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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 (Question 1-10): Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words:**

1. Let us move on.  
(a) Preposition  
(b) Adjective  
(c) Adverb  
(d) Verb
2. I have singled her out of a thousand.  
(a) Verb  
(b) Adverb  
(c) Noun  
(d) Adjective
3. He still lives in his old village.  
(a) Noun  
(b) Adverb  
(c) Verb  
(d) Preposition
4. He works hard that he may pass.  
(a) Conjunction  
(b) Adverb  
(c) Preposition  
(d) Adjective
5. Individual tastes are different.  
(a) Verb  
(b) Conjunction  
(c) Adverb  
(d) Noun
6. There is something odd about her.  
(a) Pronoun  
(b) Preposition  
(c) Noun  
(d) Adjective
7. The books are where you left them.  
(a) Noun  
(b) Preposition  
(c) Pronoun  
(d) Adverb
8. There are several nurses in the hospital.  
(a) Adjective  
(b) Pronoun  
(c) Noun  
(d) Adverb

9. Wow! What a beautiful scenery!

- (a) Interjection (b) Conjunction  
(c) Pronoun (d) Preposition

10. He kept the fast for a week.

- (a) Adverb (b) Noun  
(c) Adjective (d) Verb

**Directions (Question 11-20): Choose the appropriate preposition from the alternatives given under each sentence.**

11. Nothing can deter him \_\_\_\_\_ pursuing his aim in life.

- (a) for (b) from  
(c) in (d) off

12. The problem of communal harmony cannot be glossed \_\_\_\_\_ by the government.

- (a) at (b) on  
(c) over (d) upon

13. She could not muster \_\_\_\_\_ enough courage to stand against the maltreatment.

- (a) to (b) up  
(c) about (d) out

14. He has great antipathy \_\_\_\_\_ those who are hypocrites.

- (a) to (b) against  
(c) for (d) at

15. He decided to enter \_\_\_\_\_ a new course of life.

- (a) For (b) upon  
(c) onto (d) for

16. The Hindus believe in many rituals to ward \_\_\_\_\_ evils.

- (a) against (b) off  
(c) out (d) at

17. The scheme of Rozgan Yojna originated \_\_\_\_\_ the Prime Minister.

- (a) in (b) with  
(c) of (d) by

18. The Government acted judiciously to stave \_\_\_\_\_ the crisis.

- (a) of (b) out  
(c) over (d) off

19. Afflicted \_\_\_\_\_ penury he died a miserable death.

- (a) with (b) from  
(c) of (d) at

20. The whole town plunged \_\_\_\_\_ darkness after the storm.

- (a) in (b) into  
(c) to (d) upon

**Directions (Question 21-30): Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs from the four alternatives given below:**

21. My friends \_\_\_\_\_ the Chief Minister yesterday.  
(a) saw (b) have seen  
(c) see (d) has seen
22. It started to rain while we \_\_\_\_\_ basketball.  
(a) are playing (b) play  
(c) were playing (d) had played
23. He \_\_\_\_\_ here for the last ten years.  
(a) worked (b) have been working  
(c) has been working (d) is working
24. She \_\_\_\_\_ strange noises from the closet.  
(a) hear (b) am hearing  
(c) have been hearing (d) has been hearing
25. Don't disturb him. He \_\_\_\_\_ his homework.  
(a) do (b) am doing  
(c) is doing (d) did
26. Everyday last week my aunt \_\_\_\_\_ a plate.  
(a) breaks (b) broke  
(c) was breaking (d) have broken
27. When we went to the cinemas, the film \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) already started (b) had already started  
(c) has started (d) would already start
28. I \_\_\_\_\_ for half an hour when it suddenly started to rain.  
(a) have walked (b) walk  
(c) had been walking (d) has been walking
29. When he lived in Chennai, he \_\_\_\_\_ to the Zoo once a month.  
(a) goes (b) has been going  
(c) was going (d) went
30. She jumped off the bus while it \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) moves (b) moved  
(c) had moved (d) was moving

**Directions (Question 31-35): Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns from the alternatives given under each sentence:**

31. She has gone to Aizawl, \_\_\_\_\_ is her birthplace.  
(a) which (b) that  
(c) where (d) what

32. He gave away \_\_\_\_\_ he did not need.  
(a) who (b) what  
(c) which (d) who
33. Time \_\_\_\_\_ is lost is never found again.  
(a) that (b) what  
(c) whom (d) who
34. \_\_\_\_\_ do you believe him to be?  
(a) which (b) who  
(c) whom (d) whose
35. The wisest man \_\_\_\_\_ ever lived made mistakes.  
(a) that (b) who  
(c) which (d) whom

**Directions (Question 36-40): Insert appropriate articles if necessary, to fill up the gaps.**

36. Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ European called at my office.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) None
37. Man, thou art \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful animal.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) None
38. While there is \_\_\_\_\_ life there is hope.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) None
39. Let us discuss \_\_\_\_\_ matter seriously.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) None
40. \_\_\_\_\_ able man has not always a distinguished look.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) None

**Directions (Question 41-48): Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct option:**

41. Walk quickly; else you will not overtake him.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence
42. If it rains, the match will be cancelled.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence
43. God made the country and man made the town.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence

44. The duration of the war is uncertain.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence
45. He took no notice of my order to halt.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence
46. The moon was bright and we could see our way.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence
47. Where there is a will, there is a way.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence
48. Parents should discipline their children.  
(a) Simple Sentence (b) Compound Sentence (c) Complex Sentence

**Directions (Question 49-56): Identify what kind of phrase the underlined words are:**

49. He speaks like a born orator.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
50. I do not know what to do.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
51. This is a matter of no importance.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
52. Have you heard of the man in the moon?  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
53. He failed in spite of his best efforts.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
54. I have a car of British make.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
55. He is a man of great talent.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase
56. The girls want to go home.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adverb Phrase (c) Adjective phrase

**Directions (Question 57-65): Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentences:**

57. Nobody likes him when he is drunk.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
58. Where is the book which I borrowed from you?  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
59. I do not have what he wants.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause

60. He spoke so softly that we could not hear him.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
61. Students who work hard get good results.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
62. The umbrella which has a broken handle is mine.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
63. I remarked that it was a fine day.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
64. Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause
65. I know the man who stole your purse.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause (c) Adverb Clause

*Directions (Question 66-70): Identify the correct notion expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given:*

66. What is better than a peace of mind?  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
67. Tell Shreedhar to come here.  
(a) Assertive (b) Imperative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Interrogative
68. Please, give me a glass of water.  
(a) Imperative (b) Assertive  
(c) Affirmative (d) Interrogative
69. No one but a coward would act like that.  
(a) Imperative (b) Assertive  
(c) Affirmative (d) Negative
70. Everybody was present at the meeting.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Negative

*Directions (Question 71-80): Choose the correct meaning of idioms and phrases given in bold letters from the four alternatives given below:*

71. John was encouraged by his father **to fight tooth and nail** for his rights.  
(a) Making every possible effort to win (b) To fight a losing battle  
(c) To fight cowardly (d) To lose everything while fighting
72. A good teacher should have the **gift of the gab**.  
(a) Talent for speaking (b) To distribute gifts  
(c) To get something free (d) To win a prize

73. The prices are going up by **leaps and bounds**.  
(a) Irregularly (b) Gradually  
(c) Rapidly (d) Systematically
74. Harassed by repeated acts of injustice he decided to **put his foot down**.  
(a) Resign (b) Not to yield  
(c) Withdraw (d) Accept the proposal unconditionally
75. When the police came, the thieves **took to their heels**.  
(a) Were taken by surprise (b) Took to flight  
(c) Took shelter in a tall building (d) Unconditionally surrendered
76. We cannot make **both ends meet**.  
(a) Work hard (b) Manage business  
(c) Earn enough (d) Control affairs
77. He is accused of **sitting on the fence**.  
(a) Being confident (b) Observing the scene  
(c) Hesitating between two options (d) Resting on the fence
78. I do not know he was **pulling my leg** all the time.  
(a) Befooling me (b) Degrading me  
(c) Defaming me (d) Complimenting me
79. With the existing management, the future of the company is in **doldrums**.  
(a) Dull (b) Bright  
(c) Uncertain (d) Secure
80. It was such a strange affair that I could not make **head or tail of it**.  
(a) Face it (b) Tolerate it  
(c) Remember it (d) Understand it

**Directions (Question 81- 86): Choose the word nearest in meaning to the italicized words:**

81. The inspector was a *vigilant* young man.  
(a) Smart (b) Watchful  
(c) Ambitious (d) Intelligent
82. Man has to *encounter* many hardships in life.  
(a) Solve (b) Face  
(c) Bear (d) Overcome
83. Ritu asked Rashmi not to *meddle* in her affairs.  
(a) Intercede (b) Impose  
(c) Cross (d) Interfere
84. Her views are not in *consonance* with her husband's.  
(a) In disagreement (b) In conflict  
(c) In agreement (d) Contradictory

85. He soon got tired of his *sedentary* job.  
(a) involves sitting (b) Routine  
(c) Roving (d) Hectic
86. Honest officers find it difficult to *attune* themselves to corrupt bureaucracy.  
(a) Tune (b) Adapt  
(c) Harmony (d) Accusation

**Directions (Question 87-94): Select the word which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word or phrase:**

87. The plane burnt in fragments.  
(a) Whole (b) Parts  
(c) Scraps (d) Pieces
88. Her candid confession of the crime earned her reprieve.  
(a) Frank (b) Crafty  
(c) Simple (d) Ambiguous
89. The visit of the vice-chancellor has been deferred indefinitely.  
(a) Expedited (b) Dissolved  
(c) Postponed (d) Put off
90. None but his sympathizers were impressed by his haughtiness  
(a) Detractors (b) Flatterers  
(c) Benefactors (d) Officious
91. After a day's toil he was feeling fatigue.  
(a) Energy (b) Restlessness  
(c) Exertion (d) Tiredness
92. Sometimes it is necessary to retreat in a battle.  
(a) Retrograde (b) March  
(c) Advance (d) Go back
93. At his success in the examination, he felt elated.  
(a) Exultant (b) Dejected  
(c) Resting (d) Jubilant
94. Counterfeit coins are in circulation because of negligence on the part of the police authorities.  
(a) Spurious (b) Genuine  
(c) Truthful (d) Fake

**Directions (Question 95-100): Select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks in the sentence to make it meaningful:**

95. The volcanic \_\_\_\_\_ was the cause of the great devastation.  
(a) outburst (b) eruption  
(c) erosion (d) movement



96. The committee's appeal to the people for money \_\_\_\_\_ little response  
(a) Provoked (b) Evoked  
(c) Instigated (d) Pursued
97. As a result of \_\_\_\_\_ many unsuitable candidates were selected for the post.  
(a) tolerance (b) favoritism  
(c) humility (d) weakness
98. Although they are not rich, they wear \_\_\_\_\_ clothes.  
(a) respectful (b) respective  
(c) respectable (d) respected
99. The brilliant students will be \_\_\_\_\_ scholarships.  
(a) honored (b) awarded  
(c) rewarded (d) forwarded
100. Several of our players were injured, so our losing the match was almost \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Impossible (b) indispensable  
(c) inevitable (d) incapable

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