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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

21. Zuali go for a walk every morning.

- (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 the 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) returnish
(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