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**23-0007-AA**

## TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: 2.00 hours

PAPER – I

Maximum Marks: 100

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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 the parts are **Compulsory**.
8. **Part - I and II consists of Multiple Choice based Questions.** The answers to these questions must be marked in the **OMR Answer Sheet** provided to you.
9. **Part – III 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 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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  - (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

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions from the options given below:**  
**(1x5=5)**

It is often said that speech is a boon but it can at times be a great curse too. While it helps us to make our intentions and desires known to our fellows, it can also if we use it carelessly, make our attitude completely misunderstood. A slip of the tongue, the use of unusual or an ambiguous word, and so on, may create an enemy where we had hoped to win a friend. Again, different classes of people use different vocabularies, and the ordinary speech of an educated may strike an uneducated listener as pompous. Unwittingly, we may use a word which bears a different meaning to our listener from what it does to men of our own class. Thus, speech is not a gift to use lightly without thought, but one which demands careful handling. Only a fool will express himself alike to all kinds and conditions to men.

- 1) The best way to win a friend is to avoid
  - (a) Irony in speech
  - (b) Pomposity in speech
  - (c) Verbosity in speech
  - (d) Ambiguity in speech
- 2) Speech is a blessing
  - (a) If we use it indiscriminately
  - (b) If we use it carefully
  - (c) If we use to please others
  - (d) If we use it to play one against the other
- 3) If one used the same style of language with everyone, one would sound
  - (a) Flat
  - (b) Boring
  - (c) Foolish
  - (d) Democratic
- 4) A slip of the tongue means something said
  - (a) Wrongly by choice
  - (b) Intentionally
  - (c) Accidentally
  - (d) To hurt another person
- 5) Speech can be a curse, because it can
  - (a) Hurt others
  - (b) Lead to carelessness
  - (c) Create misunderstanding
  - (d) Reveal our intentions

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions from the options given below: (1x5=5)**

There are some men who seem to be always on the lookout for trouble and, to tell the truth, they are seldom disappointed. Listening to such men one would think that this world is one of the stormiest and most disagreeable places. Yet, after all, it is not such a bad place and the difficulty is often in the man who is too thin-skinned. On the other hand, the man who goes out expecting people to be like himself, kind and brotherly, will be surprised at the kindness he meets even in the most, unlike quarters. A smile is apt to be met with a responsive smile while the sneer is just as apt to provoke a snap. Men living in the same neighbourhood may live vastly different lives. But it is not the neighbourhood which is quarrelsome, but the man within us. And we have it in our power to change our neighbourhood into a pleasant one by simply changing our own ways.



- 6) The passage is about
- (a) Our disagreeable and hostile world
  - (b) A kindly and pleasant world
  - (c) Our indifferent and unresponsive world
  - (d) The world and what one makes it
- 7) 'There are some men ----- they are seldom disappointed'. The statement denotes that such men
- (a) Welcome difficulties as a morale booster
  - (b) Do not have to face any trouble
  - (c) Manage to keep unruffled in the face of discomforts
  - (d) Generally do not fail to come across troubles
- 8) The author's own view of the world is that it is
- (a) One of the loveliest and quietest places
  - (b) An unpleasant and troublesome place
  - (c) A sordid place for those who suffer
  - (d) Stormiest and disagreeable place
- 9) Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the expression 'thin-skinned' as used in the passage?
- (a) Intelligent
  - (b) Insensitive
  - (c) Awkward
  - (d) Obstinate
- 10) Which of the following is similar in meaning to 'provoke' as used in the passage?
- (a) Dissent
  - (b) Persuade
  - (c) Incite
  - (d) Lead

**Choose the correct word for the following blanks: (1x5=5)**

- 11) He has been seriously injured. There is \_\_\_\_\_ hope for his survival.
- (a) a little
  - (b) a few
  - (c) little
  - (d) few
- 12) Much \_\_\_\_\_ been said in the news reports.
- (a) were
  - (b) have
  - (c) has
  - (d) was
- 13) Samita \_\_\_\_\_ since afternoon.
- (a) was working
  - (b) works
  - (c) working
  - (d) has been working
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ the boys was selected for national scholarship
- (a) Some of
  - (b) All of
  - (c) One of
  - (d) Many of

- 15) I don't agree \_\_\_\_\_ your proposal.  
(a) with  
(b) for  
(c) to  
(d) in

**Choose the correct synonyms for the given words from the options given below: (1x5=5)**

16) Temerity

- (a) Verity
- (b) Audacity
- (c) Simplicity
- (d) Paucity

17) Predominantly

- (a) Mostly
- (b) Profoundly
- (c) Emphatically
- (d) Forcefully

18) Solecism

- (a) Clever argument
- (b) Grammatical error
- (c) Abuse
- (d) Witty quip

19) Irresolute

- (a) Ignorant
- (b) Firm
- (c) Undecided
- (d) Angry

20) Reverie

- (a) Reality
- (b) Realization
- (c) Determination
- (d) Daydream

**Some parts of the following sentences have errors while remaining part is correct. Find out which parts are incorrect: (1x5=5)**

21) The door/should be/keep closed.

- (a) No error
- (b) The door
- (c) keep closed
- (d) should be

22) Even after so much years of independence/women of India continue to suffer/socially as well as economically/at different levels and in different forms.

- (a) at different levels and in different forms
- (b) women in India continue to suffer
- (c) Even after so much years of independence
- (d) socially as well as economically

23) He was not able to concentrate/because of the continual music/being played next door.

- (a) because of the continual music
- (b) being played next door
- (c) He was not able to concentrate
- (d) No error

24) Due to his negligence/he failed/ in the examination

- (a) he failed
- (b) in the examination
- (c) Due to his negligence
- (d) No error

25) The job of drawing water/ from the village well are usually/ carried out/ by the women and young girls.

- (a) The job of drawing water
- (b) from the village well are usually
- (c) by the women and young girls
- (d) carried out

**Choose the correct form of tenses for the blanks from the given options: (1x5=5)**

26) Mr. Subba's family \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Jorethang for ten years.

- (a) are living
- (b) were living
- (c) has been living
- (d) have been living

27) I \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you already about it.

- (a) told
- (b) have told
- (c) tells
- (d) am telling

28) He \_\_\_\_\_ (be) weak in English language in the beginning.

- (a) being
- (b) been
- (c) was
- (d) had been

29) Binita \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter when Rohan knocked at the door.

- (a) wrote
- (b) had writing
- (c) have written
- (d) was writing

30) If you \_\_\_\_\_ (work hard) you would have passed the examination.

- (a) have worked hard
- (b) had worked hard
- (c) have been working hard
- (d) worked hard

**The following sentences have been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested below, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. (1X 5=5)**

31) Will Shalu be helped by us?

- (a) Will Shalu help us?
- (b) Shall we help Shalu?
- (c) Shall Shalu be helped?
- (d) Will Shalu need help?

32) Has someone made all the necessary arrangements?

- (a) Has all the necessary arrangements been made by someone?
- (b) Have the necessary arrangements been all made by someone?
- (c) Have all the necessary arrangements been made by someone?
- (d) Will someone make all the necessary arrangements?



- 33) She will object to my proposal.  
 (a) The objection to my proposal will come from her.  
 (b) There will be an objection to my proposal.  
 (c) Her objection will be to my proposal.  
 (d) My proposal will be objected by her.
- 34) Where can you find your luggage?  
 (a) Where could your luggage be found?  
 (b) Where can your luggage be found?  
 (c) Where will your luggage be found?  
 (d) Can you find your luggage somewhere?
- 35) They have made a film based on this novel.  
 (a) A film was based on this novel and made.  
 (b) A film have been made based on this novel.  
 (c) A film, based on this novel, has been made.  
 (d) A film was made based on this novel.

**Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below: (1x5=5)**

The jungle was thick (36) \_\_\_\_\_ dense. We had to hold on to the (37) \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid slipping (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the muddy path. We had walked (39) \_\_\_\_\_ three hours and everyone was tired. The sun was shining brightly generating heat and vapour which (40) \_\_\_\_\_ soon turn into rain.

<p>36) (a) for (b) and (c) with (d)but</p>	<p>39) (a) for (b) since (c) from (d) till</p>
<p>37) (a) wines (b) wine (c) vines (d)vine</p>	<p>40) (a) could (b) will (c)shall (d)would</p>
<p>38) (a) in (b) on (c) off (d)from</p>	

## PART - II

Choose the correct answers for the following questions from the options given below: (1x50=50)

- 41) Who is the Union Health Minister of India?  
 (a) Shri Arjun Munda  
 (b) Shri Mansukh L.Mandaviya  
 (c) Shri Dharmendra Pradhan  
 (d) Shri Virendra Kumar
- 42) Which Union Ministry implemented 'Atal Bhujal Yojana'?  
 (a) Ministry of Jal Shakti  
 (b) Ministry of MSME  
 (c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
 (d) Ministry of Defence

- 43) Which institution released the 'Forever Toxic: The Science on Health Threats from Plastic Recycling'?
- (a) WMO
  - (b) UNEP
  - (c) WHO
  - (d) Green Peace Philippines
- 44) Which state launched the 'Artificial Intelligence for Youth' initiative?
- (a) West Bengal
  - (b) Odisha
  - (c) Telangana
  - (d) Kerala
- 45) Which village in Arunachal Pradesh is known as 'The gateway to the land of the rising sun'?
- (a) Bishing
  - (b) Lekang
  - (c) Kibithu
  - (d) Mipi
- 46) Which country has introduced a robot called 'Kachaka' with capacity to deliver items through voice commands?
- (a) China
  - (b) Japan
  - (c) North Korea
  - (d) South Korea
- 47) Which is the regulatory authority for Civil Aviation Security in India?
- (a) BCAS
  - (b) NITI Aayog
  - (c) DRDO
  - (d) ISRO
- 48) What is the official name given to Monkey Pox viruses by the World Health Organization?
- (a) Cleo
  - (b) Fleet
  - (c) Halo
  - (d) Clade
- 49) 'Khuvsgul Lake' which was added to UNESCO World Heritage Network of Biosphere Reserves in 2022, is located in which place?
- (a) Ukraine
  - (b) Mongolia
  - (c) Chile
  - (d) Mexico
- 50) Which national sports event will be hosted by Sikkim after 15 years?
- (a) Cricket
  - (b) Boxing
  - (c) Tennis
  - (d) Badminton
- 51) Who was awarded with the prestigious 'Ram Patro Memorial Award' for excellence in journalism 2022-2023 in Sikkim?
- (a) Karma Palzor
  - (b) Nitish R. Pradhan
  - (c) Yougan Tamang
  - (d) Chandra Das Rai

- 52) Cobalt is a component of which of the following vitamins?
- (a) Vitamin A
  - (b) Vitamin D
  - (c) Vitamin E
  - (d) Vitamin B12
- 53) Chronic exposure to which among the following minerals/salts in ground water may cause Black Foot disease?
- (a) Fluoride
  - (b) Nitrates
  - (c) Arsenic
  - (d) Lead
- 54) Which train was involved in the worst collision that happened in Odisha's Balasore district on 2nd June 2023?
- (a) Rajdhani Express
  - (b) Shatabdi Express
  - (c) Coromandel Express
  - (d) Vande Bharat
- 55) Which Chogyal's 100th Anniversary was commemorated in Gangtok, Sikkim?
- (a) Wangchuk Namgyal
  - (b) Palden Thondup Namgyal
  - (c) Palden Gyurmed Namgyal
  - (d) Phuntsog Namgyal
- 56) President of India, Droupadi Murmu belongs to which of the following tribes?
- (a) Santhal
  - (b) Gond
  - (c) Bhil
  - (d) Munda
- 57) NTPC partnered with which company for a new joint venture company in renewable energy?
- (a) SAIL
  - (b) GAIL
  - (c) ONGC
  - (d) IOCL
- 58) Khumbu glacier is located in which country?
- (a) India
  - (b) Tibet
  - (c) Nepal
  - (d) Bhutan
- 59) 'Karakoram anomaly' is associated with which phenomenon?
- (a) Melting of glaciers
  - (b) Green house gas emission
  - (c) Air pollution
  - (d) Biodiversity loss
- 60) Which Indian origin scientist has been honoured with prestigious 'Spinoza Prize' or the 'Dutch Noble Prize' 2023 for her remarkable contribution to science and her commitment to creating a just and sustainable world?
- (a) Amina Helmi
  - (b) Maria Yazdan Baksh
  - (c) Anindya Dutta
  - (d) Joyeeta Gupta



- 61) Scientists from which country has developed 'Mobile Vaccine Printer'?
- (a) Israel
  - (b) USA
  - (c) India
  - (d) Russia
- 62) Which Ministry has launched the 'Amrit Generation Campaign'?
- (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
  - (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
  - (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
  - (d) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 63) Which state is associated with the 'Family Doctor' pilot project?
- (a) Kerala
  - (b) Andhra Pradesh
  - (c) Tamil Nadu
  - (d) Karnataka
- 64) Which Indian state has announced scheme to purchase single-use plastic items from students?
- (a) Odisha
  - (b) Sikkim
  - (c) Himachal Pradesh
  - (d) Uttarakhand
- 65) Which Indian has been awarded the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament?
- (a) Tanuja Nesari
  - (b) Abhimanyu Kumar
  - (c) Rajesh Bhushan
  - (d) Sanjay Jain
- 66) Which institution has developed 'ultrasound adhesives' that produces images of internal organs of the body?
- (a) Oxford
  - (b) John Hopkins
  - (c) Massachusetts Institution of Technology
  - (d) Harvard University
- 67) Which eminent sports personality who was a member of the first Sikkim football team that played Santosh Trophy Tournament in 1976, passed away recently?
- (a) Thupten Rapgyal
  - (b) Narendra Thapa
  - (c) Shyam Thapa
  - (d) Robin Gurung
- 68) According to recently conducted field survey by Butterfly Society of Sikkim, how many species of butterfly were counted in the entire field survey?
- (a) 371
  - (b) 279
  - (c) 225
  - (d) 276

- 69) In which place in Sikkim, The Guru Padmasambhava Gurung Study and Meditation Centre is coming up?
- (a) Upper Mangmu
  - (b) Yangthang
  - (c) Yuksom
  - (d) Barnyak
- 70) 'Daam' which was seen in the news recently is a ...?
- (a) Bacteria
  - (b) Super Computer
  - (c) Crypto currency
  - (d) Malware
- 71) Which institution launched the 'Antardrishti' dashboard?
- (a) NITI Aayog
  - (b) RBI
  - (c) SEBI
  - (d) NTPC
- 72) Which city was the host of 2022 Global Biodiversity Conclave?
- (a) Paris
  - (b) Geneva
  - (c) Davos
  - (d) Bonn
- 73) Indo-Tibet Border Police (ITBP) has created its first mountain-warfare training centre in north- east India in which state?
- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
  - (b) Assam
  - (c) Sikkim
  - (d) Meghalaya
- 74) Which place has emerged as the lavender capital of India?
- (a) Bhaderwah
  - (b) Yumthang
  - (c) Solan
  - (d) Kasauli
- 75) Which of the following disease is also known as Hansen's disease?
- (a) Tuberculosis
  - (b) Gonorrhea
  - (c) Melanoma
  - (d) Leprosy
- 76) When is the 'World Sickle Cell Awareness Day' observed every year?
- (a) June 19
  - (b) June 13
  - (c) June 27
  - (d) May 19
- 77) What was the theme of 'World Polio Day' 2022?
- (a) Positive Pregnancy
  - (b) Eradication of Polio
  - (c) A healthier future for mothers and children
  - (d) Brighter and better future

- 78) 'The Green Fins Hub' the first ever global marine tourism industry platform is associated with which institution?
- (a) WEFB
  - (b) IMF
  - (c) UNEP
  - (d) UNICEF
- 79) Which Indian state launched the 'Suraksha Mitra- project', a vehicle monitoring system?
- (a) Telengana
  - (b) Madhya Pradesh
  - (c) Gujarat
  - (d) Kerala
- 80) Who are the beneficiaries of 'Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana'?
- (a) Senior citizens
  - (b) School students
  - (c) Below poverty line women
  - (d) MSMEs
- 81) Who is the 'Third Active Goal Scorer' in the world?
- (a) Cristiano Ronaldo
  - (b) Sunil Chhetri
  - (c) Bashar Abdullah
  - (d) Neymar
- 82) Which institution hosted the 'Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2022'?
- (a) IIT Madras
  - (b) IIT Delhi
  - (c) IIT Guwahati
  - (d) IIT Bangalore
- 83) Which state is the host of 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity'?
- (a) Sikkim
  - (b) Nagaland
  - (c) Karnataka
  - (d) Goa
- 84) What is the unique feature of GEMCOVAC-19 COVID vaccine which was approved recently?
- (a) First home grown mRNA vaccine
  - (b) First home grown cold vaccine
  - (c) First home grown neo natal vaccine
  - (d) First home grown oral vaccine
- 85) What is the use of 'DakKarmayogi' portal?
- (a) Grievance Redressal
  - (b) Training Employees
  - (c) Awarding Best Performances
  - (d) Participation of Public
- 86) 'Din Dayal Sparsh Yojana' is associated with which project?
- (a) Agriculture
  - (b) Philately
  - (c) Nutrition
  - (d) Technology



87) When is the 'World Day for Safety and Health at Workplace' observed?

- (a) April 23
- (b) June 23
- (c) April 30
- (d) April 28

88) What is the name of the first robotic check-in assistant, that was launched by Emirates?

- (a) Sara
- (b) Kiwi
- (c) Siri
- (d) Rini

89) Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary is in which Indian state?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Assam
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

90) Sidekeong Tulku Bird Park, named after the 10<sup>th</sup> Chogyal of Sikkim is at which place in Sikkim?

- (a) Yuksom
- (b) Namchi
- (c) Rabongla
- (d) Rabdentse

### **PART - III**

91) Write a précis of the following passage: (10)

It is increasingly being recognized that the mental health of employees is a crucial determinant in their overall health and that poor mental health and stress at the workplace can be a contributory factor to a range of physical illnesses like hypertension, diabetes and cardiovascular conditions, amongst others. In addition, poor mental health can also lead to burn-out amongst employees, seriously affecting their ability to contribute meaningfully in both their personal and professional lives.

Data from different countries around the world indicate that mental health problems are a cause of a number of employees dropping out of work. Mental health problems have an impact on employers and businesses directly through increased absenteeism, negative impact on productivity and profits, as well as an increase in costs to deal with the issue. In addition, they impact employee morale adversely.

Work-related stress is a major cause of occupational ill health, poor productivity and human error. This means increased sickness absence, high staff turnover and poor performance in the organization and a possible increase in accidents due to human error. Work-related stress could also manifest as heart disease, back pain, headaches, gastrointestinal disturbances or various minor illnesses; as well as psychological effects such as anxiety and depression, loss of concentration and poor decision making.

Stress is the adverse reaction people have to excessive pressures or other types of demands placed upon them. There is a clear distinction between pressure, which can be a motivating factor, and stress, which can occur when this pressure becomes excessive.