

TEST BOOKLET NO-25030

Time : 1:00 hour

PAPER-I
ASSISTANT TOWN PLANNER
GENERAL ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Total Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions: -

1. This Test Booklet consists of 12(twelve) pages and has 42 (forty 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.
3. Please note that it is the candidate's responsibility to fill in the Roll Number and other required details carefully and without any omission or discrepancy at the appropriate places in the OMR Answer Sheet and the Separate Answer Booklet. Any omission/discrepancy will render the OMR Answer Sheet and the Separate Answer Booklet liable for rejection.
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/Blue Ball Point Pen** to fill the OMR Answer Sheet.
6. This Test Booklet is divided into 2 (two) parts - **Part - I & Part - II**
7. Both parts are **Compulsory**.
8. **Part-I** consists of **Multiple Choice-based Questions**. The answers to these questions have to be marked in the OMR Answer Sheet provided to you.
9. **Part - II** consists of **Conventional Questions**. The answers to these questions have to be written in the **Separate Answer Booklet** provided to you.
10. 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(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.

PART -I

MULTIPLE CHOICE BASED QUESTIONS

Instructions for Questions 1 to 40:

- Choose the correct answer for the following questions
- Each question carries 1 marks (40 x 2 = 80 marks)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. Blue Bird communication satellite is developed by which country?
A) France
B) United States
C) China
D) Russia
2. What is the name of the nationwide initiative under which the Telangana government rescued over 7,600 children from trafficking, child labour and exploitation recently?
A) Operation Suraksha
B) Operation Vijay
C) Operation Muskaan-XI
D) Operation Chanakya
3. Which Indian state has introduced the critically endangered Asian Giant Tortoise into community reserve?
A) Nagaland
B) Assam
C) Arunachal Pradesh
D) Sikkim
4. Where was the Indian Army Research cell named 'Agnishodh' recently inaugurated?
A) IIT Bombay
B) IIT Delhi
C) IIT Kanpur
D) IIT Madras
5. Hiroshima day is observed annually on which day?
A) August 4
B) August 5
C) August 6
D) September 4

6. What is the name of the scheme approved by the Union Cabinet to improve technical education quality across India, in August 2025?
- A) Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE)
 - B) National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) Scheme
 - C) Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP)
 - D) Bharat Kaushal Vikas Yojana
7. Where was India's first Animal Stem Cell inaugurated?
- A) Bengaluru
 - B) Chennai
 - C) Hyderabad
 - D) New Delhi
8. What is the theme for 'International Youth Day 2025'?
- A) Green Skills for Youth
 - B) Local Youth Actions for SDGs and Beyond
 - C) Intergenerational Solidarity
 - D) Transforming Future of Youths
9. Gravelines Nuclear Power Station in France temporarily shut down multiple reactors recently. What clogged its cooling system?
- A) Plastic
 - B) Water bottles
 - C) Jelly fish
 - D) Sea weeds
10. Which village has been declared as India's first Digital Nomad Village?
- A) Toubul
 - B) Mapao
 - C) Ghatal
 - D) Yakten
11. Where was the new 'CRIB' blood group which is world's rarest blood type, discovered?
- A) Maharashtra
 - B) Karnataka
 - C) Kerala
 - D) Tamil Nadu

12. 'Disha Abhiyaan' is a landmark initiative by which state government of India?
- A) Maharashtra
 - B) Kerala
 - C) Uttar Pradesh
 - D) Bihar
13. Which mountaineer from Sikkim summited two peaks in Ladakh's Markha valley?
- A) Manita Pradhan
 - B) Rajiv Rai
 - C) Shanti rai
 - D) Neha Rai
14. Who won two gold medals and set a new World Record in the Women's Masters Category at the 12th World Strength Lifting and Incline Bench press Championship 2025, held in Thailand?
- A) Saraswati Rasaily
 - B) Divyang More
 - C) Yazad Chinoy
 - D) Chandrakala Subba
15. A massive flashflood happened in which place in Uttarakhand recently?
- A) Almora
 - B) Dharali
 - C) Mana
 - D) Uttarkashi
16. Which state government has launched Chief Minister's Education Assistance Scheme (CMEAS)?
- A) Nagaland
 - B) Sikkim
 - C) West Bengal
 - D) Assam
17. Name the place where India's first FIFA Talent Academy for girls has been launched?
- A) Kanpur
 - B) Hyderabad
 - C) Lucknow
 - D) Itanagar

18. Which state has become the first to empanel sign language interpreters, translators under the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015?
- A) Gujarat
 - B) Rajasthan
 - C) Maharashtra
 - D) Punjab
19. Yashoda AI Literacy Programme is an initiative of which institution?
- A) Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)
 - B) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
 - C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - D) National Commission for Women (NCW)
20. What was the name of the operation launched by the Border Security Force along the Rajasthan border ahead of Independence Day?
- A) Operation Suraksha
 - B) Operation Eagle
 - C) Operation Vijay
 - D) Operation Alert
21. What is the aim of the State Health Regulatory Excellence Index (SHRESTH) launched by the Union Health Ministry in 2025?
- A) To improve the condition of hospitals in villages
 - B) To improve the performance of state drug regulatory authorities and to provide safe medicines to every home
 - C) To regulate the price of life saving drugs
 - D) To provide free first aid to every home
22. Which ministry has launched the 'Apna Ghar' initiative to support truck drivers during long journeys?
- A) Ministry of Urban Development
 - B) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - C) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
 - D) Ministry of Transport
23. 'Bharatmala Pariyojana' project is launched by which Ministry?
- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - B) Ministry of Science and Technology
 - C) Ministry of Education
 - D) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

24. The PM Dhan- Dhaanya Krishi Yojana launched in 2025 aims to ...

- A) Provide fixed monthly pensions to farmers
- B) Promote women farmers empowerment in villages
- C) Enhance agricultural productivity and promote sustainable practices in 100 low performing districts
- D) Provide pucca houses and pucca roads in remote villages

25. What is the primary objective of the 'PM PRANAM' scheme?

- A) To increase the use of chemical fertilizers
- B) To reduce the use of chemical fertilizers by incentivizing states
- C) To provide free chemical fertilizers to farmers
- D) To promote chemical fertilizers over organic ones

GENERAL ENGLISH

Read the following passage and choose the correct answers for the following questions from the options given below:

The happy man is the man who lives objectively, who has free affections and wide interests, who secures his happiness through these interests and affections and through the fact that they, in turn, make him an entity of interest and fondness to many others. To be the recipient of affection is a potent cause of happiness but the man demands affection is not the man upon whom it is bestowed. The man who receives liking is, speaking generally, the man who gives it. But it is useless to attempt to give it as a calculation, in the way in which one might lend money at interest, for a calculated affection is not honest and is not felt to be so by the beneficiary. What then can a man do who is doomed because he is enclosed in self? So long as he continues to think about the causes of his unhappiness, he continues to be self-centered and therefore does not get outside it.

It must be of genuine interest not by simulated interests adopted merely as a medicine. Although this difficulty is real, there is never the less much that he can do if he has rightly diagnosed his trouble. If for instance, his woe is due to a sense of depravity, conscious or unconscious, then he can first influence his conscious mind that he has no reason to feel sinful and then proceed to plant this rational conviction in his unconscious mind, concerning himself meanwhile with some more or less neutral activity. If he prospers in dismissing the sense of immorality, it is possible that genuine unbiased interests will arise spontaneously. If his trouble is self-pity, he can deal with it in the same manner after first persuading himself that there is nothing extraordinary unfortunate in his circumstances. If fright is his worry, let him drill exercises designed to give bravery. Courage has been recognized from time immemorial as an important virtue, and a great part of the training of boys and young men has been devoted to producing a character capable of fearlessness in battle. But moral courage and intellectual courage have been much less studied. They also, however, have their technique. Admit to yourself everyday at least one painful truth, you will find it quite useful. Teach yourself to feel that life would still be worth living even if you were not, as of course, you are, immeasurably superior to all your friends in virtue and in intelligence. Exercises of this kind protracted through numerous years will, at last, enable doing, might free you from the empire of fear on a very large scale.

26. What does calculated affection mean?
- A) Affection which is received unwillingly
 - B) Affection which is temporary
 - C) Affection which is bogus and forge
 - D) Affection which comes with demand
27. According to the passage, a happy man
- A) Is self-engaged
 - B) Has free affection and wide interests
 - C) Is free from outward passions
 - D) Has no grudge
28. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?
- A) A happy man has wide interests
 - B) Courage has been recognized as an important virtue
 - C) A happy man lives objectively
 - D) Moral courage and intellectual courage has been extensively studied
29. Which of the following virtues according to the passage has been recognized for long as an important virtue?
- A) Isolation
 - B) Oblation
 - C) Courage
 - D) Unassertiveness
30. Which of the following words is SIMILAR in meaning to the word 'simulated' as used in the passage?
- A) Imitated
 - B) Accommodated
 - C) Trusted
 - D) Directed

Given below are the sentences presented in random order. Rearrange the sentences to form a proper sequence to form a meaning paragraph. Choose the correct codes from below:

31. P) Merchants soon grew rich as the demands for products increased
Q) Eventually, people got a greater variety of things to choose from
R) Trade started from person to person but grew to involve different towns in different lands
S) People found work in transporting the goods or selling them
- A) RSPQ
 - B) PQRS
 - C) RQSP
 - D) PSQR

32. P) How can it be true when we know a lot of rich people complaining about their unhappy state of mind
 Q) Some people believe that happiness comes from wealth and other material things
 R) They remove this hurdle by conquering their own minds. So wealth has nothing to do with happiness
 S) On the other hand, there are some people who believe it is an obstacle in their way to happiness
- A) PRQS
 B) QPSR
 C) QRSP
 D) PSQR
33. P) Both wild and as well as domesticated
 Q) The biodiversity profile of Sikkim
 R) Is enriched with more than 4,500 flowering plants
 S) And more than 523 species of wild and indigenous orchids
- A) RSQP
 B) QRSP
 C) QPRS
 D) PQRS
34. P) Experts from the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) on Tuesday August 12, 2025
 Q) Launched a search operation to trace the 66 people including 24 labourers reported missing since raging waters and mudslides
 R) Equipped with Ground Penetrating Radars
 S) Buried virtually half of Dharali village in Uttarakhand
- A) PQRS
 B) SRQP
 C) PQRS
 D) RPQS
35. P) Man is constantly trying to run after knowledge and answers to the various questions that arise in his mind
 Q) To satisfy his thirst for knowledge and information he can always turn to books for help
 R) The human mind is rational and does not take things for granted
 S) It is important to be selective about the kind of books that one decides to read
- A) SRQP
 B) RPQS
 C) PQRS
 D) RPSQ

In the question below, a sentence is given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice. Choose the correct option:

36. Our task has been completed before sunrise.
- A) We completed our task before sunrise.
 - B) We have completed our task before sunrise.
 - C) We must complete our task before sunrise.
 - D) We had completed our task before sunrise.
37. Lie face down, stretch your arms in front.
- A) Let face be down, let arms be stretched out.
 - B) Let your face down and let your arms stretched out.
 - C) You should be lying face down and arms stretched out.
 - D) You are face down, arms are to be stretched out.
38. The novelist who passed away recently has authored a dozen novels and a number of collections.
- A) A dozen novels and a number of poetry collections were authored by the novelist who passed away recently.
 - B) A dozen novels and a number of poetry collections have been authored by the novelist who passed away recently.
 - C) A novelist who passed away recently had authored a dozen novels and a number of poetry collections.
 - D) A dozen novels and a number of poetry collections has been authored by the novelist who recently passed away.
39. They first sun-dried the garbage for one to three days to bring down the moisture level.
- A) The garbage was first sun-dried for one to three days to bring down the moisture level.
 - B) The moisture level was brought down by sun-drying the garbage for one to three days.
 - C) The moisture level of garbage came down when it was sun-dried for one to three days.
 - D) One to three days of sun-drying brought down the moisture level of the garbage.
40. Surely the lost child must have been found by now.
- A) Surely must have found the lost child by now.
 - B) Surely now the lost child must have been found.
 - C) Surely someone must have found the lost child by now.
 - D) Someone had found the lost child by now.

PART – II

CONVENTIONAL ENGLISH

41) Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics: (10 marks)

THE PERILS OF INCESSANT RAIN IN HILLS

OR

IMPACT OF GLOBAL WARMING IN HIMALAYAN REGIONS

42) Write a précis of the following passage: (10 marks)

Water is an indispensable natural resource for the life of all living beings that inhabit the planet. However, water faces multiple challenges and threats that put its availability, quality and access at risk for present and future generations. In this article, we will analyze the importance of water as a critical resource, especially for human consumption and agricultural production, within the framework of the triple environment crisis: climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution.

Human consumption of water is basic need that directly affects people's health, hygiene, nutrition and well-being. According to the World Health Organization, access to clean water is a fundamental human right but millions of people around the world lack it. In addition, population growth, economic development and changing consumption patterns are leading to increased demand for water, exacerbating water scarcity and stress in many regions. Water is also essential for food production, as agriculture is the world's largest water user. Food security depends to a large extent on availability and efficient management of water resources, as well as on adaptation to climatic and environment conditions. Agriculture has also a significant impact on the environment, as it can contribute to the pollution, degradation and overexploitation of aquatic ecosystems.

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