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# 23-0004-AA TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: Two hours

PAPER – I

Maximum Marks: 100

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6. This Test Booklet is divided into 3 (three) parts – **Part – I, Part – II and Part – III.**
7. All three parts are **Compulsory.**
8. **Part-I and Part-II consist of Multiple Choice-based Questions.** The answers to these questions have to be marked in the **OMR Answer Sheet** provided to you.
9. **Part-III consist of Conventional Essay-type Questions.** The answers to these questions have to be written in the **Separate Answer Booklet** provided to you.
10. In Part-I and Part-II, each item (question) comprises of 04 (four) responses (answers). You are required to select the response which you want to mark on the OMR Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
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**PART-I**  
**(GENERAL ENGLISH)**  
**Multiple Choice-based Questions**

*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.*

**[1 x 10 = 10]**

Edmund Burke called the press the Fourth Estate of the realm. I think he did not use this title for the press thoughtlessly as social ruling group or class. The three states or realms in England are Lord Spirituals (i.e., the bishops in the House of Lords), the temporal (i.e., other Lords) and Commons (i.e. the common people). The press has been rightly called the Fourth Estate as it also constitutes a ruling group or class like the Lords or Commons. It cannot be denied in a free country that the press exercises good deal of influence in shaping public opinion and pointing out the weaknesses or defects of society or of government and in general bringing to light all those good or bad things in society which would have otherwise remained unnoticed. The power is not limited or put under any check. The press, instead of, being controlled by anyone, controls life and thought of a Nation. Hence the press constitutes an Estate by itself.

Obviously, this power which the press in a country wields depends upon the number of newspaper readers. The opinions and comments of newspaper can influence the life of a nation only when they are read by people. Reading in turn, requires that the general mass of people should be educated. Thus, the spread of education determines the extent of the newspapers. Where readers are few, newspapers must necessarily be few. Their influence, in that case can extend only to a small minority of population. In a country like India, the percentage of literacy is very low and the standard of journalism is not very high. So, press has to play the role of a teacher here.

1. Edmund Burke called the press \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) instrument of public opinion
  - (b) distributor of news
  - (c) the Fourth Estate
  - (d) Lord Temporal
  
2. The term Fourth Estate stands for -
  - (a) An area of land
  - (b) Landed property
  - (c) Social ruling group or class
  - (d) Instrument of power
  
3. Out of the following, the one which is not included in the Three Estates is -
  - (a) Lords Spiritual
  - (b) Justices of Peace
  - (c) Lord Temporal
  - (d) Commons



4. The Free Press does not perform the function of:
  - (a) Shaping public opinion.
  - (b) Supporting the official policy at all times.
  - (c) Criticizing the government.
  - (d) Exposing social abuses.
5. How much power does a Free Press possess?
  - (a) Only that much power which is allowed by the government of the country.
  - (b) Unlimited power without any check.
  - (c) Unlimited power subject to the maintenance of law and order and public morality.
  - (d) No power at all.
6. The influence of the Press is determined by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) the money which the newspaper owners can wield.
  - (b) the number of newspaper readers.
  - (c) the extent to which it supports official policy
  - (d) the patronage enjoyed by it of the government
7. The number of newspaper readers is determined by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) The price of newspapers.
  - (b) The patronage extended to it by the moneyed people.
  - (c) Education of the general mass of people.
  - (d) The availability of newspaper.
8. The Press exercises power by -
  - (a) Enlisting the support of the people.
  - (b) Keeping watch over the acts of the government.
  - (c) Controlling life and thought of a Nation.
  - (d) Because it is a great moneyed concern.
9. The standard of journalism in India \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) is up to the mark
  - (b) is rather low
  - (c) is in its infancy
  - (d) is not very high
10. The Press has the greatest chance of flourishing in a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) Monarchy
  - (b) Aristocracy
  - (c) Democracy
  - (d) Limited Dictatorship

**Instructions for Questions 11 to 15:**

**Choose the appropriate word from the given options that can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

**[1 x 5 = 5]**

11. Of very bad morals characterized by debasement or degeneration:

- (a) Depraved
- (b) Dilatory
- (c) Dilapidated
- (d) Desultory

12. A person highly skilled in music:

- (a) Novice
- (b) Virtuoso
- (c) Dabbler
- (d) Amateur

13. Delicate difference in meaning:

- (a) Prodigy
- (b) Dandy
- (c) Niche
- (d) Nuance

14. A story that expresses ideas through symbols:

- (a) Almanac
- (b) Axiom
- (c) Anomaly
- (d) Allegory

15. To patiently suffer something painful or difficult:

- (a) To persevere
- (b) To dismay
- (c) To endure
- (d) To desist

**Instructions for Questions 16 to 20:**

**Choose the correct word to fill the blank from the given options.**

**[1 x 5 = 5]**

16. I don't know the city \_\_\_\_\_ he lives.

- (a) what
- (b) where
- (c) when
- (d) which

17. She notes how \_\_\_\_\_ work has been done on the mental health of teachers.  
(a) little  
(b) few  
(c) many  
(d) most of
18. Sudha is getting \_\_\_\_\_ the car.  
(a) of  
(b) off  
(c) out of  
(d) out off
19. He is jealous \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
(a) with  
(b) at  
(c) from  
(d) of
20. Doma is not familiar \_\_\_\_\_ this locality.  
(a) to  
(b) with  
(c) from  
(d) around

*Instructions for Questions 21 to 25:*

*Choose the appropriate synonym of the following words from the given options.*

*[1 x 5 = 5]*

21. Fleeting  
(a) Transient  
(b) Transparent  
(c) Tranquil  
(d) Tepid
22. Ominous  
(a) Poisonous  
(b) Forgone  
(c) Foreboding  
(d) Fortune
23. Uniformity  
(a) Routine  
(b) Continuation  
(c) Stability  
(d) Consistency

24. Empirical  
(a) Spiritual  
(b) Royal  
(c) Practical  
(d) Theoretical

25. Realm  
(a) Harvest  
(b) Domain  
(c) Sensible  
(d) Nature

*Instructions for Questions 26 to 30:*

*Choose the appropriate antonym of the following words from the given options.*

*[1 x 5 = 5]*

26. Alleviation  
(a) Exaggeration  
(b) Aggravation  
(c) Magnification  
(d) Intruding

27. Audacious  
(a) Timid  
(b) Vulgar  
(c) Low  
(d) Unpracticed

28. Execrate  
(a) Imprecate  
(b) Chastise  
(c) Deprecate  
(d) Consecrate

29. Brazen  
(a) Innocent  
(b) Delicious  
(c) Respectful  
(d) Helpful

30. Conform  
(a) Disappoint  
(b) Reform  
(c) Deform  
(d) Dissent

*Instructions for Questions 31 to 35:*

*Four words have been given against each question. One of those words has been misspelt. Find the misspelt word from among the given words.*

*[1 x 5 = 5]*

31. Find the misspelt word among the words given below.

- (a) Advocacy
- (b) Aristocracy
- (c) Democracy
- (d) Courtacy

32. Find the misspelt word among the words given below.

- (a) Forfiet
- (b) Surfeit
- (c) Defeat
- (d) Freight

33. Find the misspelt word among the words given below.

- (a) Admonition
- (b) Hallucination
- (c) Obsession
- (d) Combination

34. Find the misspelt word among the words given below.

- (a) Deferred
- (b) Sufferred
- (c) Referred
- (d) Transferred

35. Find the misspelt word among the words given below.

- (a) Elligible
- (b) Incorrigible
- (c) Possible
- (d) Legible



**Instructions for Questions 36 to 40:**

*The sentences given below are in active / passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested below, select one which best expresses the same in passive / active voice.*

*[1 x 5 = 5]*

36. The Members of the Parliament elect their group leader either by consensus or by voice vote.
- (a) The group leader was elected by the Members of the Parliament either by consensus or by voice vote.
  - (b) The group leader has been elected by the Members of the Parliament either by consensus or by voice vote.
  - (c) The group leader is elected by the Members of the Parliament either by consensus or by voice vote.
  - (d) The Members of the Parliament are elected by their group leader either by consensus or by voice vote.
37. Lata Mangeshkar wrote the song and sang it.
- (a) The song was written and sung by Lata Mangeshkar.
  - (b) The songs were written and sung by Lata Mangeshkar.
  - (c) The song will be written and sung by Lata Mangeshkar.
  - (d) Lata Mangeshkar is going to write the song and sing it.
38. Every disaster affected victim has been compensated by the government.
- (a) The government had compensated every disaster affected victim.
  - (b) The government has been compensating every disaster affected victim.
  - (c) The governments have been compensating every disaster affected victim.
  - (d) The government has compensated every disaster affected victim.
39. I remember my mother taking me to the school.
- (a) I remember I was taken to the school by my mother.
  - (b) I remember being taken to the school by my mother.
  - (c) I remember I have been taken to the school by my mother.
  - (d) I remember my mother took me to the school.
40. Who is creating the mess?
- (a) Who has been creating the mess?
  - (b) By whom has this mess been created?
  - (c) By whom this mess was being created?
  - (d) By whom is this mess being created?

**PART-II**  
**(GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)**  
**Multiple Choice-based Questions**

*Instructions for Questions 41 to 80:*

*Choose the correct answer to the following questions from the options given. Each question carries 1 mark.*

**[1 x 40 = 40]**

41. Which union ministry is set to organise the 'World Food India -2023' event?
- (a) Ministry of Agriculture
  - (b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
  - (c) Ministry of Rural Development
  - (d) Ministry of Housing and Rural Development
42. 'SAMARTH' is an umbrella skilling programme of which ministry?
- (a) Ministry of Textiles
  - (b) Ministry of Skill development and Entrepreneurship
  - (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - (d) Ministry of Defence
43. G20 Start-Up Meet started in Gangtok on:
- (a) March 18
  - (b) March 15
  - (c) March 14
  - (d) March 22
44. Which documentary film from Sikkim was screened at the North-East Film Festival 2023 in Mumbai?
- (a) Myth
  - (b) Saga Dawa
  - (c) Chotu
  - (d) Sukhim
45. Consider the following statements regarding the United Nations Security Council (UNSC):
- (1) The council's presidency rotates every two months among its 15 members.
  - (2) India entered the UNSC as a non-permanent member for the sixth time in the January 2021.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**
- (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 only
  - (c) Both 1 and 2
  - (d) Neither 1 nor 2

46. The traditional administrative institution of the villages of Lachen and Lachung in north Sikkim is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Baghmara  
(b) Shamatov  
(c) Wokha  
(d) Dzumsa
47. Where was the fifth 'ASEAN-India Business Summit' held in?  
(a) Kuala Lumpur  
(b) Hong Kong  
(c) Manila  
(d) Hanoi
48. Which institution conducted the 'G20 Cyber Security Exercise and Drill' under India's G20 presidency?  
(a) NASSCOM  
(b) CERT-In  
(c) Niti Aayog  
(d) CDAC
49. India launched the new Young Professionals Scheme (YPS) along with which country earlier this year?  
(a) USA  
(b) UK  
(c) Singapore  
(d) Germany
50. Who has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize?  
(a) Ranjan Gopal  
(b) Raghuram Ranjan  
(c) Dan Patrick  
(d) Hari Balakrishnan
51. The theme for the International Day of Forest 2023 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Forest and Climate Change  
(b) Forest and Global Warming  
(c) Forests and Health  
(d) Forests and Friends
52. Who are the beneficiaries of the PM-VIKAS Scheme announced in the Union Budget 2023?  
(a) Teachers  
(b) MSMEs  
(c) Students  
(d) Artisans

53. Which country announced its decision to remove British Monarchy from its banknotes?
- (a) Australia
  - (b) Netherlands
  - (c) Poland
  - (d) Sweden
54. Shiv Kumar Sharma who passed away in 2022, is known for popularising which musical instrument?
- (a) Flute
  - (b) Santoor
  - (c) Sitar
  - (d) Sarangi
55. Which Indian institute is going to set up National Centre for Lab-Grown Diamonds?
- (a) IIT Kharagpur
  - (b) IIT Madras
  - (c) IIT Kanpur
  - (d) IIT Hyderabad
56. Which is the first state in India to offer breakfast in government schools?
- (a) Punjab
  - (b) Kerala
  - (c) Tamil Nadu
  - (d) West Bengal
57. Consider the following states:
- (1) Tripura
  - (2) Assam
  - (3) Arunachal Pradesh
  - (4) Mizoram

**Foxtail orchid is the state flower of which of the above Indian state or states?  
Select the correct answer from the codes below.**

- (a) Only 2
  - (b) Both 2 and 3
  - (c) Only 4
  - (d) Both 1 and 3
58. 'Sajibu Nongma Panba' is a traditional festival of which Indian state?
- (a) West Bengal
  - (b) Odisha
  - (c) Manipur
  - (d) Nagaland



59. Which is the first airline in Asia to use the 'GAGAN' satellite-based navigation system during landing of their aircrafts?
- (a) Air India
  - (b) IndiGo
  - (c) Air Asia
  - (d) Spice Jet
60. 'Frontier' the world's fastest super computer has been developed in which country?
- (a) USA
  - (b) Russia
  - (c) China
  - (d) Israel
61. Indian specialists participated in a 'Global Collaboration Advanced Vaccinology Training' meeting with specialists from other countries in a global effort to devise a vaccinology training programme. Which city hosted this meeting?
- (a) New York
  - (b) Geneva
  - (c) Berlin
  - (d) Paris
62. What is the aim of PM GatiShakti Masterplan?
- (a) To provide affordable housing to the urban poor.
  - (b) To develop hi-speed railway and hyperloop transport in the country.
  - (c) To ease lending of loans and enhance credit availability to small scale exporters.
  - (d) To synchronise connectivity infrastructure projects across modes of transport.
63. 'Jivhala' is a special loan scheme launched by which state government?
- (a) Andhra Pradesh
  - (b) Maharashtra
  - (c) Odisha
  - (d) West Bengal
64. What is the theme for National Science Day 2023?
- (a) Women in Science.
  - (b) Science and Technology for Sustainable Development.
  - (c) Global Science for Global Well-being.
  - (d) Make in India.
65. 'Karakoram Anomaly' is associated with which phenomenon?
- (a) Melting of Glaciers
  - (b) Green House Gas Emission



- (c) Air Pollution
- (d) Biodiversity Loss

66. Consider the following diseases:

- (1) Cholera
- (2) Malaria
- (3) Tuberculosis
- (4) Sleeping Sickness

**Which of these disease / diseases is or are caused by protozoans?**

- (a) Only 1 and 4
- (b) Only 1 and 2
- (c) Only 2 and 4
- (d) All of the above

67. Protein in pulses is chiefly found in which of the following form?

- (a) Starch
- (b) Gluten
- (c) Globulin
- (d) Thiamin

68. With reference to the location of Mongolia, consider the following statements:

- (1) It is a landlocked country located in West and Central Asia.
- (2) It is the world's second-largest landlocked country and the most sparsely populated country in the world.

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

69. The isthmus of Korea is located in between which two water bodies?

- (a) Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean
- (b) Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea
- (c) Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean
- (d) Sea of Japan and Yellow Sea

70. 'Barahimizong' festival is observed by which community of Sikkim?

- (a) Kirat Rai
- (b) Tibetan
- (c) Mangar
- (d) Lepchas

71. Known popularly by names such as 'Longcross', 'Bhogeshwara' or 'Mr. Kubini', it was found dead in 2022 in the Gundre Range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Which species of animal is being referred to in the preceding sentence?
- (a) Asian Elephant
  - (b) Bengal Tiger
  - (c) African Elephant
  - (d) One Horned Rhino
72. Which country lifted the 'ICC Women's T20 World Cup Trophy' 2023?
- (a) India
  - (b) Australia
  - (c) South Africa
  - (d) England
73. Which among the following is the unit of measurement of 'Ecological Footprint'?
- (a) global hectares
  - (b) gallons per capita
  - (c) cubic metres
  - (d) man hours
74. Nokrek Biosphere Reserve is located in which of the following states?
- (a) Assam
  - (b) Meghalaya
  - (c) Manipur
  - (d) Tripura
75. Which organization releases 'The Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Report'?
- (a) World Trade Organization
  - (b) UN Commission of Trade and Commerce
  - (c) World Economic Forum
  - (d) German Watch
76. Which is the first US city to ban discrimination based on caste?
- (a) New York
  - (b) Seattle
  - (c) Boston
  - (d) Los Angeles
77. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act was expanded earlier this year to include which product?
- (a) Virtual Digital Assets
  - (b) Real Estate
  - (c) Jewellery
  - (d) Electronics

78. Consider the following human physiological features.

- (1) Sex
- (2) Fingerprint
- (3) DNA

**Which one or more of the above would be identical in new-born identical (monozygotic) twins without any genetic mutation or abnormalities? Chose the correct option from the codes given below.**

- (a) Only 1 & 2
- (b) Only 2 & 3
- (c) Only 1 & 3
- (d) None of these

79. Consider the following statements:

- (1) River Sutlej originates from Rakshastal Lake (connected to Manasarovar Lake).
- (2) River Ravi originates from near Rohtang Pass in the Himalayas.
- (3) River Jhelum originates in the South Eastern part of Kashmir
- (4) River Chenab originates from the confluence of two rivers – the Chandra and the Beas

**Which one or more of the above statements in incorrect? Choose the correct option from the codes given below.**

- (a) Only 1 and 4
- (b) Only 2
- (c) Only 2 and 3
- (d) Only 4

80. In March this year, major rescue missions were conducted by Trishakti Corps in East Sikkim to rescue tourist stranded due to heavy snowfall. The operation was named \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Operation Sukoon
- (b) Operation Himrahat
- (c) Operation Maitri
- (d) Operation Ganga

**PART-III**  
**(GENERAL ENGLISH)**  
**Conventional Essay-type Questions**

81. Write a letter on ANY ONE of the scenarios given below. The question carries 10 marks.

[1 x 10 = 10]

- (a) Write a letter to the bank manager reporting about your missing debit card and requesting him for blocking of the card as well as issue of a new card.

**OR**

- (b) Write a letter to an e-commerce website from where you placed an online order complaining about receipt of a damaged product.

82. Write a report on ANY ONE of the topics given below. The question carries 10 marks.

[1 x 10 = 10]

- (a) Write a report in about 150 words on the recent 'G20 Summit 2023' that concluded in Sikkim.

**OR**

- (b) Write a report in about 150 words on the recent rescue mission of tourists who were stranded in North Sikkim due to heavy snowfall.

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