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Total Questions: 50

Total Marks: 50

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 **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. Replace the highlighted word with its synonym.

The project required a lot of **dedication**. Her continuous hard work over the past few months has finally paid off.

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| (A) devotion | (B) departure |
| (C) distraction | (D) none of these |

2. Rephrase the highlighted part in this sentence.

She worked on the project **day and dusk**.

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| (A) day and dawn | (B) night and dusk |
| (C) day and night | (D) night and day |

3. Choose the options that can be substituted with this description.

An instrument used to measure atmospheric pressure

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| (A) altimeter | (B) hygrometer |
| (C) barometer | (D) anemometer |

4. Choose the best option to replace the highlighted words.

She has completed **a few works** today.

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| (A) a few work | (B) several works |
| (C) a little work | (D) a lot of works |

5. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct possessive pronoun.

The jacket on the chair is _____.

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| (A) hers | (B) of her |
| (C) her's | (D) hers' |

6. Identify the determiner in this sentence.

All students must submit their assignments by tomorrow.

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| (A) All | (B) students |
| (C) submit | (D) tomorrow |

7. Read the sentence and choose the part that contains a grammatical error.

I (i) / have saw (ii) / her at the (iii) / party last night (iv).

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| (A) (i) | (B) (ii) |
| (C) (iii) | (D) (iv) |

8. Identify the correct object of the transitive verb.

The chef prepared the meal.

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| (A) Prepared | (B) the meal |
| (C) chef | (D) both (A) and (B) |

9. Choose the option which replaces the word in bold.
She **didn't went** to the market yesterday.
(A) didn't go (B) didn't going
(C) didn't goes (D) didn't went
10. Choose the option that shows the correct way of expressing the sentence in the passive voice.
The chef prepared a delicious meal.
(A) A delicious meal is prepared by the chef.
(B) A delicious meal have been prepared by the chef.
(C) A delicious meal has been prepared by the chef.
(D) A delicious meal was prepared by the chef.
11. Pick the option that forms a meaningful sentence from the jumbled phrases/words.
is / where / the / starts / meeting / at / conference / 9 a.m. / in / the / room
(A) The conference starts at 9 a.m. in the room where the meeting is.
(B) The meeting starts at 9 a.m. in the conference room where is.
(C) The room where the conference starts at 9 a.m. is in the meeting.
(D) The conference is where starts the meeting at 9 a.m. in the room.
12. Pick the best way to write the highlighted part with proper punctuation.
We need to **buy groceries milk and eggs**.
(A) We need to buy groceries, milk, and eggs. (B) We need to buy groceries milk, and eggs.
(C) We need to buy, groceries milk and eggs. (D) We need to buy groceries, milk and, eggs.
13. Pick the answer that correctly replaces the highlighted phrase.
The book was written by **an well-known author**.
(A) an well-known author (B) a well-known author
(C) an well known author (D) a well known author
14. Match the following suffixes with the appropriate meanings.
1. -ly (i) pertaining to
2. -ful (ii) in a certain manner
3. -less (iii) full of
4. -ous (iv) without
(A) 1-(ii), 2 (iii) , 3- (iv), 4- (i) (B) 1-(i), 2 (iii) , 3- (iv), 4- (ii)
(C) 1-(iv), 2 (iii) , 3-(ii), 4- (i) (D) 1-(ii), 2 (i), 3- (iv), 4- (iii)
15. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the highlighted segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.
The project was completed on time **due to** the team's hard work.
(A) because of (B) owing to
(C) despite (D) No substitution required
16. With the population of crocodiles tripling over three decades in Western Australia, the local people have _____ selective culling of the dangerous reptiles to prevent human fatalities.
(A) called in (B) called for
(C) called off (D) called up

17. Doctors aren't _____ and their diagnoses aren't always the final word.
 (A) presumptuous (B) infallible
 (C) overbearing (D) optimists
18. Fill in the blank with the correct collective noun from the options.
 After careful deliberation, the members of the _____ reached a verdict of not guilty.
 (A) stack (B) pack
 (C) jury (D) none of these
19. No matter _____ started it, both of you need to apologise.
 (A) those (B) that
 (C) who (D) whose
20. Which type of adjective is the word in bold?
 Do you know where **your** keys are?
 (A) possessive adjective (B) demonstrative adjective
 (C) superlative adjective (D) compound adjective
21. How many adjectives does the following sentence have?
 I was slowly walking down a bright green meadow when I saw a beautiful, tall, Irish woman carrying a shiny metallic knife.
 (A) 8 (B) 7
 (C) 6 (D) 5
22. Which type of verb is the word in bold?
 The car **stopped** abruptly.
 (A) transitively (B) intransitively
 (C) both (D) neither of the two
23. Identify the correct complement of the intransitive verb.
 The dog barks.
 (A) dog (B) barks
 (C) both (D) neither of the two
24. Replace the highlighted word/phrase by choosing the correct preposition.
 He has great affection **with** his colleagues.
 (A) for (B) forward
 (C) forever (D) forgo
25. The writer again made it clear that the truth _____ than fiction.
 (A) would be stranger (B) was stranger
 (C) is stranger (D) is being stranger
26. Identify the correct statement.
 (A) Modals do not have to follow the rules of subject-verb agreement.
 (B) Modals sometimes have to follow the rules of subject-verb agreement.
 (C) Modals have to follow the rules of subject-verb agreement.
 (D) None of these statements are correct.

27. Replace the highlighted part of the sentence by choosing the appropriate option.

The boss was **please with** the hard-working employee.

- (A) has pleased with (B) pleases with
(C) pleasing with (D) pleased with

28. Choose the part which is incorrect in the sentences below.

He said, 'I will return your pen if I find it.'

He said that he would return my pen if he finds it.

- (A) He said that (B) he would return
(C) my pen if (D) he finds it

29. Choose the options that contain a proper sequence of a coherent paragraph.

(i) Quickly, Tarun rushed out of the house. (ii) He forgot to take his bag with him. (iii) He realised he was late for work. (iv) Tarun checked the time.

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

30. Fill in the blanks by choosing the appropriate question tags from the options.

You could play the harmonium, _____?

- (A) mustn't you? (B) wouldn't you?
(C) shouldn't you? (D) couldn't you?

31. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

ABC Talent creates digital products for _____. Its patented software brings together information from across the web to create the world's most powerful professional platform.

- (A) the employment and education sectors both
(B) both the employment and education sectors
(C) both employment and education sector
(D) both the employment and the education sectors

32. Arrange the following lines to form a coherent paragraph:

- (i) India also had an abundance of raw materials.
(ii) This is because Indian labour was comparatively cheaper.
(iii) The East India Company (EIC) exploited Indian workers.
(iv) The EIC was dissolved in 1874.

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

33. The given question consists of four sentences on a topic. Some sentences are grammatically incorrect or inappropriate. Select from among the options (A), (B), (C) and (D) the ones that indicate grammatically incorrect and inappropriate sentence(s).

Gold was far more abundant in the oceans three billion years ago — ten times more than that in modern oceans, a new study has claimed.

- (i) Researchers have developed a new technique to estimate how much gold was in oceans billions-of-years ago.

37. How was the priest instrumental in fulfilling the little girl's dream?
- (A) He shared her story and urged his helpers to raise money and get the school constructed.
 - (B) He constructed the school building.
 - (C) He helped in the cremation of the little girl's body.
 - (D) He informed the newspaper of the little girl's plight.
38. What was the final outcome of the 57 cents saved by the little girl?
- (A) The 57 cents were taken by the priest as a fee for his service to the little girl.
 - (B) Nothing could be done with the 57 cents as the amount was too small.
 - (C) The 57 cents increased to a sum of \$2,50,000 and was donated to charity.
 - (D) The amount grew manifold due to various contributions and a school housing hundreds was finally built.

Section B (Competency Based)

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

39. Choose the correct synonyms for the highlighted word.
- Growing up in Pittsburgh, Annie was surrounded by the mansions of the great steel and coal **magnates** who set their mark on that city.
- (A) tycoons
 - (B) felons
 - (C) barons
 - (D) none of these
40. Choose the options that contain correct sentences in indirect speech.
- 'Have you completed the assignment?' he asked.
- (A) He asked if I have completed the assignment.
 - (B) He asked me if I had completed the assignment.
 - (C) He asked whether I had completed the assignment.
 - (D) He asked me whether I have completed the assignment.
41. Choose the conjunctions in this sentence.
- We can go to the beach if the weather is nice, or we can stay home if it rains.
- (A) If
 - (B) Or
 - (C) We
 - (D) the
42. There _____ a lot of excitement in the room during the announcement.
- (A) is
 - (B) are
 - (C) was
 - (D) were
43. Fill in the blank by taking hints from the words in brackets.
- She _____ (likely to be) at the office by now.
- (A) can be
 - (B) should be
 - (C) must be
 - (D) would be

44. Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners.

There is _____ tea in the pot, which is why you need to add _____ sugar.

- (A) little, most (B) few, many
(C) little, less (D) lot of, more

45. Choose the conjunctions in this sentence.

Although I waited for the topic to be brought up, neither my mother nor my brother said a word about the earthquake.

- (A) while (B) although
(C) neither...nor (D) a

46. _____ to the New Year's celebration tomorrow?

- (A) Will you go (B) Go
(C) Has you gone (D) Are you going

47. Choose the sentences with correct punctuation.

- (A) Even though we did not need all of it, Derek had brought many different types of chocolate: white, milk and dark.
(B) Derek had brought many different types of chocolates – white, milk and dark – even though we did not need all of it.
(C) Even though we did not need all of it Derek had brought many different types of chocolate: white, milk and dark.
(D) Derek had brought many different types of chocolates, white, milk and dark even though we did not need all of it.

48. The group of school children _____ led by their teacher.

- (A) are being (B) have been
(C) is being (D) was being

49. Pick two sentences written in the passive voice from the following paragraph:

You and your family are invited to the wedding of Kriti and Sayam. With your blessing, we would like to celebrate this auspicious occasion. Your presence will be cherished by us. Kindly let us know if you will be able to attend the event.

- (A) You and your family are invited to the wedding of Kriti and Sayam.
(B) With your blessing, we would like to celebrate this auspicious occasion.
(C) Your presence will be cherished by us.
(D) Kindly let us know if you will be able to attend the event.

50. Read the sentence below and choose the options that contain correct sentences in indirect speech.

'Will you be able to finish that packet of chips?' he said.

- (A) He asked me if I would be able to finish that packet of chips.
(B) He asked me whether I would be able to finish that packet of chips.
(C) He asked me if I would be able to finish this packet of chips.
(D) He said if I would be able to finish that packet of chips.