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Total Questions: 40

Total Marks: 40

Time: 1 hour

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO

- 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 **40 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.

This question paper contains a total of 40 questions divided into two sections: A and B. Attempt all questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

Section A (Skills Based)

1. Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verb.
She was able to _____ the complex problem with ease.
(A) figure out (B) figure up
(C) figure in (D) figure on
2. Fill in the blank to complete the meaning of the word.
Enigma: Something that is _____ to understand or explain
(A) easy (B) difficult
(C) enjoyable (D) clear
3. Fill in the blank to complete the proverb.
A stitch in time _____.
(A) saves nine (B) makes the heart grow fonder
(C) is the best policy (D) is worth its weight in gold
4. Choose a suitable collective noun to fill in the blank.
The farmer has a _____ of sheep in his field.
(A) flock (B) herd
(C) pack (D) swarm
5. Fill in the blanks using appropriate determiner.
_____ people attended the seminar last week.
(A) Much (B) Little
(C) A few (D) Few
6. Identify the type of verb used in this sentence.
The dog barked loudly at the stranger.
(A) auxiliary verb (B) intransitive verb
(C) transitive verb (D) non-finite verb
7. Identify the kind of adverb in bold in this sentence.
The chef **skillfully** prepared the meal.
(A) adverb of time (B) adverb of degree
(C) adverb of manner (D) adverb of frequency

8. Choose the correct simple/compound/phrasal preposition to fill in the blank.
She decided to study hard _____ wasting her time using social media.
(A) despite of (B) rather than
(C) along with (D) in spite of
9. Fill in the blank with the correct conjunction.
Gargi bought a lot of fruits and vegetables _____ she went to the market.
(A) than (B) or
(C) since (D) when
10. Choose the correct simple past or past perfect tense to fill in the blanks.
She _____ a book before she _____ the library.
(A) had borrowed, left (B) borrowed, had left
(C) was borrowing, had left (D) had been borrowing, left
11. Choose the nearest meaning to this idiom/phrase.
to be up in arms
(A) to be very enthusiastic (B) to be very angry
(C) to be very energetic (D) to be very arrogant
12. Choose the correct way of expressing the sentence in passive voice.
The students were completing their assignments in the library.
(A) Assignments were being completed by the students in the library.
(B) Assignment were being completed by students in the library.
(C) Assignments was being completed by students in the library.
(D) Assignments were been completed by the students in the library.
13. Choose the correct way of expressing the sentence in indirect speech.
Mom says, 'You need to finish your homework before dinner.'
(A) Mom says that you need to finish your homework before dinner.
(B) Mom said that you needed to finish your homework before dinner.
(C) Mom says that I need to finish my homework before dinner.
(D) Mom will say that you need to finish your homework before dinner.
14. Identify whether the words in bold are part of the dependent clause, independent clause or phrase in this sentence.
The book that I borrowed is on the table.
(A) dependent clause (B) independent clause
(C) phrase (D) none of these

15. Choose the correct punctuation mark for this sentence.

Why have they been practising the whole evening

- (A) full stop (B) question mark
(C) exclamation mark (D) none of these

16. Choose the correct synonym for the word in bold in this sentence.

The activist has raised some **pertinent** issues related to the environment.

- (A) impractical (B) futile
(C) distant (D) appropriate

17. Choose the correct phrasal verb for the word in bold in this sentence.

Grandfather usually **sleeps** after lunch.

- (A) buckles down (B) nods off
(C) cheers down (D) breaks out

18. Identify the correct description that best define the one-word substitution.

aristocracy

- (A) a state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems
(B) a form of government in which power is held by the nobility
(C) a system of government by one person with absolute power
(D) a self-governing country or region

19. Identify which word of the following sentence is a subjective case of pronoun.

It is his responsibility to see whose seats have been occupied.

- (A) It (B) his
(C) whose (D) all of these

20. Identify the kind of adjective in this sentence.

There are **seven** colours in the rainbow.

- (A) adjective of quantity (B) adjective of number
(C) both (A) and (B) (D) neither

21. _____ of the deadlines is met.

- (A) Much (B) No
(C) Most (D) Neither

22. Identify the kind of verb being used in this sentence.

Metals expand on heating.

- (A) transitive (B) intransitive
(C) finite (D) both (B) and (C)

23. Identify the adverb of degree in this sentence.

After taking medicine, I am feeling quite better.

- (A) after (B) better
(C) feeling (D) quite

24. Identify the kind of preposition of the highlighted word.

It has been raining **since** morning.

- (A) preposition of time (B) preposition of direction
(C) preposition of position (D) preposition of agent

25. Identify the coordinating conjunction in this sentence.

I scored 60% on the exams but Ananya scored 7% more than me this year.

- (A) than (B) but
(C) on (D) both (A) and (B)

26. Choose which of the following is the correct way of expressing the given sentence in future continuous tense.

- (A) At this time next Monday, we'll be celebrating your birthday.
(B) At this time next Monday, we'll have been celebrating your birthday.
(C) At this time next Monday, we will celebrating your birthday.
(D) At this time next Monday, we'll celebrate your birthday.

27. Identify the kind of sentence.

Never speak to me like that again.

- (A) declarative (B) exclamatory
(C) imperative (D) interrogative

28. Choose the correct option for the highlighted word/words.

They play **in the playground** after school.

- (A) sentence (B) phrase
(C) clause (D) jumbled words

Instruction: Q. 29 to 33 are two-key-based questions having four options A, B, C and D out of which TWO are correct. Pick out the correct options from the following questions:

- 29.** Which of the following are NOT synonyms of 'joyful'?
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| (A) ecstatic | (B) miserable |
| (C) elated | (D) gloomy |
- 30.** Pick out the adjectives of quantity.
The recipe calls for some sugar and a lot of flour.
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| (A) some | (B) sugar |
| (C) a lot | (D) flour |
- 31.** Choose the sentences that are in passive voice.
- (A) The old woman was being helped by some children.
(B) In winter people burn a lot of wood.
(C) A lot of wood is burnt by people in winter.
(D) Some children were helping the old woman.
- 32.** Pick out the sentences which are in indirect speech.
- (A) Hiten said that he loved mangoes but his sister liked grapes.
(B) Hiten said, 'I love mangoes but my sister likes grapes.'
(C) The policeman said that he had caught the thief just then.
(D) The policeman said, 'I have caught the thief just now.'
- 33.** Choose the sentences that have NO error.
- (A) Do you have faith in God?
(B) We'd like to talk to anyone who has the same Problem.
(C) 'Open your book,' said Monica'
(D) Mike said, 'I have got a scholarship.'

Section B (Competency Based)

- 34.** Choose the sentence in which capital letters and full stops, is/are correctly used.
My birthday is in may i want a book written by Charles Dickens
- (A) My birthday is in May. I want a book written by Charles Dickens.
(B) My birthday is in may. I want a book written by Charles dickens.
(C) My birthday is in May. I want a book written by charles dickens.
(D) My birthday Is in may. I want a book written by Charles dickens.

35. Which sentence contains a dependent clause?
- (A) Emma felt a rush of adrenaline at the beginning of the race.
 - (B) She had practised every day, running up and down the hills, pushing herself harder each time.
 - (C) With a burst of energy, she surged ahead of the boy and crossed the finish line first.
 - (D) As the race began, Emma felt a rush of adrenaline.
36. Which sentence contains a direct object?
- (A) Emma arrived at the race track and saw that many other children had already gathered there.
 - (B) Today was the day of the big race, and she had been training for weeks.
 - (C) Emma felt a rush of adrenaline as she sprinted off the starting line.
 - (D) Emma hugged Sarah, before wishing her good luck.

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Compact discs (CDs), which may be found in millions of homes and offices, not to mention backpacks and automobiles, first entered popular culture in the 1980s. But their history goes back to the 1960s, when an inventor named James Russell decided to create an alternative to his scratched and warped phonograph records—a system that could record, store and replay music without ever wearing out.

The result was the compact disc (CD). Made from 1.2 mm of polycarbonate plastic, the disc is coated with a much thinner aluminium layer that is then protected with a film of lacquer. The lacquer layer can be printed with a label. CDs are typically 120 mm in diameter and can store about 74 minutes of music.

There are also discs that can store 80, 90, 99, and 100 minutes of music, but they are not as compatible with various stereos and computers as the 74-minute size.

The information on a standard CD is contained on the polycarbonate layer, as a single spiral track of pits, starting at the inside of the disk and circling its way to the outside. This information is read by shining light from a 780 nm wavelength semiconductor laser through the bottom of the polycarbonate layer. The light from the laser follows the spiral track of pits and is then reflected off either the pit or the aluminium layer. As the CD is read through the bottom of the disc, each pit looks like a bump to the laser.

Information is read as the laser moves over the bumps (where no light will be reflected) and the areas that have no bumps, also known as land (where the laser light will be reflected off the aluminium). The changes in reflectivity are interpreted by a part of the compact disc player known as the detector. It is the job of the detector to convert the information collected by the laser into the music that was originally recorded onto the disc. This invention brought 22 patents to James Russell, who today says he is working on an even better system for recording and playing music.

37. According to the passage, why did James Russell invent the CD?
- (A) He was tired of turning over his records to hear both sides.
 - (B) He wanted to record more music in a new format.
 - (C) He wanted a purer, more durable sound than he could get from vinyl records.
 - (D) He was interested in getting patents.
38. Paragraph 3 of the passage explains all of the following EXCEPT _____.
- (A) how the information on a CD is read
 - (B) why semiconductor lasers were invented
 - (C) where information is stored on a CD
 - (D) the purpose of the aluminium layer of a CD
39. When did compact discs-CDs enter popular culture?
- (A) 1970s
 - (B) 1980s
 - (C) 1990s
 - (D) none of these
40. The information on a standard CD moves over the _____.
- (A) bumps
 - (B) tracks
 - (C) both (A) and (B)
 - (D) none of these