GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours
Full Marks : 100

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A
(40 Marks)

This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (20)
   - Relation between Man and the Environment.
   - Importance of Education in life.
   - Role of women in Mizo society.
   - Importance of Information Technology at the present time.

2. Read the given passages carefully and write a précis in about 1/3rd of the original. Give a suitable title of the précis. (20)

   When we survey our lives and efforts, we soon observe that almost the whole of our actions and desires are bound up with the existence of other human beings. We notice that whole nature resembles that of the social animals. We eat food that the others have produced, wear clothes that others have made, live in houses that others have built. The greater part of our knowledge and beliefs has been passed on to us by other people through the medium of a language which others have created. Without language and mental capacities, we would have been poor indeed comparable to higher animals.

   We have, therefore, to admit that we owe our principle knowledge over the least to the fact of living in human society. The individual if left alone from birth would remain primitive and beast like in his thoughts and feelings to a degree that we can hardly imagine. The individual is what he is and what has the significance that he has, not much in virtue of the individuality, but rather as a member of a great human community, which directs his material and spiritual existence from the cradle to the grave.
All questions carry equal mark of 1 each. Attempt all questions.
This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

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

1. Your harsh act will only hurt yourself.
   (a) noun  (b) pronoun
   (c) verb  (d) adjective

2. This is a Grammar of the English language.
   (a) noun  (b) pronoun
   (c) verb  (d) adjective

3. Every word of it sounds true.
   (a) noun  (b) pronoun
   (c) verb  (d) adjective

4. Laughter is the best medicine.
   (a) abstract noun  (b) common noun
   (c) proper noun  (d) collective noun

5. The crowd was dispersed by the police.
   (a) abstract noun  (b) common noun
   (c) proper noun  (d) collective noun

6. Her house is quite big for the small family.
   (a) adjective  (b) adverb
   (c) preposition  (d) conjunction

7. The Rajdhani train runs very fast.
   (a) adjective  (b) verb
   (c) adverb  (d) pronoun

8. Bravo! You have made us proud.
   (a) conjunction  (b) preposition
   (c) adverb  (d) interjection

9. The brave and the courageous will always win in the end.
   (a) conjunction  (b) preposition
   (c) adverb  (d) interjection

10. Place the balloon over the fan.
    (a) conjunction  (b) preposition
    (c) adverb  (d) interjection
Directions (Questions 11-20): Identify and choose the correct notion/concept expressed by each of the following sentences from the alternatives given:

11. It may rain tomorrow.
   (a) habitual  (b) purpose
   (c) possibility (d) ability

12. One must always respect the elders.
   (a) habitual  (b) obligation
   (c) possibility (d) purpose

13. Get out of the room now.
   (a) order  (b) request
   (c) prohibition (d) duty

14. Would you kindly suggest a title for the new project.
   (a) order  (b) request
   (c) duty  (d) purpose

15. They usually travel to Chennai by train.
   (a) condition  (b) habitual
   (c) purpose  (d) obligation

16. He took the blame on himself to save his friend.
   (a) purpose  (b) obligation
   (c) condition  (d) habitual

17. May you be blessed with happiness and a long life.
   (a) offer  (b) condition
   (c) purpose  (d) wish

18. You must stand for what is right.
   (a) advice  (b) purpose
   (c) condition  (d) possibility

19. He came from in this scorching heat just to see you.
   (a) obligation  (b) purpose
   (c) possibility  (d) duty

20. I will come only if you invite me.
   (a) purpose  (b) condition
   (c) advice  (d) wish

Directions (Questions 21-27): Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

21. I have not slept __________ yesterday.
   (a) after  (b) from
   (c) since  (d) on

22. The lion and the unicorn fought __________ the crown.
   (a) over  (b) for
   (c) with  (d) off
23. “Will you walk __________ my parlour?” said the spider to the fly.
   (a) to  
   (b) into  
   (c) from  
   (d) over

24. They rise __________ the morning lark, and labour till almost dark.
   (a) along  
   (b) for  
   (c) at  
   (d) with

25. __________ the name of God he swore.
   (a) by  
   (b) of  
   (c) with  
   (d) for

26. He goes on Sunday to the church, and sits __________ his boys.
   (a) before  
   (b) after  
   (c) among  
   (d) by

27. Her arms __________ her breast she laid.
   (a) across  
   (b) by  
   (c) over  
   (d) above

Directions (Questions 28-34): Choose the correct conjunction from the given choices to fill in the blanks:

28. I ran fast, __________ I missed the train.
   (a) so  
   (b) therefore  
   (c) since  
   (d) but

29. He finished first __________ he began late.
   (a) but  
   (b) though  
   (c) for  
   (d) because

30. __________ duty calls us we must obey.
   (a) Since  
   (b) For  
   (c) Because  
   (d) Unless

31. Blessed be the merciful, __________ they shall obtain mercy.
   (a) but  
   (b) so  
   (c) as  
   (d) for

32. Give me the drink, __________ I shall die of thirst.
   (a) for  
   (b) else  
   (c) for  
   (d) but

33. My grandfather died __________ I was born.
   (a) before  
   (b) since  
   (c) because  
   (d) or

34. __________ you tell me the truth, I shall punish you.
   (a) Unless  
   (b) Since  
   (c) If  
   (d) For
Directions (Questions 35-42): Identify the underlined words and choose the most appropriate answer from the following choices:

35. Hunting tigers is a favourite sport in this country.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) adjective  (d) noun

36. Many businessmen are fond of hoarding money.
   (a) noun  (b) adjective  (c) gerund  (d) participle

37. The swimming pool has very little water.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) adjective  (d) adverb

38. Swimming is a good exercise.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) verb  (d) adjective

39. They played a losing game.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) adverb  (d) verb

40. Giving is better than receiving.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) verb  (d) adverb

41. We should also bring down the standing building.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) adjective  (d) adverb

42. What I most detest is smoking.
   (a) gerund  (b) participle  (c) verb  (d) adverb

Directions (Questions 43-51): Analyse the following sentences and pick out the correct option:

43. Who among the two boys has better knowledge of the neighbourhood ?
   (a) assertive  (b) affirmative  (c) interrogative  (d) negative

44. Nature is the best physician.
   (a) assertive  (b) negative  (c) interrogative  (d) exclamatory

45. Have mercy on us.
   (a) assertive  (b) interrogative  (c) imperative  (d) exclamatory

46. Daphne is the tallest girl in her class.
   (a) assertive  (b) interrogative  (c) comparative  (d) exclamatory
47. How very cold the night is!
   (a) assertive  (b) interrogative
   (c) imperative  (d) exclamatory

48. May you have all the joy and peace that the world can give.
   (a) assertive  (b) interrogative
   (c) imperative  (d) exclamatory

49. You cannot have all the riches and wealth.
   (a) assertive  (b) negative
   (c) imperative  (d) exclamatory

50. Today is a fine day.
   (a) assertive  (b) imperative
   (c) negative  (d) exclamatory

51. Shut the door at once.
   (a) assertive  (b) interrogative
   (c) imperative  (d) exclamatory

**Directions (Questions 52-60): Fill in with the most suitable verb form that agrees with the subject from the given choices:**

52. The quality of the mangoes ______ not good.
   (a) are  
   (b) were
   (c) was

53. If it were possible to get near when one of the volcanic eruptions ______ place, we should see a grand sight.
   (a) take  
   (b) takes
   (c) taking

54. Fire and water ______ not agree.
   (a) do  
   (b) does
   (c) was

55. The horse and carriage ______ at the door.
   (a) are  
   (b) were
   (c) is

56. Neither praise nor blame ______ to affect him.
   (a) seem  
   (b) seems
   (c) seeming

57. Physics ______ a branch of Science.
   (a) is  
   (b) are
   (c) were

58. The Committee ______ divided on one minor point.
   (a) is  
   (b) are
   (c) was
59. The Arabian Nights _________ still a great favourite.
   (a) is
   (b) are
   (c) were

60. Three parts of the business _________ left for me to do.
   (a) is
   (b) are
   (c) were

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