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TEST BOOKLET NO-25023

PAPER-I

GENERAL ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Time : 2:00 hrs

Total Marks: 100

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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)

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- 1) What is the name of the new postal service launched by the Department of Posts for educational material delivery?

A) Shiksha Mail
B) Gyan Post
C) Bharat Book Post
D) Education Express
- 2) Which organization has released the report titled State and Trends of Carbon Pricing 2025?

A) World Bank
B) United Nations Environment Programme
C) United Nations Development Programme
D) International Monetary Fund
- 3) On which date was Gwala Diwas 2025 celebrated in the State of Sikkim?

A) June 1
B) July 1
C) 30th June
D) 30th July
- 4) The fateful Air India flight AI-171 which crashed on June 12 was bound for which place?

A) Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
B) San Francisco International airport
C) Toronto Pearson International airport
D) London Gatwick Airport
- 5) Which US state became the first to introduce a climate impact fee called the 'Green Fee'?

A) California
B) Texas
C) Hawaii
D) Alaska

- 6) What is the name of the scheme launched to enhance the connection between the telecom sector and citizens?
- A) Sanchar Mitra scheme
 - B) Bharat Bandhu Yojana
 - C) Communications Internship Scheme
 - D) Telecom Technology Development Fund
- 7) Which city has become the first in India to include Transit Oriented Development (TOD) zones in its 2031 Master plan?
- A) Bhopal
 - B) Jaipur
 - C) Meerut
 - D) Patna
- 8) What is the primary objective of the 'National Coastal Mission Scheme'?
- A) To boost tourism in coastal areas
 - B) To address the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems
 - C) To promote coastal urban development
 - D) To enhance fisheries productivity
- 9) Which state has launched 'HIM-UNNATI' scheme to boost natural farming?
- A) Himachal Pradesh
 - B) Uttarakhand
 - C) Gujarat
 - D) Rajasthan
- 10) Which department is responsible for managing the 'Vigyan Dhara Scheme'?
- A) Department of Bio-technology
 - B) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
 - C) Department of Space
 - D) Department of Science and Technology
- 11) Which organization has launched the pre-Incubation Entrepreneurship (PIE) development programme?
- A) DRDO
 - B) CSIR
 - C) IN-SPACE
 - D) SEBI

- 12) Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) was launched on 29th May 2025 under which ministry?
- A) Ministry of Rural Development
 - B) Ministry of Finance
 - C) Ministry of Science and Technology
 - D) Ministry of Agriculture and farmer's Welfare
- 13) A book which documents the 100 year journey of drama in Sikkim was launched in Gangtok. Who is the writer of this book?
- A) Naren Gurung
 - B) Chunnilal Ghimiray
 - C) Sanu Lama
 - D) Rudra Poudyal
- 14) Second consignment of Sikkim's famous chili 'Dolle Khorsani' is to be exported to which country?
- A) Thailand
 - B) Mexico
 - C) Zimbabwe
 - D) Tanzania
- 15) What is the cause for which the Sikkim Bhutia, Lepcha Apex Committee (SIBLAC) is conducting a Buddhist puja at Mangan district in Sikkim?
- A) For climate change
 - B) For Global Warming and its consequences
 - C) For the Betterment of Tibetan and Lepcha language
 - D) For the ongoing Kanchenjunga Summit Row
- 16) Which sector does the 'Orange Economy' primarily refer to?
- A) Agriculture and horticulture sector
 - B) Digital and AI industries
 - C) Renewable energy sectors
 - D) Creativity and cultural industries
- 17) What is the reason of Venus being the hottest planet of the solar system?
- A) Proximity to the Sun
 - B) Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere
 - C) High speed of rotation
 - D) Presence of powerful magnetic field

- 18) Which Asian mountain is also known as the 'Savage Mountain' due to the extreme difficulty of ascent?
- A) Mount Everest
 - B) Kanchenjunga
 - C) K2
 - D) Lhotse
- 19) 'My Child from Wild' is an initiative taken by.....?
- A) Himalayan Zoological Park, Darjeeling
 - B) Sidkeong Bird Park, Pelling
 - C) The Himalayan Zoological Park, Gangtok
 - D) Maenam Wildlife Sanctuary, Ravangla
- 20) What is the theme of World Environment Day 2025?
- A) Our Land Our Future
 - B) Putting an end to Plastic Pollution
 - C) Only One Earth
 - D) Time for Nature
- 21) Who defeated World Champion Magnus Carlsen in a classical chess game at the Norway Chess 2025 Tournament?
- A) D Gukesh
 - B) R Praggnanandhaa
 - C) Arjun Erigaisi
 - D) Vidit Gujrathi
- 22) What is the name of the Indian hybrid drone designed for battlefield operations developed by Solar Aerospace and Defence Limited?
- A) Ghatak
 - B) Nishant
 - C) Rudrastra
 - D) Rustom
- 23) Chenab Railway Bridge was inaugurated on _____?
- A) 17 June 2025
 - B) 6 June 2025
 - C) 6 August 2024
 - D) 8 June 2025

- 24) What is the primary objective of GREAT Scheme?
- A) To develop a start-up ecosystem in technical textiles
 - B) To support traditional textile industries
 - C) To promote agricultural products across urban India
 - D) To export Indian medicines globally
- 25) Which ministry inaugurated the 'Fast Track Immigration Trusted Traveler Programme (FTITTP)?
- A) Ministry of Defence
 - B) Ministry of Tourism
 - C) Ministry of Family and Health Welfare
 - D) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 26) Which research institute has launched the 'One-Scientist-One Product' programme?
- A) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
 - B) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research
 - C) National Institute of Bio-medical Genomics (NIBMG)
 - D) Institute of Economic Growth
- 27) The 'Ozone Day' is observed in memory of signing of which of the following protocols?
- A) Geneva Protocol
 - B) Kyoto Protocol
 - C) Montreal Protocol
 - D) Nagoya Protocol
- 28) What is the theme of International Yoga day 2025?
- A) Actions of Peace
 - B) Yoga for One Earth, One Health
 - C) One World Connected
 - D) Yoga for Self and Society
- 29) Which state is home to India's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Center Park?
- A) Karnataka
 - B) Maharashtra
 - C) Uttar Pradesh
 - D) Chhattisgarh

30) Which state won the 'Best State in Horticulture Award 2024' in the Agricultural Leadership Awards 2024?

- A) Assam
- B) Arunachal Pradesh
- C) Nagaland
- D) Sikkim

31) The Mathabhangha River is treated as an international border between which two countries?

- A) India and Bangladesh
- B) India and Nepal
- C) India and Myanmar
- D) India and Bhutan

32) 'Kalamkari' Art form is mainly practised in which state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Assam
- D) West Bengal

33) Consider the following:

	<u>States</u>	<u>State Flower</u>
(i)	Mizoram	Red Vanda
(ii)	Nagaland	Rhododendron
(iii)	Sikkim	Noble Orchid
(iv)	West Bengal	Palash

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

- A) Only (i) and (iv)
- B) Only (iii) and (iv)
- C) Only (i), (ii) and (iii)
- D) All are correctly matched

34) Where was the first 'Bodoland Mahotsav' inaugurated?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) New Delhi
- C) Kolkata
- D) Patna

35) What is the official theme song of FIFA World Cup 2026?

- A) Better Together
- B) Live it up
- C) Heart and Soul
- D) One World, One Goal

36) Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is a government agency established under which ministry?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- C) Ministry of Defence
- D) Ministry of Science and Technology

37) What is the name of India's first agentic –AI system developed by Krutrim start-up?

- A) Mitra
- B) Sanchita
- C) Vaani
- D) Kruti

38) Which organization has launched a digital policy titled DHRUVA (Digital Hub for Reference and Unique Virtual Address)?

- A) National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Department of Posts
- D) Department of Commerce

39) Which country's scientists have developed a new type of sustainable protein a 'meaty' rice?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) Vietnam
- D) South Korea

40) The Border Security Force (BSF) collaborated with which bank for the tree plantation drive called 'Grow more trees' in Srinagar?

- A) State bank of India
- B) Central Bank of India
- C) Federal Bank
- D) Bank of Baroda

41) Who among the following is not a member of the two houses of our country?

- A) President
- B) Prime minister
- C) Finance minister
- D) Railway minister

42) Almatti dam is on which of the following rivers?

- A) Krishna
- B) Kaveri
- C) Mahanadi
- D) Tungabhadra

43) Which state launched Bodhi Yatra for Mekong- Ganga countries from 2 to 7 June 2025?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Bihar
- D) Himachal Pradesh

44) Mansarovar Yatra through Sikkim resumed after how many years?

- A) 8
- B) 3
- C) 5
- D) 10

45) The process of preventing birds from flying is called _____?

- A) Debeaking
- B) Dubbing
- C) Pecking
- D) Brailing

46) Apiculture is the technique of scientific rearing of _____ in specially designed wooden box.

- A) Termites
- B) Silkworms
- C) Honeybees
- D) Moths

47) Which space organization launched 'Tanager-1' satellite to track methane emissions?

- A) ISRO
- B) ESA
- C) CNSA
- D) NASA

48) Who is the author of the book 'Dalai lama's Secret to Happiness' which was formally launched at Gangtok, Sikkim?

- A) Dr. Dinesh Sharma
- B) D B Gurung
- C) Tulsiram Sharma
- D) Prajwal Parajuly

49) Which female bodybuilder made history by winning one gold and one silver medal for India at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding Championship 2025?

- A) Swarnim Rai
- B) Hillang Yajik
- C) Amita Chhetri
- D) Paklu Taipodia

50) Consider the following statements:

- (i) Rathong glacier is in West Sikkim
- (ii) It's the origin of the Rangit river
- (iii) Rangit river is a tributary of Teesta river

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

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

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Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions from the options given below:

The past decade has witnessed a surge in wildlife tourism that has doubled and tripled the tourist load in several of the more accessible national parks and reserves. But serious infrastructural shortcomings have brought us precariously close to a breakdown of the ecosystem's capacity to absorb this load. The result is an unsatisfactory tourist experience (and an opportunity to impart conservation values lost), overworked, pressurized and confused wildlife staff, and occasional man-animal confrontation crisis such as man-killing by tigers. Not to speak of the ecosystem that is being battered by humans. A road area, which accommodated four vehicles a day, ten years ago, is now being used by twelve a day. The road area, the wildlife population of that area has in any case gone up. A collision of interest is inevitable. An important function of wildlife refuges is to encourage tourism. Recognizing that it forms an ideal 'hands-on' method of orienting, educating and winning the hearts and minds of the general public over to conservation values and concepts. This can only be achieved by communication with tourists before and during their visits to a wildlife refuge.

The 'interpretation' as it is generally referred to, is properly done by having an interpretation centre, consisting of photographic, written and audio-visual exhibits supplemented by free or priced literature and a person on hand to answer the queries of the visitors. Tourists should

performer be routed through this facility by the simple expedient they have some time to see it while their entry permits are being prepared. The general message should be the history of the wildlife refuge as a conservation microcosm, interesting facts of some of the species it supports and an explanation of the mechanics of an ecosystem and its relevance to man, plus codes of conduct specific to the area and to wildlife and jungles in general. This should be backed by a cadre of trained naturalist guides, preferably from the local population who should accompany the tourists in the refuge. In some of our wildlife refuge, very poor facilities for this sort of thing exist. In most, none exists at all. The result is tourist traffic, which is generally ignorant of wildlife, ecology and conservation values, who leave the refuge no wiser than when they came in, leaving behind for good measures the detritus of their presence: plastic bags, cigarette packets, bottles, paper, a lot of which is non-biodegradable and toxic. Added to this is the fact that wildlife guards and rangers are often diverted from their normal work- monitoring and managing wildlife and the ecosystem and made to guide tourists and generally be at the beck and call of people, irrelevant to the priorities of the wildlife refuge.

51. According to the author what is the cause for the breakdown of the ecosystem in the refuges?

- A) Poor conditions of roads
- B) Lack of interpretation centres
- C) Surge in wildlife tourism and serious infrastructural shortcomings
- D) Untrained guards and rangers

52. Which of the following is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?

- A) The rangers are diverted from their normal work
- B) The tourists are generally equipped with the necessary knowledge of wildlife
- C) The priorities of the wildlife are sometime ignored by the forest staff
- D) The tourists leave behind lots of toxic

53. 'A collision of interest is inevitable' - which of the following best explains this according to the passage?

- A) Unwilling to build more road vis-à-vis load of vehicular traffic
- B) Development of tourism vis-à-vis conservation of the ecosystem
- C) Better tourist capability vis-à-vis lack of funds
- D) Orienting people to ecosystem vis-à-vis destruction of the ecosystem

54. How can an ideal 'hands on' method can be achieved according to the author?

- A) By communicating with the tourists before and during the visits to a wildlife refuge
- B) By helping tourists of their needs
- C) By monitoring and managing the wildlife refuge
- D) By construction of good roads

55. What should the forest staff be engaged in according to the passage?
- A) They should provide tourists with necessary information about the wildlife
 - B) They should take care of the habitat of wildlife
 - C) They should take help of the local people to take care of the tourists
 - D) They should try to win the hearts of the tourists
56. Why there is a need for 'interpretation centre' according to the passage?
- A) So that tourists know about the history of the wildlife refuge and its habitats and have their queries answered
 - B) So that the wildlife staff are at the beck and call of tourists
 - C) To support tourists in trouble
 - D) To have proper maintenance of the refuge
57. What is the main purpose of bringing tourists in the forest areas?
- A) To reduce the wildlife population
 - B) To minimize the surge of tourists in wildlife refuges
 - C) To involve the general public in maintaining the ecosystem
 - D) To make them understand the codes of conduct of the jungles
58. Choose the word from the following which best expresses the meaning of the word 'detritus' as used in the above passage:
- A) Paper
 - B) Water bottles
 - C) Plastic
 - D) Litter
59. Which of the following words is most nearly same in meaning as the words 'hands-on' as used in the passage?
- A) Handy
 - B) Practical
 - C) Sufficient
 - D) Easy
60. Which of the following job is irrelevant and should not be in a priority list of wildlife guards and rangers?
- A) Be at the beck and call of people
 - B) Managing wildlife
 - C) Looking after habitats
 - D) Monitoring ecosystem

Choose the word which can be substituted for the given words:

61. Actions that is likely to make people very angry

- A) Inflammatory
- B) Inflationary
- C) Commensurable
- D) Inflammable

62. Bare minimum needed for survival

- A) Sustenance
- B) Subsistence
- C) Sustainable
- D) Supplement

63. Drug which cause people to sleep easily

- A) Beguile
- B) Pedant
- C) Soporific
- D) Poppy

64. A person who has no money to pay off his debts

- A) Destitute
- B) Pauper
- C) Poor
- D) Insolvent

65. A fourteen line poem

- A) Sonnet
- B) Ode
- C) Ballad
- D) Lyric

There are sentences given with idiom/phrase in bold. Choose the meaning that best expresses the idiom/phrase from the options given below:

66. I tried to **feel his pulse** on the issue but in vain.

- A) Enlighten him
- B) Argue with him
- C) Guide him
- D) Find his views

67. Students must learn to keep their belongings **in apple pie order**.

- A) In perfect order
- B) Ordering of apple pie
- C) To keep books on a shelf
- D) To have discipline

68. The mention of her former colleague's name still makes Rita **foam at the mouth**.

- A) Vomit
- B) Shy
- C) Angry
- D) Fall sick

69. It is difficult to have a sensible discussion with him as he **flies off at a tangent**.

- A) Loses his temper
- B) Starts discussing something irrelevant
- C) Does not really understand anything
- D) Gets carried away

70. We had better **batten down the hatches**.

- A) Go somewhere safe
- B) Face the obstacles
- C) Stay indoors
- D) Prepare for a difficult situation

Complete the sentences with appropriate words given in the options:

71. More insurers are limiting their sale of property insurance in coastal areas and other regions _____ to natural disasters.

- A) safe from
- B) prone to
- C) despite of
- D) according

72. There is no place for _____ in an accountant's job.

- A) assets
- B) asserts
- C) errors
- D) fillers

73. The lease of our premises has _____ and we have to vacate it.

- A) run-out
- B) run-off
- C) run-over
- D) run-down

74. In spite of our best efforts, we failed to _____ any new facts from him.

- A) evoke
- B) eject
- C) enlist
- D) elicit

75. The prolonged illness left her totally _____.

- A) enervated
- B) elated
- C) ambiguous
- D) healthy

Choose the correct synonyms of the following words from the options given below:

76. Corpulent

- A) Lean
- B) Gaunt
- C) Emaciated
- D) Obese

77. Indict

- A) Accuse
- B) Reprimand
- C) Condemn
- D) Allege

78. Inebriate

- A) Dreamy
- B) Drunken
- C) Promotion
- D) Preference

79. Extricate

- A) Pull
- B) Tie
- C) Free
- D) Complicate

80. Salacity

- A) Indecency
- B) Bliss
- C) Recession
- D) Depression

PART – II

CONVENTIONAL ENGLISH

81. Write a short essay on any one of the following topics: (10 MARKS)

- A) The impact of climate change on human society and the environment

OR

- B) Ethics and Artificial Intelligence

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

While deforestation rates have decreased in recent years, it still remains a problem. One approach that can bring immense value to this issue is afforestation. It is an important step towards saving the planet. Afforestation is the process of transforming barren land into a forest. It refers to planting trees in areas where there has been no tree cover before or not for many years. One of the most significant reasons why afforestation is essential is because it battles climate change.

Planting trees are one of the best ways to reduce the amount of carbon in air. They capture CO₂ emissions and with the help of photosynthesis, they create clean oxygen for humans to breathe. A popular area for afforestation is a location that has seen desertification---- a process where a region turns into a desert. This process can help breathe life into the area and create a new ecosystem. Afforestation can aid in increasing soil quality, prevent erosion, create new wildlife habitats and protect nearby areas from intense winds and floods.

Afforestation and reforestation are two different things. Reforestation refers to planting trees in areas that were wiped out due to deforestation. However, afforestation is the process of creating a forest in a barren location. Another way to think is that one creates an ecosystem while the other restores it. Both methods offer excellent benefits for the environment.