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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. Replace the word in bold with their antonyms.

She gave a **vague** explanation for her tardiness.

- (A) clear (B) blurry
(C) obscure (D) uncertain

2. Choose the right phrasal verb to complete the sentence.

The children were so noisy that I couldn't _____ them anymore.

- (A) put out (B) put up with
(C) put in for (D) put down

3. One who is not easily convinced or persuaded is called _____.

- (A) gullible (B) credulous
(C) skeptic (D) optimis

4. Pick the correct meaning of the proverb/idiom.

to bite the bullet

- (A) To avoid a situation (B) To face a difficult situation bravely
(C) To give up easily (D) To express fear openly

5. Choose the word that is described here:

To officially end or terminate something, such as a meeting or a session.

- (A) adjourne (B) adjourn
(C) adorn (D) adjournn

6. Choose the correct adjective to replace the highlighted word.

This is the **modern** technology available.

- (A) modern (B) more modern
(C) most modern (D) modernest

7. Identify the infinitive verb in this sentence.

To write clearly is important for effective communication.

- (A) to write (B) is important
(C) write clearly (D) important for

8. Choose the correct preposition that should follow the highlighted word.

It was **kind** _____ her to help us with the project.

- (A) to (B) of
(C) from (D) with

9. The company will offer a discount _____ you purchase more than five items.

- (A) if (B) although
(C) because (D) despite

10. Choose the correct option by following the direction in the bracket to correct this sentence.

The team **has finished** the project successfully. (Future Perfect)

- (A) will finish (B) will have finished
(C) had finished (D) finishes

11. The following sentence has been broken down into four parts. Choose the part that has an error.

The teacher (i) / have given (ii) / a new book (iii) / to each student (iv).

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

12. Choose the option which correctly changes this sentence into active voice.

The cake was baked by Sarah.

- (A) Sarah baked the cake. (B) The cake baked Sarah.
(C) Sarah was baked by the cake. (D) The cake was baking Sarah.

13. Choose the option which correctly identifies the type of this sentence.

She wants to travel the world.

- (A) imperative sentence (B) interrogative sentence
(C) assertive sentence (D) exclamatory sentence

14. Choose the sentences with the correct use of hyphens.

- i. She is a well-known author in the field of science fiction.
ii. The cake was freshly-baked and was so delicious.
iii. He has a high-school diploma in engineering.
iv. The event will take place in a two-hour time slot.

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

- 15.** Which of the following does NOT mean the opposite of 'humble'?
- (A) modest (B) arrogant
(C) opulent (D) shy
- 16.** Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence.
You should never _____ important work for later.
- (A) put out (B) put off
(C) put in (D) put aside
- 17.** Extreme self-centered attitude or self-worship is called _____.
- (A) epomania (B) egomania
(C) euromania (D) ergomania
- 18.** Pick the correct meaning of the proverb/idiom.
hanging by a thread
- (A) in a sorry or humble state (B) be extremely weak
(C) unable to act as desired (D) be in a dangerous situation
- 19.** Lying or being dishonest is against my _____.
- (A) principles (B) principals
(C) principality (D) princeling
- 20.** What is the fear of closed spaces called?
- (A) claustrophobia (B) ecophobia
(C) aerophobia (D) heliophobia
- 21.** The car that I drive has _____ unique feature.
- (A) a (B) an
(C) the (D) all of these
- 22.** Pick the odd one out.
- (A) honest (B) deceitful
(C) upright (D) humblest
- 23.** Finite verbs are governed by the _____ of the subject.
- (A) number (B) person
(C) both (A) and (B) (D) none of these

24. Choose the option that correctly places the adverb 'utterly' in this sentence.

It was foolish of you to believe him.

- (A) It was **utterly** foolish of you to believe him.
- (B) It **utterly** was foolish of you to believe him.
- (C) It was foolish **utterly** of you to believe him.
- (D) It was foolish of you to **utterly** believe him.

25. Choose the correct set of prepositions to complete the sentence.

I must agree _____ your argument, but if you make mistakes _____ the technical aspect, you should be prepared _____ criticism.

- (A) to, for, on
- (B) with, in, for
- (C) with, to, on
- (D) to, on, for

26. Replace the conjunctions or interjections in bold with the correct ones from the options.

Eureka, we lost the contract again!

- (A) Bah
- (B) Shoo
- (C) Bravo
- (D) Hi

27. The type of coordinate conjunction that one statement or fact is proved or inferred from another is called _____.

- (A) cumulative
- (B) alternative
- (C) adversative
- (D) illative

28. Many a _____ hard to pass the entrance exam.

- (A) students try
- (B) students tries
- (C) student try
- (D) student tries

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

29. Which of the following sentences are NOT in indirect speech?

- (A) He asked if I had finished my homework.
- (B) He said, 'I will finish my homework tonight.'
- (C) She told me that she was leaving for Paris.
- (D) She said, 'I am going to Paris next week.'

- 30.** Which of the following are NOT abstract nouns?
- (A) honesty (B) childhood
(C) chair (D) hospital
- 31.** Choose the sentences in which the subject-verb agreement is correct.
- (A) The policemen is chasing the thieves.
(B) The policemen are chasing the thieves.
(C) A bunch of keys are kept on the table.
(D) A bunch of keys is kept on the table.
- 32.** Choose the sentences which are NOT in passive voice.
- (A) There is no time to waste.
(B) It is time to have lunch.
(C) The strike has been called off by the union members.
(D) The window is opened by him.
- 33.** Which of the following are adjective phrases?
- (A) life-long relationship (B) six-week program
(C) at half past five (D) through the jungle

Section B (Competency Based)

- 34.** Convert this sentence from active voice to passive voice.
How do you know him?
- (A) How can you know him? (B) How is he known to you?
(C) How would he been known? (D) All of these
- 35.** Pick the odd one out.
- (A) 'I am not liking it here,' he said.
(B) He complained that he was not liking it there.
(C) 'I wish I were at my place,' he said.
(D) 'There would have been so much more to do there,' he said.

36. Choose the option which makes the part of this sentence sound grammatically incorrect.

(i) Researchers say that a new air-cleaning filter can get rid of (ii) all the harmful smoke from a room (iii) where 10 people are simultaneously smokes, (iv) in less than an hour.

(A) (i) only

(B) (i) and (iii)

(C) (iii) only

(D) (i) and (iv)

37. Which of the following sentence uses 'few/less' correctly?

(A) These days there are less cars on the roads.

(B) These days you seem to get less milk for your money.

(C) I've got less apples than him!

(D) If we are going to save the planet, we need to make less car journeys.

38. Change the following sentence into indirect speech:

The narrator said, 'We all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.'

(A) The narrator said that we all had the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.

(B) The narrator said that we all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people were able to accomplish more than others.

(C) The narrator asked that we all have the same 24 hours in a day, but some people are able to accomplish more than others.

(D) The narrator said that we all had the same 24 hours in a day, but some people were able to accomplish more than others.

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Swimming is a technique to move unaided through water. It is a popular activity as well as a competitive sport. It was part of the first modern Olympics at Athens in 1896. The most common reason for swimming is probably recreation, where the swimmer enters the water merely for enjoyment. Swimming pools, beaches, lakes or rivers are popular venues for swimmers. Most recreational swimmers prefer a freestyle that keeps their heads out of the water. For some people like divers and fishermen, swimming is part of their job. Lifeguards are paid to rescue other swimmers in distress. Swimming is also useful in marine biology to study plants and animals. It is also practised for scientific research and military purposes.

Recently, swimming has become a professional competitive sport. This is a kind of specialised swimming in which the goal is to maximise speed.

Breaststroke, butterfly stroke and backstroke are some of the competitive events in swimming. In the Beijing Olympics in 2002, a swimming marathon was introduced for both men and women. Swimming a distance of 10 km proved to be a challenging feat and a test of stamina.

Swimming is a good aerobic exercise. It helps to burn fat and reduce stress. However, there are several risk factors involved in swimming, such as death by drowning, exposure to chemicals, infection, stings, exhaustion, sunburn, collision and consumption of pool water.

39. Swimming is also useful for the study of _____.

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| (A) humans | (B) plants and animals in marine biology |
| (C) biodiversity | (D) nature |

40. Which of the following is NOT true?

- (A) Swimming is practised for scientific research and military purposes.
- (B) Breaststroke, caterpillar stroke and backstroke are some of the competitive events in swimming.
- (C) Swimming is a good aerobic exercise.
- (D) There are several risk factors involved in swimming.