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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours
Full Marks : 100

All questions carry equal marks of 1 each

Attempt all questions.

Directions (Questions 1 – 8): Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words:

1. He had to dress quickly for the awards ceremony.
   (a) Verb (b) Noun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

2. Does your company have a dress code?
   (a) Verb (b) Noun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

3. She decided to wear a suit instead of a dress to the interview.
   (a) Verb (b) Noun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

4. Doug prefers a casual work environment.
   (a) Verb (b) Noun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

5. Damon always visits the meat shop.
   (a) Article (b) Noun
   (c) Adjective (d) Conjunction

6. The entire department worked overtime to finish the project.
   (a) Verb (b) Noun
   (c) Preposition (d) Pronoun

7. Jane was allowed to enter the class although she was late.
   (a) Verb (b) Conjunction
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

8. Few students can master Web design in a short course.
   (a) Verb (b) Noun
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb
Directions (Question 9 – 13): Choose the correct response from the options given:

9. I rarely go to work. In this statement ‘rarely’ means
   (a) Hardly         (b) Never
   (c) Always        (d) Should

10. Our college is quite far from my home. In this statement ‘quite far’ means
    (a) Not so far     (b) Not far
     (c) rather far    (d) Close by

11. Yesterday was terribly hot. The statement means:
    (a) It was not so hot.  (b) It was not hot at all.
     (c) It was extremely hot.  (d) It was quite hot.

12. I am leaving however you may stay. The statement means:
    (a) You should follow me  (b) You can either stay or leave
     (c) You should stay      (d) Leave immediately.

13. Nothing could be further from the truth. The statement suggests that
    (a) It is the truth  (b) It is almost the truth
    (c) It is a complete lie  (d) It is not a total lie

Directions (Questions 14 – 23): Identify the notion/concept expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given:

14. John said that he might leave tomorrow.
    (a) Habitual        (b) Purpose
     (c) Possibility    (d) None of these

15. You should always obey your parents.
    (a) Habitual        (b) Purpose
     (c) Possibility    (d) Suggestion

16. No one is allowed to leave the room.
    (a) Habitual        (b) Purpose
     (c) Order          (d) Condition

17. If you secure 90% I will buy you a new bag.
    (a) Habitual        (b) Purpose
     (c) Condition      (d) None of these

18. May you live long and prosper.
    (a) Habitual        (b) Wish
     (c) Possibility    (d) None of these

19. Can you please pass me the salt?
    (a) Request         (b) Purpose
     (c) Possibility    (d) None of these
20. Please accept this gift as a token of my appreciation.
   (a) Request                                     (b) Purpose
   (c) Possibility                                (d) Offer

   (a) Habitual                                   (b) Purpose
   (c) Possibility                                (d) None of these

22. I am bound to my master.
   (a) Request                                    (b) Purpose
   (c) Possibility                                (d) Obligation

23. Look before you leap.
   (a) Request                                    (b) Purpose
   (c) Possibility                                (d) None of these

Directions (Questions 24 – 30): Fill in the blanks with the correct words/phrases:

24. The Principal ___________________ to be a kind person.
   (a) has known                                  (b) is know
   (c) knows                                      (d) has been known

25. My landlady ________________ that I pay my debts immediately.
   (a) Have been demanded                        (b) has been demanded
   (c) has demanded                              (d) have demanded

26. Kindly put this book ____________ the top of the shelf.
   (a) upon                                       (b) above
   (c) on                                         (d) over

27. Hard work is the key ____________ success.
   (a) for                                        (b) to
   (c) of                                         (d) on

28. The car ___________ rammed Michael if not for John.
   (a) should have                                (b) must have
   (c) would have                                 (d) none of these

29. If only Ted ____________ we would have won.
   (a) Has scored                                 (b) had scored
   (c) could scored                               (d) was scored

30. The pastor could ____________ an amazing preacher.
   (a) have been                                 (b) has been
   (c) have has been                             (d) none of these
Directions (Questions 31 – 40): Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions:

31. We could not put up __________ John’s indecent manners.
   (a) from  (b) by  (c) with  (d) at

32. The entire class seems to be __________ their class leader.
   (a) Along  (b) against  (c) upon  (d) about

33. The army will work _______ a collaborative environment.
   (a) on  (b) at  (c) upon  (d) in

34. All the students need to concentrate ___________ their studies.
   (a) for  (b) against  (c) on  (d) in

35. The researchers examined the scientific basis __________ dental practice.
   (a) in  (b) of  (c) upon  (d) to

36. Mom and I haven’t been to the theatre _______ a long time.
   (a) since  (b) for  (c) from  (d) at

37. Ram has been absent_________ Friday.
   (a) from  (b) for  (c) since  (d) on

38. People tend to call their pets _______ different names.
   (a) with  (b) for  (c) on  (d) by

39. You better put a jacket____________ your shirt because it is really cold today.
   (a) on  (b) in  (c) over  (d) at

40. The athletes need to swim____________ the lake during their training.
   (a) over  (b) across  (c) for  (d) with

Directions (Questions 41 – 50): Fill in the blanks with phrasal verbs:

41. The firemen had to __________ the room to rescue the children.
   (a) enter into  (b) go into  (c) break into  (d) walk into

42. Mawia __________ but nobody had seen his keys.
   (a) asked about  (b) asked them  (c) asked across  (d) asked around
43. Dawnga found it hard to __________ with Hriata.
   (a) keep off               (b) keep in
   (c) keep up               (d) keep from

44. The interference of the English teacher helped to __________ peace between the parents and the school Principal.
   (a) bring round            (b) bring out
   (c) bring in               (d) bring about

45. The Police Officer demanded that the culprit __________ and confess his crime.
   (a) came forward           (b) come forward
   (c) come towards           (d) comes forward

46. The Chief Guest was invited to __________ the prizes.
   (a) gave away              (b) give away
   (c) given away             (d) none of these

47. This text book was __________ to me by my sister.
   (a) hand down              (b) handed upon
   (c) handed down            (d) handed in

48. You will have to __________ all her children.
   (a) put up towards         (b) put up for
   (c) put up into            (d) put up with

49. I was __________ after learning the news that John Lennon was shot dead.
   (a) taken back             (b) take back
   (c) taken aback            (d) take aback

50. The director wants us to __________ our lines before the show.
    (a) run over              (b) run through
    (c) run into              (d) run from

Directions (Questions 51 – 60): Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct option:

51. Thanmawii forgot her book on the bus; therefore, she couldn’t finish her homework.
    (a) Simple sentence        (b) Complex sentence
    (c) Compound sentence

52. Lianzela left for his home town this morning.
    (a) Simple sentence        (b) Complex sentence
    (c) Compound sentence

53. Weeds are easy to grow and hard to kill
    (a) Simple sentence        (b) Complex sentence
    (c) Compound sentence

54. My dad owns a beautifully restored car and a bike too.
    (a) Simple sentence        (b) Complex sentence
    (c) Compound sentence
55. Sangliani was late; however, the class had not started.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Complex sentence  
   (c) Compound sentence

56. Intelligent persons are respected.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Complex sentence  
   (c) Compound sentence

57. Nathan fell out of the bed, and mom ran to check on him.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Complex sentence  
   (c) Compound sentence

58. If you want to speak to Sita, then learn Hindi.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Complex sentence  
   (c) Compound sentence

59. The kangaroo jumped and landed in the playfield.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Complex sentence  
   (c) Compound sentence

60. The pancake smells delicious.
   (a) Simple sentence  
   (b) Complex sentence  
   (c) Compound sentence

Directions (Questions 61 – 70): Pick the correct clause of the words underlines in the given sentences:

61. Can somebody tell me who left his socks on the floor.
   (a) noun clause  
   (b) adverb clause  
   (c) adjective clause  
   (d) co-ordinate clause

62. The man who lives across the street is my uncle.
   (a) noun clause  
   (b) adverb clause  
   (c) adjective clause  
   (d) co-ordinate clause

63. Grace, put the tablet away so that you can eat your dinner.
   (a) noun clause  
   (b) adverb clause  
   (c) adjective clause  
   (d) co-ordinate clause

64. There is a big prize for whoever wins the competition.
   (a) noun clause  
   (b) adverb clause  
   (c) adjective clause  
   (d) co-ordinate clause

65. Can you see the caterpillar that is on the gate?
   (a) noun clause  
   (b) adverb clause  
   (c) adjective clause  
   (d) co-ordinate clause

66. Douglas had to leave while John was playing football.
   (a) noun clause  
   (b) adverb clause  
   (c) adjective clause  
   (d) co-ordinate clause
67. We should remember God wherever we go.
   (a) noun clause   (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

68. He is poor but he is honest.
   (a) noun clause   (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

69. Though Tom is poor, he is happy.
   (a) Sub-ordinate clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

70. As she was sick, she could not go to work.
   (a) Sub-ordinate clause (b) adverb clause
   (c) adjective clause (d) co-ordinate clause

Directions (Questions 71 – 80): Analyze the following sentences and pick out the correct option:

71. Do you mind waiting here?
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

72. Please leave your swords outside.
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

73. My family will not tolerate this.
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

74. Where have you been all this while?
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

75. I am your friend not your enemy.
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

76. What did you do after leaving college?
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

77. Do be a bit more careful.
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory

78. I just cannot figure this out!
   (a) Declarative (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative (d) Exclamatory
79. My sister Amy lives in Delhi with her husband.
   (a) Declarative
   (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative
   (d) Exclamatory

80. Alex won the match, it’s unbelievable!
   (a) Declarative
   (b) Imperative
   (c) Interrogative
   (d) Exclamatory

**Directions (Questions 81 – 90): Choose the most suitable alternative to make the sentence meaningful:**

81. It is now ____________ that the Prime Minister will be coming to Aizawl.
   (a) apparent
   (b) translucent
   (c) repugnant
   (d) coherent

82. President Trump is suspected of ____________ with the Russia.
   (a) connecting
   (b) corrupting
   (c) colluding
   (d) commuting

83. The judge _____________ a fine of Rs.1500/- on the convict.
   (a) Implode
   (b) imposed
   (c) embossed
   (d) impair

84. Today’s meeting was ____________ by a group of protestors.
   (a) disjointed
   (b) dislocated
   (c) dismembered
   (d) disrupted

85. The Board of Directors decided to ______ the budget.
   (a) rise
   (b) raise
   (c) rice
   (d) raised

86. Eric Bischoff gave Don Johnson a left-handed _________________.
   (a) complement
   (b) confidence
   (c) compliment
   (d) consequence

87. Shawn Mendes is a very talented and ________________ singer.
   (a) veritable
   (b) various
   (c) versatile
   (d) voracious

88. Jennifer suffered an ________________ pain in her chest during her accident.
   (a) excruciating
   (b) exfoliating
   (c) exterminating
   (d) exhilarating

89. The contractor said that we need to _________________ our apartment.
   (a) refurbish
   (b) retarnish
   (c) revarnish
   (d) regarnish

90. “Flu” is sometimes used as a _________ term for any illness caused by a virus.
   (a) mimetic
   (b) generic
   (c) genetic
   (d) heretic
Directions (Questions 91 – 100): Choose the correct alternative which is closest in meaning to the given sentence:

91. Conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual
   (a) eccentric  
   (b) enigmatic  
   (c) fanatic

92. A person hired to fight for another country than their own.
   (a) executioner  
   (b) mercenary  
   (c) Assassin  
   (d) hired gun

93. Reluctant to draw attention to yourself
   (a) reluctant  
   (b) innocent  
   (c) reticent  
   (d) competent

94. All the people living at the same time or of the same age
   (a) concessionaries  
   (b) momentary  
   (c) reactionaries  
   (d) contemporaries

95. A stable situation in which forces cancel one another
   (a) Status quo  
   (b) equalization  
   (c) stationary  
   (d) equilibrium

96. Temperamentally seeking and enjoying the company of others.
   (a) gregarious  
   (b) precautious  
   (c) tenacious  
   (d) precarious

97. Someone who is emotionally hardened or insensitive.
   (a) jealous  
   (b) callous  
   (c) anxious  
   (d) devious

98. Having or showing a lack of experience.
   (a) timid  
   (b) novice  
   (c) naïve  
   (d) prodigy

99. A person with a highly developed sense of beauty.
   (a) aesthete  
   (b) atheist  
   (c) theist  
   (d) ascetic

100. A word which agrees with another in pronunciation and perhaps also in spelling but is different in meaning.
    (a) synonym  
    (b) homonym  
    (c) antonym  
    (d) homophone

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