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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.

Attempt all questions.

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

1. I have tutored him for a week.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adjective (d) Adverb
2. The eye of a needle is small.
(a) Adverb (b) Adjective
(c) Verb (d) Noun
3. This Prize is matchless.
(a) Adjective (b) Conjunction
(c) Noun (d) Verb
4. He has hardly any money.
(a) Conjunction (b) Preposition
(c) Adverb (d) Determiner
5. We rarely talk to each other.
(a) Noun (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
6. A lot of books are lying about on the floor.
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Determiner (d) Adverb
7. The offer was good, still he refused.
(a) Determiner (b) Adverb
(c) Conjunction (d) Preposition
8. They wrote themselves a 'Thank You' note.
(a) Pronoun (b) Adjective
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
9. Hurrah! we have won the match.
(a) Interjection (b) Exclamation
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
10. He is afraid of fireworks.
(a) Noun (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun

Directions (Questions 11 - 15) : Choose the appropriate preposition from the alternatives given under each sentence.

11. The whole nation is _____ its army.
(a) behind (b) beside
(c) with (d) by
12. We make payment _____ Cash or kind.
(a) by (b) in
(c) with (d) on
13. She came _____ her own Car.
(a) in (b) on
(c) by (d) with
14. She came _____ my room without permission.
(a) in (b) to
(c) by (d) into
15. I prefer tea _____ coffee.
(a) than (b) from
(c) to (d) with

Directions (Questions 16 - 20) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate Conjunction given under each sentence.

16. He is poor _____ honest.
(a) but (b) or
(c) either (d) but also
17. She didn't help me _____ will she.
(a) never (b) neither
(c) or (d) and
18. He doesn't behave well _____ he hopes to get votes.
(a) beside (b) hence
(c) nevertheless (d) so
19. I don't need a car _____ it is costly.
(a) also (b) thus
(c) however (d) moreover
20. He is not poor _____ he is very rich.
(a) beside (b) meanwhile
(c) on the contrary (d) still

Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of Verbs from the four alternatives given below

21. The sun _____ in the east.
(a) rises (b) rise
(c) rose (d) risen
22. I _____ a film these days.
(a) have directed (b) directed
(c) have been directing (d) am directing

23. Newton _____ an apple fall.
(a) had seen (b) saw
(c) seen (d) have seen
24. While I _____ in the fields, I found a purse.
(a) was walking (b) am walking
(c) walked (d) had walked
25. She _____ this place by next January.
(a) will be leaving (b) will have left
(c) will left (d) will have been leaving
26. When we reached the stadium, the match _____.
(a) has already started (b) already start
(c) already started (d) had already started
27. Mr Mawia _____ this place a month ago.
(a) left (b) had left
(c) was leaving (d) has been leaving
28. I _____ any reply so far.
(a) am not receiving (b) was not receiving
(c) have not received (d) will not be receiving
29. He _____ for a walk every morning.
(a) goes (b) went
(c) has gone (d) was going
30. When we arrived, our team _____ two goals.
(a) was already scoring (b) had already scored
(c) is already scoring (d) already scored

Directions (Questions 31 – 35) : Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns from the alternative given under each sentence :

31. _____ of the two sisters is married.
(a) Each (b) Neither
(c) None (d) who
32. Mawia walked into the room and gave a sweet to _____.
(a) Everyone (b) each one
(c) any one (d) no one
33. _____ did you invite for lunch?
(a) whom (b) whose
(c) which (d) who
34. You don't look quite _____ today.
(a) himself (b) themselves
(c) yourself (d) ourselves
35. I hope _____ picks up the phone.
(a) somebody (b) anybody
(c) anyone (d) everybody

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

36. He is _____ FBI agent.
(a) an (b) the
(c) a (d) none
37. _____ eunuch was dancing at the party.
(a) none (b) a
(c) the (d) an
38. He is _____ 80 year old man.
(a) the (b) none
(c) an (d) a
39. She is _____ bride for him.
(a) a (b) an
(c) none (d) the
40. She is _____ hopeless at tennis.
(a) the (b) none
(c) an (d) a

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

41. Children should obey their parents.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
42. He waited for the train but the train was late.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
43. If only I could get a first in english.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
44. Although she studied all weekened, she still failed the test.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
45. After she left work, the woman stopped at the store before she went home.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
46. Either you need to study harder or you need to drop the class.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
47. That he likes Cucumbers surprises his mother.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
48. Because of the rain, the museum cancelled the picnic.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence

Directions (Questions 49 - 56) : Identify the degree of comparison from the alternatives given under each sentence

49. I am not richer than her.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
50. He is better than any other boy.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
51. No other poet is as great as Tulsi Das.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
52. Meera is one of the most helpful students.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
53. Very few books are as good as this.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
54. This story is more interesting than that.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
55. It is most doubtful that he will succeed.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative
56. I am not better than her.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative
(c) Superlative

Directions (Questions 57 - 61) : Identify what kind of phrase the underlined words are :

57. Saturday became a cold wet afternoon.
(a) Noun phrase (b) Adverb phrase
(c) Adjective phrase
58. Please wash the dishes in the sink.
(a) Noun phrase (b) Adverb phrase
(c) Adjective phrase
59. We camped by the lake.
(a) Noun phrase (b) Adverb phrase
(c) Adjective phrase
60. He nodded as if he understood.
(a) Noun phrase (b) Adverb phrase
(c) Adjective phrase
61. The girl in the red shirt is my sister.
(a) Noun phrase (b) Adverb phrase
(c) Adjective phrase

Directions (Questions 62 - 65) : Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences

62. No sooner had I started then it began to rain.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause
63. I don't know who he is.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause
64. I have bought a car which is red.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause
65. That she is honest is known to all.
(a) Noun clause (b) Adverb clause
(c) Adjective clause

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

66. Barking dogs seldom bite.
(a) Assertive (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative
67. Let's go for a walk.
(a) Affirmative (b) Imperative
(c) Interrogative (d) Negative
68. Everyone was present at the meeting.
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Affirmative (d) Negative
69. Leave this place at once.
(a) Assertive (b) Imperative
(c) Affirmative (d) Negative
70. Can you solve this problem?
(a) Interrogative (b) Negative
(c) Affirmative (d) Imperative

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

71. Don't try **to pull the wool over his eyes**, he is not an idiot.
(a) to cheat and deceive (b) to make use of
(c) to surprise (d) to make fun of
72. She'll tidy her room **when pigs fly**.
(a) Something likely to happen (b) something unlikely to happen
(c) something that will never happen (d) something most likely to happen
73. The dress she is wearing **cost an arm and a leg**.
(a) to get something for free (b) cost nothing
(c) that covers her arm and leg (d) Very expensive

74. The english test was **a piece of cake.**
(a) delicious (b) very easy
(c) very hard (d) hard enough
75. They really **cut corners** when they built this bathroom; the shower is leaking.
(a) to do something badly or cheaply (b) to make things smaller
(c) to do something very fast (d) to cut the price.
76. The party **got out of hand** when the guests started throwing bottles at each other.
(a) lose control of things (b) enjoying immensely
(c) throwing things (d) slippery
77. You have to **pull yourself together** otherwise you will be in trouble.
(a) to calm down and behave normally (b) to pull someone forcibly
(c) to pull down someone (d) to put yourself in great danger
78. She is not coming because she feel **under the weather** today.
(a) to feel excited (b) dull weather
(c) to feel sad (d) not feeling well
79. The doctor **hit the nail on the head** about my illness.
(a) to hit someone on the head (b) precisely correct
(c) making false prediction (d) doubtful
80. Untill I find out who did this, I'll **leave no stone unturned.**
(a) to do everything to achieve one's goal (b) to unturned stone
(c) to leave everything to someone (d) to go away to another place.

Directions (Questions 81 - 86) : Choose the word nearest in meaning to the underlined words

81. An **auspicious** day was set for their marriage.
(a) fortunate (b) holiday
(c) sunny (d) melancholic
82. He was considered **sycophants** by his co-workers.
(a) optimist (b) detractors
(c) benefactors (d) flatterers
83. Nothing **abated** his crusading zeal.
(a) intensify (b) neglect
(c) decrease (d) increase
84. The host provide a **delectable** meal.
(a) unpalatable (b) delicious
(c) unusual (d) satisfying
85. He **lurk** in the shadow waiting for a cab.
(a) loiter (b) enjoy
(c) deter (d) watch
86. The **repugnant** beast was banished from the kingdom.
(a) ugly (b) vigilant
(c) reputable (d) abhorrent

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

87. People differ in terms of their innate abilities.
(a) acquired (b) external
(c) inner (d) unusual
88. The school disclaimed responsibility of his death.
(a) deny (b) accept
(c) refuse (d) reject
89. There was a disparity between the two sets of figures.
(a) inconsistency (b) discrepancy
(c) variance (d) similarity
90. The carpet was quite durable than he imagined.
(a) short-lived (b) tough
(c) long lasting (d) dumpy
91. He was elavated to officer.
(a) exalted (b) superior
(c) aloft (d) lowly
92. The arts flourished during the renaissance period.
(a) prosper (b) deny
(c) wither (d) multiply
93. Our heartfelt thanks for all you have done.
(a) insincere (b) ardent
(c) genuine (d) honest
94. He was a nifty cameraman.
(a) skillfull (b) clumsy
(c) capable (d) tactful

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

95. An attempt was made to _____ him and his company.
(a) discredit (b) disprove
(c) discreet (d) discharge
96. Edward _____ his claim to the throne.
(a) announced (b) renowned
(c) renounced (d) denounced
97. He was _____ for his bravery.
(a) awarded (b) rewarded
(c) forwarded (d) onward
98. Judging from the environment, the fate of our planet is _____.
(a) inevitable (b) impossible
(c) incapable (d) indispensable
99. Soil _____ cause many destruction in our state.
(a) eruption (b) disintegration
(c) movement (d) erosion
100. He was declared winner by _____ decision.
(a) unbiased (b) unbeatable
(c) unanimous (d) unceasing