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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 by darkening the circles in the **ANSWER SHEET**, use an **HB PENCIL** 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** fill in the circle that matches your answer.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ **MARK** will be deducted for every **WRONG ANSWER**.
- 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 section contains 30 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which only ONE is correct.)

Section A (Skills Based)

1. Match the columns and select the correct option.

Noun	Collective Noun
(p) Fish	(i) School
(q) Sheep	(ii) Flock
(r) Flowers	(iii) Bouquet

(A) (p)-(iii), (q)-(ii), (r)-(i)

(B) (p)-(i), (q)-(ii), (r)-(iii)

(C) (p)-(ii), (q)-(iii), (r)-(i)

(D) (p)-(iii), (q)-(i), (r)-(ii)

2. Identify the sentence with a participle.

(A) The smiling baby looked happy.

(B) She smiles often.

(C) The baby smiled at me.

(D) The baby will smile soon.

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

The man _____ dog is barking lives next door.

(A) who

(B) whose

(C) whom

(D) that

4. Use the pronouns in the brackets as a hint to fill in the blanks with personal pronouns and adjectives. Select the correct option.

This is not her pen; it is _____/_____. (he, I)

(A) his, mine

(B) his, my

(C) him, mine

(D) he, my

5. Choose the appropriate conjunction.

He stayed home _____ he was unwell.

(A) because

(B) or

(C) and

(D) so

6. Select the correct article to complete the sentence.

She is _____ honest person.

(A) an

(B) a

(C) the

(D) no article needed

7. Select the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement.

(A) Each of the boys have a pen.

(B) Each of the boys has a pen.

(C) The boys has a pen.

(D) The boys has pens.

8. Choose the most appropriate adverb.

She sings _____.

(A) beautiful

(B) beautifully

(C) beauty

(D) beautify

9. Identify the sentence in the present perfect tense.

- (A) She has finished her homework. (B) She finished her homework.
(C) She is finishing her homework. (D) She finishes her homework.

10. Match the columns and select the correct option.

(p) Phrase	(i) Under the bridge
(q) Clause	(ii) She was reading a book.
(r) Phrase	(iii) At midnight

- (A) (p)-(ii), (q)-(iii), (r)-(i) (B) (p)-(i), (q)-(ii), (r)-(iii)
(C) (p)-(iii), (q)-(ii), (r)-(i) (D) (p)-(i), (q)-(iii), (r)-(ii)

11. Select the correct option to complete the sentence.

She _____ us to bring her notebook to class every day.

- (A) reminded (B) ordered
(C) asked (D) suggested

12. Change this sentence to passive voice. Select the correct option.

She is writing a letter to her friend.

- (A) A letter is being written by her to her friend. (B) A letter has been written by her to her friend.
(C) A letter had been written by her to her friend. (D) Options (A) and (C)

13. Find out the sentence that has no punctuation error.

- (A) My favourite fruits are—apples, bananas, mangoes and grapes.
(B) My favorite fruits are: apples, bananas, mangoes and grapes.
(C) My favourite fruits are apples, bananas, mangoes and grapes.
(D) My favourite fruits are, apples, bananas, mangoes and grapes.

14. Match the correct antonyms.

(p) Optimistic	(i) Mild
(q) Harsh	(ii) Pessimistic
(r) Generous	(iii) Stingy
(s) Calm	(iv) Aggressive

- (A) (p)-(ii), (q)-(iv), (r)-(iii), (s)-(i) (B) (p)-(ii), (q)-(i), (r)-(iii), (s)-(iv)
(C) (p)-(iii), (q)-(ii), (r)-(i), (s)-(iv) (D) (p)-(iv), (q)-(iii), (r)-(ii), (s)-(i)

15. Select the correct word for this prefix.

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- (A) Likely (B) Breakable
(C) Necessary (D) All of these

16. Which of the following is a collective noun for **sheets of paper**?

- (A) Ream (B) Pad
(C) Pack (D) Atlas



17. Match the correct options.

(p) They will continue the meeting after a break.	(i) Transitive
(q) The meeting continued after a break.	(ii) Intransitive
(r) The seed that you sowed is sprouting.	
(s) Did you sow a seed?	

(A) (p)-(ii), (q)-(i), (r)-(i), (s)-(ii)

(B) (p)-(i), (q)-(ii), (r)-(ii), (s)-(i)

(C) (p)-(i), (q)-(ii), (r)-(i), (s)-(i)

(D) (p)-(ii), (q)-(ii), (r)-(ii), (s)-(i)

18. Select the correct relative pronoun to combine the pairs of sentences.

The girl is a great dancer. Her mother works in a factory.

(A) Whom

(B) That

(C) Whose

(D) Who

19. Select the sentence that has a possessive pronoun.

(A) Gita has everyone's phone number except ours.

(B) Gita has everyone's phone number except yours.

(C) Gita has everyone's phone number except hers.

(D) All of the above

20. Match the columns to frame correct sentences.

(a) I feel very happy	(p) so	(i) she had called me.
(b) I felt happy	(q) if	(ii) she calls you?
(c) She called me	(r) whenever	(iii) I am happy.
(d) Will you be happy	(s) after	(iv) she calls me.

(A) (a – s – iv), (b – p – i), (c – r – iii), (d – q – ii)

(B) (a – r – ii), (b – s – i), (c – p – iii), (d – q – ii)

(C) (a – r – iv), (b – s – i), (c – p – iii), (d – q – ii)

(D) (a – r – iv), (b – p – i), (c – s – iii), (d – q – ii)

21. Select the correct determiners to make meaningful sentences.

Someone in _____ audience threw _____ egg that hit the speaker on _____ face.

(A) an, an, the

(B) the, an, the

(C) a, an, the

(D) none of these

22. Find errors with the subject verb agreement and select the correct option.

Five miles are too great a distance to jog.

(A) Miles

(B) Are

(C) Both (A) or (B)

(D) None of these

23. Select the correct position for the adverb in brackets with each sentence.

What were you doing? (yesterday)

(A) Before what

(B) Before were

(C) After doing

(D) None of these



24. Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb.

I _____ very busy these days as I _____ an exam and I _____ to a new apartment.

- (A) am, have, am moving (B) have been, am taking, am moving
(C) am, have taken, have moved (D) options (A) and (C)

25. Look at the clause in bold and select the correct type.

'Every generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it.'

- (A) Dependent clause (B) Independent clause
(C) Noun clause (D) Relative clause

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Death of Karyn by Lenny Hayes Kirkland Police Department, WA. USA

I had ridden over the exact spot that morning on my training ride. The grey ashes of emergency road flares were still lying in the street. Along the lane of traffic, there is a marked bicycle path with a slight downhill grade. It is a stretch where you can run in your big gears and move. The only thing you have to watch for is traffic emerging from the cross streets, all of which are controlled by stop signs. It is not usually a dangerous place. I wondered, though, about the road flares. When I arrived at work that morning, I found out about the flares. One of my jobs as a detective is to assist the Traffic Fatality Squad. There had been an accident. I was assigned the detail of photographing the victim who was in a deep coma in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the hospital-- she was a 'Jane Doe'.

A car-bicycle accident had occurred. The young woman cyclist had been thrown to the pavement and had suffered severe head injuries. The paramedics were unable to revive her at the scene. She carried no identification and as yet, no one had come forward to report the young woman missing. I went to the hospital and spoke with the nurse in the ICU--they held little hope. The patient was 'brain dead'. Kept alive on a support system until the next of kin could decide to let her die peacefully, never to regain consciousness. I had to stand on a stool to get above the bed to photograph her. Tubes ran into her nose and mouth. The only sounds were those of the machines that were breathing for her. Still, she looked vibrant and alive. There were no outward signs of the accident except for a thin gauze bandage wrapped around her head. She appeared to be sleeping, this young woman in her early twenties, with jet black hair neatly braided over both of her shoulders. Tiny silver earrings contrasted brightly with the tight white sheets that covered her bed. I took my pictures and left--an unpleasant but necessary job. The photos would be released to the media later in the day if we had still not identified the victim. That was to prove unnecessary.

The young woman's apartment manager came forward later that afternoon and identified our Jane Doe. She had heard about the accident on the radio and knew that her friend and tenant had been out riding the previous afternoon and had not left her apartment for work that morning as usual. Her name was Karyn. She was 23 years old. A single career woman and artist, she lived alone in her lakefront apartment. She had been out riding her bike along the bike lane that summer evening when a motorist passed her on the left, and then abruptly turned right directly into Karyn's path. Witnesses said that they saw Karyn swerve in an attempt to miss the car. The evidence left by her tyre marks on the car showed that her front tyre touched the right fender near the back bumper. She almost made it around that car, but unfortunately, the impact threw Karyn over the trunk of the car and onto the pavement. What is so ironic is that Karyn's bicycle was hardly damaged. The force of the collision was not great enough to even bend the frame or tweak the handlebars, yet Karyn died.

The final fatality report included the words 'no protective headgear was worn by the cyclist.' It has taken me almost a year to write this story, but I felt as though I had to. Karyn's death was so wasteful, that I am reminded





of it every time I see a cyclist without a helmet. I remember Karyn lying in that hospital bed and I remember how frail a human life can be. If only she had been wearing a helmet, a terrible waste of a human life could have been prevented. I still ride over that spot every day on my regular training rides. Hardly a day goes by that I don't think of Karyn and all of those riders who take the same chances that she did--riding without a helmet.

(Source: ccsdut.org)

Select the most appropriate options.

26. What is the profession of the speaker?

(A) Traffic policeman	(B) Detective working for Traffic Fatality Squad
(C) Volunteer of the Traffic Fatality Squad	(D) All the given options
27. What was the danger on the downhill bicycle path?

(A) The speed would increase as it was downhill.	(B) Traffic emerging at the cross streets.
(C) There were many cars.	(D) Both (A) and (B)
28. Why do you think the author had to climb a stool to take Karyn's photos?

(A) Because she was surrounded by a lot of people.	(B) Because she had machines and tubes all around her.
(C) Because the author was short.	(D) Options (A) and (B)
29. What sounds could the author hear while he was taking pictures of Karyn?

(A) Hard breathing of Karyn	(B) The ticking of the clock
(C) He could not hear any sound	(D) Sound of the machines supporting the girl
30. The outward signs of the accident were _____.

(A) a bandage wrapped around Karyn's head	(B) gashes and injuries on the face
(C) Both (A) and (B)	(D) Neither (A) nor (B)

Section B (Competency Based)

(This section contains 20 multiple choice questions. Each question has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D), out of which TWO are correct.)

31. Select the correct plural verbs for the given meaning.
Cancel

(A) Call off	(B) Call up
(C) Call in	(D) Write off
32. Read the sentence and select the option that best explains the meaning of the words in bold. Renu couldn't answer the questions during the presentation. Her boss was really angry and said that Renu got **egg all over her face**.

(A) Renu's boss was angry at her.	(B) Renu's boss felt humiliated.
(C) Renu made a fool of herself.	(D) Renu's was made fun of.



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42. Choose the incorrect sentences.
- (A) Anime and her brothers are at school.
 (B) Is the scissors in the drawer?
 (C) Is the news on at three or four?
 (D) The prime minister, together with his wife, greet the press cordially.
43. I have never been to the _____.
 (A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands (B) Golden Temple
 (C) Sri Lanka (D) Dal Lake
44. Replace the incorrect conjunctions in the sentence with the correct options.
 I will only pay you unless you finish the work.
 (A) If (B) When
 (C) Whether (D) Or
45. The foundations were very strong.
 (A) building's (B) buildings'
 (C) buildings's (D) options (A) and (C)
46. Combine the given pairs of sentences using the correct relative pronoun. Choose the correct option.
 This is my friend. She had lost her car.
 (A) This is my friend who had lost her car. (B) This is my friend which lost her car.
 (C) This is my friend whose car was lost. (D) None of these
47. Select the sentence that has a present participle.
 (A) Science is an expanding field of study. (B) The concrete forests expands fast.
 (C) The expanding drum broke into pieces. (D) All of the these
48. Choose the parts of the sentence which have collective noun phrases. The (i) troop of boy scouts (ii) had reached a forest (iii) when they saw (iv) an ambush of tigers.
 (A) (i) (B) (ii)
 (C) (iii) (D) (iv)
49. Change the given sentence to passive voice.
 My son will have eaten lunch by the time I reach home.
 (A) My son will eat lunch by the time I reach home.
 (B) By the time I reach home, lunch will have been eaten by my son.
 (C) Lunch will have been eaten by my son by the time I reach home.
 (D) Lunch will have been eaten by the time I reach home.
50. Change the sentence to indirect speech.
 I explained, 'I have not done it.'
 (A) I explained that he had not done it. (B) I explained that I had not done it.
 (C) I explained that I have not done it. (D) I said that I had not done it.

