Write a précis on the given paragraphs in about 1/3rd of its original length giving a suitable title. (20)

People moan about poverty as a great evil and it seems to be an accepted belief that if people only had plenty of money, they would be happy and useful and get more out of life. As a rule, there is more genuine satisfaction in life and more obtained from life in the humble cottages of poor men than in palaces of the rich. I always pity the sons and daughters of rich men who are attended by servants, and have governesses at a later age. At the same time I am glad to think that they do not know what they have missed.

It is because I know how sweet and happy the pure home of honest poverty is, how free from perplexing care and from social envious jealousies—how loving and united its members are in the common interest of supporting the family—that I sympathize with the rich boy and congratulate the poor man’s son. It is for these reasons that from the ranks of the poor so many strong, eminent, self-reliant men have always sprung and always must spring. If you read the list of the ‘immortals who were not born to die’, you will find that most of them had been poor.

Write an essay on any one of the following topic: (20)
- Importance of following traffic rules in a state like Mizoram.
- The role of women in the advancement of a society.
- The pros and cons of scientific inventions to man.

Draft a note addressed to the Commissioner (Transport) Government of Mizoram, on how to manage the traffic in Aizawl city areas during the festive season of Christmas. (20)

Directions (Questions 4 - 13) : Identify the Parts of Speech of the underlined words and choose the right answer from the choices provided. (10×1=10)

4. Sleep can heal many wounds.
   (a) noun (b) pronoun (c) verb (d) adverb

5. We enjoyed ourselves very much.
   (a) noun (b) pronoun (c) adjective (d) adverb

6. Come in.
   (a) noun (b) pronoun (c) verb (d) adverb
7. Walk fast, lest you miss the train.
(a) noun (b) pronoun (c) verb (d) adverb
8. She has some apples at home.
(a) noun (b) pronoun (c) adjective (d) adverb
9. Ah! What a show!
(a) interjection (b) preposition (c) conjunction (d) verb
10. I came but could not meet you.
(a) preposition (b) conjunction (c) interjection (d) verb
11. Go quickly; you are wanted soon.
(a) adjective (b) adverb (c) pronoun (d) verb
12. The aeroplane flew over my vineyard.
(a) interjection (b) preposition (c) verb (d) adverb
13. Childhood is the best time in our lives.
(a) noun (b) pronoun (c) adjective (d) adverb

Directions (Questions 14 - 23) : Analyse the given sentences and choose the correct answer from the options given.

14. Caesar was stabbed by Brutus.
(a) Active form (b) Passive form (c) Negative
15. Who taught you grammar?
(a) Active form (b) Passive form (c) Negative
16. Iron is the most useful of all metals.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative
17. Mumbai is richer than most other cities in India.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative
18. Every man makes mistakes sometimes.
(a) Affirmative (b) Negative (c) Interrogative
19. No man could have done better.
(a) Affirmative (b) Negative (c) Interrogative
20. The night is very beautiful.
   (a) Assertive (b) Exclamatory (c) Negative

21. O that I were young again!
   (a) Assertive (b) Exclamatory (c) Negative

22. Why waste time in reading trash?
   (a) Assertive (b) Exclamatory (c) Interrogative

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

Directions (Questions 24 - 33) : Fill in the blanks choosing a correct word from the choices provided.

24. __________ your brother and sister at home?
   (a) Is (b) Are (c) Where

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

26. Either of the roads __________ to the railway station.
   (a) lead (b) leads (c) is leading

27. There are some __________ I think are clever.
   (a) which (b) who (c) whom

28. The flowers smell __________.
   (a) sweet (b) sweetly (c) more sweet

29. We feel __________.
   (a) warmly (b) warm (c) warming

30. He looked __________.
   (a) angry (b) angrily (c) more angry

31. Which is the __________ of the two?
   (a) best (b) better (c) good

32. The girl will be joining __________ university soon.
   (a) a (b) an (c) the
33. ____________ book you mention is out of print.
   (a) A  (b) The  (c) An

Directions (Questions 34 - 43) : Identify and choose the correct notion/concept expressed by each of the following sentences from the alternatives given:  (10×1=10)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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