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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

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

Directions (Questions No. 1 - 10) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer to each of the underlined out of the four alternatives:

1. If you gave your neighbour a hand with her groceries, you _____.
(a) helped her (b) bothered her
(c) avoided her (d) shook her hands
2. If your father got rid of his old hat, he _____.
(a) loaned it to his friends (b) kept it for the future
(c) acquired it for keepsake (d) no longer has it
3. Alice _____. She burned herself out.
(a) disliked hard work (b) was lethargic
(c) worked hard (d) was a
4. Everything in this house is up to date.
(a) is modern (b) is archaic
(c) is old (d) is used
5. To settle the matter you must wheel and deal.
(a) demonstrate (b) negotiate aggressively
(c) treat others badly (d) sell automobile
6. He chickened out of sky diving.
(a) apologized for not being able to sky dive
(b) decided not to sky dive because he is afraid
(c) refused to sky dive
(d) agreed to sky dive
7. Don't put the bite on him. He has no money at all.
(a) get angry with (b) try to injure
(c) try to get money out of (d) be upset with
8. My parents will have kittens if I am not home before curfew.
(a) be anxious and worried (b) be very vengeful
(c) be nonchalant (d) be infuriated

9. We are leaving for Paris next week.
(a) withdraw to (b) advancing from
(c) going away from (d) travelling to
10. She is up to her ears with work. She _____.
(a) is excited about her work (b) has done her work
(c) does not have much to do (d) has a lot to do

Directions (Questions No. 11 - 20) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer to fill in each blank out of the four alternatives:

11. He _____ to the gym every week.
(a) has gone. (b) is going
(c) goes (d) was going
12. Who speaks French in your family? – I _____.
(a) am (b) do
(c) have (d) may
13. How long _____ you _____ Spanish?
(a) do ... learned (b) have ... learn
(c) have ... learning (d) have ... been learning
14. When I arrived, mother _____ for me.
(a) was waiting (b) is waiting
(c) had waited (d) had been waiting
15. The number of car accidents _____ increasing every year.
(a) is (b) have
(c) are (d) was
16. Can I borrow your scissors? Mine _____ sharp enough.
(a) are not (b) is not
(c) have not (d) has not
17. Do you like _____?
(a) drive (b) driving
(c) to driving (d) go drive
18. He _____ go to school daily by bus in his school days.
(a) should (b) will
(c) shall (d) would
19. After she _____ dancing, she went to bed.
(a) practised (b) practiced
(c) had practised (d) had practiced
20. If I _____ you I would buy the house.
(a) was (b) were
(c) have been (d) had been

Directions (Questions No. 21 - 30) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer to fill in each blank out of the four alternatives:

21. I did not buy it _____ the price.
(a) because (b) because of
(c) for (d) toward
22. She always looks good. She wears _____ nice clothes.
(a) so (b) such
(c) such a (d) much
23. Some people can _____ speak _____ write accurately.
(a) either ... or (b) neither ... nor
(c) whether ... or (d) neither ... or
24. It looked dark and heavy _____ it was going to rain.
(a) as if (b) unless
(c) until (d) although
25. He turned off the radio _____ he could study.
(a) in case (b) since
(c) now that (d) so that
26. I cannot distinguish one twin _____ the other.
(a) to (b) for
(c) from (d) at
27. What he said is contrary _____ common sense.
(a) to (b) on
(c) by (d) at
28. The accused woman was innocent _____ the crime with which she was charged.
(a) in (b) on
(c) at (d) of
29. Did you notice that the son walks _____ his father?
(a) like (b) as
(c) at (d) in
30. The albatross is the largest _____ the web-footed birds.
(a) in (b) of
(c) on (d) by

Directions (Questions No. 31 - 40) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer out of the four alternatives to change each voice or speech:

31. He wrote that play.
(a) That play had been written by him (b) That play was written by him
(c) That play is written by him (d) That play has been written by him
32. She will open the door.
(a) The door will have been opened by her (b) The door will have been open by her
(c) The door will be open by her (d) The door will be opened by her

33. Has anyone ever asked you for your opinion?
- (a) Had you been asked for your opinion ever?
 - (b) Have you been asked for your opinion by anyone?
 - (c) Have your opinion been asked by anyone?
 - (d) Have you been asked your opinion by anyone?
34. All visitors must wear identity badges.
- (a) Identity badges must be worne by all visitors
 - (b) Identity badges must be worned by all visitors
 - (c) Identity badges must be worn by all visitors
 - (d) Identity badges must be wear by all visitors
35. They use a computer to do that job nowadays.
- (a) A computer is used to do that job nowadays
 - (b) A computer was used to do that job nowadays
 - (c) Nowadays a computer has been used to do that job
 - (d) Nowadays a computer is being used to do that job
36. She said, "Let us wait for the Chief Guest."
- (a) She proposed that they should wait for the Chief Guest
 - (b) She addressed that they should wait for the Chief Guest
 - (c) She asked that they should wait for the Chief Guest
 - (d) She requested that they should wait for the Chief Guest
37. "Take off your cap," the father said to the son.
- (a) The father asked his son to take off his cap
 - (b) The father ordered the son to take off his cap
 - (c) The father proposed the son take off his cap
 - (d) The father inquired the son to take off his cap
38. He asked her to go with him.
- (a) He said to her, "Go with me."
 - (b) He said to her, "Come to me."
 - (c) He said to her, "Come along."
 - (d) He said to her, "Come with me."
39. He said to him, "Is not your name John?"
- (a) He asked if his name is John
 - (b) He asked John what his name was
 - (c) He inquired whether his name was not John
 - (d) He demanded of John what his name was
40. He said to her, "What a beautiful day!"
- (a) He told her that it was a beautiful day
 - (b) He exclaimed that it was a beautiful day
 - (c) He happily said that it was a beautiful day
 - (d) He suggested that it was a beautiful day

Directions (Questions No. 41 - 50) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the answer which best identifies the kind of each sentence out of the four alternatives:

41. What is true cannot perish.
- (a) Simple sentence
 - (b) Complex sentence
 - (c) Compound sentence
 - (d) Compound-complex sentence

42. Do not desire without deserving.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
43. He was not only fined but also sent to prison.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
44. He agreed that he would teach her.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
45. I have no friend to talk to.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
46. You must work hard or you will not succeed.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
47. If you do not hurry you will miss the programme.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
48. We desire to reap, therefore we sow.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
49. Come when you like.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence
50. I knew where I could find him.
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence
(c) Compound sentence (d) Compound-complex sentence

Directions (Questions No. 51 - 60) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer to combine the each pair of sentences out of the four alternatives:

51. She is correct. I am sure of it.
(a) I am sure that she is correct (b) I am sure of it that she is correct
(c) I am sure if she is correct (d) I am sure so she is correct
52. He came late. I cannot tell the reason.
(a) He came late without the reason (b) He came late telling no reason
(c) I cannot tell reason why he came late (d) I cannot tell why he came late
53. He is slow. He is sure.
(a) He is slow to be sure (b) He is slow so he is sure
(c) He is slow but he is sure (d) He is slow if sure
54. You put it somewhere. Show me the place.
(a) Show me somewhere you put it (b) Show me the place where you put it
(c) Show the place where you put it (d) Show me where you put it

55. You are strong. I am equally strong.
(a) I am as strong as you are (b) I am strong like you
(c) I am equally strong to you (d) I am strong as you are
56. What have you done? Tell me.
(a) Tell me what have you done (b) Tell me what you have done
(c) Tell me you have done what (d) Tell what you have done
57. We heard no answer. We rang the bell again.
(a) We rang the bell we heard no answer again
(b) We rang the bell again we heard no answer
(c) Hearing no answer again the bell we rang
(d) Hearing no answer we rang the bell again
58. She is beautiful. She is smart also.
(a) She is beautiful but smart also (b) She is beautiful so also she is smart
(c) She is not only beautiful but also smart (d) She is not beautiful only but smart also
59. He is very sick. He cannot work.
(a) He is very sick to work (b) He is so sick to work
(c) He is too sick to work (d) He is much sick to work
60. The good deeds live after men. They do them in life.
(a) The good deeds in life live after men they do them
(b) The good deeds done in life by them live after men
(c) The good deeds live after them who do them in life
(d) The good deeds done by men in life live after them

Directions (Questions No. 61 - 70) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer out of the four alternatives to substitute each given sentence without changing its meaning:

61. This is our camping place.
(a) Our camping is in this place (b) Place of our camping is here
(c) This is the place where we camp (d) This is the place of our camping
62. He said that he was innocent.
(a) He said of his innocence (b) He declared that he was innocent
(c) He declared that he is innocent (d) He declares of his innocent
63. Tell the truth
(a) Tell what is true (b) Tell only true
(c) Truth stands (d) Truth is important to tell
64. He was the first to arrive.
(a) He was the first who arrived (b) He arrived the first
(c) His arrival was the first (d) The first arrival was he
65. If we do not win, we shall die.
(a) We should be dead if we did not win (b) We must won or died
(c) We shall win if not to die (d) We will win or die

66. No other metal is as useful as iron.
(a) Iron is useful more than all metals (b) Iron is the most useful of all metals
(c) Iron is the more useful of all metals (d) Iron is most useful than any other metal
67. Do it to the best of your ability.
(a) Do it the best as you can (b) Do it best as that you can
(c) Do it as best as you can (d) Do it as best that you can
68. He saw the danger and paused.
(a) He paused and saw the danger (b) When he saw the danger he paused
(c) The danger he saw makes him paused (d) He paused to see the danger
69. I offered him a chair.
(a) He was offered a chair (b) A chair is offered him
(c) He had been offered a chair (d) A chair will be offered him
70. They know me.
(a) I am being known to them (b) I was known to them
(c) I am known to them (d) I have known to them

Directions (Questions No. 71 - 80) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the answer which best expresses the meaning of the underlined parts out of the four alternatives:

71. Temperance in eating is conducive to health.
(a) moderation (b) indulgence
(c) extravagance (d) appeasement
72. A scientist generally carries out his investigation empirically.
(a) theoretically (b) intuitively
(c) conjecturally (d) verifiably
73. He is known for his misogynism.
(a) hate for mankind (b) love for mankind
(c) love for womankind (d) hate for womankind
74. He has a propensity for getting into debt.
(a) tendency (b) tangency
(c) antipathy (d) aversion
75. No one will invite her to a tea party because she is so garrulous.
(a) quarrelsome (b) foolish
(c) talkative (d) domineering
76. Raise is to lift as raze is to _____.
(a) sustain (b) uphold
(c) devise (d) wreck
77. Collision is to crash as collusion is to _____.
(a) conspiracy (b) candor
(c) conceited (d) fealty
78. Ballad is to _____ as ballet is to dance.
(a) thesis (b) poem
(c) cavort (d) theme

79. Amity is to _____ as enmity is to hostility
(a) rancor (b) animus
(c) friendship (d) melee
80. A lot is to quantity as allot is to _____.
(a) assign (b) quash
(c) retract (d) abrogate

Directions (Questions No. 81 - 90) : Read the following sentences carefully and choose the best answer to improve each of the underlined parts out of the four alternatives:

81. I prefer to ride than to walk.
(a) ride to walk (b) riding than walking
(c) riding to walking (d) no improvement
82. He is used to hard work.
(a) work hard (b) work hardly
(c) hard working (d) no improvement
83. Hardly he had entered the station, when the train whistled.
(a) Hardly had he entered (b) Hardly he entered
(c) He hardly had entered (d) no improvement
84. The climate of Meghalaya is cooler than Haryana.
(a) is cooler to (b) is cooler than
(c) is cooler than that of (d) no improvement
85. She could not cope up with the heavy rush.
(a) cope up to (b) cope by
(c) cope with (d) no improvement
86. When we saw him last, he ran to catch a bus.
(a) has run (b) had run
(c) was running (d) no improvement
87. The leader gave his followers some advices.
(a) advice (b) advise
(c) advises (d) no improvement
88. Is there any place for me to sit?
(a) area (b) space
(c) room (d) no improvement
89. They knocked down seven houses when they built the new road.
(a) preserved (b) pulled down
(c) overhauled (d) no improvement
90. I fear you two are at cross purpose.
(a) at a cross-purpose (b) at cross-purposes
(c) in cross-purposes (d) no improvement

Directions (Questions No. 91 - 100) : Read the following passage carefully and choose the best answer to each of the underlined parts out of the four alternatives:

For the curious and the 91, the sea still presents the challenge of the unknown, for ignorance is still the 92 characteristic of men's relation to the sea. But now, more than ever, necessity 93 us onward in our exploration of the sea. We now have submarines capable of 94 submergence for many months 95 missiles capable of 96 many times greater than that 97 by World War II. For 98 reasons, therefore, we need 99 to learn more about the 100 of ocean bottom, about deep ocean currents, temperature, density and so on.

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| 91. | (a) outgoing | (b) impetuous |
| | (c) formidable | (d) watchful |
| 92. | (a) normal | (b) remarkable |
| | (c) average | (d) critical |
| 93. | (a) projects | (b) deterrents |
| | (c) goads | (d) hitches |
| 94. | (a) provocative | (b) turbulent |
| | (c) steady | (d) vulnerable |
| 95. | (a) guiding | (b) subjecting |
| | (c) providing | (d) holding |
| 96. | (a) expansion | (b) destruction |
| | (c) projection | (d) creation |
| 97. | (a) forced | (b) witnessed |
| | (c) experienced | (d) conceived |
| 98. | (a) traditional | (b) academic |
| | (c) deliberate | (d) strategic |
| 99. | (a) urgently | (b) drastically |
| | (c) judiciously | (d) cautiously |
| 100. | (a) tenacity | (b) azure |
| | (c) topography | (d) vault |

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