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TEST BOOKLET

(Time Allowed: 2 hours)

PAPER – I

(Maximum Marks: 100)

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PART-I
GENERAL ENGLISH

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers for the questions given below:

A mask is a false face. It can have several functions. First, it is used to hide the identity of the person wearing it. Criminals often wear it for this reason. Masks may also be worn for having fun. At one time, masked balls were very popular in Europe. People who attended these dances wore masks and only removed them at the end of the night. Another function is to change the wearer into another person or being. This is based on the old belief in some cultures that the person wearing the mask can change into the character of the mask as there are spirits in all living and non-living matter and these are contained within a mask made of such matter.

Masks are also important in many different kinds of dance and theatre. The audience recognizes the character played by the actor by identifying the masks they wear.

- 1) The author calls the mask a 'false face' because -
 - A) It looks like so
 - B) It hides the face of the wearer
 - C) It appears to be a false one
 - D) It denotes an alien character
- 2) Most of the criminals wear masks -
 - A) To hide their identity
 - B) To make others laugh
 - C) To make them fool
 - D) To get reward
- 3) Masks are useful to theatre artists because -
 - A) They hide their foolishness
 - B) They conceal their identity
 - C) The audience recognizes the character being played
 - D) The audience can't see him depressed
- 4) The use of masks in mask balls was -
 - A) To fool others
 - B) For getting a prize
 - C) For comfort
 - D) For having fun
- 5) According to the passage what is the old belief?
 - A) The character of the wearer of the mask may change into another person or being
 - B) The spirits may cause harm to the wearer
 - C) The mask may not be removed later
 - D) The wearer can make fun of everyone

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers for the questions given below:

A tiny uninhabited island in Maldives disappeared into the sea, raising speculation among the scientists about onset of global warming. The islands constituting the Maldives rise barely two to four meters above the sea level. Various studies had identified the Maldives and Bangladesh as the most prone to flooding due to predicted rise in sea-level caused by one or two degree Celsius increase in the Earth's temperature. The Maldives case has aroused considerable curiosity among scientists due to the predicted vulnerability of the islands to minute changes in the global weather system. Further the Maldives already face serious environmental degradation, mainly because of high population density on the few inhabited islands. The Maldives capital Male is an extreme case with a population density of more than 19,000 persons per square kilometer. One-third of the population of Maldives lives in Male.

- 6) The calamity that befell on one of the islands was -
 - A) That it blew away
 - B) It disappeared in air
 - C) No inhabitants were found there
 - D) It disappeared into the sea
- 7) The scientists gathered that -
 - A) This was the coming of dinosaur
 - B) This was the result of earthquake
 - C) This was due to flooding
 - D) This was the beginning of global warming
- 8) The islands are prone to flooding because -
 - A) They are low lying
 - B) They are insecure
 - C) They have no human beings
 - D) Nobody is here to control flood
- 9) A serious problem being faced by Maldives is -
 - A) High percentage of voters
 - B) High density of electric wires
 - C) High density of population
 - D) High altitude of mountains
- 10) Which of the following word is similar in meaning to the word '*prone*' as used in the above passage?
 - A) Affected
 - B) At risk of
 - C) Allergic
 - D) Resistant

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers for the questions given below:

Man does not live by food alone. Water is vital to human health and fitness. Although it is not a nutrient per se as are carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals. It, in fact is a key nutrient as no life is possible without it. Whereas we can do for weeks without food, we cannot live without water longer than a couple of days. Water is approximately 60% of the body weight of human adults. The total amount of water in a man weighing 70 kilograms is approximately a little over 40 litres. It is an excellent solvent; more substances are soluble in water than in any other liquid known so far. This makes it an ideal constituent of the body fluids which sustain life supporting chemical reactions. It dissolves varied products of digestion and transports them to the rest of the body. Likewise, it dissolves diverse metabolic wastes and helps drain them out of the body. Besides, it performs a variety of functions, some well-known and well understood while others not so well appreciated yet vital. The no less important role of water is to distribute/dissipate the body heat efficiently, thereby regulating body's temperature. Water accomplishes this role ideally because it has high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to the other.

Above all, water has high-specific heat, implying that it has a lot of heat to raise the temperature of water and likewise much heat must be lost to lower its temperature. Drinking a lot of water is an expensive way to stay healthy. Even excess of water is harmless. Water therapy drinking a litre or so the first thing in the morning is kidney-friendly. The water regulation in the body is affected by hypothalamus in two ways i.e., (i) by creating the sensation of thirst which makes us drink water and (ii) by controlling the excretion of water as urine. If water regulation fails, medical emergency ensues. (1x10=10)

- 11) Which of the following word from the passage conveys the opposite of '*similar*'?
- A) Dissipate
 - B) Ideal
 - C) Accomplished
 - D) Diverse
- 12) Water regulates body temperature efficiently as
- A) It has high thermal conductivity
 - B) It circulates easily
 - C) It has high specific heat
 - D) It dissolves food easily
- 13) Water is vital to human health and fitness because -
- A) Man does not live by food alone
 - B) It is an excellent solvent
 - C) We cannot survive for more than a couple of days without it
 - D) It controls thirst and excretion of water as urine
- 14) Water is called a key nutrient because -
- A) It dissolves different products of digestion
 - B) No life is possible without it
 - C) It carries products to rest of the body
 - D) It raises temperature of the body

- 15) Which of the following word from the passage is a synonym of the word '*maintain*'?
- A) Sustain
 - B) Supporting
 - C) Dissipate
 - D) Varied
- 16) What does the author means when he uses the word '*regulation*' in the above passage?
- A) Official rule
 - B) Control
 - C) Deice for fair use
 - D) Worn or used as per rules
- 17) Which component is an expensive way to stay healthy and fit?
- A) Minerals
 - B) Vitamins
 - C) Proteins
 - D) Water
- 18) Which activity is considered as water therapy?
- A) Its high thermal conductivity ensuring rapid heat transfer from one part to another
 - B) Drinking excess quantity of water
 - C) Drinking a litre of water in the morning
 - D) Drinking water at night
- 19) Water is an ideal constituent of the body fluids because -
- A) It is an excellent solvent
 - B) It dissolves metabolic wastes
 - C) It drains wastes out of the body
 - D) It regulates excretion of urine
- 20) Which of the following words from the passage is the meaning of the word '*adepts*'??
- A) Distributes
 - B) Accomplishes
 - C) Efficient
 - D) Transfers

21) Rearrange the following parts in proper sentences:

- (I) The general manager
- (II) of making the right decision
- (III) was not scared
- (IV) despite of loss in profit

Choose the correct code from below:

- A) (I), (IV), (III), (II)
- B) (I), (III), (II), (IV)
- C) (I), (IV), (III), (II)
- D) (I), (II), (III), (IV)

22) Rearrange the following parts in proper sentence:

- (I) Street photography is
- (II) that records
- (III) everyday life in a public place
- (IV) a genre of photography

Choose the correct code from below:

- A) (I), (IV), (II), (III)
- B) (I), (II), (IV), (III)
- C) (I), (III), (II), (IV)
- D) (I), (II), (III), (IV)

Find out the miss-spelt words:

- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 23) (A) Grief | (B) Thief | (C) Belief | (D) Mischeif |
| 24) (A) Machenical | (B) Clinical | (C) Technical | (D) Abdominal |
| 25) (A) Mystical | (B) Vehical | (C) Focal | (D) Vocal |
| 26) (A) Rider | (B) Foder | (C) Maiden | (D) Widen |
| 27) (A) Adhere | (B) Advice | (C) Adiction | (D) Address |
| 28) (A) Campaignh | (B) Controversy | (C) Secretary | (D) Enunciate |
| 29) (A) Fruition | (B) Circutous | (C) Tuition | (D) Solution |
| 30) (A) Imminent | (B) Immunity | (C) Immaculate | (D) Immitate |

Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idioms and phrases in the given sentences:

31) Childhood and innocence lie cheek by jowl.

- A) together
- B) one after another
- C) side by side
- D) proportionately

32) His voice gets on my nerves.

- A) irritates me
- B) makes me sad
- C) Makes me ill
- D) Pierces my eardrum

33) The cab was late and we had to kick our heels.

- A) run fast
- B) wait eagerly
- C) waste time
- D) play some games

34) He always says that he will help but when it comes to the crunch, he does nothing.

- A) confused situation
- B) difficult time
- C) decisive time
- D) troublesome moment

- 35) Let us admit that we could not heap coals of fire on his head.
A) agitate him
B) incite him to fight
C) put him to shame
D) make him feel sorry

Choose the correct synonyms for the following words:

- 36) Raucous
A) Noisy
B) Harmful
C) Pleasant
D) Harsh
- 37) Graphic
A) Pictorial
B) Geometrical
C) Mathematical
D) Optical
- 38) Badger
A) Attempt
B) Convince
C) Pester
D) Persuade
- 39) Prowess
A) Eagerness
B) Bravery
C) Keenness
D) Understanding
- 40) Flounder
A) Run
B) Fluctuate
C) Jump
D) Stumble

Choose the correct antonyms for the following words:

- 41) Virulent
A) Harmless
B) Malignant
C) Hostile
D) Vicious
- 42) Exodus
A) Restoration
B) Return
C) Home coming
D) Influx

- 43) Churlish
A) Accommodating
B) Polite
C) Helpful
D) Happy

- 44) Luxury
A) Sachets
B) Treasury
C) Austerity
D) Duplicity

- 45) Glib
A) Dumb
B) Unwilling
C) Modest
D) Hesitant

Choose the correct one word for the following sentences:

- 46) Unwelcome aspect of a situation
A) Flipside
B) Flip-flop
C) Flint lock
D) Flippant

- 47) An image without objective reality
A) Utopia
B) Sensation
C) Hallucination
D) Shadow

- 48) Anything written in a letter after it is signed
A) Manuscript
B) Post script
C) Post diction
D) Corrigendum

- 49) Indifferent to pleasure and pain
A) Tolerance
B) Stoicism
C) Radicalism
D) Perseverance

- 50) The use of many words where only a few are necessary
A) Circumscription
B) Circumvention
C) Circumspection
D) Circumlocution

PART - II
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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

- 51) Sarayu River flows through which Indian states?
A) Maharashtra and Karnataka
B) Kerala and Tamil Nadu
C) Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh
D) Gujarat and Rajasthan
- 52) Which day is observed as the 'International Plastic Free Day'?
A) 3rd July
B) 11th July
C) 3rd June
D) 4th July
- 53) Which country is experiencing a phenomenon known as '*Full-time Children*'?
A) China
B) Japan
C) Australia
D) USA
- 54) For which of the following are PM10 and PM2.5 samples used?
A) Food adulteration
B) Adulterated petrol
C) Environment pollution
D) Ocean current
- 55) Who selects candidates for the appointment to the Central Civil Services in India?
A) President
B) Prime Minister
C) Planning Commission
D) UPSC
- 56) 'Khelo India-National Programme for Development of Sports' scheme is being implemented from which year?
A) 2006
B) 2016
C) 2020
D) 2018
- 57) Which Indian Post Office Act was repealed on June 18, 2024?
A) Indian Post Office Act of 1998
B) Indian Post Office Act of 2023
C) Indian Post Office Act of 1898
D) Indian Post Office Act of 1854

- 58) Which great Indian footballer retired recently from International football after getting 94 goals in 151 international games?
- Baichung Bhutia
 - Sunil Chhetri
 - Gupreet Singh
 - Anirudh Thapa
- 59) Right to Repair Portal was launched by which Ministry?
- Ministry of Consumer Affairs
 - Ministry of Defence
 - Ministry of Power
 - Ministry of Science and Technology
- 60) From which glacier does the Teesta River originate?
- Baltoro glacier
 - Pindari glacier
 - Pahunri glacier
 - Milam glacier
- 61) 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign was taken up in Jautaar Ground in which district of Sikkim?
- Mangan
 - Gyalsing
 - Namchi
 - Soreng
- 62) Dr Chourasia from North Bengal received the ISAAP Gregor Reid Award for Outstanding Scholars in Developing Nations in 2024. What was his research on?
- Organic Food of Sikkim
 - Traditional Churpi of Sikkim
 - Trout Culture in Sikkim
 - Tibetan Cuisine of Sikkim
- 63) Which district in Sikkim has dedicated each Friday as 'Field Day'?
- Soreng
 - Namchi
 - Pakyong
 - Mangan
- 64) Sikkim has been awarded the Second rank among hilly and north eastern states in the PM SVANidhi 'PRAISE' awards 2023-2024, by which ministry?
- Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Tourism
 - Ministry of Urban and Housing Affairs
 - Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 65) Which among the following pairs are correct?
- Lipulekh-Uttarakhand
 - Nathula-Sikkim
 - Rohtang-Himachal Pradesh
 - Diphu-Arunachal Pradesh

Choose the correct code from the following:

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

66) Fossils are likely to be found in which of the following rocks?

- A) Conglomerate
- B) Marble
- C) Granite
- D) Gneiss

67) The theme for 'World Photography Day' 2024 is -

- A) Landscapes
- B) AN ENTIRE DAY
- C) BE NICE
- D) Understanding Colors

68) 'Kangaroo Care' is associated with which field?

- A) Defence
- B) Politics
- C) Childcare
- D) Animal Welfare

69) Fathometer is used for measuring -

- A) Earthquakes
- B) Rainfall
- C) Sound Intensity
- D) Ocean Depth

70) Which company has launched the 'Health Sathi' plan?

- A) Google
- B) Paytm
- C) PhonePe
- D) Meta

71) 'Vibrant Village Program' comes under which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of External affairs
- C) Ministry of Rural Development
- D) Ministry of Defence

72) What is the name of world's first robot CEO?

- A) Tina
- B) Yo-Yo
- C) Mika
- D) Harry

- 73) 'Singing Plasma Waves' have been identified for the first time around which planet?
- A) Mercury
 - B) Venus
 - C) Mars
 - D) Uranus
- 74) The Ig Nobel Prizes are provided for which category?
- A) Sports achievement
 - B) Literary feats
 - C) Business achievements
 - D) Humorous scientific feats
- 75) Who among the following was the first chairman of UPSC?
- A) Sir Ross barker
 - B) Sir David Peter
 - C) Sir Eyre Garden
 - D) Sir S W Robertson
- 76) Which of the following represent the qualification needed to be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court?
- A) The person should have been a judge of a High Court
 - B) The person should have been an advocate of a High Court
 - C) The person should have been a distinguished jurist in the opinion of the President
 - D) All of the above
- 77) Which among the following is a galaxy?
- A) Sirius
 - B) Orion
 - C) Andromeda
 - D) Ursa Minor
- 78) Which of the following rivers has a 'bird's foot delta'?
- A) The Amazon
 - B) The Mississippi
 - C) The Brahmaputra
 - D) The Nile
- 79) Which country has developed a robot face with living skin?
- A) China
 - B) South Korea
 - C) Japan
 - D) Norway
- 80) Which Indian state has made it mandatory for tourist vehicles to carry garbage bags?
- A) Assam
 - B) Uttarakhand
 - C) Meghalaya
 - D) Sikkim

81) Which cricketer surpassed Sachin Tendulkar to become the opener with most number of centuries?

- A) David Warner
- B) Virat Kohli
- C) Ravindra Jadeja
- D) Joe Root

82) Which of the following are correctly matched

| | State | Flower name |
|-------|---------------|----------------|
| (i) | Tamil Nadu | Glory Lily |
| (ii) | Uttar Pradesh | Palash |
| (iii) | Manipur | Lotus |
| (iv) | Assam | Foxtail orchid |

Choose the correct code from below:

- A) (i) and (ii)
- B) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- C) (i), (ii) and (iv)
- D) All of the above

83) Bishnupur, which is famous for terracotta temples is located in -

- A) West Bengal
- B) Kerala
- C) Gujarat
- D) Assam

84) Which of the following are NOT CORRECTLY matched?

| | Indian traditional paintings | States |
|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| (i) | Madhubani | Bihar |
| (ii) | Worli | Maharashtra |
| (iii) | Pattachitra | Assam |
| (iv) | Kalamkari | Kerala |

Choose the correct code from below:

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

85) Which Union Ministry released the 'Manual for Disaster Management'?

- A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- B) Ministry of Home Affairs
- C) Ministry of Tourism
- D) Ministry of Finance

86) Which institution is developing the 'Organ Donation Registry'?

- A) NHA
- B) NMC
- C) AIIMS
- D) IMA

- 87) Who has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the 'Sikkim Academy Awards' 2024?
- A) Sunil Chhetri
 - B) Geetanjali Thapa
 - C) Khandu Wangchuk Bhutia
 - D) Sewon Rai
- 88) The motto of the Paris Olympic Games 2024 -
- A) United by Emotion
 - B) Games Wide Open
 - C) A New World
 - D) With Glowing Hearts
- 89) Which of the following is NOT a tribe of Nagaland?
- A) Angami
 - B) Lotha
 - C) Miri
 - D) Sumi
- 90) Who was the first Indian to be elected to the British Parliament?
- A) Bipin Chandra pal
 - B) Lala Lajpat Rai
 - C) Dadabhai Naoroji
 - D) Gopala Krishna Gokhale
- 91) Which day is observed as 'Kargil Vijay Diwas'?
- A) 26th July
 - B) 28th July
 - C) 26th August
 - D) 28th July
- 92) Who is the Finance Minister of India?
- A) Dharmendra Pradhan
 - B) Nirmala Sitaram
 - C) Annapurna Devi
 - D) Smriti Irani
- 93) The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) declared the mica mines of which state child-labor free?
- A) Madhya Pradesh
 - B) Odisha
 - C) Gujarat
 - D) Jharkhand
- 94) The world's highest observatory by Tokyo University was inaugurated in which of the following countries?
- A) Japan
 - B) Germany
 - C) Chile
 - D) Norway

- 95) Who is the first female representative from Nagaland to assume the position of Rajya Sabha Chairperson?
- A) Phangnon Konyak
 - B) Neiphiu Rio
 - C) Hekani Jhakalu
 - D) Mary Kom
- 96) What is Greenium'?
- A) The premium paid on all types of bonds
 - B) The savings an issuer of a green bond realizes on the associated coupon payment
 - C) The additional cost of issuing green bond
 - D) None of the above
- 97) Which country has passed the bill which criminalizes the citizens travelling abroad to pursue surrogacy arrangement?
- A) USA
 - B) Finland
 - C) Russia
 - D) Italy
- 98) Which country banned iPhone 12 sales over radiation concerns?
- A) France
 - B) China
 - C) USA
 - D) UK
- 99) Who is the first Indian to receive a medal at the Paris Olympics 2024 for India?
- A) Lakshya Sen
 - B) Deepika Kumari
 - C) Manu Bhaker
 - D) Vinesh Phogat
- 100) Tarundeep Rai from Sikkim who is participating in the Paris Olympic 2024, is competing in which sports?
- A) Archery
 - B) Boxing
 - C) Weight lifting
 - D) Shooting
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