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TEST BOOKLET

Maximum Marks: 80

Time Allowed: 02:00 hrs

GENERAL ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions:-

1. This Test Booklet consists of 12 (twelve) pages and has 52(Fifty 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 Ball Point Pen** to fill the OMR Answer Sheet.
6. This Test Booklet is divided into 2 (two) parts – **Part – I and Part - II**.
7. All TWO 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** has 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.
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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

MULTIPLE CHOICE BASED QUESTIONS

Instructions for Questions 1 to 50:

- Choose the correct answer for the following questions
- Each question carries 1 marks (50 x 1 = 50 marks)

Read the following passages and answer the following questions from the options given below:

Comprehension I

The invention of the printing press was a turning point in human history. Before its invention, books were handwritten, making them rare and expensive. Only the wealthy could afford them, and knowledge was confined to a privileged few. The printing press democratized knowledge by making books more accessible and affordable. This invention played a critical role in the spread of ideas, especially during the Renaissance and the Reformation. It enabled scholars to share their discoveries, leading to a surge in scientific, cultural, and political progress. Today, the impact of the printing press can still be felt in the way we disseminate information and share knowledge.

1. Before the invention of the printing press, why were books rare?

- a) Books were banned in many places.
- b) Books were handwritten, making them rare and expensive.
- c) People did not know how to read or write.
- d) The materials for making books were unavailable.

2. How did the printing press democratize knowledge?

- a) By banning handwritten books.
- b) By making books more accessible and affordable.
- c) By encouraging oral storytelling.
- d) By limiting access to scholars only.

3. Which historical periods were most influenced by the invention of the printing press?

- a) The Renaissance and the Reformation.
- b) The Industrial Revolution and the Enlightenment.
- c) The Medieval Period and the Dark Ages.
- d) The Modern Era and the Information Age.

4. What was one major effect of the printing press on society?

- a) It reduced literacy rates.
- b) It confined knowledge to the wealthy.
- c) It enabled the spread of ideas and discoveries.
- d) It ended scientific progress.

5. What is the tone of the passage?

- a) Critical
- b) Neutral
- c) Optimistic
- d) Sarcastic

Comprehension II

Climate change is no longer a distant threat; it is a present reality affecting ecosystems, economies, and communities worldwide. The rise in global temperatures has led to unpredictable weather patterns, increased frequency of extreme events such as cyclones and floods, and rising sea levels. These changes not only threaten biodiversity but also exacerbate socio-economic inequalities, as vulnerable populations bear the brunt of climate-related impacts. While global initiatives like the Paris Agreement aim to mitigate these challenges, achieving tangible results requires robust national policies, community engagement, and technological innovation. Sustainable development, therefore, must be at the heart of any strategy to combat climate change, balancing economic growth with ecological preservation.

6. What is the central theme of the passage?

- a) The importance of technological innovation in modern economies.
- b) The challenges posed by climate change and the need for sustainable development.
- c) The role of biodiversity in combating socio-economic inequalities.
- d) The achievements of the Paris Agreement in addressing climate change.

7. According to the passage, who is most affected by climate-related impacts?

- a) Wealthy industrialists
- b) Vulnerable populations
- c) Urban planners
- d) Political leaders

8. What does the passage suggest as a core element of combating climate change?

- a) Exclusive reliance on global initiatives.
- b) Economic growth without ecological considerations.
- c) A balance between sustainable development and ecological preservation.
- d) Reducing technological innovation to mitigate ecological harm.

9. What does the passage imply about the Paris Agreement?

- a) It has already solved most climate-related problems.
- b) It is insufficient without complementary national and community efforts.
- c) It prioritizes economic growth over ecological concerns.
- d) It is focused solely on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

10. What is the tone of the passage?

- a) Alarmist
- b) Analytical
- c) Apathetic
- d) Celebratory

Find out the miss-spelt word from the words given below:

- 11. A) Tution
B) Destitution
C) Destination
D) Demonstration
- 12. A) Contingency
B) Universal
C) Controversal
D) Contemporary
- 13. A) Dependent
B) Fraudulent
C) Aspirent
D) Descendent

In the following questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentences.

14. Act of mercy killing

- a) suicide
- b) euthanasia
- c) immolation
- d) asphyxiation

15. A method which never fails

- a) Irremediable
- b) infallible
- c) Irreparable
- d) Unflinching

16. A person who believes he is always ill

- A) Unwell
- B) Hypochondriac
- C) Neophyte
- D) Conditioned

Choose the correct synonyms for the following:

17. Altruistic

- a) hostile
- b) outdated
- c) selfish
- d) philanthropic

18. Stringent

- a) evident
- b) farfetched
- c) strict
- d) compulsory

Choose the correct synonyms for the following:

19. Restrain

- a) Incite
- b) Effect
- c) Loquacious
- d) Grand

20. Conceited

- a) Overlook
- b) Polite
- c) Dictator
- d) Modest

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

21. Beat a dead horse

- a) Exploit someone to the point of killing him/her.
- b) To continue playing a game knowing very well that you are going to lose.
- c) Show extreme level of cruelty especially to animals.
- d) To uselessly dwell on a subject far beyond its point of resolution.

22. A wild goose chase

- a) Timely search
- b) Wrong decision
- c) Fruitful search
- d) Useless search

Choose the correct option to fill the blank spaces:

23. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was _____.

- a) blighted
- b) confutative
- c) ravenous
- d) ostentatious

24. I felt very proud _____ myself.

- a) for
- b) of
- c) with
- d) at

25. He did not like to _____ his decision like a dictator on his subordinates.

- a) divulge
- b) devolve
- c) enforce
- d) deploy

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

26. Siddharth Kaul, who recently announced his retirement, is associated with which sport?

- a) Cricket
- b) Football
- c) Hockey
- d) Boxing

27. Which is the heaviest organ of the human body?

- a) skin
- b) liver
- c) brain
- d) bone

28. Who won the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize?

- a) Abiy Ahmed Ali
- b) Malala Yousafzai
- c) Narges Mohammadi
- d) Vladimir Zelensky

29. Which word has been selected as Oxford Word of the Year 2024?

- a) Brain Rot
- b) Dumpster
- c) Heat Dome
- d) Neuro Spicy

30. The 2023 BRICS Summit was held in which city?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Johannesburg
- c) Beijing
- d) Moscow

31. Which Indian state became the first to launch a "Digital Library" for children in 2023?

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) West Bengal

32. Into how many provinces did the Mughal Emperor Akbar divided his kingdom into?

- a) Eight
- b) Ten
- c) Twelve
- d) fourteen

33. What is the new initiative launched by the Indian Government in 2023 to promote electric vehicles (EVs)?

- a) National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP)
- b) Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) Scheme
- c) National EV Policy
- d) EV-Boost Initiative

34. The enzyme "Diastase" is secreted in which among the following?

- a) Oral Cavity
- b) Stomach
- c) Ileum
- d) Duodenum

35. Which of the following is the highest civilian award in India?

- a) Bharat Ratna
- b) Padma Shri
- c) Padma Vibhushan
- d) Gallantry Award

36. 2nd of October, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday is also celebrated as –

- a) International Day of Non-Violence
- b) International day of Satyagraha
- c) International day of Peace
- d) International day of Liberty

37. Which program of Sikkim government plans to plant hundred trees for every new born baby born in Sikkim?

- a) Rukh Bachaun, Rukh Lagaun
- b) Mero Rukh Mero Santati
- c) Grow More Trees for Future Generation
- d) Plant Trees for Better Environment

38. Wagah Border is located along:

- a) Durand Line
- b) McMahon line
- c) Sir Creek Line
- d) Radcliffe Line

39. Who was Guru Nanak ?

- a) A Bhakti Saint and social reformer
- b) Sikh Guru
- c) Founder of Sikhism
- d) All of these

40. In India the power of judicial review lies with which of the following?

- a) Supreme Court only
- b) High Courts and Supreme Court
- c) High Courts only
- d) Lower Courts only

41. In which region of India is Red Soil normally found?

- a) Eastern region only
- b) Southern region
- c) Eastern and Southern parts of Deccan Plateau
- d) Western region

42. The central government has decided to sell rice at Rs 25 per kilo through Public Distribution System (PDS) under which of these brand names?

- a) Namo
- b) Bharat
- c) Annapurna
- d) Antodaya

43. What is Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) commonly known as?

- a) Foot & Mouth Disease
- b) Mad Cow Disease
- c) Fog Fever
- d) Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease

44. Which monastery of Sikkim celebrates the annual 'Bumchu' festival?

- a) Pemayangtse Monastery
- b) Tashiding Monastery
- c) Phodong Monastery
- d) Phensang Monastery

45. Bharat Nirman Scheme relates to which of the following?

- a) Foodgrain Production Self Sufficiency
- b) Family Welfare Programme
- c) Infrastructure Development
- d) Employment Generation Program

46. Garampani sanctuary is located at which of the following places?

- a) Legship, Sikkim
- b) Kohima, Nagaland
- c) Diphu, Assam
- d) Junagarh, Gujarat

47. The Nobel Prize is awarded for which of the following disciplines?

- a) Literature, Peace and Economics
- b) Physics and Chemistry
- c) Physiology or Medicine
- d) All of the above

48. The biggest part of the brain is -

- a) Cerebellum
- b) Cerebrum
- c) Brain Stem
- d) None of the above

49. Which of the following rivers flows between the Vindhyan and Satpura ranges?

- a) Narmada
- b) Mahanadi
- c) Son
- d) Netravati

50. Which technology company has launched 'Threads' App?

- a) Amazon
- b) Meta
- c) Google
- d) Microsoft

PART – II

ENGLISH CONVENTIONAL

51. Write an essay on the following topic in about 200-250 words: (20 MARKS)

“Rise of e-commerce is a threat to local shopkeeper’s business”

52. You are Arun/Aruna. As the president of a voluntary organization, you recently visited an area in your city that was devastated by a massive fire. Write a report on the tragic incident to be published in a magazine. (Word limit: 120 words) (10 MARKS)

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