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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 1-10): Identify the parts of speech of each underlined word:

1. He is always watching a football game.
   (a) Verb  (b) Adverb
   (c) Adjective (d) Pronoun

2. This group is very talented.
   (a) Adjective (b) Verb
   (c) Noun (d) Adverb

3. I want to go now.
   (a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
   (c) Verb (d) Adverb

4. I helped him carry it.
   (a) Pronoun (b) Preposition
   (c) Noun (d) Interjection

5. We had breakfast at a café.
   (a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
   (c) Adjective (d) Noun

6. You must believe in yourself.
   (a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
   (c) Preposition (d) Noun

7. We left for the trip at 6 am.
   (a) Pronoun (b) Adverb
   (c) Verb (d) Adjective

8. Ouch! That was a hard fall.
   (a) Preposition (b) Interjection
   (c) Adjective (d) Adverb

9. She went to the market to buy fruits.
   (a) Preposition (b) Interjection
   (c) Conjunction (d) Pronoun

10. I helped him because I liked him.
    (a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
    (c) Pronoun (d) Adverb
Directions (Questions 11-20): Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate form of the verbs given:

11. It seldom ____________ in February.
   (a) rain  (b) rains  
   (c) rained  (d) raining.

12. He ____________ to Shimla tomorrow.
   (a) go  (b) goes  
   (c) going  (d) is going

13. Air and water ____________ necessary for life.
   (a) is  (b) are  
   (c) being  (d) were

   (a) originate  (b) originates  
   (c) originated  (d) origination

15. His company is greatly ____________ after .
   (a) sought  (b) seek  
   (c) sought  (d) seeks

16. His courage_____________ him.
   (a) forsake  (b) forsook  
   (c) forsaked  (d) forsakes

17. He had ____________ the whole night and was exhausted.
   (a) drives  (b) drove  
   (c) driven  (d) driving

18. I told him that I was ____________ for his help.
   (a) gratitude  (b) grateful  
   (c) being grateful  (d) gratefully

19. The company was running ____________
   (a) profit  (b) profitted  
   (c) profits  (d) profitably

20. Have you ____________ my instructions.
   (a) carried out  (b) carry out  
   (c) carries out  (d) carrying out.

Directions (Questions 21-30): Fill in the blanks with appropriate preposition given below each sentence:

21. I am not very good____________ dancing.
   (a) at  (b) on  
   (c) in  (d) for

22. I don’t usually work ____________ weekends.
   (a) at  (b) on  
   (c) in  (d) for

23. There aren’t any prices ____________ this menu.
   (a) at  (b) on  
   (c) in  (d) for
24. This material is different _____________ that.
   (a) from  (b) to  
   (c) with  (d) for

25. We should not spend all our money _____________ luxuries.
   (a) for  (b) with  
   (c) in  (d) on

26. I slept _____________ 9 o’clock.
   (a) to  (b) till  
   (c) until  (d) up to

27. An old feud existed _____________ the two families.
   (a) among  (b) within  
   (c) between  (d) in

28. She dislikes being looked _____________
   (a) on  (b) at  
   (c) in  (d) for

29. The sun disappeared _____________ the horizon.
   (a) over  (b) above  
   (c) under  (d) below

30. Always live _____________ your means.
   (a) off  (b) of  
   (c) within  (d) by

Directions (Questions 31-35): Choose the correct past tense form of the verb from the alternatives provided.

31. bear
   (a) beared  (b) bore  
   (c) born  (d) borne

32. tread
   (a) trod  (b) treaded  
   (c) trodden  (d) tread

33. slay
   (a) slay  (b) slayed  
   (c) slew  (d) slain

34. spring
   (a) springed  (b) sprung  
   (c) spranged  (d) sprang

35. wear
   (a) wear  (b) worn  
   (c) wore  (d) wored

Directions (Questions 36-40): Choose the right article from the given alternatives to fill in the blanks.

36. _____________ price of petrol keep rising.
   (a) a  (b) an  
   (c) the  (d) none of the above
37. Sarah can play _____________ guitar.
   (a) a  
   (b) an
   (c) the  
   (d) none of the above

38. Pablo is _____________ Spanish.
   (a) a  
   (b) an
   (c) the  
   (d) none of the above

   (a) a  
   (b) an
   (c) the  
   (d) none of the above

40. I saw _____________ otter at the zoo.
   (a) a  
   (b) an
   (c) the  
   (d) none of the above

Directions (Questions 41-49): Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct one from the options given.

41. Government does not solve problems, it subsidizes them.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

42. The frog jumped and landed in the pond.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

43. I am out of paper for the printer.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

44. Money can’t buy happiness or so they say.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

45. Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain - and most fools do.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

46. A country can be judged by the quality of its proverbs.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

47. Wherever you go, you can always find beauty.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

48. He is smart and he is articulate.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence

49. The museum was very interesting, as I expected.
   (a) simple sentence  
   (b) compound sentence
   (c) complex sentence
Directions (Questions 50-55): Name the kind of phrases of the underlined words in the sentences.

50. She went online for more information.
   (a) noun phrase  (b) adjective phrase  (c) adverb phrase

51. The cost of the car was way too high.
   (a) noun phrase  (b) adjective phrase  (c) adverb phrase

52. Lisa gave the little boy a candy.
   (a) noun phrase  (b) adjective phrase  (c) adverb phrase

53. The glistening snow covered the field.
   (a) noun phrase  (b) adjective phrase  (c) adverb phrase

54. He decided to join a gym to get in shape.
   (a) noun phrase  (b) adjective phrase  (c) adverb phrase

55. I love the taste of a sweet juicy peach.
   (a) noun phrase  (b) adjective phrase  (c) adverb phrase

Directions (Questions 56-63): Name the kind of clauses of the underlined words in the following sentences.

56. Many people hope that India can resolve its economic problems.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause

57. You can put the package wherever you like.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause

58. I do not like people who are mean to animals.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause

59. Since you have apologized, you will not be punished.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause

60. Something that smells bad may be rotten.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause

61. Those who do not complain are never pitied.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause

62. Pay attention to what I am going to say.
   (a) noun clause  (b) adjective clause  (c) adverb clause
63. No one knows where he is.
   (a) noun clause (b) adjective clause (c) adverb clause

Directions (Questions 64-70): Identify the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given.

64. I love it!
   (a) Assertive (b) Interrogative (c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory

65. Cinderella and Prince Charming lived happily ever after.
   (a) Assertive (b) Interrogative (c) Imperative (d) Exclamatory

66. We cannot survive without oxygen.
   (a) Imperative (b) Negative (c) Assertive (d) Exclamatory

67. Please be quiet in the library.
   (a) Negative (b) Imperative (c) Exclamatory (d) Assertive

68. Let’s go to the concert together.
   (a) Assertive (b) Exclamatory (c) Imperative (d) Interrogative

69. Do you want coffee, tea or soda?
   (a) Assertive (b) Exclamatory (c) Imperative (d) Interrogative

70. Have a good time at the picnic.
   (a) Assertive (b) Exclamatory (c) Imperative (d) Interrogative

Directions (Questions 71-80): Choose the correct meaning of idioms and phrases written in bold letters from the options given below.

71. He spoke well though it was his maiden speech.
   (a) first speech (b) long speech (c) brief speech (d) emotional speech

72. The trial made a mockery of justice.
   (a) it was a mock trial (b) no serious outcome (c) people mocked the judgement (d) made the system look ridiculous

73. You cannot throw dust into my eyes.
   (a) abuse me (b) hurt me (c) cheat me (d) none of these

74. His recent statement is an about turn.
   (a) A complete change of opinion (b) a declaration of war (c) good announcement (d) a bold statement

75. To grease the palm.
   (a) to bribe (b) to cut the tree (c) to rub oil on the hand (d) to lubricate machine parts
76. She always comes up with a lame excuse.
   (a) useless talk (b) unsatisfactory explanation
   (c) ill feeling (d) good explanation

77. The detective found the case to be a hard nut to crack.
   (a) expensive (b) difficult problem
   (c) a foolish search (d) an easy case

78. One needs to have a thick skin to cope with criticism.
   (a) be bold (b) be disinterested
   (c) be unaffected (d) be insensitive

79. What you said does not hold water with me.
   (a) cannot be believed (b) cannot be valued
   (c) does not fulfill the requirements (d) does not deserve appreciation

80. Marcus is the black sheep of his family.
   (a) an unlucky person (b) lucky person
   (c) an ugly person (d) none of these

Directions (Questions 81-86): Choose the word nearest in meaning of the italicized words.

81. Zama was chagrined with the continuous disruption of the power supply.
   (a) delighted (b) puzzled
   (c) peeved (d) undecided

82. All these measures will augment employment opportunities.
   (a) diminish (b) circumscribe
   (c) restrain (d) increase

83. The defendant was grateful for the judge’s clemency.
   (a) mercy (b) patience
   (c) politeness (d) relaxed attitude

84. The police need tangible proof of his guilt.
   (a) emphatic (b) strong
   (c) convincing (d) clear and certain

85. Her impetuous behavior was attributed to her upbringing.
   (a) rash (b) poised
   (c) sluggish (d) quiet and gentle

86. The man at the gate had a forbidding appearance.
   (a) handsome (b) tranquil
   (c) grim (d) unattractive

Directions (Questions 87-93): Select the opposite of the words underlined in the sentences from the given choices.

87. In ancient days a fragile glass was considered more valuable than gold.
   (a) heavy (b) strong
   (c) tall (d) thick

88. The two friends were distinct in everything, dress, manners and food habits.
   (a) opposite (b) different
   (c) similar (d) uniform
89. He has a preference for traditional art forms.
   (a) archaic  
   (b) contemporary  
   (c) foreign  
   (d) simultaneous  

90. Their relationship can best be described as enduring.
   (a) fleeting  
   (b) painful  
   (c) permanent  
   (d) long lasting  

91. The police heard about the use of illicit drugs in the city.
   (a) menacing  
   (b) lawful  
   (c) delusive  
   (d) modest  

92. Many people try to resist reforms in the society.
   (a) fight  
   (b) accept  
   (c) repel  
   (d) welcome  

93. You can hardly find any trace of humility in the man.
   (a) pride  
   (b) insolence  
   (c) arrogance  
   (d) conceit  

Directions (Questions 94-100): Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word from the alternatives provided.

94. She refused to be _____________ by her long illness.
   (a) dispatched  
   (b) dispirited  
   (c) disillusioned  
   (d) dispensed  

95. He was _____________ by nature and so avoided all company.
   (a) cordial  
   (b) anti social  
   (c) gregarious  
   (d) timid  

96. Jim suffered a _____________ of fortune.
   (a) regress  
   (b) revert  
   (c) reversal  
   (d) reverse  

97. Indian masses are _____________ law abiding.
   (a) by and large  
   (b) by far  
   (c) by any means  
   (d) by and by  

98. His old clothes and uncombed hair gave him a _____________ appearance.
   (a) disputatious  
   (b) discontented  
   (c) disreputable  
   (d) disrespectful  

99. Be _____________ and always look to the comfort of others.
   (a) considerate  
   (b) cautious  
   (c) considerable  
   (d) consider  

100. The Paralympics is a competition for the _____________
    (a) disadvantaged  
    (b) discouraged  
    (c) disabled  
    (d) despised  

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