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23-0005-AA

TEST BOOKLET

Time Allowed: 1 hour

PAPER - I

Maximum Marks: 50

GENERAL ENGLISH AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions: -

1. This Test Booklet consists of 8 (eight) pages and has 50 (fifty) 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. Any omission/discrepancy will render the OMR Answer Sheet 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. Both the parts are **Compulsory**.
8. Both the parts, **Part - I** and **Part - II** consists of **Multiple Choice Questions**. The answers to these questions must be marked in the OMR Answer Sheet provided to you.
9. For questions in **Part - I** and **Part - II**, each 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.
10. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the OMR Answer Sheet and the examination has concluded, you should hand over to the Invigilator **only the OMR Answer Sheet**. You are permitted to take the Test Booklet with you.
11. **Penalty for wrong answers in case of Multiple Choice Questions in Part - I and Part - II:**
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 (GENERAL ENGLISH)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions from the given options: (1x10=10)

Many people believe that Science and religion are contrary to each other. But this notation is wrong. As a matter of fact, both are correlated to each other. There is no doubt that the method of science and religion are different. The method of science is observation, experimentation and experience. Science takes it recourse to progressive march towards perfection. The rules of religion are faith, intuition and spoken words of the enlightened.

In general, while science is inclined towards reason and rationality, spiritualism is the essence of religion. In earlier times when man appeared on earth, he was over-awed at the sight of violent and powerful nature. In certain cases, the usefulness of different natural objects of nature overwhelmed man. Thus began the worship of forces of nature—fire, the sun, the rivers, the rocks, the trees, the snakes etc. The holy scriptures were written by those who had developed harmony between external nature and their inner self. Their objective was to ennoble, elevate and liberate the human spirit and mind. But the priestly class took upon itself the monopoly of scriptural knowledge and interpretation to its own advantage. Thus the entire human race was in chains.

Truth was flouted and progressive, liberal and truthful ideas or ideas expressing doubt and scepticism were suppressed and their holders punished. It was in these trying circumstances, the science emerged as a saviour of mankind. But its path was not smooth and safe. The scientists and free thinkers were tortured. This was the fate of Copernicus, Galileo, Bruno and others. But side by side science gained ground.

1. What is the reason for man to worship the forces of nature?
 - (a) The holy scriptures advocate the worship of forces of nature
 - (b) The worship elevates and liberates the human spirit and mind
 - (c) The worship makes man believe in faith and intuition
 - (d) Forces of nature teach us spiritualism
2. According to the passage science and religion both:
 - (a) Emerged out of the fear of man
 - (b) Emerged from the desire of man to worship the forces of nature
 - (c) Employ different methods of enquiry
 - (d) Work at the cross-purpose of each other
3. What was the objective of the authors of the Holy Scriptures?
 - (a) To teach man with the methods of worshipping nature
 - (b) To educate and raise the human spirit and mind
 - (c) To develop human harmony between external nature and their inner self
 - (d) None of these
4. According to the passage, at present juncture there is need to:
 - (a) Free man from all sorts of bondages
 - (b) Judiciously mix the principles of science and true spirit of religion
 - (c) Teach people to worship the forces of nature
 - (d) Encourage spiritualism as much as possible
5. Why it is said in the passage that, 'science emerged as a saviour of mankind?'
 - (a) Science takes recourse to progressive march towards perfection
 - (b) Science is inclined towards reason and rationality
 - (c) Man was bound in chains by religious orthodoxy
 - (d) The free thinkers and enlightened men were tortured

6. Truth was:

- (a) Flouted
- (b) Progressive
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of these

7. Find the synonym of the word '*belief*' used in the first paragraph:

- (a) Observation
- (b) Experience
- (c) Faith
- (d) Enlightened

8. Find the synonym of the word '*show up*' used in the second paragraph:

- (a) Appear
- (b) Scripture
- (c) Developed
- (d) Usefulness

9. Find the antonym of the word '*non-contradictory*' used in the first paragraph:

- (a) Believe
- (b) Each
- (c) Method
- (d) Contrary

10. Find the antonym of the word '*retrogression*' used in the third paragraph:

- (a) Flout
- (b) Progress
- (c) Truth
- (d) Liberal

Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words: (1x5=5)

11. A method which never fails

- (a) Irremediable
- (b) Infallible
- (c) Irreparable
- (d) Unflinching

12. Belief that war and violence are unjustified

- (a) Naturalization
- (b) Pacifism
- (c) Pessimism
- (d) Abomination

13. To give one's authority to another

- (a) Represent
- (b) Designate
- (c) Delegate
- (d) Assign

14. Distorted representation of something

- (a) Seriousness
- (b) Travesty
- (c) Gravity
- (d) Solemnity

15. One who is not easily pleased by anything

- (a) Fastidious
- (b) Innocent
- (c) Amenable
- (d) Gullible

Choose the correct *antonyms* of the given words from the options given below: (1x5=5)

16. Redolent

- (a) Pesticides
- (b) Sticky
- (c) Yellowish
- (d) Stinking

17. Debonair

- (a) Worried
- (b) Pensive
- (c) Grim
- (d) Serious

18. Sordid

- (a) Steady
- (b) Enthusiastic
- (c) Immaculate
- (d) Splendid

19. Impound

- (a) Release
- (b) Strengthen
- (c) Generate
- (d) Stimulate

20. Shameful

- (a) Naked
- (b) Brazen
- (c) Wanton
- (d) Unblushing

In the following questions, groups of four words are given. In each group one word is wrongly spelt. Find the wrongly spelt word:

21.

- (a) Admirable
- (b) Amicable
- (c) Furmidable
- (d) Indomitable

22.

- (a) Advocacy
- (b) Aristocracy
- (c) Democracy
- (d) Courtesy

23.

- (a) Poetry
- (b) Literature
- (c) Grammar
- (d) Composition

24.

- (a) Relevant
- (b) Malignant
- (c) Poignant
- (d) Prevalent

25.

- (a) Communication
- (b) Committee
- (c) Comedian
- (d) Commit

PART – II (GENERAL KNOWLEDGE)

26. Which e-commerce market place has partnered with Spices Board to support farmers and small industries in spice sector?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) Big Basket
- (d) JioMart

27. Which country overtook Saudi Arabia to become India's second largest supplier of crude oil in May 2022?

- (a) USA
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Russia
- (d) UAE

28. Bosch India's first smart campus is opened in which city?

- (a) Bangaluru
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Pune

29. Which operation was launched to provide much needed assistance to Myanmar following the devastation caused by cyclone 'Mocha'?

- (a) Operation Vijay
- (b) Operation Rahat
- (c) Operation Sukoon
- (d) Operation Karuna

30. 13th IBA Women's World Boxing Championship was held in which city?

- (a) London
- (b) Istanbul
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Havana

31. Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is the flagship of which institution?

- (a) Indian Coast Guard
- (b) National Cadet Corps
- (c) Border Security Force
- (d) Indian Navy

32. 'National Food Laboratory of FSSAI' has been inaugurated in which state, under Indo-Nepal bilateral agreement?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Telengana
- (d) Bihar

33. Which Indian State is famous for its 'King Chilli'?

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Assam

34. Which Public sector bank launched 'Gram Seva' program for development of remote villages?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Punjab National Bank
- (d) Bank of Baroda

35. Which Sikkimese Football Goalkeeper has been named for the Indian National Camp ahead of the 'Hero International Cup'?

- (a) Kunzang Bhutia
- (b) Dheeraj Singh
- (c) Komal Thatal
- (d) Phurba Lachenpa

36. Which Filmmaker from Sikkim received the prestigious 'Rashmi Prasad Alley Smriti Purashkar' for 2022-23?

- (a) Madhusudan Lama
- (b) Tribeny Rai
- (c) Ugen Chopel
- (d) Karma Takapa

37. Who was the first democratically elected Chief Minister of Sikkim?
- (a) Nar Bahadur Bhandari
 - (b) LD Kazi
 - (c) BB Gurung
 - (d) Sanchaman Limboo
38. Who won the Best Actor Award for the role in 'Footprints on Water' in UK Asian Film Festival's World Premiere?
- (a) Day Sura
 - (b) Nimisho Sajayan
 - (c) Hyun Bin
 - (d) Adil Hussain
39. Which country won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022?
- (a) New Zealand
 - (b) USA
 - (c) Spain
 - (d) Brazil
40. 'Ghar Ke Upar Solar is Super' campaign has been launched from which state?
- (a) Kerala
 - (b) Karnataka
 - (c) Rajasthan
 - (d) Punjab
41. Sikkim Skilled Youth Start-up Scheme is a ____.
- (a) Education Scheme
 - (b) Environmental Scheme
 - (c) Employment generation Scheme
 - (d) Health Scheme
42. 'Emancipation Proclamation' is related to ____.
- (a) Black lives matter
 - (b) Right to abortion
 - (c) Voting rights
 - (d) End of slavery
43. In which year Sikkim was included in North-East Council?
- (a) 2002
 - (b) 1992
 - (c) 2005
 - (d) 1999
44. Which of the following is not a fundamental right?
- (a) To protect monuments and places of public importance
 - (b) To respect National Anthem
 - (c) To protect and improve the natural environment
 - (d) To safeguard public property

45. Which Indian city is the host of International Kite Festival 2023?
- (a) Pune
 - (b) Jaisalmer
 - (c) Kolkata
 - (d) Ahmedabad
46. Who is the first black vice president of Columbia?
- (a) Gustavo Petro
 - (b) Francia Marquez
 - (c) Virgilio Barco Vargas
 - (d) Juan Guaido
47. Which is the first country in the world to require that a warning be printed on every cigarette?
- (a) Australia
 - (b) Germany
 - (c) Canada
 - (d) Italy
48. Who received the 2022 UNESCO Peace prize in recognition of efforts to welcome refugees?
- (a) Joe Biden
 - (b) Narendra Modi
 - (c) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
 - (d) Angela Merkel
49. The Anti-Malarial Quinine is made from which plant?
- (a) Neem
 - (b) Eucalyptus
 - (c) Cinnamon
 - (d) Cinchona
50. Which union ministry launched the 'City Beauty Competition Portal'?
- (a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 - (b) Ministry of Rural Development
 - (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - (d) Ministry of Tourism
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