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PAPER – I

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PART - I

GENERAL ENGLISH

Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answers for the following questions from the options given below: (1x5=5)

The assault on the purity of environment is the price that we pay for many of the benefits of modern technology. For the advantage of automotive transportation we pay a price in smog-induced diseases; for the powerful effects of new insecticides, we pay a price in dwindling wildlife and disturbances in the relation of living things and their surroundings; for the nuclear power, we risk the biological hazards of radiation. By increasing agricultural production with fertilizers, we worsen water pollution.

The highly developed nations of the world are not only the immediate beneficiaries of the good that technology can do, but are also the first victims of environmental diseases that technology breeds. In the past, the environmental effects which accompanied technological progress were restricted to a small and relatively short time. The new hazards are neither local nor brief. Modern air pollutions cover vast areas of continents: Radioactive fallout from the nuclear explosion is worldwide. Radioactive pollutants now on earth surface will be found there for generations and in case of Carbon-14, for thousands of years.

- 1) The widespread use of insecticides has-
 - A) Reduced the number of wild animals
 - B) Caused imbalance in the relationship between living beings and their environment
 - C) Eliminated diseases by killing mosquitoes and flies
 - D) Caused biological hazards
- 2) The passage emphasizes that modern technology-
 - A) Is an unmixed blessing
 - B) Has caused serious hazards to life
 - C) Has produced powerful chemicals
 - D) Has benefitted highly developed nations
- 3) According to the above passage the increasing use of fertilizers is responsible for-
 - A) Abundance of food
 - B) Disturbance in the ecological system
 - C) Water pollution
 - D) Increase in air pollution

- 4) Radioactive pollutants-
- A) Are limited in their effect
 - B) Will endanger wild animals and plants only
 - C) Will dissipate in short span of life
 - D) Will be on the surface of the earth for a long time
- 5) According to the above passage what are the disadvantages of automotive transportation?
- A) Smog-induced diseases
 - B) Water pollution
 - C) Ecological disturbances
 - D) Radioactive hazards

Read the following passage and choose the correct answers for the following questions from the options given below: (1x5=5)

Male lions are rather reticent about expanding their energy in hunting. More than three quarters of kills are made by lionesses that are in front, tensely scanning ahead, the cubs lag playfully behind and the males *bring up the rear*, walking slowly, their massive heads nodding with each step as if they are bored with the whole matter. But slothfulness may have survival value. While lionesses are busy hunting, the males function as guard for the cubs, protecting them particularly from hyenas.

- 6) According to the passage male lions generally do not go for hunting because-
- A) They do not like hunting
 - B) They want lioness to get training
 - C) They wish to save their vigor for other things
 - D) They are very lazy
- 7) Male lions protect their cubs-
- A) From the members of their own species
 - B) From getting lost in the forest
 - C) From wild elephants
 - D) Mainly from hyenas
- 8) According to the author who is slothful here in the passage?
- A) Male lions
 - B) Lionesses
 - C) The cubs
 - D) All of the above

- 9) Lioness go for hunting-
- A) All alone
 - B) With their male partners
 - C) With their cubs and male partners
 - D) With their cubs only
- 10) What is the meaning of the phrase '*bring up the rear*' according to the passage?
- A) To take care of the child
 - B) To be at the very end of the line
 - C) To bring something
 - D) To lead the group

In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses in Passive/Active Speech. (1x5=5)

- 11) A lion may be helped even by a little mouse.
- A) A little mouse may even help a lion.
 - B) Even a little mouse may help a lion.
 - C) A little mouse can even help a lion.
 - D) Even a little mouse ought to help a lion.
- 12) We hope that we shall win the match.
- A) The match is hoped to be won.
 - B) Match winning is our hope.
 - C) It is hoped that the match will be won by us.
 - D) Winning the match is hoped by us.
- 13) One must keep one's promises.
- A) One's promises are kept.
 - B) One's promises will be kept.
 - C) One's promises were kept.
 - D) One's promises must be kept.
- 14) The manager could not accept the leader's proposal.
- A) The leader's proposal could not be accepted by the manager.
 - B) The leader's proposal was not accepted by the manager.
 - C) The leader's proposal will not be accepted by the manager.
 - D) The leader's proposal would not be accepted by the manager.

- 15) You have to do this immediately.
- A) This is being done by you immediately.
 - B) This was being done by you immediately.
 - C) This could be done by you immediately.
 - D) This has to be done by you immediately.

Choose the correct preposition for the following blanks from the options given below: (1x5=5)

- 16) This man is blind _____ his shortcomings.

- A) in
- B) with
- C) about
- D) to

- 17) He dealt very politely _____ me.

- A) in
- B) at
- C) with
- D) to

- 18) I am convinced _____ your innocence.

- A) on
- B) with
- C) of
- D) for

- 19) Rita is _____ her phone right now.

- A) at
- B) in
- C) on
- D) to

- 20) Pemba is accustomed _____ hard work.

- A) to
- B) in
- C) with
- D) about

In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same in Indirect/Direct Speech. (1x5=5)

- 21) She said to me, 'What can I do for you?'
- A) She asked me what she can do for me.
 - B) She asked me whether she can do for me.
 - C) She asked me what she will do for me.
 - D) She asked me what she could for me.
- 22) He said to me, 'Please visit my school tomorrow'.
- A) He requested me to visit his school the next day.
 - B) He said to me to visit his school tomorrow.
 - C) He told me to visit his school tomorrow.
 - D) He asked me whether I will visit his school tomorrow.
- 23) 'Do your duty', the father told his son.
- A) The father ordered his son to do his duty.
 - B) The father advised his son to do his duty.
 - C) The father told his son that he should do his duty.
 - D) The father said to his son to follow his duty.
- 24) My mother said, 'Do as you wish, but don't come and ask for help if you get into difficulties'.
- A) My mother told me to do as I wished, but not to go and ask her for help if I got into difficulties.
 - B) My mother ordered me to do as I wished, but not to go and ask her for help if she got into difficulties.
 - C) My mother told that unless I did as I wished she would not come and help me if I got into difficulties.
 - D) My mother told me to do as I wished or she would not come and help me if I get into difficulties.
- 25) He said, 'She had been weeping for an hour'.
- A) He said that she was weeping for an hour.
 - B) He said that she has been weeping for an hour.
 - C) He said that she had been weeping for an hour.
 - D) He says that she was weeping for an hour.

There are sentences given with blanks. Choose the proper tense for the blanks from the options given below: (1x5=5)

26) He was 8 kilos over weight and _____ to go on a diet.

- A) is advised
- B) has been advised
- C) was advised
- D) had advised

27) The business letters _____ tomorrow.

- A) are sent
- B) is sent
- C) could be send
- D) will be sent

28) The police _____ to interview two men about the robbery last night in the neighborhood.

- A) wants
- B) want
- C) is wanting
- D) was wanting

29) I went to the Gym and _____ volleyball.

- A) will play
- B) have played
- C) were played
- D) played

30) He is the man about whom we _____ so much.

- A) have heard
- B) heard
- C) had heard
- D) have been heard

Choose the correct 'Synonyms' for the following words from the options given below: (1x5=5)

31) Botch

- A) Borrow
- B) Promote
- C) Collect
- D) Bungle

32) Troth

- A) Ego
- B) pledge
- C) Colourist
- D) Disloyal

33) Onerous

- A) Luxurious
- B) Awesome
- C) Burdensome
- D) Dutiful

34) Insolvent

- A) Bankrupt
- B) Affluent
- C) Wealthy
- D) Aggressive

35) Doleful

- A) Colourful
- B) Mournful
- C) Jovial
- D) Bright

Choose the correct 'Antonyms' for the following words from the options given below: (1x5=5)

36) Vindicate

- A) Exonerate
- B) Incriminate
- C) Defend
- D) Excuse

37) Dither

- A) Cry
- B) Refer
- C) Decide
- D) Defer

38) Absurd

- A) Rational
- B) Fictional
- C) Proportional
- D) Restrain

- 39) Sulky
A) Mild
B) Loving
C) Kind
D) Cheerful

- 40) Insipid
A) Lively
B) Weary
C) Dilute
D) Tame

Choose the correct 'One Word' for the following sentences.

(1x5=5)

- 41) Sudden involuntary muscular contradiction
A) Spasm
B) Spam
C) Span
D) Sprain

- 42) Something that is difficult to understand
A) Inconclusive
B) Inconvenient
C) Incomprehensible
D) Discern

- 43) A vivacious and lively experience is said to be
A) Soothing
B) Scenic
C) Synthetic
D) Scintillating

- 44) Too much official formality
A) Nepotism
B) Red -tapism
C) Formalism
D) Bureaucracy

- 45) A person who is easily deceived or tricked
A) Fastidious
B) Trickster
C) Gullible
D) Tangible

Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase in the sentences from the options given below: (1x5=5)

46) Mr. Roy is really a broken reed.

- A) A frustrated man
- B) An unsuccessful man
- C) An undependable man
- D) A compassionate man

47) The police are used to seeing the steamy side of life.

- A) An adventurous life
- B) A life full of risks
- C) Criminal society
- D) Immoral aspects of society

48) Though he has lot of money, yet all his plans are built upon sand.

- A) Established on insecure foundations
- B) Based on inexperience
- C) Resting on cheap material
- D) Based on immature ideas

49) Durga's father strained every nerve to enable her to complete her studies.

- A) Worked very hard
- B) Spent a huge amount
- C) Tried all tricks
- D) Bribed several persons

50) The die is cast and now let us hope for the best.

- A) Project is over
- B) Decision is made
- C) Death is inevitable
- D) Cloth has been dyed

PART – II

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Choose the correct answers for the following questions from the options given below:

(1x50=50)

- 51) Which of the following schemes is introduced by Indian government to promote roof top solar power systems?
- A) Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman
 - B) Pradhan Mantri Suryodaya Yojana
 - C) Garib Kalyan Rojgar Yojana
 - D) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi
- 52) Who among the following is the sculptor of the idol of Infant Ram that adorns the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya?
- A) Arun Yogiraj
 - B) Anish Kapoor
 - C) Neeraj Gupta
 - D) Leela Mukherjee
- 53) '*Wancho wooden craft*' which has recently received a geographical indication (GI) tag, belongs to which state?
- A) Arunachal Pradesh
 - B) Uttar Pradesh
 - C) Bihar
 - D) Madhya Pradesh
- 54) Which Indian state launched the '*My school –My Pride*' Campaign for education transformation?
- A) Madhya Pradesh
 - B) Uttar Pradesh
 - C) Himachal Pradesh
 - D) Haryana
- 55) Which IIT developed a '*Work 4 Food*' solution to guarantee minimum wages for food delivery workers?
- A) IIT Bombay
 - B) IIT Madras
 - C) IIT Kanpur
 - D) IIT Delhi

- 56) The concept of Fundamental Duties in the Indian Constitution is borrowed from -
A) British Constitution
B) Russian Constitution
C) French Constitution
D) Canadian Constitution
- 57) Which insecticide was sent to Afghanistan by India to combat the locust swarms?
A) Neem oil
B) Spinosad
C) Malathion
D) Hydrogen Peroxide
- 58) Which among the following is measured by Dobson unit?
A) Ozone concentration
B) Thermal conductivity
C) Soil moisture
D) Radiation
- 59) Which school from Sikkim won the National Brass Band Championship 2023-24?
A) Kyi De Khang School
B) Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School
C) West Point Senior Secondary School
D) Holy Cross School
- 60) Which among the following is commonly found in the Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Mannar, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands?
A) Coral Reefs
B) Marshy Areas
C) Deep Water Marine Ecosystem
D) Mangrove Vegetation
- 61) Where was the 19th Non-Alignment (NAM) Summit held?
A) Colombo
B) New Delhi
C) Kampala
D) Accra
- 62) What is the name of the first chemo drug available as syrup in India?
A) PRIVEL
B) PRIVELL
C) PREVILLE
D) PREVALL

- 63) Which Asian country is set to launch the 'Digital Highway Network'?
- A) India
 - B) Sri Lanka
 - C) Bhutan
 - D) Nepal
- 64) Which union ministry is set to launch the 'JJM Digital Academy'?
- A) Ministry of MSME
 - B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
 - C) Ministry of Ministry of Commerce and Industry
 - D) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 65) Which is the first Indian state to adopt a water budget?
- A) Maharashtra
 - B) Uttar Pradesh
 - C) Odisha
 - D) Kerala
- 66) Which rare species was recently spotted in the high altitudes of North Sikkim by the State Forest Department and WWF-India?
- A) Llama
 - B) Tibetan Gazelle
 - C) Mountain Goat
 - D) Tibetan Brown Bear
- 67) Who was the chief guest of 2024 Republic Day Celebration in Delhi?
- A) Joe Biden
 - B) Recep Tayyip Erdogan
 - C) Emmanuel Macron
 - D) Sheikh Hasina
- 68) Which country launched the World's First Malaria Vaccine Program for children?
- A) Cameroon
 - B) Brazil
 - C) Turkey
 - D) Bangladesh
- 69) Queen Heo who had enduring ties with Ayodhya, India belonged to which country?
- A) China
 - B) Japan
 - C) South Korea
 - D) Bhutan

- 70) What is the common term used for false scarcity claims, confirm- shaming, forced bundling and subscription traps used in online; and recently banned in India?
- A) Astroturfing
 - B) Dark Patterns
 - C) Gaslighting
 - D) Sockpuppetry
- 71) What was the theme of '*Maghe Sankranti Mela 2024*' that was held in Jorethang, Sikkim?
- A) Hamro Parampara, Hamro Sanskar, Hamro Sanskriti
 - B) Hamro Sanskar Bachaun
 - C) Jeevan Ko Adhar
 - D) Hamro Jeevan, Hamro Sanskriti
- 72) PM JANMAN Scheme is associated with which of the following categories of people?
- A) MSME Owners
 - B) PVTGs
 - C) Farmers
 - D) NRIs
- 73) Which of the following rivers serves as a nesting ground for Olive-Ridley Turtles?
- A) Pennar River
 - B) Hughli River
 - C) Bhima River
 - D) Devi River
- 74) What is the SI unit of Radioactivity?
- A) Becquerel
 - B) Candela
 - C) Curie
 - D) Henry

75) Which of the following materials can be used by a farmer to treat the too acidic soil of the fields?

- (i) Quick lime
- (ii) Slaked lime
- (iii) Chalk lime

Select the correct codes for the above question:

- A) Only (i) and (ii)
- B) Only (ii) and (iii)
- C) Only (ii)
- D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

76) Abel Prize is conferred to recognize outstanding contributors of which field?

- A) Architecture
- B) Mathematics
- C) Journalism
- D) Sports

77) Which of the following tribal community of North East India is made of one language but two religions?

- A) Naga
- B) Mizo
- C) Meitei
- D) Adi

78) Ecologist Eklabya Sharma, who is the recipient of Padma Shri Award 2024, belongs to which of the following places?

- A) Kalimpong
- B) Gangtok
- C) Shillong
- D) Kurseong

79) The Sankosh River forms boundary between which of the two states?

- A) Bihar and West Bengal
- B) Assam and Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Assam and West Bengal
- D) Bihar and Jharkhand

80) Who is the author of the book '*The Fragile Thread of Hope*'?

- A) Pankaj Giri
- B) Shiv Kumar Rai
- C) Anuradha Koirala
- D) Bhim Prasad Dahal

81) Consider the statements:

- (i) Dappu is the folk dance of Andhra Pradesh
- (ii) Bihu is the folk dance of Assam
- (iii) Jhumar is the folk dance of Gujarat

Which of the above statements are true? Select the correct codes:

- A) Only (i)
- B) Only (i) and (ii)
- C) Only (ii) and (iii)
- D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

82) Namdapha, Kamlang and Pakke Tiger Reserves are located in which state of India?

- A) Bihar
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Assam
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

83) In context to Buddhist Architecture, a 'Harmika' is a -

- A) square base or foundation corresponding to Earth
- B) monumental tower at the entrance of a vihara
- C) top railing of a stupa
- D) circular basal rings over which stupa is constructed

84) Which animal has been declared as the national symbol of Kyrgyzstan?

- A) Horse
- B) Snow leopard
- C) Yak
- D) Eagle

85) What is the primary purpose of the 'National Single Window System' (NSWS) launched by Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)?

- A) Digital Health Records Management
- B) Streamlining Medical Device import
- C) Medical Research Funding
- D) Public Health Surveillance

86) Consider the following statements:

- (i) The origin of Ganga river is at Gaumukh in the Gangotri glacier
- (ii) After originating from Gaumukh, the river is known as Bhagirathi
- (iii) It acquires the name Ganga when the river Alaknanda merges into it at Devprayag.

Which of the above statements are true? Select the correct codes:

- A) Only (i) and (iii)
- B) Only (i) and (ii)
- C) Only (i)
- D) (i), (ii) and (iii)

87) Which city hosted the 'World Government Summit 2023'?

- A) New Delhi
- B) New York
- C) Dubai
- D) Paris

88) What was the theme of 'Republic Day 2024'?

- A) 'Visit Bharat' - 'Bharat Loktantraki Matruka'
- B) Jan Bhagidari
- C) Nation First, Always First
- D) Bharat Ek Loktantra

89) With which field is the 'VIHANGAM' web portal associated?

- A) Digital currency
- B) Defence
- C) E Sports
- D) Drone technology

90) What is the name of the central program launched to promote artificial intelligence in India and beyond?

- A) BharatAI
- B) BHIMai
- C) INDIAai
- D) VIKASai

91) Which among the following is India's first oil refinery?

- A) Guwahati Refinery
- B) Vishakhapatnam Refinery
- C) Digboi Refinery
- D) Barauni Refinery

- 92) "Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence", who said these words?
- A) B. R. Ambedkar
 - B) Mahatma Gandhi
 - C) Sarojini Naidu
 - D) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 93) What happens when a ship enters the sea from a river?
- A) It remains at the same level
 - B) It rises
 - C) It sinks a little
 - D) None of the above
- 94) Lakshadweep is an archipelago consisting of how many islands?
- A) 34
 - B) 26
 - C) 18
 - D) 36
- 95) 'Avangkhu' is India's first village on the border of which country?
- A) Bhutan
 - B) Myanmar
 - C) Pakistan
 - D) China
- 96) Why is lake 'Retba' commonly referred to as the 'Pink Lake'?
- A) Presence of flamingos
 - B) High iron content in the water
 - C) Presence of *dunaliella salina* algae
 - D) Reflection of the surrounding landscape
- 97) What is the style of architecture of Ayodhya Ram Mandir?
- A) European
 - B) Dravidian
 - C) Persian
 - D) Nagara
- 98) What is the theme of 'National Voter's Day 2024'?
- A) 'Nothing like voting, I vote for sure'
 - B) Voting is my Right
 - C) Vote for Progressive Nation
 - D) 'I vote for Nation, I love my Nation'

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99) The 'New India Literary Program' will be implemented as which of the following schemes?

- A) Centrally Sponsored Scheme
- B) Central Sector Scheme
- C) Core Scheme
- D) Core of the Core Scheme

100) Who was the recipient of Padma Shri Award 2024 for his craftsmanship of traditional lepcha hats with inscriptions of popular Lepcha folktales?

- A) Norbu Lepcha
 - B) Jordan Lepcha
 - C) Athup Lepcha
 - D) Jerman Lepcha
-