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TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: 3 hours

PAPER – I

Maximum Marks: 150

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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1. This Test Booklet consists of 16 (sixteen) pages and has 58 (fifty-eight) 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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4. Do not write anything else on the OMR Answer Sheet except the required information. Before you proceed to mark in the OMR Answer Sheet, please ensure that you have filled in the required particulars as per given instructions.
5. Use **only Black Ball Point Pen** to fill the OMR Answer Sheet.
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 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.
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(s).** You are permitted to take the Test Booklet with you.
12. **Penalty for wrong answers in Multiple Choice-based Questions:**
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

General English

Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answers for the questions from the options given below: (2x5=10)

The casual horrors and real disasters are thrown at newspaper readers without discrimination. In the contemporary arrangements for circulating the news, an important element, evaluation is always weak and often wanting entirely. There is no point anywhere along the line somewhere someone put his foot down for certain and says, "This is important and that does not *amount to row of beans*; deserves no one's attention, and should travel the wires no farther". The junk is dressed up to look as meaningful as the real news.

- 1) Evaluation of news would imply-
 - A) Less dependence on modern systems of communication
 - B) More careful analysis of each news story and its value
 - C) Separating beans from junk
 - D) Discriminating horrors from disasters
- 2) The writer of the above passage-
 - A) Seems to be happy with the contemporary arrangements for circulating news
 - B) Is shocked by the casual stories about horrors and disasters reported in the newspapers
 - C) Wants better evaluation of news before publication
 - D) Wants to put his foot down on news stories
- 3) In the above passage, the phrase "*amounts to a row of beans*" means that the news-
 - A) Is weak and often wanting entirely
 - B) Deserves no one's attention
 - C) Should travel the wires
 - D) Junk dressed up as real news
- 4) Newspapers lack a sense of discrimination because-
 - A) They do not separate the real news from mere sensationalism
 - B) They have to accept whatever is received on the wires
 - C) Limited manpower makes serious evolution impossible
 - D) People do not see the difference between 'junk' and the 'real' news

- 5) The passage implies that-
- A) There has to be censorship on newspapers
 - B) There is no point in having censorship
 - C) One has to be strict in selecting news item
 - D) Newspapers always dress up junk to look meaningful

Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct answers for the questions from the options given below: (2x3=6)

Skiing is a popular sport, enjoyed by people of all ages. The best skiers, that is, the professionals, have until recently been Europeans. The Austrians, the French and the German have generally been the fastest in international competitions. Recently, however, skiers from other countries have also come to the fore and demonstrated their skills. As a result, interest in the sport has become worldwide, and this has led to highly competitive ski industry.

- 6) It is clear from the text that the European countries-
- A) Are determined to improve their skiing skills
 - B) Are now losing their lead in skiing sports
 - C) Will soon dominate the ski industry in the world
 - D) Regret having invested so heavily in the ski industry
- 7) The author emphasizes that the development of the ski industry in the world-
- A) Owes little to the growing international interest in this sport
 - B) Has been the result of the efforts made by the European professional
 - C) Has been to the benefit of European countries
 - D) Is due to the growing international popularity of skiing as a sport
- 8) According to the passage, as a sport, skiing-
- A) Is in the hands of professional only
 - B) Is not confined to any special age group
 - C) Arouses little interest outside Europe
 - D) Is rapidly becoming expensive for most people

From the words given below find out the word that has been spelt incorrectly: (2x5=10)

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| 9) A) Sustenance | B) Manageable | C) Maintainance | D) Movable |
| 10) A) Neice | B) Piece | C) Plaque | D) Leisure |
| 11) A) Adiction | B) Adhere | C) Advice | D) Address |
| 12) A) Mystical | B) Vehical | C) Vocal | D) Focal |
| 13) A) Serene | B) Beautiful | C) Abundance | D) Quiet |

Choose the correct options from below to complete the paragraph. (2x5=10)

Digital India is a campaign to (66) _____ the government services (67) _____ to all the citizens of this country electronically through (68) _____ internet connectivity and (69) _____ online infrastructure or by making the citizens of this country (70) _____ (digitally) in the field of technology.

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| 14) A) ensure | B) ensures | C) ensured | D) ensuring |
| 15) A) is available | B) could avail | C) are available | D) available |
| 16) A) increased | B) increasing | C) to increase | D) increases |
| 17) A) improves | B) improving | C) improved | D) improvement |
| 18) A) empowering | B) improving | C) empower | D) empowered |

Choose the correct synonyms for the following words: (2x2=4)

19) Plutocrat

- A) Magnate
- B) Priest
- C) Judge
- D) Astronaut

20) Veracity

- A) Inaccuracy
- B) Reality
- C) Redundancy
- D) Falsehood

Choose the correct antonyms for the following words: (2x2=4)

21) Incipient

- A) Concluding
- B) Dangerous
- C) Hasty
- D) Secret

22) Quiescent

- A) Dormant
- B) Active
- C) Weak
- D) Unconcerned

Rearrange the parts of jumbled up words to form correct sentences: (2x3=6)

- 23) P) she wondered if
Q) work hard for a living
R) he would ever
S) because he was so rich

Choose the correct sequence:

- A) PQRS
B) PQSR
C) PRQS
D) QRSA

- 24) P) to make amends
Q) she saw her opportunity
R) when he came to her home
S) to borrow some sugar

Choose the correct sequence:

- A) QPRS
B) RSQP
C) QSRP
D) RQPS

- 25) P) he is a
Q) shows that
R) his reading habit
S) good scholar

Choose the correct sequence:

- A) PQRS
B) PSRQ
C) QRSP
D) RQPS

Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions. (2x2=4)

- 26) The man shuddered _____ the dreadful sight.
A) Upon
B) At
C) On
D) Over

27) He is very good _____ Math.

- A) In
- B) At
- C) On
- D) With

Give the correct one-word substitution for the following: (2x3=6)

28) The study of weapons

- A) Histology
- B) Hopology
- C) Horology
- D) Hierology

29) Concluding part of a literary work

- A) Epilogue
- B) Epigraph
- C) Epitaph
- D) Conclusion

30) One who knows all

- A) Scholarly
- B) Erudite
- C) Learned
- D) Omniscient

PART - II

General Knowledge (Total marks 50)

Choose the correct answer for the following questions from the options given below:
(2x25=50)

- 31) Which Union Ministry implements the 'Pradhan Mantri Vikas Yojana' scheme?
- A) Ministry of Education
 - B) Ministry of Skill Development
 - C) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - D) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- 32) Who is the head of the committee set up to discuss measures to protect Ladakh's culture, language and employment?
- A) Jamyang Tsering Namgyal
 - B) Amit Shah
 - C) Nityanand Rai
 - D) R K Mathur
- 33) Cape Verde, the first to name a stadium after Pele is located in which region?
- A) Europe
 - B) South America
 - C) Africa
 - D) South Asia
- 34) What name has been given to the tiny self-assembling robots made from human cells by scientists of Tufts University and Harvard University?
- A) Xenobots
 - B) Biorobots
 - C) Anthrobots
 - D) Cellbots
- 35) What is the name of India's first cloned Indian Gir female calf?
- A) Ganga
 - B) Virat
 - C) Sudha
 - D) Himali

- 36) Which among the following dates would normally represent a winter solstice in northern hemisphere?
- A) December 25 or 26
 - B) January 14 or 15
 - C) December 21 or 22
 - D) January 23 or 24
- 37) Which are the two countries connected by the Karakorum Pass?
- A) India, Pakistan
 - B) India, China
 - C) China, Pakistan
 - D) India, Nepal
- 38) Which is the deepest canyon in the world?
- A) The Yarlung Tsangpo Grand canyon
 - B) Antelope Canyon
 - C) Copper Canyon
 - D) Fish River Canyon
- 39) Which among the following revolutions is related to 'fertilizers'?
- A) Silver Revolution
 - B) Grey Revolution
 - C) Golden Revolution
 - D) Pink Revolution
- 40) The aim of 'Operation Sadbhavna' organized by the army at Tsomgo Village in Sikkim is-
- A) To make better roads
 - B) To improve communication and Technical facilities
 - C) To organize tourists flow at Tsomgo village
 - D) To fortify trust and strengthening bonds between the locals and the Indian army
- 41) Who was the winner of Nepali poetry 'Ghat-Pratighatka Udgaharu' for Sahitya Academy Yuva Puraskar Winners, 2023?
- A) Sharada Sharma
 - B) Naina Adhikari
 - C) Jeevan Acharya
 - D) Hem Raj

- 42) In which of the following place did India host a nine-day naval exercise from February 19, drawing the participation of 50 countries?
- A) Kolkata
 - B) Vishakhapatnam
 - C) Kochi
 - D) Chennai
- 43) To which mission of ISRO are SWIS and STEPS instruments related?
- A) Aditya L1
 - B) Chandrayaan
 - C) Gangayaan
 - D) Mars Orbiter Mission
- 44) The world's first portable disaster hospital has been unveiled in which country?
- A) China
 - B) India
 - C) Ukraine
 - D) Israel
- 45) Which country gifts a Christmas tree to Britain since 1947, expressing thanks for its support during World War Two (WW2)?
- A) Germany
 - B) Russia
 - C) China
 - D) Norway
- 46) Glycogen Storage Disease Type 2 is also termed as_____.
- A) Enzyme disease
 - B) Down syndrome
 - C) Pompe disease
 - D) Spina Bifida
- 47) In which country was the Black Galaxy or the Invisible Galaxy discovered?
- A) Turkey
 - B) China
 - C) Italy
 - D) Spain

- 48) What is the name of the disorder of the autonomic nervous system characterized by a rapid rise in heart rate?
- A) IBS
 - B) POTS
 - C) SOPS
 - D) PORS
- 49) 'MISHTI' announced in the Union Budget 2023 is related to which field?
- A) Mangrove plantations
 - B) Man-hole cleaning
 - C) Motor vehicles
 - D) Make in India
- 50) Which Union Ministry launched a five-pronged energy efficiency plan to become carbon-neutral by 2030?
- A) Ministry of Coal
 - B) Ministry of Railways
 - C) Ministry of Steel
 - D) Ministry of Tourism
- 51) Which of the following animals of Sikkim has been enlisted as endangered in the IUCN red list of threatened species?
- A) Lhama
 - B) Tibetan Fox
 - C) Yak
 - D) The Red Panda
- 52) Which company has created AI based Music LM that can generate musical pieces from texts that can remain consistent over several minutes?
- A) Google
 - B) Open AI
 - C) Microsoft
 - D) Meta
- 53) What was the theme of the 'World Radio Day' 2023?
- A) Sustainability in Radio
 - B) Free Press
 - C) Radio and Peace
 - D) Independent Journalism

54) In which year was the Khanchendzonga National Park declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO?

- A) 2018
- B) 2016
- C) 2010
- D) 2015

55) Which album won the Pulitzer Prize 2023 for music?

- A) Harry's House
- B) Renaissance
- C) Omar
- D) Dead Oceans

PART – III

(English – Conventional)

- 56) You are informed about a flooding incident in North Sikkim resulting in loss of human life and property. You rush to the site of the incident along with your team. As a press reporter of Sikkim Herald, write a report in 125-150 words mentioning the time and place of the incident, number of casualties, the cause of the disaster and the rescue operation conducted by the authorities. (10)
- 57) Write an essay on the topic “**Significance of Gender Equality for National Development**” in about 250 words: (20)
- 58) Make a précis of the following passage in about half of its length. (10)

Tourism is critical in creating goodwill among people and as a result, socioeconomic growth in the country. Tourism as an industry contributes significantly to the country's foreign exchange reserves and provides direct and indirect job possibilities to a broad segment of the population. Furthermore, supporting a nation's handicrafts and fine arts aids in the preservation of nature's beauty, cultural legacy of the country, tradition, as well as strengthening the process of national integration and global brotherhood. Tourism, as we know now, is a worldwide industry. It is a significant economic activity all over the world. It not only directly contributes to the national economic, but it also has important links with numerous other sectors such as agriculture, animal husbandry, handicrafts, building, transportation, entertainment, and so on. Inbound tourism, as a globally traded service, has grown to become one of the world's main trades. Tourism is a major source of foreign money for many developing countries. Thus, the importance of travel and tourism as a driver of economic growth is becoming more widely acknowledged, particularly in the emerging countries as India. Tourism will not only create jobs, but will also contribute to long term development and poverty alleviation by distributing advantages more equally across the population.
