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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. Choose the correct antonym of the highlighted word.

She felt a deep sense of **despair** after the accident.

- (A) hope (B) sorrow
(C) gloom (D) depression

2. Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verb.

Despite the rain, we decided to _____ with our picnic plans.

- (A) go over (B) go out
(C) go ahead (D) go down

3. Choose the option that best describes this profession.

ethnologist

- (A) someone who designs and builds structures and buildings
(B) someone who studies cultures and societies
(C) someone who writes and edits books
(D) someone who performs surgeries and medical treatments

4. Choose the correct meaning of this idiom/proverb.

to break the ice

- (A) To shatter a piece of ice
(B) To make a situation more comfortable and less formal
(C) To physically break a block of ice
(D) To cool something down quickly

5. Choose the sentence where the relative pronoun 'which' is used incorrectly.

- (A) The book, which is on the shelf, belongs to Neha.
(B) The house, which has a red door, is located on Elm Street.
(C) The plant, which students watered, is growing at a good speed.
(D) The girl, which is singing, did not attend the concert.

6. Choose the correct degree of the adjective for the adjective 'brilliant'.

brilliant

- (A) positive (B) comparative
(C) superlative (D) not an adjective

7. Identify the type of determiner for the underlined word.

Several students have completed their assignments.

- (A) demonstrative (B) possessive
(C) quantifier (D) article

8. Pick out the non-finite verb in this sentence.

She plans to visit her grandparents next week.

- (A) visit (B) plans
(C) to visit (D) grandparents

9. Choose the correct transformation of this sentence into the simple past tense.

The children are playing in the park.

- (A) The children will play in the park. (B) The children have played in the park.
(C) The children played in the park. (D) The children were playing in the park.

10. The team of researchers _____ to publish their findings next month.

- (A) plans (B) plan
(C) planning (D) to plan

11. Choose the option which is in the opposite voice to this sentence.

The book was read by the students.

- (A) The students read the book. (B) The book is read by the students.
(C) The book was being read by the students. (D) The students will read the book.

12. Choose the option which directly changes this sentence into direct speech.

The teacher asked the students to submit their homework by Friday.

- (A) 'Please submit your homework by Friday,' the teacher said.
(B) 'Submit your homework by Friday,' the teacher said.
(C) 'You must submit your homework by Friday,' the teacher said.
(D) 'I want your homework submitted by Friday,' the teacher said.

13. Identify the kind of clause in bold.

The book **that you lent me** was fascinating.

- (A) noun clause (B) adjective clause
(C) adverb clause (D) not a clause

14. Chose the correctly punctuated sentence.

- (A) The cat sat on the mat, purring contentedly.
(B) The cat sat, on the mat purring contentedly.
(C) The cat sat on the mat purring, contentedly.
(D) The cat sat on the mat purring, contentedly

15. Fill in the blank with appropriate phrasal verb.

Traffic is _____ for miles due to the accident on the highway.

- (A) bang under (B) banged up
(C) banged to (D) banged with

16. A person who lends money and keeps goods as security is called a _____.

- (A) lexicographer (B) haberdasher
(C) pawnbroker (D) anthropologist

17. Complete this proverb using the correct option.

One man's _____ is another man's poison.

- (A) apple (B) medicine
(C) meat (D) drink

18. Which relative pronoun cannot be used for non-living things?

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

19. Which of the following is a non-finite form of the verb 'be'?

- (A) am (B) were
(C) is (D) been

20. Which of the following does NOT have the right preposition?

- (A) ignorant of (B) laugh at
(C) short at (D) popular with

21. The type of conjunction used for joining clauses or sentences is called _____.

- (A) coordinate conjunctions (B) subordinate conjunctions
(C) correlative conjunctions (D) none of these

22. Choose the correct transformation of this sentence into the simple future tense.

Vidhu walked towards the post office.

- (A) Vidhu were walking towards the post office.
(B) Vidhu will be walking towards the post office.
(C) Vidhu will have walked towards the post office
(D) Vidhu will walk towards the post office.

23. Choose the correct transformation of this sentence from passive to active voice.

A groundbreaking experiment was conducted by the scientist.

- (A) The scientist conducted a groundbreaking experiment.
(B) The conducted scientist a groundbreaking experiment.
(C) The scientist conducted an experiment and broke the ground.
(D) None of these

24. Choose the correct transformation of this sentence into direct speech.

The aggrieved father exclaimed with sorrow that Raghav had failed again.

- (A) 'Oh God! Raghav has failed again,' said the father.
(B) 'Oh God! I have failed again,' said Raghav's father.
(C) 'Oh God! Raghav has failed again,' said the aggrieved father.
(D) 'Oh God! Raghav's father has failed again,' said an aggrieved Raghav.

25. Identify the clause/phrase in bold in this sentences.

He looked **behind the curtain**.

- (A) adverbs phrase (B) noun phrase
(C) verbal phrase (D) prepositional phrase

26. Choose the option which has the correct punctuation for this sentence.

We Jai, Kanan and I have been working on this project for two weeks.

- (A) We (Jai, Kanan and I) have (B) We — Jai, Kanan and I have
(C) We, Jai, Kanan and I, have (D) We, Jai, Kanan and I have

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

It was a setting that had defined his life, first as a scientist and then as India's 11th President. It was also one that summed up his final moments. On the dais was Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, delivering the first lines of a lecture on 'Sustainable Development', to be followed by a trademark interaction with over 135 students from a management college in Shillong.

However, at around 6:30 pm, just as he had clicked past the first two slides of his presentation, Kalam collapsed. After 75 minutes, it was official: 'All efforts were made but Dr A P J Abdul Kalam could not be revived,' the Bethany Hospital said in a statement.

Kalam had earlier said: 'Tomorrow if I address a group of youngsters and talk about the flag flying in my heart and how I will uphold the dignity of the nation, I can get them to dream. But if I talk to people who are 40, 50 or 70 years old, it will not go down that well. Also, the youth have fewer biases about their society as compared to the grown-ups.'

27. What was Kalam doing when he collapsed?

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| (A) delivering a lecture | (B) holding a meeting |
| (C) on a diplomatic visit | (D) talking to his colleagues |

28. Kalam had also said, 'The youth have fewer biases about _____ as compared to the grown-ups.'

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| (A) their society | (B) their world |
| (C) their city | (D) their lives |

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

29. Identify the sentences that are in the passive voice.

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| (A) The bag is opened by him. | (B) She didn't let Siya go. |
| (C) By whom is cricket being played? | (D) Who is playing cricket? |

30. Which of the following are subordinate conjunctions?

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| (A) until | (B) although |
| (C) rare | (D) or |

31. Pick out the sentences that have NO error in the following sentences:

- (A) When will you go to meet her?
 (B) Which one is yours.
 (C) Mother, said to me, 'Don't forget your lunch box.'
 (D) Mother said to me, 'Don't forget your lunch box.'

32. Choose the correct prepositional phrases.

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| (A) according to | (B) in regard |
| (C) on behalf of | (D) out of with |

33. The new software will (i) _____ enhance productivity (ii) _____ streamline communication across departments.

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| (A) (i) but also | (B) (ii) not only |
| (C) (i) not only | (D) (ii) but also |

Section B (Competency Based)

34. An action that will or won't be going on at a certain time to come after having started for some time is described by _____ tense.

- (A) Future perfect
- (B) Future continuous
- (C) Future perfect continuous
- (D) Simple future

35. If the subject and the verb are separated by a prepositional phrase, the prepositional phrase has _____ on the verb.

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| (A) a powerful effect | (B) a little effect |
| (C) no effect | (D) a lot of effect |

36. Choose the correct option that correctly changes this sentence into active voice.

The fence may have been painted by tomorrow.

- (A) Tomorrow may paint the fence.
- (B) Tomorrow may have painted the fence.
- (C) Someone may have painted the fence by tomorrow.
- (D) Someone may paint the fence tomorrow.

37. Pick the odd one out.

- (A) He said that he had gone to the cafe.
- (B) I exclaimed in pain that I had hurt myself.
- (C) He asked them to leave him alone.
- (D) 'Will you please leave this room,' said an angry teacher.

38. Sentences which include orders, commands, requests or entreaty are called _____.
- (A) assertive (B) imperative
(C) interrogative (D) exclamatory

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

We must take proper care of our hair. Healthy hair looks beautiful and makes us feel good. It is important to keep our hair clean by washing it regularly with soap or shampoo. This removes the dirt and dust and prevents scalp infections. To have healthy hair, we must eat a balanced diet, which provides nourishment to our hair and skin. We should eat lots of green leafy vegetables, fresh fruits and cereals. Consumption of amla juice, ash gourd juice, pumpkin and coconut water enhances hair growth. Vitamin B6 found in cereals and egg yolk, helps prevent dandruff. Vitamin B12 helps prevent hair loss and can be found in fish, eggs, chicken and milk. We should avoid intake of maida (fine flour) and deep-fried dishes, sweets made of white sugar, soft drinks, tea and coffee. If we follow a healthy regime of yoga and breathing exercises, we can enjoy healthy hair for a long time as it slows down the process of greying and ageing.

39. How can the process of greying and ageing be slowed down?
- (A) jogging (B) morning walks
(C) doing yoga and breathing exercises (D) sufficient sleep
40. Which of the following is NOT true?
- (A) We must take care of our hair.
(B) Vitamin B12 helps prevent hair fall.
(C) We should include a lot of leafy vegetables, fresh fruits and cereals in our diet.
(D) We should increase the intake of maida and deep-fried dishes.