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TEST BOOKLET

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ENGLISH

Maximum Marks: 100

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6. This Test Booklet is divided into 3 (three) parts – **Part – I, Part - II & Part – III**.
7. All THREE 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 & Part – III** has to be written in the **Separate Answer Booklet** provided to you.
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PART – I

MULTIPLE CHOICE BASED QUESTIONS

Instructions for Questions 1 to 60:

- Choose the correct answer for the following questions
- Each question carries 3 marks (60 x 1 = 60 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

"Who doesn't know how to cook rice? Cooking rice hardly takes time." said my father. So I challenged myself. I switched from news to YouTube and typed, "How to cook rice?" I took one and a half cups of rice. Since I did not have access to a rice cooker, I put the rice in a big pot. Firstly, the rice has to be washed to get rid of dust and starch. I thought I will not be able to drain the rice and that it will fall out of the pot. I observed the chef as I swirled the rice around and used my dexterous hands to drain it, not once, not twice, but three times. I looked down at the sink and saw less than 50 grains that made their way out of the pot. Suffice to say, I was up to the mark. The video stated that the key to perfect rice is equal amounts of rice and water. I have heard that professionals don't need to measure everything; they just know what the right amount is. But as this was my first time in the kitchen. I decided to experiment by not measuring the water needed to boil the rice. I wanted the rice to be firm when bitten, just like pasta. I don't enjoy the texture of mushy rice. It has to have that chutzpah; it has to resist my biting power just for a bit before disintegrating. After what seemed like 10 minutes, all the water disappeared. I went in to give it a good stir. To my surprise, some of the rice got stuck to the pot. I tried to scrape it off but to no avail. At the same time, there was a burning smell coming from it. I quickly turned the stove off. "What have you done to the kitchen?" shouted Mother, while coming towards the kitchen. I managed to ward her off. Finally, when the time came to taste my creation, I was surprised! It wasn't bad at all. The rice had the desired consistency. Sure, a little more salt would've been better, but I just added that while eating. The experience was fairly rewarding and memorable. It taught me a new sense of respect for those who cook food on a regular basis at home or engage in gourmet creations professionally.

1. The father's question to the narrator about knowing how to COOK rice was intended to-
 - a) criticize the narrator's lack of abilities
 - b) make the process sound simple
 - c) encourage the narrator to take up cooking
 - d) showcase his own expertise in cooking rice
2. "I switched from news to YouTube...." Pick the option in which the meaning of 'switch(ed)' is NOT the same as it is in the passage.
 - a) He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner
 - b) "Forget these diet supplements and switch to yoga, if you want a true sense of well-being"
 - c) Mom switched to reading fiction recently because she was bored with cook-books
 - d) The company will switch the trucks to other routes to bring down city pollution

3. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the process.

1. Use water to wash the rice.
2. Repeat the process three times.
3. Drain the water off.
4. Put rice in a utensil.
5. Swirl the water in and around the rice.

- a) 4, 2, 1, 3, 5
- b) 1, 3, 2, 5, 4
- c) 4, 1, 5, 3, 2
- d) 5, 1, 2, 4, 3

4. The narrator says that he has dexterous hands. He would have had a problem had it been the opposite. Not being dexterous means, being -

- a) uncomfortable
- b) clumsy
- c) unclear
- d) clueless

5. How did mother react to the burning smell?

- a) she commented on it
- b) she brushed it aside
- c) she enquired about it
- d) she handled it

6. According to the passage, the fact that the narrator risked experimentation on his maiden attempt in the kitchen shows that he was-

- a) conscientious
- b) nervous
- c) presumptuous
- d) courteous

7. Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'chutzpah'.

- a) It is the court's duty to dispense chutzpah to everyone irrespective of caste or creed
- b) The speaker may not have much of a stage presence, but you've got to admit she's got chutzpah.
- c) I could crack the code easily which proved me to be a chutzpah and I was the only one who could do so.
- d) After his father's demise, the daughter took over the family's chutzpah to save it from disaster

8. Pick the option that correctly states what DID NOT happen after the writer checked on the rice.

- a) turning the stove off
- b) being taken aback at the condition of rice
- c) forgetting to scrape the stuck rice
- d) smelling the delicious aroma of cooked rice

9. The narrator's creation was -

- a) almost perfect to taste
- b) way off from what he wanted
- c) overly seasoned
- d) quite distasteful

10. Pick the option that correctly lists the final feelings of the writer with reference to the cooking experience.

- 1. Frustrating
- 2. Amusing
- 3. Satisfying
- 4. Disillusioning
- 5. Exacting
- 6. Enlightening

- a) 1 and 4
- b) 2 and 5
- c) 3 and 6
- d) 1 and 3

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

There were hundreds of us in the lecture hall, watching the descent of the Vikram Lander of the Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft, with the Pragyan rover, descending on the lunar surface, all 1498 kg of it hurtling down, pulled by the gravity of Moon. It had separated from the rest of the spacecraft four days ago, leaving the Orbiter, where it is going to spend at least seven years, with its eight excellent instruments sending back crucial scientific information about the Moon, its environment and even the Sun. We were applauding as the green dot on the plot of the landing trajectory, showing the altitude and the range of the lander reached about two km above the surface, at which point its speed was about 50 m/s. Then our spirits fell as it deviated from the expected course and got stuck indicating that we had lost communication. This is the phase, which the ISRO Chairperson Dr. K. Sivan had described as the, "15 minutes of terror". We still haven't recovered communication, but thermal imaging from the orbiter's cameras has located the site of the landing. The extent of the damage to Vikram is still being assessed. If things had gone according to plan, India would have joined an elite club of three other nations that have landed in one piece on an extra-terrestrial surface—the Moon.

Chandrayaan-2 was launched in July on the GSLV-3, taking a complicated, fuel efficient path to the Moon lasting over 40 days. In contrast with the Apollo missions being launched on the more powerful Saturn-V launchers in the 1960s, this mission was kept affordable, but sent the mission on a long journey fraught with possible pitfalls. We are now hopeful that we will gain contact with Vikram lovingly named after the founder of ISRO in its birth centenary year. Even if some of the instruments can be made to work, we would have valuable information and images close to the lunar surface and learn more about what to do and whatnot to in our next attempt. The CLASS instrument on the orbiter will quantify the amount of calcium, magnesium, iron, sodium and other useful elements on or below the lunar surface through X-ray fluorescence. The IIRS instrument, also on the orbiter, will tell us about water and minerals under the surface. Even if we choose not to live on the Moon, we need a Moon base, as a refueling station, or as an assembly or service station. We have to know what resources are available on the Moon. What if a small part of this mission is not successful? In my mind, the journey of ISRO team that has brought the mission to where it is now is more important than the task that will be performed. Similarly, the complicated journey of the spacecraft from the Earth to and around the Moon has adequately demonstrated what Indian technology can achieve.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below.

11. How many days ago was Vikram Lander separated from the spacecraft?

- a) one day
- b) two days
- c) three days
- d) four days

12. For how long was it supposed to remain upon the lunar surface?

- a) 5 years
- b) 6 years
- c) 7 years
- d) 8 years

13. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the CORRECT order of the sentences.

- 1. The extent of the damage to Vikram is still being assessed.
- 2. The IIRS instrument, also on the orbiter, will tell us about water and minerals under the surface.
- 3. Vikram Lander deviated from the expected course, and got stuck, indicating that we had lost communication.
- 4. Chandrayaan-2 was launched in July on the GSLV-3.

- a) 1, 2, 4, 3
- b) 3, 1, 4, 2
- c) 3, 2, 4, 1
- d) 2, 3, 4, 1

14. Chandrayaan-2 was supposed to land on -
- a) Southern Pole
 - b) Northern Pole
 - c) Lunar surface
 - d) Equatorial region
15. The scientists happy when they saw the green dot on the trajectory because it -
- a) told about water and minerals under the surface.
 - b) indicated the altitude and the range of the lander
 - c) told about the presence of gaseous elements
 - d) reached in expected course of time
16. What is the function of CLASS instrument on the orbiter?
- a) it gives information about the moon
 - b) it shows images of the moon
 - c) it quantifies the amount of calcium, magnesium, iron, sodium and other useful elements on or below the lunar surface
 - d) it measures the air pressure on moon
17. Which things are required on the moon even if we don't make it our habitat?
- a) a moon base
 - b) a refueling station
 - c) a service station
 - d) all of these
18. Which word in the passage means same as 'crucial' in the above paragraph?
- a) pivotal
 - b) critical
 - c) significant
 - d) all of the above
19. Pick the option that tells the feeling of the writer when the Lander deviated from the expected course and got stuck, indicating that it had lost communication.
- a) frustrating
 - b) provoking
 - c) disheartening
 - d) hostile
20. The "15 minutes of terror" refers to
- a) Pragyan rover deviating from its course
 - b) Pragyan rover getting damaged
 - c) Pragyan rover exploding
 - d) Pragyan rover disappearing

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate options:

21. If they next to each other on the plane, they wouldn't have got married.

- a) hadn't sat
- b) had sat
- c) sat
- d) didn't sit

22. It was boring film that I fell asleep.

- a) such a
- b) so
- c) as such
- d) very

23. When I got home, someone the window.

- a) break
- b) broke
- c) had broken
- d) hadn't broken

24. _____ the better team, we lost the match.

- a) despite being
- b) despite of being
- c) although
- d) despite the fact

25. By this time next year, I all my exams.

- a) will take
- b) will have taken
- c) have taken
- d) would taken

Find the correct synonyms

26. Regale

- a) Bore
- b) Flatter
- c) Entertain
- d) Mock

27. Masticate

- a) Chew
- b) Drink
- c) Devour
- d) Swallow

28. Solicit

- a) Demand
- b) Request
- c) Sell
- d) Claim

29. Meek

- a) Arrogant
- b) Loud
- c) Sharp
- d) Quiet

30. Proliferation

- a) Growth
- b) Rise
- c) Renovation
- d) Innovation

Choose the word that best describes the meaning of the given idioms/phrases

31. In cold blood-

- a) Slowly
- b) Quietly
- c) Excitedly
- d) Angrily

32. A damp squid-

- a) A rainy day
- b) A wet animal
- c) A disappointing result
- d) A failed plan

33. A bolt from the blue-

- a) An unpleasant event-
- b) Thunder and lightening
- c) An unexpected event
- d) An inexplicable event

34. To be all at sea

- a) A family voyage
- b) In the middle of the sea
- c) Lost and confused
- d) A string of islands

35. Pour cold water on -

- a) Dilute
- b) Disapprove
- c) Dislike
- d) Postpone

36. One who believes in fate -

- a) Fatalist
- b) Narcissist
- c) Feminist
- d) Numismatist

37. A lover of good food

- a) Gourmand
- b) Gourmet
- c) Epicure
- d) Professional Eater

38. Incapable of making errors -

- a) Erroneous
- b) Infallible
- c) Incurable
- d) Irreparable

39. The murder of a brother -

- a) Homicide
- b) Regicide
- c) Fratricide
- d) Suicide

40. A disease which spread by contact -

- a) Incurable
- b) Infectious
- c) Contagious
- d) Fatal

Fill in the blank spaces with the appropriate words from the options given below.

Located ___ 41 ___ the northeastern part of India, the state of Sikkim is situated in the eastern Himalayas. As the second ___ 42 ___ populated and smallest state, Sikkim attracts numerous tourists from ___ 43 ___ the globe with its tranquil natural beauty and clean surroundings. ___ 44 ___ its size, Sikkim boasts ___ 45 ___ a wealth of cultural heritage and philosophical depth among its people.

- 41. (a) in
(b) on
(c) between
(d) towards
- 42. (a) less
(b) most
(c) least
(d) of all
- 43. (a) round
(b) among
(c) within
(d) around
- 44. (a) inspite
(b) despite
(c) due to
(d) because of
- 45. (a) with
(b) on
(c) of
(d) about

Complete the following analogy correctly -

- 46. As baby is to adult, sapling is to-
 - (a) seed
 - (b) tree
 - (c) plant
 - (d) stem

47. As popular is to unpopular, partial is to-

- a) Dispartial
- b) Unpartial
- c) Impartial
- d) Mispartial

48. If Bulb is to Light, heater is to –

- a) Heat
- b) Air
- c) Water
- d) Electricity

49. If Crooked is to Straight, Stale is to-

- a) Fresh
- b) Steal
- c) Wise
- d) Contract

50. If ardour is to passion, conflict is to –

- a) Fervent
- b) Distress
- c) Cooperation
- d) Clash

Choose the correct direct/indirect speech for the given sentences (Q. No.51-53)

51. She said, "I am tired."

- a) She said she is tired.
- b) She said I am tired.
- c) She said she was tired.
- d) She said that she was tired.

52. Karma said, "I had worked late last night."

- a) Karma said he worked late last night.
- b) Karma said that he had worked late last night.
- c) Karma said he was working late last night.
- d) Karma said he is working late last night.

53. She shouted, "Tom is a traitor."
- a) She told Tom is a traitor.
 - b) She said Tom is a traitor.
 - c) She shouted that Tom was a traitor.
 - d) She shouted Tom is a traitor.

Read the sentences and answer the question (Q.No. 54-60)

54. Diki mentioned that she would be late to the party. What form of speech is this?
- a) Indirect speech
 - b) Passive voice
 - c) Direct speech
 - d) Active voice
55. Ram said, "I am not willing to compromise". Which form of reporting is this?
- a) Active voice
 - b) Indirect speech
 - c) Direct speech
 - d) Passive voice
56. Our basketball team consists of thirteen players. Pick out the common noun from the sentence.
- a) players
 - b) volleyball
 - c) team
 - d) thirteen
57. Seema was drenched with water after the heavy rain. Pick the adjective phrase in the given sentence.
- a) drenched with water
 - b) heavy rain
 - c) after the heavy rain
 - d) with water
58. Sam is a very intelligent child. Choose the proper noun present in the sentence.
- a) Sam
 - b) intelligent
 - c) was
 - d) child

59. This is the book I bought from the bookstore, you can read it too. Identify the Pronoun in the given sentence.
- a) Is
 - b) The
 - c) It
 - d) You
60. Unless you prepare well, you will not clear the exam. Identify the adverb clause in the given sentence.
- a) will not clear the exam
 - b) unless you prepare well
 - c) you will not clear the exam
 - d) Unless you prepare

PART- II

61. Essay Writing: 25 marks (Write an essay on any one of the topics)

Are celebrities responsible for the products they endorse? Write for or against the topic in about 300 words

OR

Should schools promote coaching institutes? Write for or against the topic in about 250 words

PART- III

62. Letter Writing: 15 marks (Write a letter on any one of the following)

You live in a college hostel room which you share with another student. There are many problems with this arrangement and you find it difficult to study. Write a letter to the accommodation officer at the college describing the situation, explaining the problems and stating how you would like the situation to be resolved.

OR

You would like a job working in a summer camp which runs sports and outdoor activities for children and young people. Write a letter to the organizer of the summer camp describing your personality, stating the experience and skills you have and the sort of work you would like to do.

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