GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 100

Attempt all questions.

SECTION - A
(20 Marks)

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

1. Write an essay on any one of the following topics:
   - Science and its benefits to man.
   - Importance of Education in the development of society.
   - Health is Wealth.

SECTION - B
(80 Marks)

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. You are hurting yourself by your own actions.
   (a) noun (b) pronoun (c) verb (d) adjective

2. These are Afghan carpets.
   (a) noun (b) pronoun (c) verb (d) adjective

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

4. The class was quite today.
   (a) abstract noun (b) common noun (c) proper noun (d) collective noun
5. The whole society is engaged in cleaning the Brahmaputra.

(a) abstract noun  (b) common noun
(c) proper noun  (d) collective noun

6. Her house is too big for the small family.

(a) adjective  (b) adverb
(c) preposition  (d) conjunction

7. The Rajdhani train runs fast.

(a) conjunction  (b) verb
(c) adverb  (d) pronoun

8. Bravo! You did it.

(a) conjunction  (b) preposition
(c) adverb  (d) interjection

9. Truth and perseverance will prevail in the end.

(a) conjunction  (b) preposition
(c) adverb  (d) interjection

10. The plane is flying over the mountains right now.

(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. She may come any day.

(a) habitual  (b) purpose
(c) possibility  (d) ability

12. One must always respect the elders.

(a) habitual  (b) obligation
(c) possibility  (d) purpose

13. Shut up right now.

(a) order  (b) request
(c) prohibition  (d) duty

14. Kindly help me in completing the work on time.

(a) order  (b) request
(c) duty  (d) purpose

15. She is usually early for her classes.

(a) condition  (b) habitual
(c) purpose  (d) obligation

16. The father took the blame on himself to save his child.

(a) purpose  (b) obligation
(c) condition  (d) habitual

17. May you attain success and happiness.

(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. The crowd gathered just to get a glimpse of the Mahatma.
   (a) obligation  (b) purpose  
   (c) possibility  (d) duty

20. The family is willing to repay only if you ask.
   (a) purpose  (b) condition  
   (c) advice  (d) wish

Directions (Questions 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

21. It has been raining ____________ morning.
   (a) after  (b) from  
   (c) since  (d) on

22. The husband and wife fought ____________ the child.
   (a) over  (b) for  
   (c) with  (d) off

23. It is dangerous to walk ____________ a lion’s den.
   (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. They swore ____________ the name of God.
   (a) by  (b) of  
   (c) with  (d) for

26. He is famous ____________ his friends.
   (a) before  (b) after  
   (c) among  (d) by

27. The dead buffalo laid ____________ the road.
   (a) across  (b) by  
   (c) over  (d) above

28. The leaves of trees fall ____________ in autumn.
   (a) from  (b) of  
   (c) off  (d) on
Directions (Questions 29 - 39) : Read the given passages carefully and complete the sentences as required from the choices that follow.

Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. It is fitting that at this solemn moment we take the pledge of dedication to the service of India and her people and to the still larger cause of humanity.

At the dawn of history India started on her unending quest, and trackless centuries are filled with her striving and the grandeur of her success and her failures. Through good and ill fortune alike she has never lost sight of that quest or forgotten the ideals which gave her strength. We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future?

Freedom and power bring responsibility. That responsibility rests upon this Assembly, a sovereign body representing the sovereign people of India. Before the birth of freedom we have ensured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of this sorrow. Some of those pains continue even now. Nevertheless, the past is over and it is the future that beckons us now. That future is not one of ease or resting but of incessant striving so that we may fulfill the pledges we have so often taken and the one we shall take today. The service of India means the service of the millions who suffer. It means the ending of poverty and ignorance and desease and inequality of opportunity. The ambition of the greatest man of our generation has been to wipe every tear from every eye. That may be beyond us, but as long as there are tears and suffering, so long our work will not be over.

- Jawaharlal Nehru

29. The nearest meaning for the words ‘we made a tryst with destiny’ is ____________
   (a) promise with fate
   (b) make a secret deal with freedom that is destined for us
   (c) secretly sign a pact

30. The nearest meaning for the words ‘at the stroke of the midnight hour’ is ____________
   (a) exactly at midnight hour
   (b) sometime before midnight
   (c) soon after midnight

31. The nearest meaning for the words ‘when the world sleeps’ is ____________
   (a) a time when people around the world are sleeping
   (b) people are quiet
   (c) no one around

32. ‘when we step out from the old to the new’ means ____________
   (a) the soul long suppressed find utterance
   (b) leave the old for new
   (c) exchange new for old

33. ‘we take the pledge of dedication’ means ____________
   (a) we promise
   (b) we dedicate ourselves
   (c) we take a solemn oath to dedicate ourselves to the service of the country
34. ‘at the dawn of history’ means ___________
   (a) as history begins
   (b) new period in history begins
   (c) to start a new history

35. ‘India discovers herself again’ means ___________
   (a) India finds herself again
   (b) India attains independence
   (c) India meets her destiny

36. According to the author, ‘the service of India’ consist in ___________
   (a) the service of the millions who suffer
   (b) ending poverty and ignorance, desease and inequality of opportunity
   (c) both (a) and (b)

37. The ideals which India has never forgotten are ___________
   (a) freedom and fight for the cause of humanity
   (b) unending quest
   (c) service of India and her people

38. The responsibility of freedom and power are ___________
   (a) the service of millions who suffer
   (b) wipe every tear from every eye
   (c) both (a) and (b)

39. The line that has a direct reference to Mahatma Gandhi is ___________
   (a) The ambition of the greatest man of our generation
   (b) ____________ so long our work will not be over
   (c) The service to India means the service of the millions who suffer

Directions (Questions 40 - 48) : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct answer from the options given.

40. The children slept when the journey ended.
   (a) Compound sentence
   (b) Complex sentence
   (c) Simple Sentence

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

42. I called him, but he gave me no answer.
   (a) Compound
   (b) Complex
   (c) Simple

43. They always talk who never think.
   (a) Compound
   (b) Complex
   (c) Simple

44. Everything comes, if a man will only work and wait.
   (a) Simple
   (b) Compound
   (c) Complex

45. Caesar was stabbed by Brutus.
   (a) Active form
   (b) Passive form
   (c) Negative
46. Who taught you grammar?
   (a) Active form  
   (b) Passive form  
   (c) Negative

47. The boys had not finished the game by sunset.
   (a) Simple  
   (b) Compound  
   (c) Complex

48. I am as strong as you are.
   (a) Simple  
   (b) Compound  
   (c) Complex

Directions (Questions 49 - 57) : Fill in with the most suitable verb form that agrees with the subject from the given choices:

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

50. 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

51. Fire and water ____________ not agree.
   (a) do  
   (b) does  
   (c) was

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

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

54. Physics ____________ a branch of Science.
   (a) is  
   (b) are  
   (c) were

55. The Committee ____________ divided on one minor point.
   (a) is  
   (b) are  
   (c) were

56. The Arabian Nights ____________ still a great favourite.
   (a) is  
   (b) are  
   (c) were

57. Three parts of the business ____________ left for me to do.
   (a) is  
   (b) are  
   (c) were
Directions (Questions 58 - 66) : Analyse the following sentences and pick out the correct answer from the options provided:

58. Who do you think can do the task better?
   (a) Assertive (b) affirmative
   (c) interrogative (d) negative

59. Parents provide the best for the children.
   (a) Assertive (b) negative
   (c) interrogative (d) exclamatory

60. Do pardon us for the wrongs we have inflicted on you.
   (a) Assertive (b) Interrogative
   (c) imperative (d) exclamatory

61. Thoibi is the tallest girl in her class.
   (a) Assertive (b) interrogative
   (c) comparative (d) exclamatory

62. How disgusting is the crime scene!
   (a) Assertive (b) interrogative
   (c) imperative (d) exclamatory

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

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

65. People mostly love to have an ice-cream on a hot and sunny day.
   (a) Assertive (b) imperative
   (c) negative (d) exclamatory

66. Shut the door at once.
   (a) Assertive (b) imperative
   (c) interrogative (d) exclamatory

Directions (67 - 80) : Choose the nearest meaning of the idioms and phrases given in italics from the choices provided.

67. At the moment my hands are full.
   (a) have many things in my hands (b) I am very busy
   (c) my hands are weak (d) my hands cannot hold anything

68. Tarun’s house is put on the market.
   (a) located at a market (b) situated near the market
   (c) has view of the market (d) offered for sale

69. She sometimes reads 6 hours at a stretch.
   (a) only (b) without any stretch
   (c) rapidly (d) continuously
70. It goes to his heart to see much misery.
   (a) touches him deeply  (b) has heart attack
   (c) his heart is weak    (d) has a strong heart

71. They will surely come to grief if they follow his advice.
   (a) be joyous          (b) be ruined
   (c) be merry           (d) be great

72. My friend’s family shall be going, bag and baggage in their next transfer.
   (a) with lots of belongings (b) with many bags
   (c) with all belongings    (d) with a bag and a baggage.

73. The boy appears to have an old head on young shoulder.
   (a) to be mad             (b) to think deeply
   (c) to be wise beyond his years (d) to be so stupid for his years

74. When pigs fly she’ll tidy up her room.
   (a) soon                  (b) something that will never happen
   (c) when encouraged       (d) when warned

75. He tried his hand at farming.
   (a) became brave          (b) made an attempt
   (c) bore up courageously  (d) was not successful

76. He lost the elections, but put a good face on.
   (a) shook heaven and earth (b) put on a good show
   (c) prayed                (d) put a make up on the face

77. Tana’s adversaries moved heaven and earth to get him dismissed.
   (a) a man of no substance (b) a man who is fat
   (c) a cunning man         (d) a man who speaks a lot

78. The bank won’t accept the guarantee of a man of straw.
   (a) a man of no substance (b) a thin man
   (c) a man who is fat      (d) a cunning man

79. You can trust him; he is a man of his words.
   (a) a person who keep his words (b) a man who lies
   (c) a trustworthy man         (d) a man who speaks a lot

80. Always beware of that wolf in sheep's clothing.
   (a) hypocrite               (b) liar
   (c) brute                   (d) monster