaks like a born orator.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
50. I do not know what to do.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
51. This is a matter of no importance.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
52. Have you heard of the man in the moon?  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
53. He failed in spite of his best efforts.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
54. I have a car of British make.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
55. He is a man of great talent.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  
56. The girls want to go home.  
   (a) Noun Phrase   (b) Adverb Phrase   (c) Adjective phrase  

Directions (Question 57-65): Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences:

57. Nobody likes him when he is drunk.  
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause  
58. Where is the book which I borrowed from you?  
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause  
59. I do not have what he wants.  
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause
60. He spoke so softly that we could not hear him.
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause

61. Students who work hard get good results.
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause

62. The umbrella which has a broken handle is mine.
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause

63. I remarked that it was a fine day.
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause

64. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause

65. I know the man who stole your purse.
   (a) Noun Clause   (b) Adjective Clause   (c) Adverb Clause

Directions (Question 66-70): Identify the correct notion expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given:

66. What is better than a peace of mind?
   (a) Imperative   (b) Interrogative   (c) Affirmative   (d) Assertive

67. Tell Shreedhar to come here.
   (a) Assertive   (b) Imperative   (c) Affirmative   (d) Interrogative

68. Please, give me a glass of water.
   (a) Imperative   (b) Assertive   (c) Affirmative   (d) Interrogative

69. No one but a coward would act like that.
   (a) Imperative   (b) Assertive   (c) Affirmative   (d) Negative

70. Everybody was present at the meeting.
   (a) Imperative   (b) Interrogative   (c) Affirmative   (d) Negative

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

71. John was encouraged by his father to fight tooth and nail for his rights.
   (a) Making every possible effort to win   (b) To fight a losing battle
   (c) To fight cowardly   (d) To lose everything while fighting

72. A good teacher should have the gift of the gab.
   (a) Talent for speaking   (b) To distribute gifts
   (c) To get something free   (d) To win a prize
73. The prices are going up by **leaps and bounds**.
   (a) Irregularly       (b) Gradually
   (c) Rapidly          (d) Systematically

74. Harassed by repeated acts of injustice he decided to **put his foot down**.
   (a) Resign          (b) Not to yield
   (c) Withdraw        (d) Accept the proposal unconditionally

75. When the police came, the thieves **took to their heels**.
   (a) Were taken by surprise (b) Took to flight
   (c) Took shelter in a tall building (d) Unconditionally surrendered

76. We cannot make **both ends meet**.
   (a) Work hard       (b) Manage business
   (c) Earn enough     (d) Control affairs

77. He is accused of **sitting on the fence**.
   (a) Being confident (b) Observing the scene
   (c) Hesitating between two options (d) Resting on the fence

78. I do not know he was **pulling my leg** all the time.
   (a) Befooling me (b) Degrading me
   (c) Defaming me (d) Complimenting me

79. With the existing management, the future of the company is in **doldrums**.
   (a) Dull           (b) Bright
   (c) Uncertain      (d) Secure

80. It was such a strange affair that I could not make **head or tail of it**.
   (a) Face it          (b) Tolerate it
   (c) Remember it      (d) Understand it

**Directions (Question 81-86): Choose the word nearest in meaning to the italicized words:**

81. The inspector was a **vigilant** young man.
   (a) Smart       (b) Watchful
   (c) Ambitious   (d) Intelligent

82. Man has to **encounter** many hardships in life.
   (a) Solve       (b) Face
   (c) Bear        (d) Overcome

83. Ritu asked Rashmi not to **meddle** in her affairs.
   (a) Intercede   (b) Impose
   (c) Cross       (d) Interfere

84. Her views are not in **consonance** with her husband’s.
   (a) In disagreement (b) In conflict
   (c) In agreement   (d) Contradictory
85. He soon got tired of his sedentary job.
   (a) involves sitting  
   (b) Routine  
   (c) Roving  
   (d) Hectic

86. Honest officers find it difficult to attune themselves to corrupt bureaucracy.
   (a) Tune  
   (b) Adapt  
   (c) Harmony  
   (d) Accusation

Directions (Question 87-94): Select the word which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word or phrase:

87. The plane burnt in fragments.
   (a) Whole  
   (b) Parts  
   (c) Scraps  
   (d) Pieces

88. Her candid confession of the crime earned her reprieve.
   (a) Frank  
   (b) Crafty  
   (c) Simple  
   (d) Ambiguous

89. The visit of the vice-chancellor has been deferred indefinitely.
   (a) Expedited  
   (b) Dissolved  
   (c) Postponed  
   (d) Put off

90. None but his sycophants were impressed by his haughtiness
   (a) Detractors  
   (b) Flatterers  
   (c) Benefactors  
   (d) Officious

91. After a day's toil he was feeling fatigue.
   (a) Energy  
   (b) Restlessness  
   (c) Exertion  
   (d) Tiredness

92. Sometimes it is necessary to retreat in a battle.
   (a) Retrograde  
   (b) March  
   (c) Advance  
   (d) Go back

93. At his success in the examination, he felt elated.
   (a) Exultant  
   (b) Dejected  
   (c) Resting  
   (d) Jubilant

94. Counterfeit coins are in circulation because of negligence on the part of the police authorities.
   (a) Spurious  
   (b) Genuine  
   (c) Truthful  
   (d) Fake

Directions (Question 95-100): Select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningful:

95. The volcanic _____ was the cause of the great devastation.
   (a) outburst  
   (b) eruption  
   (c) erosion  
   (d) movement
96. The committee’s appeal to the people for money______little response
   (a) Provoked   (b) Evoked
   (c) Instigated  (d) Pursued

97. As a result of _____ many unsuitable candidates were selected for the post.
   (a) tolerance   (b) favoritism
   (c) humility    (d) weakness

98. Although they are not rich, they wear _____ clothes.
   (a) respectful  (b) respective
   (c) respectable (d) respected

99. The brilliant students will be _____ scholarships.
   (a) honored     (b) awarded
   (c) rewarded    (d) forwarded

100. Several of our players were injured, so our losing the match was almost _____
     (a) Impossible (b) indispensable
      (c) inevitable (d) incapable

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