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PAPER-I

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GENERAL ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

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PART -I

MULTIPLE CHOICE BASED QUESTIONS

Instructions for Questions 1 to 80:

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

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1) What was the name of the Broadway Musical presented by the artists from the state culture department of Sikkim at the 'Kuzu Festival' as part of Sikkim's 50th Statehood Day Celebration?

A) Vatsalya Yojana
B) Mero Rukh Mero Santati
C) Atma Nirbhar Pahar
D) Ekai Maato Anek Rang
- 2) Which state government has declared heat- waves, sunstrokes and sunburns as a 'State Specific Disaster' in April 2025?

A) Bihar
B) Telangana
C) West Bengal
D) Punjab
- 3) Which Indian state has become the first state to launch its own satellite?

A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Assam
C) Gujarat
D) Rajasthan
- 4) Which day is celebrated as Statehood Day in Sikkim?

A) 16th May
B) 14th May
C) 22nd May
D) 29th may
- 5) Pravin Khaling, the journalist and writer got the 'Thegim Literary Award 2025' for his essay collection. What is the name of the book?

A) Jhari
B) Himalchuli Mantira
C) Jahan Bagcha Teesta Rangeet
D) Chia Guff

- 6) Vibrant Villages Programme is implemented by which Ministry?
- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - B) Ministry of Rural Development
 - C) Ministry of Defence
 - D) Ministry of Tourism
- 7) Bandipur National Park is located in which state?
- A) Kerala
 - B) Gujarat
 - C) Odisha
 - D) Karnataka
- 8) What was the aim of 'Sikkim Design Week'?
- A) To develop education in the districts
 - B) To give more emphasis on organic farming
 - C) To integrate design thinking into local- development, innovation and entrepreneurship
 - D) Child development in rural areas
- 9) Which north-eastern state of India has launched a yearlong 'Cleanliness Drive' in March 2025?
- A) Assam
 - B) Mizoram
 - C) Meghalaya
 - D) Tripura
- 10) Operation Sindoor was launched in response to which terror attack incident in India?
- A) Uri attack
 - B) Pulwama attack
 - C) Pahalgam attack
 - D) Pathankot Attack
- 11) Which country will host the Olympics Esports Games 2025?
- A) Iran
 - B) Jordan
 - C) Saudi Arabia
 - D) UAE

12) What is the primary objective of the 'PM-WANI Scheme'?

- A) To promote entrepreneurship among SC/ST and women entrepreneurs
- B) To provide affordable high speed internet connectivity in rural and remote areas
- C) To support the growth and development of micro-enterprises by providing financial assistance
- D) To provide free LPG connections to all rural households

13) Which Indian state among the following is landlocked?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) West Bengal
- C) Gujarat
- D) Odisha

14) In which of the paintings, a paste of zinc-oxide and Arabic gum called 'gesso paste' is used?

- A) Mysore Painting
- B) Pattachitra painting
- C) Madhubani Painting
- D) Tanjore Painting

15) What is the full form of MGNREGA?

- A) Mahatma Gandhi National Real Estate Guarantee Act
- B) Mahatma Gandhi National Rights Employment Guarantee Act
- C) Mahatma Gandhi National Research Employment Guarantee Act
- D) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

16) Which day is celebrated as 'World Refugee Day'?

- A) 19th June
- B) 20th June
- C) 20th May
- D) 22nd July

17) Which city is host to 'Yoga Mahotsav 2025'?

- A) Indore
- B) Jaipur
- C) Varanasi
- D) Nasik

18) Cooperative Societies are compulsorily required to be registered under which of the following Act?

- A) The Companies Act, 2013
- B) The Cooperative Societies Act, 1922
- C) The Indian Contract Act, 1872
- D) The Cooperative Societies Act, 1912

19) Which state government launched the 'Shramik Basera Scheme' to provide temporary accommodation to 15,000 construction workers at a nominal rate?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Haryana
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Odisha

20) Which scheme under the Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment aims to mainstream trans-gender persons by addressing their unique psycho-social, social-economic and health issues?

- A) Ayushman Bharat Yojana
- B) The SMILE Scheme
- C) PM SVANidhi Scheme
- D) Standard India Mission

21) Which of the following is the largest eco-system of the world?

- A) Grassland
- B) Mountains
- C) Forest
- D) Oceans

22) Which among the following correctly defines the meaning of the parliament?

- A) Prime minister and other ministers
- B) President, Prime minister and other ministers
- C) President, Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
- D) President, Chief Justice and Lok Sabha

23) What is the meaning of 'Nathula' in Tibetan?

- A) The Lovely Level Pass
- B) Beautiful eyes
- C) Listening Ears
- D) Path of Wisdom

24) Which among the following is not a perennial river?

- A) Krishna
- B) Kaveri
- C) Brahmaputra
- D) Sabarmati

25) The aerial bridges 'Jing Kieng Jri' built by living rubber plant roots are found in which Indian state?

- A) Meghalaya
- B) Assam
- C) Manipur
- D) Arunachal Pradesh

26) The 'Rising North East Investors Summit 2025' was held in which place?

- A) Gangtok
- B) Ahmedabad
- C) New Delhi
- D) Shillong

27) What is the theme of 'The International year of Cooperatives 2025'?

- A) Better Future for All
- B) Sustainable Development
- C) Rebuild Better Tomorrow
- D) Cooperatives Build a Better World

28) Consider the following statements regarding the Yak and its role in the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region?

- (i) Yaks are natives to both the Terai and mountain regions of Nepal and play a vital role in agriculture and transport
- (ii) Yak herding in the Nepal Himalayan regions are predominantly maintained by indigenous communities such as Sherpa and Tamang
- (iii) The system of transhumance associated with yak herding has been recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage

Which of the above statements is/are correct? Choose the correct code from below:

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

- 29) Nepali film 'Jaar' set against the backdrop of 19th century Nepal is inspired by which writer's short story?
- A) Sanu Sharma
 - B) Indra Bahadur Rai
 - C) Pravin Khaling
 - D) Dr Shanti Chettri
- 30) In which type of rocks are metals like gold and copper mostly found?
- A) Old Metamorphic Rocks
 - B) Old Sedimentary Rocks
 - C) Old Igneous Rocks
 - D) New Metamorphic Rocks
- 31) Which of the following is the largest glacier in India?
- A) Zemu
 - B) Siachen
 - C) Gangotri
 - D) Pandari
- 32) Which Act formally integrated Sikkim as the 22nd state of India?
- A) 36th Amendment Act
 - B) 39th Amendment act
 - C) 47th Amendment Act
 - D) 41st Amendment Act
- 33) India is projected to become the fourth largest economy in the world by 2025 according to NITI Aayog. India will surpass which country?
- A) Germany
 - B) Japan
 - C) United Kingdom
 - D) France
- 34) What was the theme of 'Sikkim Design Week'?
- A) Vocal for Local
 - B) Showcase your District
 - C) I love my District
 - D) My District My Pride

35) Border Road Organization (BRO) functions under which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Defence
- B) Ministry of Road transport and Highways
- C) Ministry of Tourism
- D) Ministry of Home Affairs

36) Consider the following pairs:

<u>Plateaus</u>	<u>States</u>
(i) Malwa Plateau	Madhya Pradesh
(ii) Chota Nagpur Plateau	Jharkhand
(iii) Deccan Plateau	Odisha
(iv) Marwar Plateau	Gujarat

Which of the above pair/pairs are NOT CORRECTLY matched? Select the correct code from below:

- A) Only (i)
- B) Only (iii) and (iv)
- C) Only (i), (ii) and (iii)
- D) None

37) What is the name of the initiative launched by the government to promote gender balance in India's maritime sector?

- A) Nari Shakti
- B) Sagar Mein Samman
- C) Sagar Sarita
- D) None of the above

38) Nutrients are recycled in atmosphere with the help of certain micro-organisms referred to as _____?

- A) Producers
- B) Consumers
- C) Decomposers
- D) None

39) Bamboo is a type of _____?

- A) Grass
- B) Tree
- C) Herb
- D) Shrub

40) Which of the lakes is not situated in Sikkim?

- A) Tso Lhamo Lake
- B) Karthok Lake
- C) Kyag Tso
- D) Samiti Lake

41) Panda belongs to the same family as that of _____?

- A) Kangaroo
- B) Porcupine
- C) Koala
- D) Bear

42) Which of the statements are true regarding the power of CBI for conducting investigation?

- A) No prior approval of central government for investigating officers of the rank of joint secretary
- B) No prior sanction required to conduct probe against senior bureaucrats under prevention of corruption act
- C) Both of them
- D) None of them

43) Sahastra Tal Trek is located in which Indian state?

- A) Uttarakhand
- B) Himachal Pradesh
- C) Sikkim
- D) Assam

44) What is the theme of FIFA Club World Cup 2025?

- A) We are the World
- B) One World
- C) Take it to the World
- D) Let's do it Together

45) Consider the statements:

- (i) Pulitzer prize is given by Columbia University
- (ii) It only includes journalism
- (iii) It includes monetary award and medal
- (iv) It was established in 1917

Which of the above statements are correct regarding Pulitzer Prize? Choose the correct code from below:

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

46) Who among the following said, 'Truth is the ultimate reality and it is God'?

- A) Mahatma Gandhi
- B) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- C) Rabindranath Tagore
- D) Swami Vivekananda

47) 'Mount Makalu' lies on the border between which two regions?

- A) India and Nepal
- B) India and Bhutan
- C) Nepal and Tibet (China)
- D) Bhutan and China

48) Where is the headquarters of United Nations Organization (UNO)?

- A) Paris
- B) London
- C) Copenhagen
- D) New York

49) Which gas is responsible for the distinctive smell of rotten eggs?

- A) Oxygen
- B) Carbon-dioxide
- C) Hydrogen
- D) Hydrogen Sulphide

50) Who broke his own world record for the most ascents of the Mount Everest?

- A) Kami Rita Sherpa
- B) Sonam Gyatso
- C) Lakhpa Sonam
- D) Arjun Vajpai

GENERAL ENGLISH

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

The group of tired dusty riders arrived at a fork in the road. Their leader immediately sprang to the ground after first throwing his reign to one of the others and began to examine minutely the sandy track. The problem was simple; if the fleeing enemy had taken the left turning, there remained little hope of catching them, since he knew that it led back to a small settlement of native huts where they should be sheltered by the friendly inhabitants. If, on the other hand, they had branched to the right, they would have before them the open desert, not a flat expanse of sand such as they had just crossed but a country broken by a series of ridges, behind any of which a whole army could hide.

He turned to his companions to see if he could read any solution in their faces. But they were too occupied by their aching limbs and several were taking a quick drink from the flasks which hung at their belts. He realized every minute's delay lessened their adversaries. So, with a rapid glance at the sun, he jumped once more into the saddle and with his whip indicated the way they were to go.

51. Where and why did the leader of the group stop?
- A) At a fork to examine what type of terrain lay ahead
 - B) At the huts of some friendly inhabitants in order to rest their tired limbs
 - C) At a fork in the road to examine the track and to decide whether they should turn left or right
 - D) At a three way crossing where the leader wanted to study the position of sun
52. What was the aim of the group of riders?
- A) They were fleeing from a pursuing enemy
 - B) They had a small settlement of native huts as their goals
 - C) They were exploring a desert
 - D) They were pursuing a fleeing enemy
53. What, if any, was the difference in the nature of the terrain they had already traversed and the one lying ahead?
- A) What they had crossed was a flat expanse of sand and what lay ahead to the right was a series of ridges of sand
 - B) The country-side already traversed was ups and downs
 - C) There was hardly any difference as it was a vast expanse of unending desert
 - D) The terrain they had crossed was dusty and tiring, the road ahead led to a mountain
54. What difficulties did they expect if they took the branch to the right?
- A) The open desert ahead promised no oasis to shelter them at night
 - B) Ahead lay a country full of ridges of sand providing cover to the fleeing enemy
 - C) They were absolutely in the dark about what lay ahead of them
 - D) They would have open desert before them obstructing pursuit

55. Why did the leader look at the sun?

- A) To estimate what daylight still remained
- B) He sent a silent prayer to the sun god to show the way
- C) To estimate chances of their overtaking the adversaries
- D) To estimate the position of the desert

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

The choices we make on a daily basis like wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we are driving. If we go over one side, we will go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help us to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe. I am not proud of this but for the first twenty years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them but I am going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on – simply exhausting myself. Finally I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We are not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

56. What does the author mean when he says "to get our lives in order"?

- A) To resume our lives
- B) To organize our lives
- C) To rebuild our lives
- D) To control our lives

57. The reason why living on the edge has become popular is because of the.....

- A) Population being much younger
- B) Strong tendency to stay within our limits
- C) Exhausting effort to make changes
- D) Constant need for excitement and something different

58. The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of ...

- A) Road accidents
- B) Traffic rules
- C) Lines on the highways
- D) Safe driving

59. What made the author decide to change his outlook and lifestyle?

- A) Depression
- B) Stress
- C) Excitement
- D) Unsustainable life

60. What is the author trying to convey to the readers from the above write-up?

- A) How to have self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives
- B) How to wear seat belts and lift heavy objects
- C) How to purposely stay out of dangerous situations
- D) How to live on the edge

Choose the correct meaning of given idioms and phrases from the following options

61. To make a clean breast of

- A) To gain prominence
- B) To praise oneself
- C) To destroy before it blooms
- D) To confess without reserve

62. To catch a tartar

- A) To deal with a person who is more than one's match
- B) To catch a dangerous person
- C) To meet with disaster
- D) None of these

63. To have an axe to grind

- A) To fail to arouse interest
- B) A private end to serve
- C) To work for both sides
- D) To neglect responsibilities

64. To put one's hand to duty

- A) To take a difficult task
- B) Get entangled into unnecessary things
- C) Take interest in technical work
- D) To do agricultural farming

65. Storm in a tea-cup

- A) Quarrel about tea-cups
- B) Violet quarrel
- C) Great outrage or excitement over trivial matter
- D) Brittle situation

Choose the correct Synonyms for the following words from the given options:

66. Embezzle

- A) Misappropriate
- B) Balance
- C) Remunerate
- D) Clean

67. Vent

- A) Stodge
- B) Past tense to go
- C) Opening
- D) End

68. Consequences

- A) Conclusions
- B) Result
- C) Difficulties
- D) Applications

69. Neutral

- A) Unbiased
- B) Indifferent
- C) Undecided
- D) Non-aligned

70. Diversion

- A) Amusement
- B) Deviation
- C) Distortion
- D) Non-aligned

Choose the correct Antonym of the underlined words in the given sentences from the given options:

71. Normit admired her step-mother.

- A) disdained
- B) loved
- C) respected
- D) adored

72. Karma is a very courageous boy.

- A) frightened
- B) naughty
- C) cowardly
- D) happy

73. Sarita argued about her point of view but her behavior with her boss was quite impertinent.

- A) respectful
- B) rude
- C) insolent
- D) furious

74. Phurba handled the machine with deft fingers.

- A) sturdy
- B) clumsy
- C) delicate
- D) quick

75. Sherlock Holmes is a real character.

- A) dangerous
- B) clever
- C) fictitious
- D) fancy

Find out the miss-spelt word from the given words and choose the correct code:

- 76. A) Admonition B) Hallucination C) Exageration D) Combination
- 77. A) Recommend B) Alluminium C) Cemetery D) Satellite
- 78. A) Beaten B) Eaten C) Stolen D) Writen
- 79. A) Seperate B) Reinstate C) Regulate D) Recuperate
- 80. A) Poetry B) Grammer C) Composition D) Literature

PART – II

CONVENTIONAL ENGLISH

81. Write an essay on any ONE of the following topics: (10)

A) Contribution of Cooperative Societies in Rural Economy

OR

B) Importance of Plastic Waste Management in Hills

82. Write a précis of the following passage: (10)

The beach can be a refreshing place that makes you feel better the longer you're there. Some studies show short walks along the beach can boost your mood and affect your mental health. This is because the beach is considered a blue space--a water source such as ocean, lake, pond or swimming pool. Exposure to blue spaces has been linked to overall improved health. The beach is a good place to head to when you're feeling stressed and overwhelmed.

When you're feeling burnt out at work and in need of a vacation, you might automatically think of the beach. Most people have come to associate the beach with relaxation and happiness. The beach does impact your mental health in various ways. It's a change in scenery. Some studies show that your senses experiencing the same thing over and over again can cause stress. When you change your setting and go to the beach, your senses are engaged in new sights, smells, tastes and sounds. This can improve your mental state and increase feelings of relaxation. It improves overall well-being. Getting exposure to the sun and ocean air is great for your mental health. 'Surf therapy' is shown to boost your overall mood. Getting in the water and moving around increases mindfulness and allows you to get some physical activity.

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