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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.
(C) She is finishing her homework.

(B) She finished 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)
(C) (p)-(iii), (q)-(ii), (r)-(i)

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

(B) ordered
(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.
(C) A letter had been written by her to her friend.

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

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

(B) Breakable
(D) All of these

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

(A) Ream
(C) Pack

(B) Pad
(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.

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.’

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
(C) Volunteer of the Traffic Fatality Squad
(B) Detective working for 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.
(C) There were many cars.
(B) Traffic emerging at the cross streets.
(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
(C) He could not hear any sound
(B) The ticking of the clock
(D) Sound of the machines supporting the girl
30. The outward signs of the accident were _____.
(A) a bandage wrapped around Karyn's head
(C) Both (A) and (B)
(B) gashes and injuries on the face
(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.

33. Choose the incorrect one-word substitution.

(A) Verbatim: Using exact words
(B) Verbose: Using more words than are required
(C) Wanton: Someone who is considerate about other's feelings and thoughts
(D) Vandalism: Roaming about from one place to another

34. Select the correct word to match the suffixes.

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(A) Use (B) Collapse
(C) Compress (D) All of these

35. Choose the correct synonyms.

Gusto

(A) Zeal (B) Enthusiasm
(C) Languor (D) Callous

36. The modern technology _____ computer, mobiles, laptops and much have changed the pace of life.

(A) colon (:) (B) semi-colon (;)
(C) hyphen (-) (D) em dash (—)

37. Change the given sentence to passive voice.

Will they accept my apology?

(A) Will my apology be accepted? (B) Will my apology being accepted?
(C) Will my apology been accepted? (D) Will my apology be accepted by them?

38. Change the sentences to indirect speech.

He asked, 'May I ask you a question?'

(A) He said if he might ask me a question.
(B) He asked me if he might ask me a question.
(C) He asked me if I might ask him a question.
(D) He enquired if he might ask me a question.

39. Complete the sentences with the most appropriate clauses.

He did not succeed _____.

(A) though he worked hard (B) yet he did not give up
(C) because he did not give up (D) None of these

40. Choose the sentences in future tense.

(A) I suppose it will be raining in the afternoon. (B) It will be Diwali next week.
(C) He was always grumbling. (D) The light went out while we were reading.

41. Select the correct option.

(A) Never has she eaten Indian food. (B) She has eaten Indian food never.
(C) She has never eaten Indian food. (D) She never has eaten Indian food.

