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Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

*All questions carry equal marks of 1 each.
Attempt all questions.*

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

1. Beauty needs no ornaments at all.
(a) Conjunction (b) Verb
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
2. The dog is the commonest pet. It is known for its loyalty.
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
(c) Determiner (d) Adverb
3. Once there was an old saint.
(a) Interjection (b) Verb
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
4. Gentle words win hearts of others.
(a) Preposition (b) Adjective
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
5. The woodcutter felled the trees.
(a) Noun (b) Preposition
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
6. Do it quickly.
(a) Adverb (b) Pronoun
(c) Determiner (d) Adverb
7. There is a wooden bridge over the stream.
(a) Conjunction (b) Preposition
(c) Interjection (d) Adverb
8. He is poor yet he is honest.
(a) Adverb (b) Pronoun
(c) Determiner (d) Conjunction
9. Alas! My dearest friend is no more.
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun
(c) Determiner (d) Interjection

10. Beautiful damsels like to become actresses.

- (a) Conjunction (b) Preposition
(c) Adjective (d) Pronoun

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

11. I bought _____ tea.

- (a) a (b) every
(c) some (d) much

12. We have _____ provisions for the month.

- (a) much (b) enough
(c) each (d) every

13. _____ wisdom is needed for this job.

- (a) Neither (b) Another
(c) Enormous (d) Much

14. _____ soldier had a gun in his hands.

- (a) Some (b) Every
(c) Each (d) Much

15. _____ person is to die one day.

- (a) Many (b) Every
(c) Some (d) Much

16. I saw _____ one eyed man

- (a) a (b) many
(c) an (d) the

17. I will tell you about it _____ day.

- (a) a (b) every
(c) some (d) the

18. _____ pocket was picked yesterday?

- (a) Whose (b) That
(c) What (d) The

19. _____ dog is as faithful animal.

- (a) The (b) An
(c) That (d) A

20. The spectators went to their _____ homes.

- (a) each (b) every
(c) several (d) much

Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of prepositions from the given alternatives:

21. Place these books _____ the table.

- (a) at (b) in
(c) upon (d) on

22. The crow is sitting _____ the tree-top.

- (a) on (b) beside
(c) at (d) in

23. The cap-seller rested _____ a shady tree.
(a) across (b) with
(c) into (d) beneath
24. My uncle sent a watch _____ me.
(a) by (b) from
(c) for (d) to
25. We sleep _____ the night.
(a) during (b) upon
(c) in (d) into
26. I caught the culprit _____ the neck.
(a) from (b) by
(c) with (d) at
27. The leaves of trees fall _____ in autumn.
(a) to (b) off
(c) down (d) by
28. The books are lying _____ the table.
(a) at (b) in
(c) with (d) on
29. The lamb looked around _____ fear.
(a) with (b) in
(c) at (d) from
30. There is a bridge _____ the river.
(a) at (b) through
(c) across (d) over
30. There is a bridge _____ the river.
(a) at (b) through
(c) across (d) over

Directions (Question Nos. 31 - 35) : Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of pronouns from the alternatives given:

31. _____ has broken my slate?
(a) Which (b) Whom
(c) Who (d) What
32. _____ is this fountain-pen?
(a) Whose (b) What
(c) Which (d) Where
33. This is the house _____ I sold last year.
(a) that (b) whom
(c) which (d) what
34. _____ of my friends are coming to see me.
(a) Some (b) That
(c) What (d) Which
35. Always help _____ as far as you can.
(a) that (b) these
(c) those (d) others

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

36. I am _____ university student.
(a) a (b) an
(c) the (d) that
37. Kiran is _____ best student in the class.
(a) that (b) which
(c) the (d) who
38. Gold is _____ precious metal.
(a) that (b) the
(c) a (d) an
39. She returned after _____ hour.
(a) which (b) an
(c) that (d) the
40. _____ sun rises in the east.
(a) a (b) that
(c) those (d) the

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

41. The house was destroyed in the fire, but the whole family was saved.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Simple sentence
(c) Compound sentence
42. The evil that man do lives after them.
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Simple sentence
43. All that glitters is not gold.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Simple sentence
44. Neither the colour nor the design of this cloth appeals to me.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence
45. The men who rule the world with their pens are mightier than those who rule the world with their swords.
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Simple sentence
46. The kittens were adopted by the family.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Simple sentence
(c) Compound sentence
47. Waling through the woods, he saw a fox that was following him.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Complex sentence
48. Pancakes are my least favourite.
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound sentence
(c) Simple sentence

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

49. I hope to win the first prize.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
50. I dislike having to punish my kids.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
51. Put the flowers by the bird bath.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
52. The players responded surprisingly well to all the pressures of the playoffs.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
53. As quickly as possible we cleaned the fish and placed them in coolers.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
54. The movie was not too terrible.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
55. A person smarter than me needs to figure this out.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase
56. Her eyes were incredibly mesmerizing to the young man.
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase
(c) Adverb Phrase

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

57. Choose a gift for whomever you want.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
58. Whichever restaurant you pick is fine with me.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
59. Do you know what the weather will be.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
60. Pizza, which most people love is not very healthy.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
61. Students who are intelligent get good grades.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause

62. Eco-friendly cars that run on electricity save gas.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
63. When you get home call me.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
64. Whenever you see a rainbow, a rain shower has been recent.
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause
65. Since you are coming over anyway, why don't you bring your bike?
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause
(c) Adverb Clause

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

66. Please bring this basket to your grandmother.
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
67. Can you repeat the question?
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
68. Don't do that.
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
69. You are very intelligent.
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
70. The mango tastes sweet.
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive

Directions (Question Nos. 71 - 80) : Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idioms and phrases from the four alternatives given:

71. The rule has become null and void.
(a) in practice (b) no longer in practice
(c) to become empty (d) in great demand
72. Over and above his intelligence, his honesty is praiseworthy too.
(a) in addition to (b) as a matter of choice
(c) above one's head (d) in spite of
73. We returned from the long journey safe and sound.
(a) very tired (b) with much noise
(c) quite safely (d) sooner than expected

74. Slow and steady always wins the race.
(a) gradual but continuous (b) to lag behind everybody
(c) dart suddenly with speed (d) slower than everybody
75. Mad in anger, the king struck right and left.
(a) both sides (b) angrily blinded
(c) quickly and fiercely (d) in all directions
76. I promise to stand by you through thick and thin.
(a) through lean times (b) against everyone
(c) during hard times (d) in misery and prosperity
77. When the house suddenly caught fire late at night, its inmates raised a hue and cry.
(a) muffled sound (b) loud noise
(c) cry uncontrollably (d) shine with bright colours
78. Flesh and blood cannot stand this type of cruelty.
(a) kinship (b) bond among families
(c) human nature (d) strength of men
79. The train being late, I could reach the examination hall in the nick of time.
(a) just in time (b) to reach late
(c) ahead of everyone (d) with time to spare
80. The criminal escaped scot free from the court for want of evidence.
(a) without proof (b) with someone's help
(c) unpunished (d) in great hurry

Directions (Question Nos. 81 - 86) : Choose the word nearest in meaning to the words given in italics:

81. The young man was filled with *anger*.
(a) wrath (b) rage
(c) hate (d) happiness
82. Mr. Smith is a *wealthy* man.
(a) rich (b) opulent
(c) shy (d) insane
83. The investigation disclosed the full *enormity* of the crime.
(a) wickedness (b) carelessness
(c) fabrication (d) falsehood
84. The idea that the camera never lies is a *fallacy*.
(a) the truth (b) outrageous
(c) uncalled for (d) misconception
85. The policeman was awarded for his *gallantry*.
(a) performance (b) bravery
(c) effort (d) respect
86. John was overcome with sadness when he heard his uncle's demise.
(a) death (b) well-being
(c) arrest (d) prosecution

Directions (Question Nos. 87 - 94) : Select the antonym of the the underlined word or phrase:

87. An idle mind is the devil's workshop.
(a) diligent (b) empty
(c) confident (d) ruthless
88. Being a generous man, David donated a huge sum of money to charity.
(a) cheerful (b) evil
(c) stingy (d) kind
89. What a marvellous news!
(a) wonderful (b) terrible
(c) extraordinary (d) bewildering
90. He is leading a miserable life.
(a) inactive (b) unhappy
(c) careful (d) contented
91. This land is barren.
(a) fertile (b) fallow
(c) stale (d) unproductive
92. She is extremely reticent about her personal affairs.
(a) restrained (b) thankful
(c) unreserved (d) uncertain
93. Parents who have amenable children are the fortunate ones.
(a) Uncooperative (b) flexible
(c) compliant (d) beautiful
94. The wife finds her husband wasting fuel trying to find cheap oil tormenting.
(a) excruciating (b) stressful
(c) indifferent (d) pleasant

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

95. Pollution _____ everyone.
(a) disinfects (b) affects
(c) effects (d) profits
96. The movie has _____ begun by the time we arrived.
(a) already (b) all ready
(c) always (d) almost
97. She _____ the flour for her special cake.
(a) shifts (b) winnows
(c) sifts (d) waters
98. I was amazed by the _____ of people present.
(a) number (b) amount
(c) bunch (d) stock
99. Their effort to cultivate the land will prove _____ because of the drought.
(a) futile (b) fruitful
(c) bountiful (d) multiplicative
100. The king kindly _____ to meet the peasant in person
(a) condescended (b) implied
(c) disagreed (d) rejected