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TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: Two hours

**PAPER - I
GENERAL ENGLISH**

Maximum Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions: -

1. This Test Booklet consists of **16 (Sixteen)** pages and has **72 (seventy two)** items (questions).
2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXAMINATION, YOU SHOULD CHECK THAT THIS BOOKLET **DOES NOT** HAVE ANY UNPRINTED OR TORN OR MISSING PAGES OR ITEMS ETC. IF SO, GET IT REPLACED BY A COMPLETE TEST BOOKLET.
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5. Use **only Black Ball Point Pen** to fill the OMR Answer Sheet.
6. This Test Booklet is divided into 2 (two) parts - **Part - I** and **Part - II**.
7. Both the parts are **Compulsory**.
8. **Part - I** consists of **Multiple Choice based Questions**. The answers to these questions must be marked in the **OMR Answer Sheet** provided to you.
9. **Part - II** consists of **Conventional Type Questions**. The answers to these questions must be written in a **Separate Answer Booklet** provided to you.
10. **For items (questions) in Part - I**, 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.
11. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the OMR Answer Sheet and the Answer Booklet(s) and the examination has concluded, you should hand over to the Invigilator **only the OMR Answer Sheet and the Answer Booklet**. You are permitted to take the Test Booklet with you.
12. **Penalty for wrong answers in case of Multiple Choice based Questions in Part - I:**
THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE.
 - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third** of the marks assigned to the question will be deducted as penalty.
 - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer** even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to the question.
 - (iii) If a question is left blank. i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be **no penalty** for that question.

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PART-I (Multiple Choice Questions)

Read the following passage and choose the correct answers from the options given below: (1x10=10)

The yearly festival was close by. The store room was packed with silk fabrics, gold ornaments; clay bowls full of sweet curd and platefuls of sweetmeats. The orders had been placed with shops well in advance. The mother was sending out gifts to everyone. The eldest son, a government servant lived with his wife and children in far off lands. The second son had left home at an early age. As a merchant he travelled all over the world. The other sons had split up over petty squabbles and they now lived in homes of their own. The relatives were spread all across the world. They rarely visited. The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored, left her and stood at the door all day long, waiting and watching. His mother thrilled and excited, loaded the presents in trays and plates, covered with colorful handkerchiefs and sent them off with aids and servants. The neighbours looked on. The day came to an end. All the presents had been sent off. The child came back into the house and dejectedly said to his mother, "Maa, you gave a present to everyone, but you didn't give me anything!" His mother laughed, "I have given all the gifts away to everyone, now see what's left for you." She kissed him on the forehead. The child said in a tearful voice, "Don't I get a gift?" "You'll get it when you go far away." "But when I am close to you, don't I get something from your own hands?" His mother reached out her arms and drew him to her. "This is all I have in my own hands. It is the most precious of all."

1. Why did the woman's second son travel?
 - (a) He was restless by nature
 - (b) He did not want to stay at home
 - (c) He was rich and could afford to travel
 - (d) His job was such that he had to travel
2. Why did the woman's eldest son not attend the festival?
 - (a) He was not on good terms with his youngest brother at home
 - (b) He had quarreled with his mother
 - (c) His job prevented him from taking leave
 - (d) None of the above
3. How did the woman prepare for the festival?
 - (i) She bought expensive gifts for her children and neighbours
 - (ii) She ordered her servants to prepare sweets and food well in advance
 - (iii) She made sure her youngest son was looked after well so that he wouldn't be bored
 - (iv) She had ordered all gifts from shops in advance
 - (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only ((i) and (iv)
 - (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (iv)

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4. What did the youngest child do when his mother was busy?
- (i) He waited for a chance to steal some sweetmeats
 - (ii) He pestered his mother to give him a present
 - (iii) He stood at the door waiting and watching
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (iii)
 - (c) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (d) Only (ii)
5. Which of the following can be said about the woman?
- (a) She was a widow who had brought up her children single handedly
 - (b) She was not a good mother since her children had left home at an early age
 - (c) She enjoyed sending her family gifts at festival time
 - (d) She rarely visited her grandchildren because they all live abroad
6. What did the boy receive from his mother?
- (a) She gave him a hug to express her love
 - (b) She encouraged him to grow up and live independently like his brother
 - (c) She showed him the importance of giving expensive gifts
 - (d) She showed him the importance of wealth
7. Which of the following is 'true' in the context of the passage?
- (a) The woman's eldest son lived abroad
 - (b) The woman somehow ignored her youngest son
 - (c) The members of the woman's family did not care about her
 - (d) The woman sent gifts to her children to ensure that they visited her
8. There is a word given from the passage below followed by four options. Choose the word from the options which is most nearly the same in the meaning as the word used in the passage.
- Left**
- (a) Gone
 - (b) Quit
 - (c) Remaining
 - (d) Disappeared
9. There is a word given from the passage below followed by four options. Choose the word from the options which is most nearly the same in the meaning as the word used in the passage.
- Packed**
- (a) Filled
 - (b) Squeezed
 - (c) Collected
 - (d) Untidy

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10. Choose the word from the given options which is most opposite in meaning as the word "**dejectedly**" used in the passage.

- (a) Calmly
- (b) Happily
- (c) Willingly
- (d) Fortunately

Choose the correct antonyms for the following words: (1x5=5)

11. Grieve

- (a) Agony
- (b) Moan
- (c) Rejoice
- (d) Sadness

12. Exonerate

- (a) Admit
- (b) Accuse
- (c) Contract
- (d) Reject

13. Facsimile

- (a) Engineered
- (b) Original
- (c) Sincere
- (d) Fact

14. Assist

- (a) Aid
- (b) Hinder
- (c) Facilitate
- (d) Help

15. Considerable

- (a) Usual
- (b) Common
- (c) Inattentive
- (d) Inadequate

Choose the correct synonyms for the following words: (1x5=5)

16. Acute

- (a) Curious
- (b) Accidental
- (c) Sweet
- (d) Severe

17. Refute

- (a) Hinder
- (b) Disprove
- (c) Frustrate
- (d) Void

18. Ideal

- (a) Civilized
- (b) Thorough
- (c) Model
- (d) Useless

19. Reward

- (a) Forfeiture
- (b) Demotion
- (c) Penalty
- (d) Retribution

20. Forestall

- (a) Avoid
- (b) Frighten
- (c) Prevent
- (d) Disappoint

Choose the word which best describes the following: (1x5=5)

21. Bare minimum needed for survival

- (a) Sustenance
- (b) Subsistence
- (c) Sustainable
- (d) Supplement

22. The murder of human

- (a) Suicide
- (b) Regicide
- (c) Homicide
- (d) Genocide

23. A religious discourse

- (a) Sermon
- (b) Preaching
- (c) Stanza
- (d) Sanctorum

24. One who loves books
(a) Bibliophile
(b) Bibliophagist
(c) Bibliophobe
(d) Bibliographer
25. Reproducing or memorizing word for word
(a) Verbatim
(b) Verbose
(c) Verbiage
(d) Verbalism

The following sentences have been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. From the given alternatives choose the one which best expresses the sentences in Passive/Active Voice: (1x5=5)

26. I said to my friend, "Can you ride a bike?"
(a) I asked my friend whether he could ride a bike.
(b) I asked my friend whether he would ride a bike.
(c) I asked my friend whether he can ride a bike.
(d) I asked my friend whether he rode a bike.
27. You said to me, 'You will pass the examination.'
(a) You told me that I could pass the examination.
(b) You told me that I should pass the examination.
(c) You told me that I can pass the examination.
(d) You told me that I would pass the examination.
28. I said, "Rinchen was singing."
(a) I said that Rinchen had been singing.
(b) I said that Rinchen have been singing.
(c) I said that Rinchen has been singing.
(d) I said that Rinchen had sung.
29. He said, 'If I had the tools, I could repair the machine'
(a) He said I could repair the machine if I have the tools.
(b) He told he could repair the machine.
(c) He tells that he had the tools he could repair the machine.
(d) He said that if he had the tools, he could repair the machine.

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30. He said, "I am glad to be here this evening."

- (a) He says he was glad to be here this evening.
- (b) He asked he is glad to be here this evening.
- (c) He said he was glad to be here this evening.
- (d) He said that he was glad to be there that evening.

The following sentences have been given in Active/ Passive Voice. From the given alternatives choose the one which best expresses the sentences in Active/Passive Voice: (1x5=5)

31. By now the winners will have been felicitated.

- (a) They have felicitated the winners by now.
- (b) They will have been felicitated the winners by now.
- (c) They will have felicitated the winners by now.
- (d) They will felicitate the winners now.

32. Don't reply until someone asks you something.

- (a) Don't reply until you are asked something.
- (b) Don't reply until someone is asked to you.
- (c) Don't reply until you have been asked.
- (d) Don't reply until someone has been asked to.

33. One must keep one's promises.

- (a) One's promises are to be kept.
- (b) One's promises must be kept.
- (c) One's promises were to be kept.
- (d) One's promises must keep.

34. Ravi said to the judge, "I did not commit this crime."

- (a) Ravi said to the judge that he had not committed the crime.
- (b) Ravi said to the judge that he did not committed the crime.
- (c) Ravi said to the judge that he had not committed that crime.
- (d) Ravi said to the judge that he had not committed this crime.

35. Susan said, "I met your sister last week."

- (a) Susan said that she has met my sister last week.
- (b) Susan said that I had met your sister last week.
- (c) Susan said that I met your sister last week.
- (d) Susan said that she had met my sister last week.

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Fill in the blanks with the correct options: (1x10=10)

36. We travelled ____ a boat to reach the city.
(a) From
(b) On
(c) By
(d) In
37. He congratulated his friend ____ his success.
(a) For
(b) On
(c) About
(d) In
38. We must save ____ a rainy day.
(a) By
(b) On
(c) In
(d) For
39. You have all come well prepared. I ____ you to pass this exam.
(a) Hope
(b) Expect
(c) Wish
(d) Except
40. If I ____ a bird, I would fly.
(a) Were
(b) Was
(c) Am
(d) Is
41. Though the girl is poor, ____ she is honest.
(a) Still
(b) Nevertheless
(c) But
(d) Yet
42. When Rahul was ill, many servants attended ____ him.
(a) At
(b) Over
(c) On
(d) With

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43. Sita is extremely good ____ Mathematics.

- (a) In
- (b) With
- (c) At
- (d) On

44. This legend has been ____ from father to son.

- (a) handed down
- (b) handed over
- (c) handed out
- (d) handed in

45. Fate smiled ____ him in all his ventures.

- (a) On
- (b) Above
- (c) At
- (d) with

Find the mis-spelt words from the following: (1x5=5)

46.

- (a) Advice
- (b) Revise
- (c) Device
- (d) Demice

47.

- (a) Campaign
- (b) Controversy
- (c) Secretry
- (d) Enunciate

48.

- (a) Preparatory
- (b) Emissary
- (c) Promisary
- (d) Cursory

49.

- (a) Accumulate
- (b) Accrue
- (c) Accomodate
- (d) Accurate

50.

- (a) Pudding
- (b) Pungent
- (c) Hammer
- (d) Grammer

Choose the appropriate words given after the passage below to fill in the corresponding blanks in the given passage: (1x10=10)

The Earth is one of the known planets that circle the Sun. In ---(51)--- times, the men who studied the ---(52)--- noticed that while certain heavenly ---(53)--- seemed fixed in the sky, others seemed to ---(54)--- about. They named the latter as planets or wanderers. ---(55)--- astronomers have discovered that the four planets, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus ---(56)--- Neptune are surrounded by poisonous gases and are so ---(57)--- that any living thing attempting to ---(58)--- on them would instantly be frozen to death. Of the five remaining ---(59)---, Venus most closely ---(60)--- the Earth in size.

51.

- (a) ancient
- (b) antique
- (c) past
- (d) modern

52.

- (a) earth
- (b) stars
- (c) sun
- (d) light

53.

- (a) objects
- (b) things
- (c) bodies
- (d) entities

54.
(a) jump
(b) roam
(c) move
(d) run
55.
(a) upstart
(b) modern
(c) new
(d) future
56.
(a) and
(b) or
(c) etc.
(d) nor
57.
(a) dull
(b) cold
(c) lukewarm
(d) frigid
58.
(a) walk
(b) stay
(c) squat
(d) land
59.
(a) planets
(b) meteors
(c) stars
(d) constellations
60.
(a) negates
(b) identifies
(c) imitates
(d) resembles

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Select the the word that is different in meaning than the others (1x5=5)

61.

- (a) Properly
- (b) Proudly
- (c) Rightly
- (d) Suitably

62.

- (a) Measles
- (b) Mumps
- (c) Rickets
- (d) Spectacles

63.

- (a) Anthology
- (b) Dictionary
- (c) Thesaurus
- (d) Connotation

64.

- (a) Address
- (b) Hiding
- (c) Habitation
- (d) Residence

65.

- (a) Soggy
- (b) Arid
- (c) Marshy
- (d) Moist

Choose the right meanings of the following idioms and phrases: (1x5=5)

66. At the drop of the hat:

- (a) As soon as it was dropped
- (b) Done easily
- (c) Done in an instant
- (d) After something is done

67. Keep at bay:
- (a) Keep at a distance
 - (b) Keep at the sea-shore
 - (c) Keep in mind
 - (d) Keep thinking about something
68. Give a cold shoulder:
- (a) To shiver
 - (b) To give cold meat
 - (c) To ignore
 - (d) To support
69. Pull your socks up
- (a) To get ready
 - (b) To improve
 - (c) To start
 - (d) To finish
70. To smell a rat
- (a) To find a dead rat
 - (b) To smell a dead rat
 - (c) To suspect something
 - (d) None of the above

Part-II (Conventional)

71. Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (1x20=20)

(A) Importance of mental health

OR

(B) Role of technology in education

72. Report Writing (1x10=10)

Your state government has banned the use of single-use plastic in the state. However, the ban is still being ignored. You are Ruby/Ruben, a reporter of Sikkim Express. Write a report in 100-125 words on the use of plastics and how it is causing indiscriminate damage to the environment.

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