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TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: Two hours

PAPER - I

Maximum Marks: 100

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PART-I
(ENGLISH LANGUAGE)

Instructions for Questions 1 to 10:

Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answer to the following questions from the options given. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x10=10]

The first report presented by the Disinvestment Commission has all the ingredients of a well-researched policy document but its recommendation will be of little relief to the cash starved government in mobilizing additional resources from the selling of the equity shares of the public sector enterprises (PSEs). The Commission headed by Mr. G.V. Ramakrishna has proposed the setting up of disinvestment fund constituted from the proceeds of sale of equity of profitable PSEs and the funds available with the National Renewal Fund. It has been stipulated that the amount thus collected could be utilized for turning around the loss-making units and reconstructing the marginally profit-making undertakings. This is one way of reducing the budgetary support to loss making PSEs while ensuring that they do not face closure due to paucity of funds. With the government incurring expenditure of Rs. 2200 crores in providing budgetary support to the loss-making PSEs, the United Front regime is in an unenviable position but at the same time the common minimum programme and the pressure from the left parties have ruled out hard decisions on PSE reconstructing and hence this roundabout way of withdrawal of budgetary support to the ailing PSEs.

1. The Commission has proposed the setting up of a disinvestment fund constituted from ____.
- (a) Budgetary supports
 - (b) Selling of loss- making units of PSEs
 - (c) Reconstructing the marginally profit-making undertakings
 - (d) Selling of equity of profitable PSEs

2. Why could the government not restructure the loss-making PSEs?
- (a) Because the government is giving budgetary support
 - (b) Because the government is going on setting up National Renewal Fund
 - (c) Because the government was compelled by left parties not to take a hard step
 - (d) Because the government had already set up a committee to solve this problem
3. In the last sentence of the passage, the phrase '**ruled out**' means -
- (a) To exclude as a possibility
 - (b) To choose
 - (c) To be dominant
 - (d) Direction
4. What is the government spending Rs. 2200 crores for?
- (a) Natural Renewal Fund
 - (b) Ailing PSEs
 - (c) Profit- making PSEs
 - (d) The government will disburse this fund to all (a), (b) and (c) above.
5. What was the Disinvestment Commission's advice?
- (i) Arrange extra money through the sale of equity share of PSEs.
 - (ii) Provide budgetary support.
 - (iii) Utilise funds from the National Renewal Fund.

Select the correct option from the codes given below.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Both (i) and (ii)
- (d) Both (i) and (iii)

6. Which of the following is most similar in meaning to the word **'Disinvestment'** as used in the passage?
- (a) Weakening
 - (b) Withdrawal of money
 - (c) Freeing up
 - (d) Separation
7. Which of the following is most similar in meaning to the word **'Ingredients'** as used in the passage?
- (a) Component
 - (b) To become heavier
 - (c) To command
 - (d) Deeply fixed
8. Which of the following is most opposite in meaning to the word **'Starved'** as used in the passage?
- (a) To be in want of
 - (b) Cure
 - (c) Replete
 - (d) Weak
9. Which of the following is most opposite in meaning to the word **'Reconstructing'** as used in the passage?
- (a) Disintegrating
 - (b) Constructing
 - (c) Devolving
 - (d) Forming

10. Which of the following is most similar in meaning to the word 'Paucity' as used in the passage.

- (i) Deficiency
- (ii) Lack
- (iii) Scarcity

Select the correct option from the codes given below.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) (i), (ii) and (iii)

Instructions for Questions 11 to 15:

Choose the correct synonyms of the following words from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x5=5]

11. Recuperate

- (a) Rehabilitate
- (b) Recover
- (c) Reimburse
- (d) Relocate

12. Augury

- (a) Prophecy
- (b) Astronomy
- (c) Intention
- (d) Future

13. Disparage

- (a) Scatter
- (b) Discriminate
- (c) Belittle
- (d) Waste

14. Alacrity

- (a) Fear
- (b) Alarm
- (c) Frankness
- (d) Eagerness

15. Inadvertent

- (a) Ignorant
- (b) Unexpected
- (c) Unintentional
- (d) Undisturbed

Instructions for Questions 16 to 20:

Choose the correct antonyms for the following words from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x5=5]

16. Fiasco

- (a) Success
- (b) Failure
- (c) Washout
- (d) Long

17. Contiguous

- (a) Neighbouring
- (b) Separated
- (c) Adjacent
- (d) Peaceful

18. Divulge

- (a) Inform
- (b) Praise
- (c) Surrender
- (d) Conceal

19. Putrid

- (a) Deep
- (b) Pristine
- (c) Invite
- (d) Sorrow

20. Accomplice

- (a) Accessory
- (b) Partner
- (c) Opponent
- (d) Aide

Instructions for Questions 21 to 25:

Given below are sentences with underlined idioms/phrases in it. Choose the option which best expresses the meaning of the underlined idioms/phrases. Each question carries 1 mark. [1x5=5]

21. The hero of the Naipaul's novel 'A house for Biswas', like modern young men, wishes to paddle his own canoe.

- (a) Lead an independent and self-sufficient life
- (b) Make the best of his life
- (c) Have his own means of livelihood
- (d) To have a fruitful life

22. Some people have a habit of wearing their heart on their sleeves.

- (a) Avoiding being friendly with others
- (b) Saying something which is not to be taken seriously
- (c) Exposing their innermost feelings to others
- (d) Wasting their time on unnecessary details

23. They sold their house because it was a real white elephant.
- (a) An item expensive to maintain but with high utility
 - (b) An item expensive to maintain but with no or very low utility
 - (c) An item inexpensive to maintain but with high utility
 - (d) An item inexpensive to maintain but with no or very low utility
24. Who will carry the day in this war?
- (a) Win
 - (b) Attack first
 - (c) Withdraw first
 - (d) Be defeated
25. When Karma tells stories about himself; he is inclined to draw the long bow.
- (a) Get excited
 - (b) Get emotional
 - (c) Understate
 - (d) Exaggerate

Instructions for Questions 26 to 30:

Given below are four parts of a sentence labelled P, Q, R and S. Rearrange these parts in the correct sequence to form a logical and meaningful sentence. Choose the correct sequence from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x5=5]

26. (P) built by an emperor named Shah Jahan
(Q) the Taj Mahal is a
(R) in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal
(S) beautiful monument on the banks of river Yamuna

Select the correct sequence from the codes given below.

- (a) QPRS
- (b) QSRP
- (c) PQRS
- (d) QSPR

27. (P) in summer can damage roads
(Q) that leads to rutting from heavy traffic
(R) longer periods of extreme heat
(S) in several ways, including softening of asphalt

Select the correct sequence from the codes given below.

- (a) RPSQ
- (b) RSQP
- (c) RQPS
- (d) SPQR

28. (P) thermal pollution is a
(Q) caused by human influence
(R) temperature change in natural water bodies
(S) such as use of water as coolant in a power plant

Select the correct sequence from the codes given below.

- (a) RSPQ
- (b) PQSR
- (c) PRQS
- (d) QRSP

29. (P) uplifts humanity has
(Q) all labour that
(R) undertaken with painstaking excellence
(S) dignity and importance and should be

Select the correct sequence from the codes given below.

- (a) QPSR
(b) RQSP
(c) SRPQ
(d) PQRS

30. (P) he was a versatile writer who
(Q) that are all considered the best in their spheres
(R) Tagore was a poet before everything else but
(S) wrote novels, dramas, essays and short stories

Select the correct sequence from the codes given below.

- (a) RPQS
(b) PQRS
(c) RSQP
(d) RPSQ

Instructions for Questions 31 to 35:

Choose the most appropriate word from the given options to fill in the blank in the sentence. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x5=5]

31. He _____ to lend me money.
(a) defied
(b) rejected
(c) refused
(d) excepted

32. This _____ is most suitable for the housing complex.
- (a) sight
 - (b) site
 - (c) cite
 - (d) sigh
33. The noise outside _____ my performance.
- (a) effected
 - (b) affect
 - (c) affected
 - (d) effect
34. His manners are always _____ when he is with friends.
- (a) descent
 - (b) decent
 - (c) descend
 - (d) dissent
35. This decision will not go _____ well with the employees. They will most likely oppose it.
- (a) In
 - (b) Down
 - (c) Up
 - (d) Out

Instructions for Questions 36 to 40:

The given sentence has been broken into multiple parts; each part is separated by a '/'. One of these parts contains an error. Choose the part with the error from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x5=5]

36. The captain along with his team / are practicing / very hard for the / forth-coming matches.
- (a) The captain along with his team
 - (b) are practicing
 - (c) very hard for the
 - (d) forth-coming matches.
37. Supposing if / it rains, / what shall we do?
- (a) Supposing if
 - (b) it rains,
 - (c) what shall we do?
 - (d) No error
38. There are / no conducted tours / for tourist to visit all the/ important places.
- (a) There are
 - (b) no conducted tours
 - (c) for tourist to visit all the
 - (d) important places.
39. Truth to the poet that she is / Kavita finds joy in searching / for words, lines and stories / that are already out there in the world.
- (a) Truth to the poet that she is
 - (b) Kavita finds joy in searching
 - (c) for words, lines and stories
 - (d) that are already out the in the world.

40. The blind old man / who was crossing the road / was knock down by a car.
- (a) The blind old man
 - (b) who crossing the road
 - (c) was knock down by a car
 - (d) No error

PART-II
(COMPUTERS)

Instructions for Questions 41 to 70:

Choose the correct answer from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x30=30]

41. MS in MS Office stands for:
- (a) Machine System
 - (b) Main Station
 - (c) Microsoft
 - (d) None of the above
42. _____ shows the files, folders and drives on your computer, making it easy to navigate from one location to another within the file hierarchy.
- (a) Windows Explorer.
 - (b) Microsoft Internet Explorer.
 - (c) My Computer.
 - (d) None of the above.
43. Compact Disk is an example of a _____.
- (a) Secondary storage device
 - (b) Primary storage device
 - (c) Volatile storage device
 - (d) None of the above

44. If a new device is attached to a computer, such as a printer or a scanner, its _____ must be installed before the device can be used.
- (a) Server
 - (b) Driver
 - (c) Buffer
 - (d) All of the above
45. Which command is used to create a new directory in MS DOS?
- (a) CD
 - (b) MD
 - (c) RD
 - (d) None of the above
46. Which of the following pairs of commands is most related one in MS DOS?
- (a) RD and MD
 - (b) CD and RD
 - (c) DEL and ERASE
 - (d) COPY and RENAME
47. Identify which of the following is not an e-payment gateway.
- (a) BillDesk
 - (b) PayU
 - (c) Crypto Currency
 - (d) CC Avenue
48. Which of the following is not a programming language?
- (a) C
 - (b) C++
 - (c) BASIC
 - (d) UNIX

49. What is used for preventing unauthorised access to a network?

- (a) Android
- (b) Antivirus
- (c) Firewall
- (d) Trojan

50. The unit for expressing the speed of a processor is _____.

- (a) Hz
- (b) Byte
- (c) km/sec
- (d) None of the above

51. The abbreviation GUI stands for _____.

- (a) Giga Unit Interference
- (b) Graphical User Interface
- (c) Grammar Unix Interchange
- (d) Gear Up Instruction

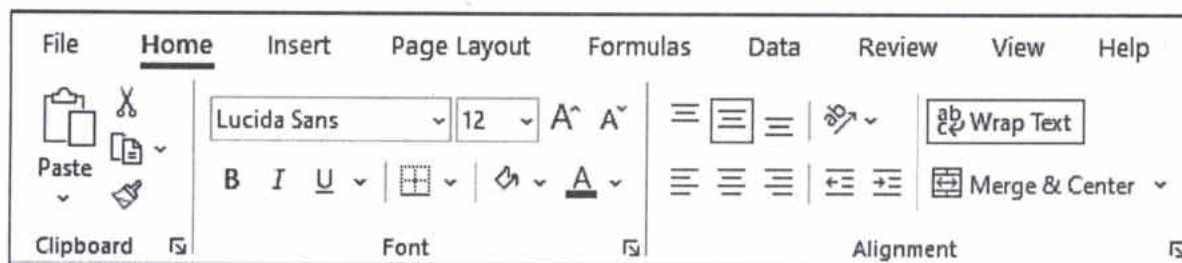
52. Which of the following computer languages is written in binary codes only?

- (a) PASCAL
- (b) COBOL
- (c) MACHINE LANGUAGE
- (d) BASIC

53. Which of the following is not a type of computer code?

- (a) EDIC
- (b) ASCII
- (c) BCD
- (d) EBCDIC

54. In the context of e-mails, what does the term **Bcc** stand for?
- Blind Computer Communication
 - Blind Codified Communication
 - Blind Carbon Copy
 - Blind Contact Code
55. Convert the hexadecimal number **ABCD** to the equivalent number in the binary number system. Choose the correct answer from the given options.
- 1010101111001101
 - 1111111111111110
 - 0111111111111111
 - 1001001000011111
56. Study the screenshot below. Under which tab and in which function group would you find the option to insert a Pivot Table in MS Excel 2021?



- Under the **Insert** tab in the **Tables** function group.
 - Under the **Formulas** tab in the **Data Analysis** function group.
 - Under the **Data** tab in the **Pivot Tables** function group.
 - Under the **Insert** tab in the **Charts** function group.
57. Convert the Octal number **10** to the equivalent number in the binary number system. Choose the correct answer from the given options.
- 1010
 - 1111
 - 0111
 - 1000

58. In MS Excel, the short-cut key for hiding the selected row is:
- (a) Ctrl + 0
 - (b) Ctrl + 9
 - (c) Ctrl + 3
 - (d) Ctrl + H
59. In MS Word, the short-cut key to center the content on the page is:
- (a) Alt + 1
 - (b) Ctrl + E
 - (c) Ctrl + L
 - (d) Ctrl + T
60. The network protocol used in the Internet that allows different types of computers to communicate with each other through exchange of data packets is:
- (a) TCP/IP
 - (b) OSI
 - (c) SSI
 - (d) None of the above
61. Bluetooth technology allows _____.
- (a) Satellite communication
 - (b) Signal transmission on mobile phones only
 - (c) Wireless communication between devices
 - (d) Landline phone to mobile phone communication.
62. In order to connect to the Internet, we need a _____.
- (a) Monitor
 - (b) Modem
 - (c) Gateway
 - (d) Printer

63. Data is stored temporarily in _____.
(a) Buffer
(b) Router
(c) Hard Disk
(d) Pen Drive
64. On the Internet, one can get files from another computer using the _____.
(a) HTTP
(b) UDP
(c) FTP
(d) TELNET
65. The short-cut key to redo the previous action (if possible) on the document in MS Word is _____.
(a) Ctrl + Y
(b) Ctrl + S
(c) Alt + P
(d) Alt + F
66. The first network that was used for Internet was the _____.
(a) NSFnet
(b) ARPANET
(c) Vnet
(d) None of the above
67. _____ are unattended interactive information systems, such as ATMs, that are generally used for assistance in public places.
(a) Kiosks
(b) Sioks
(c) Monitor
(d) Mask

68. Firmware is written into the _____.
(a) ROM
(b) Cache Memory
(c) RAM
(d) All of the above
69. In programming, repeating certain sequence of instructions continually until a certain condition is achieved, is usually called _____.
(a) Control Structure
(b) Looping
(c) Compiling
(d) Structure
70. The fastest means of memory access for CPU is through _____.
(a) Cache
(b) Registers
(c) Main memory
(d) Virtual Memory

PART-III
(GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

Instructions for Questions 71 to 100:

Choose the correct answer from the given options. Each question carries 1 mark.

[1x30=30]

71. The first SCO International Conference on 'Shared Buddhist Heritage' was held in _____.
(a) New Delhi
(b) Assam
(c) Kerala
(d) Bihar

72. Which film won seven awards during the Oscars 2023 event?
- (a) Elvis
 - (b) Everything Everywhere All at Once
 - (c) Whale
 - (d) Top Gun Maverick
73. In which year was the 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission' launched?
- (a) 2016
 - (b) 2018
 - (c) 2019
 - (d) 2021
74. Hydrogen produced by splitting water into hydrogen and oxygen using renewable electricity is called as _____.
- (a) White Hydrogen
 - (b) Pink Hydrogen
 - (c) Green Hydrogen
 - (d) Clean Hydrogen
75. What is the theme for G20 Summit 2023?
- (a) One Earth, One Family, One Future
 - (b) Long Life for All
 - (c) Only One Earth
 - (d) Go Green and Save Earth
76. How many G20 events were hosted by Sikkim this year?
- (a) One
 - (b) Three
 - (c) Two
 - (d) Four

77. When was the Business 20 (B20) meeting under India's G20 presidency held in Sikkim?
- (a) March 21, 2023
 - (b) March 16, 2023
 - (c) March 15, 2023
 - (d) March 19, 2023
78. 'VAIBHAV Fellowship Scheme' which was launched recently is associated with which field?
- (a) Sports
 - (b) Research
 - (c) MSME
 - (d) Finance
79. Which state is the host of 'Global Responsible Tourism Summit 2023'?
- (a) Sikkim
 - (b) Kerala
 - (c) Uttarakhand
 - (d) Himachal Pradesh
80. The NASA programme which intends to land the first woman and the next man on moon by 2024 is called ____.
- (a) Orion
 - (b) Apollo
 - (c) Artemis
 - (d) Achilles
81. What is 'Plasticosis'?
- (a) Food
 - (b) Disease
 - (c) Software
 - (d) Equipment

82. Which Indian institution conducts All-India Household Consumer Expenditure Survey?
- (a) NITI Aayog
 - (b) Reserve Bank of India
 - (c) NABARD
 - (d) National Statistical Office
83. Which Indian city has been renamed as 'Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar'?
- (a) Aurangabad
 - (b) Pune
 - (c) Nashik
 - (d) Ahmed Nagar
84. Which state/UT's tableau won the Best Tableau Award for Republic Day 2023?
- (a) Uttar Pradesh
 - (b) Uttarakhand
 - (c) Gujarat
 - (d) Maharashtra
85. Who is the first female loco pilot to operate the semi-high speed Vande Bharat Express train?
- (a) Bhawana Kant
 - (b) Avani Chaturvedi
 - (c) Surekha Yadav
 - (d) Mohana Singh

86. Who won the women's singles event of the 3rd Sikkim Senior State Ranking Badminton Championship 2023 held at the MARENA complex, SMIT, Majhitar?
- (a) Manita Pradhan
 - (b) Sandhya Gurung
 - (c) Prabha Gazmer
 - (d) Sunandita Bista
87. What is the name of the world's first ever radio platform powered by Artificial Intelligence?
- (a) RadioAI
 - (b) GoRadio
 - (c) RadioGPT
 - (d) RadioBing
88. Which country has opened its military service to women for the first time in 25 years?
- (a) Sri Lanka
 - (b) Colombia
 - (c) UK
 - (d) Japan
89. What is the main objective of 'Sujalam 2.0' campaign?
- (a) Ground water conservation
 - (b) Blackwater management
 - (c) Rainwater conservation
 - (d) Greywater management

90. Which Indian state/UT organized 'Gulf Business Summit' in the year 2022?
- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
 - (b) Punjab
 - (c) Kerala
 - (d) Gujarat
91. Which is the theme country of the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair 2023?
- (a) Ukraine
 - (b) Turkey
 - (c) Spain
 - (d) Italy
92. In which month was the 'India Energy Week' observed in India this year?
- (a) January
 - (b) April
 - (c) February
 - (d) March
93. What is the name of the operation launched by India to help Turkey which was recently devastated by a massive earthquake?
- (a) Operation Dost
 - (b) Operation Surya Hope
 - (c) Operation Devi Shakti
 - (d) Operation Vanilla

94. When is the 'International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade' observed annually?
- (a) March 23
 - (b) March 25
 - (c) March 27
 - (d) March 29
95. Which song won the 'Best Original Song' at the Oscars 2023?
- (a) Lift Me Up
 - (b) Hold My Hand
 - (c) Natu Natu
 - (d) Applause
96. Who is the current President of Nepal?
- (a) Ram Baran Yadav
 - (b) Vidya Devi Bhandari
 - (c) Jhala Nath Khanwal
 - (d) Ram Chandra Poudel
97. 'Rezang La' is located at which of the following places?
- (a) Sangti valley
 - (b) Chushul Valley
 - (c) Thangu Valley
 - (d) Nubra Valley
98. The world's highest weather station has been installed on which mountain?
- (a) Kanchenjunga
 - (b) Aconcagua
 - (c) Lhotse
 - (d) Mount Everest

99. Which of the following national park is not a UNESCO Heritage World site?

- (a) Kaziranga
- (b) Keoladeo
- (c) Sundarbans
- (d) Kanha

100. Which Indian state/UT has launched a project to set up 'Hobby Hubs' in government schools?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Delhi

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