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Total Marks: 50

Time: 1 hour

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- All questions are compulsory.
- Read the instructions on the **ANSWER SHEET** and fill in your **NAME, CLASS** and **OTHER INFORMATION**.
- To mark your choice of answer, darkening the circles in the **ANSWER SHEET**, use a **BLUE/BLACK BALL PEN** only.
- You **MUST** record your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** only.
- There are **50 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS**. Each question carries one mark. Use the information provided to choose the **BEST** possible answer among the four options. On your **ANSWER SHEET** darken the circle that matches your answer.
- Marks are **NOT** deducted for incorrect answers.
- Return the **ANSWER SHEET** to the invigilator at the end of the examination.
- You are **NOT** allowed to use a calculator. You may use a ruler and spare paper for rough work.

The test contains 50 multiple choice questions. The test is divided into two sections. Attempt all questions. Each question carries 1 mark and has four options, A, B, C and D.

Section A (Skills Based)

1. Choose the synonyms of the word in bold in this sentence.

The speaker was **articulate** in conveying his message to the audience.

- (A) eloquent (B) ambiguous
(C) both (A) and (B) (D) none of these

2. The sentence has a part in bold. Select the option that replaces the part in bold correctly.

After months of trying, she finally **threw in the towel** and quit her job.

- (A) jumped on the bandwagon (B) kicked the bucket
(C) admitted defeat (D) pulled the strings

3. The project manager had to _____ the team's expectations to ensure a smooth workflow.

- (A) manage (B) mitigate
(C) exaggerate (D) ignore

4. Identify the type of noun in bold in this sentence.

The **team** worked together to achieve their goal.

- (A) abstract noun (B) proper noun
(C) common noun (D) collective noun

5. Replace the highlighted phrase by choosing the correct option to make the sentence grammatically coherent.

They **was planning** to go to the park.

- (A) were planning (B) are planning
(C) is planning (D) have planning

6. Replace the word in bold in the sentence below with the appropriate preposition by choosing the correct option.

The teacher looked **at** the students, waiting for them to answer.

- (A) into (B) towards
(C) over (D) upon

7. The sentence below is divided into three parts. One of the parts has a mistake. Choose the option that has the mistake.

He will have to choose between staying (i)/ at home and attending the meeting, (ii)/ which are both important for him (iii).

- (A) (i) (B) (ii)
(C) (iii) (D) no error

8. Replace the highlighted phrase by choosing the correct option to make the sentence grammatically coherent. Follow the direction in the bracket.

He **finishes** his homework every day before dinner. (Change this to past simple tense)

- (A) finished (B) will finish
(C) has finished (D) finishing

9. Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct option, keeping in mind the rules of subject-verb agreement.

If the recent news about the wildfires and their devastating impact didn't alarm you enough, here's more information. Many fraudulent donation websites _____.

- (A) were created to exploit the situation. (B) was created to exploit the situation.
(C) were created for exploiting the situation. (D) was created for exploiting the situation.

10. Fill in the blank by following the direction in the bracket.

_____ you help me with this task? (Polite request)

- (A) Shall (B) Will
(C) Do (D) Must

11. Which option is the grammatically correct way to express the sentence in the passive voice?

Finish the report by Friday.

- (A) The report should be finished by Friday. (B) Finish the report by Friday.
(C) Both (A) and (B) (D) Cannot be changed into passive voice

12. To change this statement into indirect speech, select the correct option.

Rajesh said, 'I will finish the report by tomorrow.'

- (A) Rajesh said that he will finish the report by tomorrow.
(B) Rajesh said that he would finish the report by the next day.
(C) Rajesh said that he finishes the report by tomorrow.
(D) Rajesh said that he would have finished the report by tomorrow.

13. Arrange the following words and phrases into a coherent sentence.

(i) track your expenses/ (ii) the new software/ (iii) might help/ (iv) and/ (v) you to/ (vi) generate reports

- (A) ii-i-iv-v-iii-vi (B) iii-ii-v-i-iv-vi
(C) i-ii-iv-v-iii-vi (D) ii-iii-v-i-iv-vi

14. Choose the option with the most appropriate punctuation.

Maria, who loves to travel has visited many countries.

- (A) Maria, who loves to travel, has visited many countries.
(B) Maria who loves to travel, has visited many countries.
(C) Maria, who loves to travel has, visited many countries.
(D) Maria, who, loves to travel, has visited many countries.

15. Choose the option that can replace the words in bold in the sentence below.

The team completed the project **within the stipulated time**.

- (A) in the stipulated time (B) within the given time
(C) by the stipulated time (D) on the stipulated time

16. Identify the option that provides the most logical and grammatically correct replacement for the highlighted words.

She enjoys reading books before bed because it helps her **to relax and prepare** for the next day.

- (A) to relax and preparing (B) relaxing and to prepare
(C) to relax and prepare (D) relaxes and prepares

17. Find the synonym for the word in bold.

I could not stand the **odious** smell reeking out of the leather factory.

- (A) lucid (B) loathsome
(C) dusky (D) none of these

18. Select the correct meaning of the proverb below.

Birds of a feather flock together.

- (A) Similar people tend to stick together. (B) Friends are similar to each other.
(C) Birds travel in a flock together. (D) none of the above

19. Fill in the blank by choosing the idiom.

Everyone speaks high of the plans of business expansion but no one wants to come forward and _____.

- (A) ball up (B) bell the cat
(C) bait a trap (D) beat about

20. Choose the option which best describes the word: ABJECT.

- (A) They live in abject poverty.
(B) This policy has turned out to be an abject successful.
(C) He abjected to raising funds through collecting donation.
(D) He is almost abject in his respect for his boss.

21. Fill in the blank with the correct relative pronoun.

I was to blame for everything _____ went wrong.

- (A) who (B) what
(C) that (D) whose

22. Identify the case for the noun in bold.

Sir, there is a courier for you.

- (A) dative case (B) vocative case
(C) both (A) and (B) (D) none of these

23. The sentence below has been divided into four parts. Some words/phrases are highlighted in the parts. One of these highlighted parts would be incorrect. Choose the option which contains the incorrect part.

After their **face-saving** win, (i)/ **the captain** (ii)/ said **lot of areas** (iii)/ **needed** improvement (iv).

- (A) (i) (B) (i) and (ii)
(C) (iii) (D) (iv)

24. If the adjectives 'green' and 'new' are used in the same sentence, which adjective would generally be used first in the sentence, keeping in mind the order of adjectives?

- (A) 'New' should be used before 'green'. (B) 'Green' should be used before 'new'.
(C) Both can be used in any order. (D) 'New' is not an adjective.

25. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

The bank is going to be open _____ your duty may be extended.

- (A) from 10 am to 4 pm, therefore (B) by 10 am and 4 pm, so that
(C) between 10 am to 4 pm, but (D) from 10 am and 4 pm, so

26. Replace the words in bold with the correct option to make a grammatically coherent sentence.
The frustrated artist decided to **break up** her latest painting and start over.
(A) rip up (B) tear down
(C) break up (D) throw up
27. A sentence is presented in four slightly different ways. Choose the best way of writing the sentence from the options.
(A) It doesn't take a doctor's visit to know that all the stress in your life possibly isn't good for you. Although did you know that it might actually be killing you?
(B) It doesn't take a doctor's visit to know that all the stress in your life probably isn't good for you. Otherwise, did you know that it might actually be killing you?
(C) It doesn't take a doctor's visit to know that all the stress in your life probably isn't good for you. But did you know that it might actually be killing you?
(D) It doesn't need a doctor's visit to know that all the stress in your life probably isn't good for you. Nevertheless, did you know that it moreover actually be killing you?
28. Do you _____ walk your dog today? (Obligation)
(A) has to (B) have to
(C) need to (D) dare to
29. A steel factory _____ the government in this state.
(A) may be set up by (B) will be set up by
(C) both (A) and (B) (D) none of these
30. Choose the options that arrange the following sentences into coherent paragraphs.
A local bakery is known for its delicious treats. Here's how they achieve their success:
(i) The bakers then use these ingredients to craft their mouth-watering pastries.
(ii) Every morning, fresh ingredients are delivered to the bakery.
(iii) Finally, the finished products are displayed beautifully in the shop window.
(iv) This dedication to quality ensures that every customer leaves happy.
How should these sentences be ordered to create a coherent paragraph?
(A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) (B) (ii), (i), (iii), (iv)
(C) (iv), (i), (ii), (iii) (D) (iii), (ii), (i), (iv)
31. China's move to downsize its _____ military will result in a layoff of about 170,000 officers, as the world's largest army plans to scrap two of its existing seven commands and three corps to streamline forces.
(A) 2.3-million-strong (B) 2.3 million strong
(C) 2.3-million strong (D) 2.3 million-strong
32. Choose the option which correctly replaces the words in bold.
We should vote for Mr Anand because he is honest, knowledgeable and **works hard**.
(A) We should vote for Mr Anand because he is honest, knowledgeable and hard-working.
(B) We should vote for Mr Anand because he is honest, knowledgeable and hard-workable.
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(D) None of these

33. Correct highlighted errors in the paragraph below.

But just when she had almost given up hope. She was (i) striked with a brilliant idea: her birthday was due fairly soon and if she (ii) had deals with the family skillfully, she (iii) had felt sure, she could not only get a boat but a lot of other equipment as well.

- (A) (i) struck (ii) dealt (iii) felt
(B) (i) have struck (ii) have dealt (iii) felt
(C) (i) struck (ii) have dealt (iii) had felt
(D) (i) had struck (ii) deal (iii) feel

34. One metre is a comparatively small distance.

- (A) The verb is not in agreement with the subject as the singular subject must be combined with a plural verb.
(B) The verb is not in agreement with the subject as the singular subject must be combined with a singular verb.
(C) The subject and verb are in agreement as a plural verb must be used with a plural subject.
(D) The subject and verb are in agreement as the verb is always singular for units of measuring distance.

35. Which of the following statements has incorrect punctuation?

- (A) Jodi, why did you not go to school today?
(B) She ate; and I did the dishes.
(C) If I had enough money to spend on anything I wished to do, I would visit the movie theatre every day.
(D) When he left Shelly, Jean was not thinking clearly.

36. Read the paragraph below and choose the sentences that contain an error.

Sarah excitedly read the news online. 'Local animal shelter wins award for innovative care methods!' the headline proclaimed. (i) Wishing to volunteer, she decided to visit the shelter that day. Elated at the prospect of helping animals, Sarah arrived and filled out an application form. The staff member explained the different volunteer opportunities, (ii) all sounding interesting. Sarah signed up to walk the dogs, a perfect fit for her love of animals and exercise.

- (A) sentence (i)
(B) sentence (ii)
(C) both sentences (i) and (ii)
(D) neither sentence (i) nor (ii)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Rajendra was a landlord. He had made a lot of money by cheating and ill-treating his labourers who worked in the fields. One day, a young man named Mani came to Rajendra, asking for work. Rajendra was pleasantly surprised. No one had ever wanted to work for him because of his reputation, and here was someone walking right into his house! Mani's next few words surprised him even more. Mani said, 'I will work for you for free. Only give me a place to sleep, two sets of clothes and two square meals a day.' Rajendra was beside himself with joy when he heard this and was about to agree, when Mani added, 'I have only one condition: I will tell you the truth always, but one day in the year, I will lie.'

Rajendra, who lived happily every day of the year, agreed to this odd condition. So Mani began working for him. He was a wonderful worker – hard-working and trustworthy. He was very honest and soon became Rajendra's right-hand man. Because of Mani's hard work, Rajendra had an excellent harvest. He and his wife, Manda, decided to have a big feast to celebrate. They invited all their relatives and friends, from the village and outside as well.

Everyone was looking forward to the delicious feast being planned. On the morning of the feast, Rajendra decided he would also give away some gifts to his relatives, just to show off. So he set off for the market in his cart.

As soon as he was out of sight, Mani went running to Manda. He wept loudly and beat his chest. Then he fell on the floor, sobbing and announced. The master is dead! The cart over- turned on the road. Our master has been flattened like a chapatti! As soon as Rajendra's wife and relatives heard this, they started wailing. Mani rushed out saying he would bring back the body, while everyone started preparing for the last rites. Mani now went running to his master and said, 'Master! Your wife is dead. A cobra bit her and she fell to the ground, as blue as the spring sky.' Rajendra was stunned. What! His beloved Manda, his partner in all his schemes, was dead! He hurried home shouting her name.

Manda too was weeping loudly, sitting in the courtyard. When she saw her husband run in, she stopped mid wail, and Rajendra too stood open mouthed. Then they fell into each other's arms, unable to believe their eyes.

As one, they turned to Mani. What is the meaning of this, Mani? His master angrily demanded. Mani smiled. 'Remember my condition, that I would lie once in the year? Well. I chose today. You see what lies can do? Now think what happens to the people to whom you lie every day of the year!' Saying this, he walked out, leaving behind a stunned and ashamed landlord.

37. Which of the following can be said about Manda?

- (i) She trusted Mani more than Rajendra.
- (ii) She had a good relationship with her husband.
- (iii) She was gullible.
- (A) Only (i)
- (B) Only (i) and (iii)
- (C) Only (ii) and (iii)
- (D) All (i), (ii) and (iii)

38. Why did Rajendra go out on the day of the feast?

- (A) He wanted to share his good fortune with his relatives.
- (B) He took gifts for his relatives who were not as well off as he was.
- (C) He wanted to boast about his prosperity to his relatives by giving them gifts.
- (D) He wanted to personally invite his relatives who lived outside the village.

Section B (Competency Based)

Direction: Questions 39-50 have four options A, B, C and D out of which TWO are correct.

39. Which of the following sentences indicates a lack of possibility?

- (A) You can't improve unless you practise.
- (B) You won't improve unless you practise.
- (C) You mightn't improve unless you practise.
- (D) You needn't improve unless you practise.

40. Please open the door.

- (A) Can the door be opened, please?
- (B) Let the door be opened.
- (C) You are requested to open the door.
- (D) Cannot be changed into passive voice

41. Rekha, 'Call an ambulance now,' the man said.

- (A) The man told Rekha to call an ambulance.
- (B) The man urged Rekha to call an ambulance then.
- (C) The man suggested Rekha call an ambulance.
- (D) The man ordered Rekha to call an ambulance immediately.

42. help you/ improve your fitness/ a stiff upper lip will/ and/ focus better on the/ be required to undertake at the new place/ important things that you will
- (A) A stiff upper lip will help you focus better on the important things that you will be required to undertake at the new place and improve your fitness.
- (B) A stiff upper lip will help you improve your fitness on the important things and focus better that you will be required to undertake at the new place.
- (C) A stiff upper lip will help you the important things that you will be required improve your fitness to undertake and focus better on at the new place.
- (D) A stiff upper lip will help you improve your fitness and focus better on the important things that you will be required to undertake at the new place.
43. The sentence below is divided into four parts. Two of the parts have mistakes. Choose the options that contain the mistakes.
She has been (i)/ waiting since (ii)/ three hours (iii)/ on the bus stop (iv).
- (A) (i) (B) (ii)
- (C) (iii) (D) (iv)
44. The committee observed that _____ employees had _____ interest in the training session.
- (A) few, great (B) very few, any
- (C) a handful of, little (D) no, any
45. Following the rules of correct order of adjectives, fill in the blanks.
She wore a _____ dress to the party.
- (A) long, blue (B) beautiful, long
- (C) blue, beautiful (D) beautiful, blue
46. Complete the following sentence using suitable compound noun and relative pronoun from the options provided.
A _____ is a marine mammal _____ can hold its breath underwater for a long time.
- (A) dolphin (B) shark
- (C) who (D) that
47. The waves _____ the rocks at regular intervals.
- (A) keeps (B) kept
- (C) hitting (D) hit
48. Fill in the blank with correct option.
They always go to the park on Sundays. This weekend, they _____ visiting the museum instead.
- (A) are (B) will
- (C) will be (D) visits
49. My brother and his friend _____ to the arcade.
- (A) has gone (B) went
- (C) have gone (D) is going
50. 'Did you lock the door?' she said.
- (A) She asked if I had locked the door. (B) She asked whether I had locked the door.
- (C) She asked whether I did lock the door. (D) She said if I had locked the door.