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TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: 2.5 hours

PAPER - I

Maximum Marks: 150

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5. Use only **Black Ball Point Pen** to fill the OMR Answer Sheet.
6. This Test Booklet is divided into 3 (three) parts - Part - I, Part - II and Part - III.
7. All the parts are Compulsory.
8. Part-I and Part-II 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-III consists of Conventional Type Questions. The answers to these questions have to be written in the separate Answer Booklet provided to you.
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 - (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 (General English)
(Multiple Choice-based Questions)

Instructions for Questions 1 to 25:

- **Choose the correct answers for the following questions.**
- **Each question carries 2 marks.**

Read the following passage and answer the following questions from the options given below: (5x2=10)

My own recollection is that I had no high regard for my ability. I used to be astonished whenever I won prizes and scholarships. But I very assiduously guarded my character. The least little blemish drew tears from my eyes. When I merited or seemed to the teacher to merit, a rebuke, it was unbearable to me. I remember having once received corporal punishment. I did not mind such punishment, as the fact that it was considered my desert. I wept piteously. That was when I was in the first or second standard.

There was another such incident during the time when I was in the seventh standard. Dorabji Edulji Gimi was the headmaster then. He was popular among the boys, as he was a disciplinarian, a man of method and a good teacher. He had made gymnastics and cricket compulsory for boys of the upper standards. I disliked both. I never took part in any exercise, cricket or football, before they were made compulsory.

My shyness was one of the reasons for this aloofness, which I now see was wrong. I then had the false notion that gymnastics had nothing to do with education. Today I know that physical training should have as much place in the curriculum as mental training.

- 1) Why did the author say that he did not have any high regard for his ability?
 - A) He was a dunce
 - B) He always used to miss his classes
 - C) He never did well in studies or sports
 - D) He was full of humility

- 2) The author's idea that character is a treasure is revealed in which of the statements?
 - A) I won the prizes and scholarships
 - B) I very assiduously guarded my character
 - C) When I merited or seemed to the teacher to merit, a rebuke, it was unbearable for me
 - D) I wept piteously

- 3) What does author mean by 'my desert' in the passage?
 - A) His favourite story
 - B) His favourite sweet dish
 - C) What he deserved
 - D) His wasted time

- 4) What false notion did the author have when he was in school?
 - A) Punishments are not deserved by students
 - B) Gymnastics had nothing to do with education
 - C) Sports should be made compulsory for all
 - D) Shyness was never a reason for his aloofness

- 5) Choose the correct synonym of the word 'blemish' as used in the paragraph
- A) Purity
 - B) Virtue
 - C) Flaw
 - D) Grace

Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions from the options given below: (5x2=10)

Once upon a time I went for a week's holiday in the Continent with an Indian friend. We both enjoyed ourselves and were sorry when the week was over, but on parting our behavior was absolutely different. He was plunged in despair. He felt that because the holiday was over all happiness was over until the world ended. He could not express his sorrow too much, but in me the Englishman came out strong. I could not see what there was to make a fuss about. It was not as if we were parting forever or dying. 'Buck up', I said, 'Do buck up'. He refused to buck up and I left him plunged in gloom.

- 6) When did the author realize that his friend's behavior was very different from him?
- A) When the week's holiday was over
 - B) On parting time
 - C) When the author decided to go for a holiday with an Indian friend
 - D) When his friend plunged in despair
- 7) What does the author mean by 'Buck up'?
- A) Buckle yourself up
 - B) Stand up
 - C) Cheer up
 - D) Shut up
- 8) Why was the Indian friend plunged in despair?
- A) He felt as if all happiness was over after the holidays came to an end
 - B) He experienced racial discrimination
 - C) He had spent a lot of money
 - D) He never liked the place
- 9) What does 'but in me the Englishman came out strong' imply?
- A) He was a strong Englishman
 - B) He had the typical English character
 - C) The Englishman went out of him
 - D) He started following Indian traditions
- 10) What is the author's intention in the passage?
- A) To contrast the Indian character with the English character
 - B) To show that an Indian is sorrowful
 - C) To praise the Englishman
 - D) To look for happiness

In the following sentences, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one that best expresses the same in Indirect/Direct speech. (5x2=10)

- 11) Ugen said, "Be quiet and listen to my words."
A) Ugen urged them to be quiet and listen to his words.
B) Ugen forced them and said to be quiet and listen to his words.
C) Ugen urged they should be quiet and listen to his words.
D) Ugen said you should be quiet and listen to him.
- 12) Rinchen asked Ronita, "Are you going to visit Darjeeling?"
A) Rinchen asked Ronita if she is going to visit Darjeeling.
B) Rinchen asked Ronita if she had visited Darjeeling.
C) Rinchen told Ronita to visit Darjeeling.
D) Rinchen asked Ronita if she was going to visit Darjeeling.
- 13) Sarita said, "I will be twenty three tomorrow."
A) Sarita said that she would be twenty three tomorrow.
B) Sarita said that she would be twenty three the following day.
C) Sarita said that she should be twenty three the following day.
D) Sarita told everyone that I shall be twenty three tomorrow.
- 14) Mother told me that I should listen to her first and then do anything as I pleased.
A) Mother said to me, "He should listen to her first and then do anything he pleases."
B) Mother said to me, "You should listen to me first and then do anything I pleased."
C) Mother said to me, "You should listen to me first and then do anything as you please."
D) Mother asked me, "I should listen to her first and then do anything as I please.
- 15) The doctor advised the patient to give up smoking.
A) The doctor said to the patient, "You should give up smoking."
B) The doctor said to the patient, "Give up smoking."
C) The doctor said to the patient, "I am advising you to give up smoking."
D) The said angrily to the patient, "Why don't you give up smoking?"

Find out the miss-spelt word from the words given below: (5x2=10)

- 16) A) Tution
B) Audience
C) Mendacious
D) Demonstration
- 17) A) Advice
B) Revise
C) Device
D) Demice
- 18) A) Contingency
B) Contemplate
C) Controversial
D) Contemporery

- 19) A) Ambassador
B) Attribute
C) Astronaut
D) Atrocious

- 20) A) Admirable
B) Amicable
C) Furmidable
D) Indomitable

In the following questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentences. (5x2=10)

- 21) One who is new to a profession

- A) Tyro
B) Nuance
C) Vandal
D) Pun

- 22) The act of setting free from bondage of any kind

- A) Eradication
B) Indemnity
C) Emigration
D) Emancipation

- 23) A person who is focused on minor details and book knowledge

- A) Philosopher
B) Scholar
C) Pedant
D) Pervert

- 24) A fourteen line poem

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

- 25) An image without objective reality

- A) Utopia
B) Hallucination
C) Shadow
D) Sensation

PART – II (General Knowledge)
(Multiple Choice-based Questions)

Instructions for Questions 26 to 60:

- **Choose the correct answers for the following questions.**
- **Each question carries 2 marks.**

- 26) Which city hosted the 'Festival of Libraries 2023'?
- A) Mumbai
 - B) Chennai
 - C) Hyderabad
 - D) New Delhi
- 27) Which Union Ministry launched the 'YES TECH Manual and WINDS Portal'?
- A) Ministry of Defence
 - B) Ministry of MSME
 - C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
 - D) Ministry of Commerce and Welfare
- 28) Which freedom fighter launched the Rampa Rebellion of 1922 against the British?
- A) Mahatma Gandhi
 - B) Alluri Sitarama Raju
 - C) Pottu Sriramalu
 - D) Bipin Bihari Pal
- 29) Which technology company has launched 'Threads' App?
- A) Amazon
 - B) Meta
 - C) Google
 - D) Microsoft
- 30) Which band regiment among the following accompanied the Indian contingent to the France's Bastille Day Parade 2023?
- A) Rajputana Rifles Regiment
 - B) Assam Rifles Regiment
 - C) Gorkha regiment
 - D) Special Protection Group Regiment
- 31) Chandrayaan-3 was launched on which date?
- A) 16th July
 - B) 14th June
 - C) 14th July
 - D) 11th July
- 32) Which among the following was the ONLY session of Indian National Congress that was presided by Mahatma Gandhi?
- A) Amravati
 - B) Nagpur
 - C) Karachi
 - D) Belgaum

- 33) Which of the following days is celebrated worldwide on the same day as Mahatma Gandhi's birthday?
- A) International Day of Non-Violence
 - B) International day of Satyagraha
 - C) International day of Peace
 - D) International day of Liberty
- 34) A nine member South Korean mountaineering team has arrived in Gangtok, for an expedition to scale which peak?
- A) Mount Tenchenkhang
 - B) Mount Jopuno
 - C) Mount Lama Wangden
 - D) Mount Brumkhangse
- 35) 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
- 36) Who was awarded with 'Khangchendzonga Kalam Puraskar 2023' by Press Club of Sikkim?
- A) Rajendra Pradhan
 - B) Sujal Pradhan
 - C) Chandra das Rai
 - D) Nitesh R Pradhan
- 37) Which district of Sikkim secured first position among 112 districts across India under the 'Aspiration District Program' for the month of May 2023?
- A) Namchi District
 - B) Pakyong District
 - C) Soreng District
 - D) Gyalshing District
- 38) Which Indian Public Sector Bank has inaugurated its 'Ethical Hacking Lab' to protect the Bank's Information Systems?
- A) UCO Bank
 - B) Union Bank of India
 - C) Indian Bank
 - D) Punjab National bank
- 39) From which country did Mahatma Gandhi study law and became a barrister?
- A) USA
 - B) France
 - C) Germany
 - D) England

- 40) Red soil is normally found in which region India?
A) Eastern region only
B) Southern region
C) Eastern and Southern parts of Deccan Plateau
D) Western region
- 41) Which of the following is not a peninsular river?
A) Krishna
B) Alaknanda
C) Narmada
D) Mahanadi
- 42) 'Bathukamma' is the official floral festival celebrated by women of which Indian state?
A) Telengana
B) Nagaland
C) Odisha
D) Assam
- 43) In which region is 'Hemis Gompa' located in India?
A) Sikkim
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Gwalior
D) Ladakh
- 44) Bumchu' is a unique cultural festival celebrated in which monastery of Sikkim?
A) Pemayangtse Monastery
B) Tashiding Monastery
C) Phodong Monastery
D) Phensang Monastery
- 45) Who ministers oath to every member of either house of state legislature?
A) Chief Justice of India
B) Chief Justice of High Court
C) Chief Minister
D) Governor of the state
- 46) Which of the following is NOT a fundamental duty of a citizen?
A) Respect for the Constitution
B) Respect for the National Flag
C) Respect for the National Anthem
D) Respect for the government
- 47) 'Hiroshima day' is observed across the world in which month?
A) July
B) August
C) September
D) January

- 48) How many countries are the members of 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation' (BIMSTEC)?
- A) 8
 - B) 6
 - C) 5
 - D) 7
- 49) Giorgia Meloni is the first female Prime Minister of which European country?
- A) France
 - B) Italy
 - C) Germany
 - D) Austria
- 50) Which country has partnered with PTC India for supply of power from Indian power market?
- A) Nepal
 - B) Sri Lanka
 - C) Bangladesh
 - D) Bhutan
- 51) Which former President won the Best Narrator Emmy Award for his documentary series 'Our Great National Parks'?
- A) Barack Obama
 - B) Emmanuel Macron
 - C) Ramnath Kovind
 - D) Shinzo Abe
- 52) Which is the world's largest commercial communications satellite launched by Space X?
- A) Telstra 1
 - B) Jupiter 3
 - C) Inmarsat
 - D) ICESat-2
- 53) India's longest rubber dam, 'Gayaji Dam' is on which river?
- A) River Falgu
 - B) River Ravi
 - C) River Koyna
 - D) River Krishna
- 54) Fahmida Azim, who won the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for illustrated reporting commentary was born in which country?
- A) Iran
 - B) Oman
 - C) Bangladesh
 - D) Pakistan

- 55) As per new study which species may swallow roughly 10 million micro plastic pieces daily?
- A) Turtle
 - B) Cattle
 - C) Dog
 - D) Blue Whale
- 56) Which country has developed a new artificial light –harvesting system?
- A) USA
 - B) China
 - C) India
 - D) Sweden
- 57) Which of the following poets from Sikkim bagged the top ten spot in the 21st Century Emily Dickinson Award 2023?
- A) K N Sharma
 - B) Devansh Sampang Rana
 - C) Jeewan Theeng
 - D) Neelam Gurung
- 58) The state bird of Himachal Pradesh, the ‘Western Tragopan’ is locally known as----
- A) Monal
 - B) Titar
 - C) Koyal
 - D) Jujurana
- 59) ‘Ayushman Bhav’ is a programme launched by which Ministry?
- A) Women and Child Development Ministry
 - B) Home Affairs Ministry
 - C) Union Health Ministry
 - D) Finance Ministry
- 60) Which logo officially replaced the iconic bird logo of Twitter?
- A) Rocket
 - B) Alphabet ‘X’
 - C) Golden Arch
 - D) Tesla Car

PART – III (General English)
(Conventional -type Questions)

61) Write an essay on any one of the following topics: (20)

A) Is modernism changing our traditional socio-ethical values.

OR

B) Should Uniform Civil Code be extended in Sikkim.

62) Write a précis of the following passage: (10)

Meditation, particularly mindful meditation, teaches us to focus on the present moment, breath by breath. While meditation has been practiced by individuals from all over the world for thousands of years, it has only become a popular topic among practitioners of conventional medicine in recent years. It's largely because research has shown that meditation does not merely make one feel better but also less stressed. There are physical benefits that appear to be backed by clinical evidence. According to the studies, meditation can help individuals sleep better, cope with some symptoms associated with mental disorders like depression and anxiety, reduce some of the psychological difficulties associated with chronic pain, and even improve some cognitive and behavioral functions.

Numerous studies have tested the efficacy of mindfulness meditation on depression and anxiety disorders; including panic disorder and agoraphobia (fear of being in a place or situation where escape might not be available in the event of a panic attack) One paper published in American journal of psychiatry found that mindful meditation significantly reduced anxiety and depression levels among the 22 participants in the study. Perhaps more importantly, 20 out of 22 participants were still practicing the stress reduction techniques that they learned at their three months follow up, while 21 out of the 22 were still using mindfulness of breathing techniques in their daily lives. If nothing else, this suggests that the practice is relatively easy to learn and to maintain.
