TNPSC - PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

GENERAL ENGLISH

GROUP - II PRELIMS – 2012

1. Which one of the following sentence has a participle in it?
   A) He saw the sunshine and threw open the window.
   B) He is seeing the sunshine through the window.
   C) As he saw the sunshine, he threw open the window.
   D) Seeing the sunshine, he threw open the window.

2. Find out the meaning for the underlined word.
   A terrible fatigue and inertia had come over me
   A) 1,2,5  B) 1,2,4  C) 1,3,4  D) 1,2,3

3. Match the following phrase/idioms given in Column A with their meaning in Column B.
   Column A
   a) Kick the bucket
   b) Take a look
   c) March off
   d) Melt down
   Column B
   a) 1. Walk fast in anger.
   b) 2. Lose one’s emotional balance.
   c) 3. To die.
   d) 4. Tried to find something.
   A) 4 2 1 3  B) 2 1 3 4  C) 3 4 1 2  D) 3 1 4 2

4. Match the following:
   A  
   a) Absolute  
   b) Segregation  
   c) Universal  
   d) Uniformity  
   B  
   1. Union.
   2. Subjugation.
   3. Peculiar.
   4. Disorder
   5. Approximate.
   A) 5 2 3 4  B) 5 1 3 4  C) 5 1 4 3  D) 5 2 4 3

5. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options given.
   I want to pursue my studies.
   A)  
   B)  
   C)  
   D)  
A) Discontinue    B) Continue    C) Prolong    D) Discomfort.

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable options.
   My grandmother _____ seventy five years old when she _______.
   A) Was died    B) is died    C) Was, will die    D) was, die.

7. When you __________ I __________ my dinner.
   A) Telephoned was having    B) Telephoned am having.
   C) Telephoned will be having    D) were telephoning, would have.

8. Pick out the sentence without an adverb.
   A) He speaks cheerfully    B) Sankaran received the badge.
   C) He walks fast    D) I get up early.

9. Select the incorrect sentence from the following:
   A) The Sunrises in the east    B) Stars shine at night.
   C) India became independent in 1947    D) Akbar rules India well in the 16\textsuperscript{th} Century.

10. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence.
    If I were you _________.
    A) I would do it at once.
    B) I would have done it at once.
    C) I will do it at once
    D) I can do it at once

11. Select the correct sentence from the options given below:
    A) River Mississi is one of the longer river in the world.
    B) My dress is old than yours.
    C) Stephen drives as rash as Rafi.
    D) No other road is more narrow as this one.

12. Find out the correct plural form for the underlined word.
    The hunter saw some ten bison near the pond.
    A) Bison    B) Bison’s    C) Bisonse
    D) none of these.

13. Fill in the blanks with correct ‘Homophone’
    If you want to reach God. You have to __________ worldly pleasures.
    A) Fore go    B) Four go    C) For go
    D) Four pass.

14. When one of the following is a correct sentence?
    A) If you pay the bill you will punished.
    B) Unless you pay the bill, you will be punished
    C) Unless you paid the bill you will be punished.
    D) Unless you don’t pay the bill, you will be punished.

15. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
    A) More jobs will be provided for graduates.
    B) More jobs are providing for graduates.
    C) More jobs to provided for graduates.
    D) More jobs will provide for graduates.
16. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in column B.

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<td>2. Chase.</td>
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<td>c) Pursuit</td>
<td>3. An out pour.</td>
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<td>d) Denmed</td>
<td>4. Fear</td>
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17. Find out the part of speech that is not used in the underlined words.
1. His brother is a diligent man
2. The cat is away.
3. He is very hopeful.
4. He shared his experience with me.
A) Noun  B) Verb  C) Adjective  D) Adverb

18. Select the appropriate active voice for the following sentence.
When will the bridge be completed?
A) When can the bridge complete  B) When shall we complete is the bridge?
C) When will they complete the bridge  D) When will the bridge being completed?

19. Choose the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence:
Little Strokes fell great Oaks.
A) Great oaks are felled by little strokes.
B) Great oaks are being felled by little strokes.
C) Great oaks are being felt by little strokes.
D) Great oaks are felt by little strokes.

20. Select the appropriate active voice for the underlined words.
I may be considered for the promotion by the secretary.
A) Will consider  B) Considered  C) Will be considered  D) May consider.

21. It ________ to rain, while we _________ tennis.
A) Started, had been playing  B) Had started, had played.
C) Started, were playing.  D) Starts were playing

22. Match Column A with Column B.

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<td>b) He did it</td>
<td>2. The meeting broke up.</td>
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<td>c) He kept on writing</td>
<td>3. I shall come.</td>
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<td>d) After the vote was taken</td>
<td>4. As though he did not hear the bell.</td>
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23. Identify the sentence.
   Time flies fast, yet it sometimes appears to move slowly.
   A) Complex  B) Simple  C) Compound  D) None.

24. Identify the sentence.
   You must either pay the bill at once or return the goods.
   A) Compound  B) Complex  C) Simple  D) None.

25. Fill in the blanks with suitable article.
   He is __________ honour to the profession.
   A) An  B) No article  C) A  D) The

26. Identify the compound sentence.
   A) It he is at home, I shall see him.
   B) He may be at home and in that case I shall see him.
   C) In the event of his being at home, I shall see him.
   D) In case of his being at home, I shall see him.

27. Find out the antonyms for the underlined word.
   The students confessed that they had lost taste for mathematics.
   A) 2, 3 and 4  B) 1, 2 and 3  C) 2, 3 and 5  D) 1, 3 and 4

28. Hindu Philosophy advises equanimity under all circumstances It says, man should try to remain calm in face of both pleasure and pain, success and failure Whatever may happen he should remain unperturbed.
   Find out the relevant option/options.
   1. Man should appreciate success.
   2. Man should not be disturbed by success or failure.
   3. Man should react to every incident.
   4. Men are rewarded for their right deeds.
   A) 1  B) 4  C) 3  D) 2

29. Match the following phrases given column A with their meaning in Column B.
   Column A       Column B
   a) Pass on  1. Begin a journey.
   b) Put up with  2. Postpone
   c) Set out  3. Convey
   d) Put off  4. Tolerate.
   a  b  c  d
   A) 3 4 1 2  B) 3 2 4 1

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30. Match the column A with Column B to make meaningful sentences by using suitable preposition.

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<td>1. At 45</td>
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<td>b) Smitha</td>
<td>2. Between two of us.</td>
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<td>c) Thus is</td>
<td>3. By Thomas Hardy.</td>
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<td>d) This book was written</td>
<td>4. Got off the bus.</td>
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A) 1 4 3 2
B) 1 3 4 2
C) 1 2 4 3
D) 1 4 2 3

31. Identify the sentence with the correct question tag:

A) Stop adding sugar, will you ?
B) Stop making notice, can you?
C) Stop spreading rumors, wouldn’t you?
D) Stop adding sugar, won’t you?

32. Pick out the sentence with the wrong question tag.

A) They never give up, do they?
B) They will leave soon, won’t they ?
C) Your father smokes a lot, doesn’t he?
D) You never listen to what we say, don’t you?

33. Match the statements in column A with their suitable tags in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below.

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<td>1. Can’t you?</td>
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<td>b) You can get me some books</td>
<td>2. Hasn’t he?</td>
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<td>c) It’s a good film</td>
<td>3. Will you?</td>
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<td>d) Mohan has a dictionary</td>
<td>4. Isn’t it?</td>
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A) 3 1 4 2
B) 4 2 3 1
C) 4 3 2 1
D) 2 4 1 3

34. Which of these statements take the following question tag? Don’t they?

A) Hard working people alone must succeed.
B) Hard working people alone don’t succeed.
C) Hard working people alone succeed.
D) Hard working people alone should succeed.
35. Select the incorrect sentence from the following:
   A) Swarna cannot run fast, can she?
   B) The lessons are quite interesting, aren’t they?
   C) You know thus story, didn’t you?
   D) He should see a doctor, shouldn’t he?

36. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

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<td>Dislike.</td>
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<td>Take back</td>
<td>Resemble.</td>
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<td>Make smaller.</td>
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   a   b   c   d
A)  2   3   4   5
B)  2   3   4   1
C)  2   4   3   1
D)  2   4   3   5

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<td>Called</td>
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<td>Abundance</td>
<td>Blessed.</td>
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   a   b   c   d
A)  3   1   4   2
B)  3   4   2   1
C)  2   1   3   4
D)  3   4   1   2

38. Find out the odd.

A) 1       B) 2       C) 4       D) 3

39. Find out the odd.

A) 4       B) 2       C) 3       D) 1

40. Match the following to coin new words:

   a) Commit  
   b) Common
   c) Govern
   d) Permit

   1.
   2. Or.
   3. Tion.
   4. Er.
   5. Ment
41. Match the sentences in column A with the sentence pattern in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A
a) Cosmetics are costly nowadays
b) She became the secretary of Lioness club
c) A gas plant was set up
d) He won the prize last year

Column B
1. SVOC
2. SVOA
3. SVC
4. SV

A) 5 2 4 3  
B) 5 4 2 3  
C) 5 4 2 1  
D) 5 4 3 1

42. Identify the odd sentence out.
A) He is fond of books
B) He longs for true friends
C) He depends on his parents
D) He is an honest man.

43. Which sentence pattern is not repeated?
1. Mother cooks food daily.
2. We relished it for a long time.
3. We shall visit Delhi next month.
4. They are busy nowadays.

A) SVCA  B) SVOA  C) SVIODO  D) SVAA

44. Choose the appropriate degree for the following sentence.
Brain surgery is the most complicated in medical field.
A) No other surgery as completed in medical field.
B) Brain surgery is highly complicated.
C) Brain surgery is more complicated than and surgery in medical field.
D) Brain surgery is more complicated than most other surgery.

45. Find out the superlative degree.
A) Zero is a fascinating number.
B) Zero is a more fascinating than most other numbers.
C) Zero is called a fascinating number.
D) Zero is the most fascinating number.

46. Find the sentence in which the underlined word is used as an adverb.
A) The wound was skin-deep  B) The Sooner the better
C) He is not the man  D) There is no exception to the rule
47. Identify the degree and choose the correct answer.
   Hari is inferior to Ram in Intelligence.
   A) Superlative degree  B) Comparative degree.  
   C) Positive degree  D) None of these.

48. Identify the degree of the following sentence.
   Singapore is cleaner than most other countries in the world.
   A) Superlative  B) Comparative  C) Positive  D) None.

49. Identify the complex sentence:
   A) On seeing my friend, I greeted him  B) I saw my friend and I greeted him  
   C) When I saw my friend, I greeted him  D) I saw my friend and so I greeted him.

50. Fill in the blanks with the correct ‘Homophone’
   He is an ________ Scientist.
   A) Imminent  B) Iminant  C) Eminent  D) Emminent.

51. Match the following homophones with their related meanings and select the answer from the codes given below:
   Homophones:  
   a) Farther  b) Fuhrer  c) Further  d) Father
   Meanings:  
   1. A leader.  2. In addition.  3. Dad.  4. At a greater distance.

   A) 1 2 3 4  
   B) 4 1 2 3  
   C) 3 2 1 4  
   D) 2 1 4 3

52. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in column B.
   Column A  Column B
   a) Diligence  b) Exceptional  c) Warped  d) Restricted

   A) 1 3 2 4  
   B) 4 1 3 2  
   C) 3 1 4 2  
   D) 3 2 1 4

53. Match the statements given in Column A with the question tags in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:
   Column A  Column B
   a) John lives in London  b) 1. Didn’t they?

b) They won the match 2. Doesn’t he?
c) He need not edit all the pages 3. Need he?
d) He needs some fund

A) 2 3 1 2  
B) 3 2 3 1
C) 1 2 3 3
D) 2 1 3 2

54. Identify the degree and choose the correct answer:

Very few batsmen in the world are so powerful as Tendulkar.

A) Comparative degree  
B) Positive degree
C) Superlative degree  
D) None of these

55. Choose the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence.

When did they send the telegram?

A) Will the telegram be sent by them?  
B) When will they send the telegram?
C) When was the telegram sent?  
D) Was the telegram sent by them?

56. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage choose the correct code given below

_________ year 2002 was declared “_________ year of books” by ________ National Book Trust of India with this note the Nation’s Capital played host to _______ World Book fair

A) A, An, The, The  
B) The, The, The, The
C) A, An, The, The
D) An, The, The, The

57. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage and choose the correct code given below:

James Karkup was ______ English poet, translator and travel writer. He won ______ Atlantic Award for literature. He worked as ________ farm labourer during _________ period of the war.

A) A, The, The, The  
B) An ,An ,The ,The
C) An ,The, A, The  
D) A ,An, The ,The

58. Give the suitable order of articles on the blanks of the given passage and choose the correct code given below:

_________ Mettur Dam is ______large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed in a gorge where ______ kaveri enters _____ plains.

A) The, the, the an  
B) The , a, the ,the
C) The, an, a, the  
D) The, a,a, the

59. Find out the sentence that has an adjective.

A) He is clever  
B) Rama writes well
C) She never comes late  
D) It is a fair deal

60. Find the sentence in which the underlined word is used as a verb?

A) Watch the sign  
B) Sign the papers
C) Show me a sign  
D) A sign was given.

61. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meaning in Column B.

Column A  
1. Afraid.  
2. At the up of  
3. Confident.  
4. Overwhelmed.

Column B  
a) On the edge of  
b) Frightened of  
c) Burn with  
d) Be sure of

a) Afraid.
b) At the up of
c) Confident.
d) Overwhelmed.
62. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
   A) The works will be over on evening  
   B) The work will be over in evening.  
   C) The work will be over at evening   
   D) The work will be over by this evening.

63. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
   A) The four brothers shared the property between themselves.
   B) The four brothers shared the property among themselves.
   C) The four brothers shared the property among themselves.
   D) The four brothers shared the property in between themselves.

64. Match the following phrases/idioms given in Column ‘A’ with their meaning in Column ‘B’

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<td>2. Interrupt.</td>
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<td>c) Cut off</td>
<td>3. Earn</td>
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<td>d) Beat the clock</td>
<td>4. Imprison.</td>
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65. What I most detest is __________.
   A) To smoke       B) To be smoked   C) Smoking       D) Having smoked.

66. Fill in the blank with suitable gerund.
   We were prevented from ________ the prisoner.
   A) Being seen      B) Having been seen  C) Having seen  D) Seeing.

67. Fill in the blank with suitable participle.
   It was a very ________ meeting.
   A) T                  B) Tiresome       C) tired        D) tideous

68. Which one of the following has the correct gerund?
   A) Having hunted deer is not allowed in this country.
   B) To hunt deer is not allowed in this country.
   C) Having been hunted deer is not allowed in this country.
   D) Hunting deer is not allowed in this country

69. Find out the passive voice from the questions.
   A) They ask Silly questions         B) They were given freedom.
   C) They found it easy               D) They made their point clear.
70. Select the appropriate passive voice form and fill in the blanks.
   The Problem _________ by them.
   A) Had been solving  B) Had been solved  C) Has been solving  D) Will be solving.

71. Find out the correct tense form and fill in the blanks.
   I _______ the railway station after the train _______.
   A) Reached left  B) Had reached, had left  C) Reached, had left  D) Has reached, has left.

72. Select the correct sequence of prepositions.
   The leader impressed _____ us the value of honesty and we were impressed _______ what he said.
   A) On, In  B) On, Over  C) On, With  D) On, On

73. Choose the correct phrase to complete the following sentence.
   She has great fondness __________.
   A) For children  B) In Children  C) Against Children  D) Over children

74. I ______ the bus until the conductor _______.
   A) Would not get off, apologizes  B) Won’t get off, apologizes
   B) Can’t get off, apologizes  D) Would not got off, apologizes

75. The farmer _________ the wheat which ________.
   A) Was cutting, has ripened  B) is cutting, has ripened
   B) is cutting, had ripen  D) would not got off, apologizes

76. Identify the sentence
   He remarked how impudent the boy was
   A) Compound  B) Complex  C) Simple  D) None

77. Match the following phrases given in Column a with their meanings in Column B
   Column A  Column B
   a) See ever  1. Noticeable
   b) Turnedown  2. Be criticized
   c) Under fire  3. Examine carefully
   a  b  c  d
   A) 3 4 2 1  B) 3 2 4 1  C) 1 3 4 2  D) 2 1 3 4

78. Identify the incorrect, prepositional phrase.
   She found a purse __________
   A) Full of money  B) with gold coins  C) empty and turn  D) of blue colour

79. Match the following words given in Column A with their antonyms un Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:
   Column A  Column B
   a) Vanish  1. Release
   b) Narrow  2. Novice
   c) Veteran  3. Appear
80. Pick out the sentence with SVA pattern.
   A) He is our leader
   B) I love him
   C) He was going to school
   D) Raju woke up

81. Find out the set of antonyms for the underlined words
   His reputation increased proportionately.
   1. Desirable entirely
   2. Fame, completely
   3. Notorious, entirely
   4. Lost fame, wholly
   5. Name, solely
   A) 3 and 5
   B) 1 and 2
   C) 3 and 4
   D) 2 and 4

82. Without the base helpful and optimistic approach and attitude of mind one will find it difficult to sustain one’s efforts, especially over long periods, under severe stress and strain in the face of stiff opposition and competition.
   Pick out the irrelevant statement:
   1. Goals are the definite objectives
   2. It is easy to try till the end
   3. Optimistic approach is the essential quality required
   4. A negative frame of mind infects courage into one’s mind
   A) 2 and 3
   B) 1 and 2
   C) 2 and 4
   D) 3 and 4

83. Select the correct sequence of prepositions.
   We heard the news _________ the radio _________ yesterday
   A) in, on
   B) on, no preposition
   C) with, on
   D) by, over

84. Choose the sentence with the correct question tag.
   A) I had my tea just now. didn’t I?
   B) I had my tea now, hadn’t I?
   C) I had been to my native place, haven’t I?
   D) I had been to my native place, had I?

85. Which one of the following has a correct gerund?
   A) He likes having played cricket
   B) He like to play cricket
   C) He Likes playing cricket
   D) He likes having been played cricket

86. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs.
   A) Let down
   B) let up
   C) let in
   D) let off

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<td>c) Get on</td>
<td>3. Pass</td>
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<td>d) Get to</td>
<td>4. Recover</td>
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a b c d
A) 4 3 5 2
B) 4 3 2 5
C) 4 3 5 1
D) 4 2 1 3

88. Find out meaning for the underlined word

She reproached herself.


A) 3,4       B) 3,5   C) 5   D) 3

89. Match the following:

a) Mirth, novice
b) Insuperable, reek
c) Lurid, lucid
d) Coax, farce
5. Persuade, comedy

1. Overwhelming, unpleasant smell
2. Bright, clear
3. Laughter apprentice
4. Focus banquet
5. Criticised

A b c d
A) 3 1 2 5
B) 2 4 1 3
C) 4 5 1 3
D) 2 4 3 1

90. Match the following:

a) Freelance
b) Freak
1. Temporary stay
2. Self employed
3. Cheating
4. Sensible
5. Extraordinary

d) Sojourn
d) Sneaky

A b c d
A) 4 3 5 2
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B) 2   1   3   5
C) 2   3   1   5
D) 2   3   4   5

92. Match the following:

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93. Pick out the sentence with SVO pattern.
A) He is a student  B) We are clever  C) Ram sells tea  D) The radio is champ

94. They squeezed past irritated people who moved their legs this way and that to make space. The seats of the chairs had to be pulled down. She climbed on. She wasn’t heavy enough. So the chair folded her into itself like sandwich stuffing and she watched from between he knees.

Find out the irrelevant word for the phrase used in the passage.
A) Retreated  B) Demolished  C) Ascended  D) Squeeze in between

95. Newton returned to Cambridge in order to formulate this simple key to the riddle of the universe. As a result of his leisurely observation of the unimportant little thinks of his daily

Pick out the false statement.
A) He always looks at little things  B) Little things are not important  C) His observation of the trivial thing had helped him to discover a theory  D) His theories are always the outcome of his keen observation
96. Dried pulses are rich proteins containing about 19.24 percent. They are good sources of many B vitamins and minerals. But are deficient in vitamins A, D, B₁₂ and C. They supplement cereals effectively.

Pick out the irrelevant option which is not used in the passage.
A) Consist of B) lack of C) None of these D) Substitute

97. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meaning in Column B

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A) 1 3 4 2  
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D) 2 3 4 1

98. Match the following homophones with their related meanings and select the answer from the codes given below:

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A) 3 1 2 4  
B) 4 3 2 1  
C) 4 3 1 2  
D) 1 2 3 4

99. Fill in the blank with correct ‘Homophone’
The Doctor’s attempt ended in _________
A) Vain B) Vein C) Vine D) Vane

100. Find out the appropriate positive degree for the following sentence:
Jasmine is more fragrant than many other flowers.
A) No other flower is a fragrant as Jasmine  
B) Jasmine is know for its fragrance  
C) Very few flowers are as fragrant as Jasmine  
D) Flowers like jasmine, lily and rose are fragrant flowers
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1. Choose the option denoting the speaker and the play from which these lines are taken:

   “It droppeth as a gentle rain from heaven
   Upon the place beneath”

   A) Brutus in ‘julius Caesar’
   B) Mark Antony in ‘Julius Caesar’
   C) Portia in “The Merchant of venice”
   D) Shylock in “The Merchant of venice”

2. Choose the option containing the author of the following line:

   “Where words come out from the depths of truth”

   A) Kamala Das in ‘Punishment in kindergarten’
   B) Deepa Agarwal in ‘After the storm’
   C) ‘Dhar Gopal Mukherji in ‘Kari- the Elephant’
   D) Rabindranath Tagore is ‘Where the Mind is without fear’

3. Choose the option containing the right word that suits the context of the sentence given below:

   The _________ on the grass sparkled in the morning sunlight.

   A) Due
   B) Dew
   C) do
   D) doe

4. Choose the option that contains the name of the speaker and the play from which these lines are taken:

   “Believe me for mine honour,
   And have respect to mine honour,
   That you may believe”.

   A) Bassanio in “The merchant of Venice”
   B) Brutus in ‘Julius casesar’
   C) Antonio in “The Merchant of venice”
   D) Antony in ‘Julius caesar’

5. Find out the appropriate superlative degree for the following sentences:

   Very few boys in the classes are as tall as Ramu.

   A) Ramu is the tallest boy in the class.
   B) Ramu is a tall boy in the class.
   C) Ramu is one of the tallest boys in the class
   D) No other boy in the class is as tall as Ramu.

6. Which one of the following has the correct infinitive?

   A) Music hath charms to soothe the savage beast.
   B) Music hath charms to soothing the savage beast.
   C) Music hath charms to having soothe the savage beast.
   D) Music hath charms to having soothing the savage beast.

7. Identify the sentence pattern:

   Brutus is an honourable man.

   A) S V C A
   B) S V O C
   C) S V C
   D) S V IO DO
8. Read the passage and choose the correct option that answer the given questions:
The life of a student is, comparatively speaking a sheltered life. There are, of course certain responsibilities they are definite and they are assigned to your by those who are willing to take care of you and there is not much need to be constantly exercising your own judgements.
Which of the following sentence is false?
A) Students have certain responsibilities.
B) Students need not exercise their own judgements.
C) Students are well – cared for
D) Students are not assigned their work.

9. Freedom and power bring responsibility. That responsibility rests upon this assembly Before the birth of freedom we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of sorrow. But the past its now over and the future becomes to us now the ambition of the greatest man is to wipe every tear. As long as tears are there, so long our work will not be over.
Which statement is correct?
A) India became rich after Independence.
B) Ignorance, poverty, inequality of opportunity are eradicated.
C) Our work will not be over till we wipe every tear
D) Freedom means to live a life as we like.

10. Identify the right meaning of the idiom.
His partner threw cold water on his scheme.
A) Encouraged
B) Discouraged
C) Appreciated
D) Disagreed.

11. Identify the sentence with Hyperbole.
A) He has fallen asleep
B) Why man, if the river were dry I am able to fill it with tears
C) The child is father of Max.
D) You are telling me a fairy tale.

12. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence:
If the sun had not been bright ________.
A) The pictures would have come out well.
B) The pictures would not have come out well.
C) The pictures would have been come out well.
D) The pictures would come out well.

13. Which of the following lines does not occur in William Shakespeare’s works?
A) The evil that men do lives after them.
B) My deeds upon my head! I crave the law.
C) O judgement! Thou art fled to breetish beasts.
D) Was it cowardice, that I dared not kill him?

14. Mention the poem in which the following lines occur.
Your eagle pinion is chained down at last
And gravelling in the lowly dust are you.
A) Laugh and Be Merry
B) The Apology.
C) To India – My Native Land
D) A Tiger in the zoo.
15. How many lines are there in a sonnet?
   A) Eight lines   B) Eleven lines   C) Fourteen lines   D) Sixteen lines

16. A poem of two lines is called as.
   A) Couplet   B) Monologue   C) Ballad   D) Ode.

17. Match the following characters in Column A with their roles in column B and select the correct code:
   Column A
   a) Portia
   b) Jessica
   c) Shylock
   d) Antonio

   Column B
   1. A Jewish money lender.
   2. A merchant of venice.
   3. Shylock’s daughter.
   4. A wealthy lady in Belment.

   a b c d

   A) 4 1 2 3
   B) 2 3 1 4
   C) 4 3 1 2
   D) 2 4 3 1

18. Match the characters in Column A with their association in Column B as seen in Julius Caesar and select the correct code given below:
   Column A
   a) Calphurnia
   b) Decius Brutus
   c) Marcus Brutus
   d) Mark Antony

   Column B
   1. Eloquence of speech.
   2. Casear’s wife.
   3. One of the conspirators.

   a b c d

   A) 1 3 4 2
   B) 2 3 4 1
   C) 3 4 2 1
   D) 2 4 3 1

19. Match the following phrasal was given under column A with their meanings under column B:
   Column A
   a) Pick on
   b) Pick up
   c) Pick over
   d) Pick out

   Column B
   1. To Select
   2. To criticize.
   3. To check carefully.
   4. To improve.

   a b c d

   A) 1 2 3 4
   B) 4 2 1 3
   C) 2 4 3 1
   D) 3 1 2 4

20. This process goes on and the nation climbs steps of glory and gains higher strength.

   Pick out a suitable word from the extract which means “fame”
21. Match the lines under Column A with the poets under column B:

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<td>B) And I’Like a second comer, waiting</td>
<td>2. H.W. Longfellow.</td>
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<td>C) O’tongues of fire</td>
<td>3. Thomas Hardy.</td>
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<td>D) Or help to half a crown</td>
<td>4. D.H. Lawrence.</td>
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a) 3  b) 1  c) 4  d) 2

22. Which of the following is not true?
A) Chawla always spoke about travelling to the states.
B) Chawla travelled about 760 hours in space.
C) Chawla was assigned as Mission specialist.
D) Chawla’s inspiration to take up flying was JRD Tata.

23. I told them.
I’m not going to be a DJ.
Here DJ refers to:
A) A journalist who collects information in a district.
B) Someone who is the judge of a particular district.
C) Someone who plays CDS and records in a club or restaurant.
D) Someone whose job is to introduce speakers at a public event.

24. “It was really only a little ‘Linnet’ singing out side the window”
What does the word “Linnet” indicate?
A) Seed  B) Dragon fly  C) Bird  D) Lizard.

25. Find the odd pair from those given below:

26. Match the following homophones with their related meanings and select the answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) Peace</td>
<td>2. Light in colour</td>
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<td>c) Pail</td>
<td>3. A portion of an object.</td>
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27. Identify the speaker:
   “_______ not that loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more”
   A) Mark Antony   B) Casca   C) Calphurnia   D) Brutus.

28. Identify the speaker:
   “I shot him dead because-
   Because he was my foe”.
   A) D.H. Lawrence   B) Thomas Hardy   C) V.K. Gokak   D) Oscar Wilde

29. I shot him dead because-
   Because he was my foe.
   Give the meaning of the ‘word’ foe'
   A) Companion   B) enemy   C) Traitor   D) Spy

30. Name the celebrity who is interested in ornithology.
   A) Hope Spencer   B) Hussain Ali   C) Salim Ali   D) Brian Palten

31. Identify the incorrect sentence from the following:
   A) Mr. Soundar is one of the most helpful persons.
   B) Very few persons are as helpful as Mr. Soundar.
   C) Mr. Soundar is more helpful than all other persons.
   D) Mr. Soundar is more helpful than most other persons.

32. Choose the correct verbs.
   The United States ______ a big navy.
   A) Have   B) has   C) Are   D) Will be.

33. Choose the noun form of the verb ‘sing’
   A) Sang   B) Singing   C) Song   D) Sung

34. Find out the part containing an Error:
   Mumps are a serious illness that affects people.
   A) B) C) D)
   A) Mumps   B) Are   C) A serious illness   D) That affects people.

35. Choose the option which contains the correct sequence of words to be filled in the blanks:
   Veena _______ by the time we ______.
   A) Has left, arrive   B) Had left, arrived   C) was left, arrived   D) had been, left, arrive.

36. Read the following lines and answer the questions:
   “I wanted to be Shakespeare.
   But was poor at writing plays.
   I wanted to be Jane Austen.
   But didn’t know to spin stories”.
   Who is Jane Austen?
   A) A tailor   B) A novelist   C) A spinner   D) A psychiatrist.
37. Match the following phrases given under columns A with their meanings, under column B.

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<td>c) Take off</td>
<td>3. Search</td>
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<td>d) Put out</td>
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A) 1  2  3  4
B) 3  2  1  4
C) 4  3  1  2
D) 4  2  3  1

38. Identify the words which blend to form the word intercom and choose the correct answer from the codes given below:

A) Inter + Communication
B) International + Communication.
C) Internal + Communication
D) Internal + Communicate.

39. Select the suitable of compound words for the blanks in the given passage from the options given below:

_________ I used a ______ table in which there was a __________ that took me to _______.

A) Lifelong, jet black, looking glass, wonderland.
B) Wonderland, jet black, life long, looking glass.
C) Lifelong, looking glass, wonderland, jet black.
D) Life long, jet black, wonderland, looking glass.

40. Identify the degree of comparison used in the given sentence.

Padma is the most intelligent of all girls.

A) Comparative degree
B) Superlative degree
C) Positive degree
D) None of these

41. Which of the following plural forms is not correct?

A) Daughters – in – law
B) Step- daughters.
C) Commanders- in- chiefs
D) Strata.

42. Identify the sentence:

This must not occur again, or your will be dismissed.

A) Compound
B) Complex
C) Simple
D) None of the above.

43. Identify the compound sentence.

A) We should work hard to make up for the lost days.
B) We should work hard so that we make up for the lost days.
C) We should work hard and make up for the lost days.
D) We should work hard for making up for the lost days.

44. Match Column A with Column B

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<td>b) The house</td>
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c) The doll 3. Was sponsored by his company.
d) The camel 4. Was dressed up beautifully

45. Find the words that are not related to the underlined word.
He just tugged the edges.
A) 1,2,4 and 5 B) 2,3,4 and 5 C) 1,2,3 and 4 D) 1,3,4 and 5

46. Match the following words given under Column A with their meanings under column B
a) Grim 1. Brilliance.
b) Splender 2. Shine
c) Gleam 3. A View
d) Vista 4. Stern
A) 2,4,3,1 B) 1,4,3,2 C) 3,2,1,4 D) 1,3,2,4

47. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options given.
He is a sturdy young man.
A) Dynamic B) Strong C) Weak D) Ambitious

48. Match the following words given under column A with their antonyms under column B and select the correct answer form the codes given below:
a) Serenity 1. Shallow.
b) Profound 2. Ugly.
c) Chase 3. Anxiety.
A) 2,3,4,1 B) 3,1,4,2 C) 1,3,2,4 D) 2,1,4,3

49. Choose the option containing the correct sequence of words suiting the given passage:
The benefit of _______ is not only __________ our body but also _______ us happy in ______ our healthy always.
50. Choose the correct option that contains the appropriate words in the right sequence:

They do the English exercises ____________ because they think English is an ________ subject.

51. Choose the correct sequence of words from the options given below:

While __________ to the actors, the Director said, “you realize that ________ is not easy. You need _______ according to the situation ______ the nature of the character”.
1. To reveal  2. To act  3. Acting  4. Speaking
A) 4 3 2 1  B) 3 4 1 2  C) 2 1 4 3  D) 1 2 3 4

52. Choose the correct option with the right words in sequence.

You can __________ see the mountains on a ______ sunny day.
A) Prettily, pretty  B) Clearly, clear  C) Bright, Brightly  D) True, Truly.

53. Who said this?

If non- Violence is the law of our being the future is with women.
A) Mahatma Gandhi  B) Mother Teresa  C) Rajaram Mohan Roy  D) Subramania Bharathi

54. Which of the following is not a poem?

A) A Psalm of life  B) The Mark of Vishnu  C) The cry of the children  D) The man he killed

55. Choose the option that contains the right word suiting the context of the sentence:

As the _________ is too tight, I cannot untie the rope.
A) Naught  B) Nought  C) Not  D) Knot.

56. Choose the option containing the name of the author and the work in which these lines occur:

I was then too young to read.
And my blood turned cold like the moon.
A) Dr. A.P.J. Kalam in ‘Vision for The Nation’.
B) Dr. Neeraja Raghavan in “The sun Beam”
C) Kamala Das in ‘My Grandmother’s House’
D) Rabindranath Tagore in where the mind is without fear’.

57. Select the incorrect sentence from the following:

A) He was too frightening to speak.
B) Distilled water is used in some experiments.
C) He took up gymnastics when he was seven years old.
D) Take care of your health.

58. Choose the correct plural:

The nucleus of atoms consist of protons and neutrons.
A) Nucleusos  B) Nuclei  C) Nucleous  D) None of these

59. Match the following phrases given Column A with the blending words in column B:

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c) Motor + Pedal cycle
   d) Volcanic + Ash

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B) 4 1 2 3
C) 2 1 3 4
D) 4 3 2 1

60. Choose the option with the right combination for the following word:
   Snow white:
   A) Noun + Gerund  B) Noun + Verb  C) Noun + Adjective  D) Noun + Noun

61. A song narrating a popular story is called.
   A) Dialogue  B) Oration  C) Couplet  D) Ballad

62. That is how Gandhi became a leader par excellence: that made Churchill the greatest and the most successful war time leader.
   Choose a word from the passage that means “by way of special eminence”.
   A) Traits  B) Hurdles  C) Par excellence  D) Hazards

63. As the coming generation also has its dreams and aspirations for the nation’s future it therefore adds something from its side to the national vision.
   Write the verb form of the word”aspiration”.
   A) Aspire  B) Aspiringly  C) Aspirate  D) Aspiry

64. Then the spring came and all over the country, there were little blossoms and little birds. Which season represents the arrival of the blossoms?
   A) Winter  B) Summer  C) Spring  D) Autumn.

65. Match the titles with the lines:
   a) The man he killed
   b) Migrant bird
   c) A psalm of life
   d) English words
   1. O winged seeds.
   2. Trust no future.
   3. I breed my broad.
   4. Off hand like.
   5. Only blood shot eyes.

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B) 5 3 1 2
C) 5 3 2 1
D) 4 3 2 1

66. Match the words under column A with the suffixes under Column B.

   Column A          Column B
   a) Anchor          1. Ling
   b) Murder          2. Lette.
   c) Hire            3. Age
   d) Novel           4. Ous
67. Match the prefix under Column A with the words under Column B:

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A) 4 1 3 2  
B) 2 3 1 4  
C) 3 4 1 2  
D) 1 2 3 4

68. Choose the correct pair:

The play and its author.

A) ‘Comedy of Errors’ by William Shakespeare.
B) ‘Love’s Labour’s Lost’ by Bacon.
C) ‘Cymbeline’ by Bernard Shaw.
D) ‘Henry IV’ by Ben Johnson.

69. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence.

She accepted it as the kind cruelty of the surgeon’s knife

A) Euphemism  
B) Pun  
C) Oxymoron  
D) Irony.

70. Who has uttered these words?

“Friends Romans, countrymen
Lend me your ears”.

A) Brutus in ‘Julius Caesar’
B) Mark Antony in ‘Julius Caesar’
C) Cassius in ‘Macbeth’
D) Casca in ‘Macbeth’

71. Fill in the blank with the suitable word.

He tried to ______ votes by showing the leaders portrait.

A) Canvas  
B) Canvass  
C) Confess  
D) Converse

72. He put up a notice “Trespassers will be prosecuted?

What do you meant by the word “Prosecuted”?

A) Agreed  
B) Punished  
C) Preceded  
D) Excused.

73. What brings out the munificence of the chola king who built”The Brihadesvarar Temple”? 

A) The pillared cloisters of deities.
74. Situated in a remote corner of kumason bordering Tibet and Nepal, Munsiyari was once a bustling entrepot of trade.
Which place was a busy trade centre?
A) Tibet  B) Nepal  C) Munsiyari  D) Kumson

75. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.
They had dates for ______.
A) Desert  B) Desart  C) Dessert  D) Deserrt

76. Match the following poems in Column A with the correct poets in Column B and select the correct code:

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77. When Trevor came to know that Hughie gave a sovereign to the model, he
A) Shed tears  B) Slapped him  C) Yelled at him  D) Burst into laughter.

78. “Ingratitude, more strong than traitor’s arm
Quite vanquished him’
Identify the speaker who uttered these words,
A) Antony  B) Antonio  C) Brutus  D) Bassanio

79. To which of the following works is Oscar wilde not associated with?
A) The Happy prince  B) The importance of being earnest.
C) The Last Leaf    D) The selfish Giant.

80. According to Greeks _______ and __________ were two sides to the same coin.
A) Music and literature  B) Music and dance
C) Culture and music    D) Music and astronomy.

81. Read the passage and choose the correct option that answers the questions given below:
“Thank you Shelly”, Diane said holding her hand out for me to shake, “for taking care of sam. We were
in a traffic accident and some how we got separated when I went to the, hospital . I guess he lost his
collar and harness too”. I looked at her hand, I didn’t want to give Goldy up, but I could see that it was
this lady he really belonged to. Not to me. I was just temporary.
Who did the dog really belong to?
A) Shelly  B) Diane  C) Sam  D) None of the above
82. Don Quixote the knight found 30-40 windmills. He mistook them for giants. He was so fond of adventure that he decided to fight them. He wanted to make a lot of money by defeating them. Sancho Panza, his loyal squire, tried to warn him that they were only windmills but he didn’t pay any attention.

Choose the irrelevant option:
A) Sancho Panza seems to be clever.
B) Don Quixote mistook windmills for giants.
C) The knight is less informed when compared to the squire
D) The knight wanted to cheat others by defeating the windmills.

83. Choose the right idea conveyed by the statement given below:
Sometimes parents complain that their teenage children have suddenly become very indisciplined, not paying heed to their advice.

A) Teenagers are not advised by their parents.
B) Parents heed to the advice of their teenage children.
C) Teenagers listen to their parents advice.
D) Parents think that their teenage children don’t listen to their words.

84. Select the correct sentence.
A) We won the football match by three goals.
B) We beat our opponents by three goals.
C) We lost the three goals under the football match.
D) We played the football match on three goals.

85. Harmonic Cacophony to oblivious ears
Identify the figure of speech used in the given line.
A) Onomatopoeia  B) Oxymoron  C) Personification  D) Alliteration.

86. Identify the sentence pattern of the following:
Raghu was ill last month.
A) SVOA  B) SVAA  C) SVA  D) SVCA

87. Pick out the sentence:
Which is of the pattern SVC:
A) I donated a computer.
B) This computer is sleek
C) We take notes
D) I met him

88. Choose the noun form of the verb ‘recite’
A) Recitation  B) Reciting  C) Recited  D) Recitate

89. Find the odd sentence which is not the same sentence pattern as the other three.
A) He wore his uniform
B) I ate an apple.
C) He was excited
D) I like ice cream

90. Fill in the blank with the correct verb form of the noun writer
Don’t ________ on the wall.
A) Written  B) Write  C) Write-up  D) Writing
91. Choose the option that contains the right sequence of articles.
   My manager is ______ multifaceted personality. He was elected ________ Chairman of our board. I am sure he will be _________ best chairman, for he is _______ honest worker.
   A) A, the, an , the  B) A, No article, the an  C) An, no article, a, the  D) No article, an, the , a

92. Choose the option with the suitable article.
   Give me _______ one rupee note
   A) A  B) An  C) The  D) No article

93. Choose the option which contains the right preposition to complete the blank:
   Raju has not slept ________ yesterday.
   A) Through  B) By  C) Since  D) On

94. Choose the option that contains the right preposition to complete the sentence.
   His father shouted ______ him when he came home late.
   A) On  B) Over  C) For  D) At

95. Which of the following options has a sentence with the verb in the active word?
   A) Many students attended this workshop.
   B) Many students were questioned.
   C) Many students have been screened
   D) Many students had been given a warning.

96. Choose the suitable prefix to form a meaningful word from the given root word significant.
   A) Un  B) Pre  C) In  D) De

97. Choose the statement that takes the question tag shouldn’t they?
   A) Students should not be allowed to use the library everyday,
   B) Students must be allowed to use the library everyday,
   C) Students could be allowed to use the library everyday,
   D) Students should be allowed to use the library everyday,

98. Identify the sentence which does not contain an adjective:
   A) He is an early riser.
   B) The early bird was rewarded
   C) He rises early
   D) They came by an early train

99. Identify the sentence with the superlative degree of the adjective:
   A) No one else is as courageous as him.
   B) He is one of the most courageous persons.
   C) He is more courageous than most other people.
   D) Very few people are as courageous as him.

100. Identify the adverb from the following list:
    A) Heavy  B) Old  C) Daily  D) Small
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2. Pick out the sentence with the wrong usage of articles:
   A) The cow is a useful animal
   B) The rose is the sweetest of all flowers
   C) Let’s go to the park
   D) The banyan is a kind of a fig tree.

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:
   The most popular therapy ________ getting rid ________ hiccups is to have someone to scare you when you least expect it.
   A) To, away   B) On, To   C) Off, for   D) For, of

4. Fill in the blank with a suitable question tag:
   Let’s go for a walk, ________?
   A) Should we?   B) Shall we?   C) Can we?   D) Could we?

5. Choose the correct form of the verb to fill in the blank:
   They _______ the bridge for several months.
   A) Have been building   B) Are building
   C) Will be building   D) Had been building

6. Pick out the correct words from the options given below.
   He gave me ________ notes.
   A) A ten five rupee   B) Ten five rupees   C) A ten five rupee’s   D) Ten five rupee

7. Which one of the following word is incorrect?
   A) Means   B) Scissors   C) Luggages   D) Premises

8. Introverts make better leaders because they are ________
   A) Interested   B) Attentive   C) Attention – Seeking   D) Alluring

9. Which one of the following sentence is incorrect?
   A) The flowers smell sweet
   B) Of Mumbai and Chennai, the former is the wealthiest.
   C) Six miles is a long distance.
   D) As a novelist, Jane Austen is superior to Mrs. Henry wood.

10. Identify the sentence which is in the positive degree
    A) His age is a matter of minor importance.
    B) This is the most perfect specimen I have seen.
    C) The last time I saw him, “he was in high spirits.
    D) The longest lane has a turning.

11. Identify the sentence which is in the positive degree:
   A) This is a major issue.
   B) The latter chapters are lacking in interest.
   C) Rama’s intelligence is superior to Hari’s
   D) He is junior to all his colleagues.

12. Which one of the following words is an example of a compound word consisting of an adverb + Participle?
   A) Pale blue  
   B) Well defined  
   C) Seafood  
   D) Outsourcing

13. Which figure of speech does the expression,”the hissing noise of the snake” Contain?
   A) Logopoeia  
   B) Anaphora  
   C) Diaspora  
   D) Onomatopoeia

14. “The ship is anchor’d safe and sound, its voyage closed and done” –
   The figure of speech used by Walt Whitman in these lines is __________.
   A) Oxymoron  
   B) Personification  
   C) Simile  
   D) Metaphor.

15. “Imagine if your precious nose were sandwiched in between your toes”
   What does the word “Sandwiched” mean here?
   A) Become like a food item  
   B) Trapped  
   C) Replaced  
   D) Pressed between two things.

16. H.W. Longfellow’s poem “The Psalm of Life” is a piece of
   A) Prayer  
   B) Encomium  
   C) Appeal  
   D) Advice

17. Who do you think is these lines addressed to :
   You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish,
   Nor turn our thoughts away
   From the bright picture of a ‘Women’s mission’
   Our hearts portray.
   A) An individual reader  
   B) The poet’s companion  
   C) Society at large  
   D) A particular misogynist group

18. Which of the following lines belong to H.W. Longfellow’s “A Psalm of Life”?
   A) And you O may soul where you stand
   B) All human roads are dark and dry
   C) Your minstrel has no wreath to weave for you
   D) Art is long and time is fleeting.

19. Who told the following statement?
   “Tolerance is the highest result of education”
   A) Dr. Abdul kalam  
   B) Mahatma Gandhi  
   C) Helen Keller  
   D) Subash Chandra Bose.

20. “To call woman the weaker sex is a libel: It is man’s injustice to woman”.
   Who said these words about women?
   A) Jawaharlal Nehru  
   B) Swami Vivekananda  
   C) Rabindranath Tagore  
   D) Mahatma Gandhi

21. Rani of Jhansi was associated with __________
   A) Battle of Plassey  
   B) Sepoy Mutiny  
   C) British Government  
   D) Indian National Congress
22. “The story of My Experiments with Truth” is an autographical work written by
   A) Jawaharlal Nehru  B) Mahatma Gandhi  C) Abraham Lincoln  D) Subash Chandra Bose.
23. In Oscar wilde’s “The selfish Giant the spring season did not come to the giant’s garden because.
   A) He built a huge wall around his garden.
   B) He was very unkind to the spring season
   C) He did not allow the children inside the garden.
   D) He liked winter season.
24. In Oscar Wilde’s “The Model Millionaire” Hughie is humane and handsome but
   A) In effable  B) A man of no means C) Heartless  D) A paranoid
25. In Oscar Wilde’s “The selfish Giant”, the giant’s heart melted when he saw
   A) The spring season  B) The children playing in the garden
   C) The children singing and dancing  D) A little child unable to climb a tree
26. In Oscar wilde’s “The Model Millionaire what did Hughie do in Alan Trevor’s absence?
   A) Hughie spoke to the beggar  B) Hughie gave the beggar some money
   C) Hughie enjoyed a smoke  D) Hughie was dreaming
27. In Oscar Wilde’s “The selfish Giant” only little boy did not run away on seeing the giant because.
   A) He was blind  B) He was lame  C) He was afraid  D) He did not see the giant coming.
28. “The habit of co-operation once required will continue with you all your life” Which among the options
   best conveys the meaning of the above passage?
   A) The author insists on hard work.
   B) The author states the importance of teamwork
   C) The author insists on friendship
   D) The author reiterates the importance of good behavior.
29. “No matter what happened, I always insisted on their being themselves” What does the writer mean by
   this statement? Choose the right option from the following.
   A) The writer wants human beings to be day dreamers
   B) The writer wants human beings to be in their own world
   C) The writer wants human beings to be calm
   D) The writer wants human beings to be individuals and not to imitate others.
30. What is a refrain?
   A) The first line of a poem that is repeated in all stanzas
   B) The repetition of a line or lines within a poem, at given intervals
   C) The first line and the last line are one and the same in the last stanza.
   D) The last two lines of the first stanza and the last two lines of the last stanza are one and the same.
31. What is the height of Shivalinga in the sanctum sanctorum of the Brihadeeswar at Temple?
   A) 8.7 metres  B) 8.5 metres  C) 8.8 metres  D) 8.9 metres.
32. The author who wrote the lesson ‘Yannai Malai’ Suffered from the disease?
   A) Chronic Glaucoma  B) Retinitis pigmentosa
C) Astigmatism  
D) Myopic Vision.

33. Where is yaanai Malai located?
A) In the south Eastern outskirts of Madurai  
B) In the North Eastern outskirts of Madurai  
C) In the North western outskirts of Madurai  
D) In the south Western outskirts of Madurai.

34. Identify the pair of British English and American English expressions with incorrect spelling.
British  
A) Plough  
B) Cheque  
C) Theatre  
D) Skilful  
American  
- Plow  
- Check  
- Theater  
- Skilfull

35. Match the British English words with their American equivalents:

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36. __________ warns Caesar about the “Ides of March”
A) A soothsayer  
B) Calpurnia  
C) Pompey  
D) Mark Antony.

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<td>c) Play it my way</td>
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39. Which one of the following statement is correct?
   A) V.K. Gokak is a Telugu poet and novelist
   B) V.K. Gokak is a Kannada poet and novelist
   C) V.K. Gokak is a Marathi poet and novelist
   D) V.K. Gokak is a Gujarathi poet and novelist

40. Saruli figures in
   A) Farmer
   B) The Sun Beam
   C) After the Storm
   D) Kari, the Elephant.

41. In Julius Caesar, Antony says,
   “The noble Brutus
   Hath told you Caesar was ambitious”,
   If it were so, it was a grievous fault”,
   What is referred to a ‘grievous fault’ here?
   A) Brutus’ nobility
   B) Cunningness
   C) Being ambitious
   D) Caesar’s balour

42. Match the following:
   a) Takazhi Sivasankaran pillai
   b) William Shakespeare
   c) Douglas Malloch
   d) Lewis Carroll

   a) Sonnet 116
   b) Kuttichovan
   c) Is Life but a dream?
   d) Be the Best.

   a b c d
   A) 2 1 4 3
   B) 1 2 4 3
   C) 2 1 3 4
   D) 4 1 2 3

43. Match the following:
   Author          Title
   a) Norman Nicholson  1. The road to success
   b) Dale Carnegie    2. O Captain! My Captain!
   c) Walt Whitman     3. The solitary Reaper
   d) William Wordsworth  4. Off to outer space tomorrow morning

   a b c d
   A) 4 1 3 2
   B) 4 1 2 3
   C) 1 4 2 3
   D) 3 1 2 4

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44. In Julius Caesar, Antony says, ‘He hath brought many captives home to Rome, Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill’ ‘Ransoms’ in this line means
A) Payment for the release of refugees
B) Payment for the release of criminals
C) Payment for the release of prisoners
D) Payment for the release of leaders

45. Envy is ignorance and imitation is suicide These are the words of
A) Robert Frost B) Khalil Gibran C) F.Joanna D) Ralph Waldo Emerson

46. Annie Louisa walker is a well-known ____________ poet.
A) Canadian – Born B) American – born C) British born D) Australian - born

47. __________ is not a Nobel prize winner
A) Rudyard Kipling B) William Golding C) Oscar Wilde D) Pearl S. Buck.

48. Match the poems under Column A with the poets under Column ‘B’ and select the correct code:

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A) 2 1 3 4
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C) 2 1 4 3
D) 1 2 3 4

49. The ozone gas that acts like a Canopy, Protecting you from the harmful ultra violet rays of the sun is depleting. Identify the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:
A) A preventive medicine
B) A damage control system
C) An overhanging shelter
D) A storehouse of gases.

50. Match the following idiomatic expressions under column A with their core meaning under column B Choose the right code:

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<td>c) Can I use your mobile phone, please?</td>
<td>3. Ability</td>
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<td>d) Anyone can make mistakes</td>
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51. If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
Find out the synonym for the underlined word from the options given
A) Muscle       B) Blood       C) Strength       D) Weakness

52. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given:
He made himself Indispensable to his institution.
A) Major       B) Short       C) Essential       D) Negligible

53. Some people argue that computerization will aggravate the unemployment problem. Find out the antonym, for the underlined word.
A) Wipe out       B) Consolidate       C) Alleviate       D) Remove

54. Choose the appropriate stem word which the prefix mal’ can combine.
A) Directional       B) Theism       C) Colon       D) Nourished

55. Complete the following with suitable articles.
On __________ day of __________ tea party, Apsara took her mother to Mrs Rose’s room.
A) The,The       B) An, the       C) A,An       D) The , a

56. Complete the following sentence using a suitable form of the passive voice:
In primitive times, stone implements ________ to kill animals.
A) Was employed       B) Were employed       C) Will be employed       D) Had been employed.

57. Fill out the blank with the most appropriate option given below:
Alexander’s hope _________ the whole of India was not materialized due to his ill health.
A) To Conquer       B) Of Conquer       C) Of conquering       D) Conquered

58. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the options:
We will have to find ______ sources of energy is the future.

59. Identify the odd word among the options.
A) Delicious       B) Expensive       C) Industrious       D) Jubilantly

60. Find out the odd word among the following:
A) Sojourn       B) Countenance       C) Species       D) Recreate

61. They failed to add an appendix to the book. Which of the following is the right plural form for the underlined word?
A) Appendices       B) Indices       C) Appendixes       D) Annexures

62. Choose the simple sentence out of the sentences given below:
A) He finished his exercised and put away the books.
B) The man endured all the horrors of the campaign without anyone of them making complaint.
C) We must eat, or we cannot live.
D) Not only did his father give him money, but his mother too.

63. Which among the following is an example for onomatopoeic words?
   A) Clip – clopped    B) Tongue – Twister    C) Ambitious    D) Entertainment

64. An implied simile is a __________.

65. In the poem “Going for Water”, why did the children have to go to the brook?
   A) To relish the sylvan atmosphere in the dense woods.
   B) Because the well was dry beside the door.
   C) To enjoy the natural beauty of the brook.
   D) To find whether there is water in the brook.

66. “Laugh till the game is played” __ what is the game referred to here?
   A) Hockey    B) Exam    C) Dice    D) Life

67. Only bloodshot eyes betray
   Deep pride, then reverence,
   Lo! God in man’s image.
   Who is referred to as “God in man’s image” in the above lines?
   A) Goldsmith    B) Divine Artist    C) Sculptor    D) Blacksmith

68. Behold her, single in the field,

   Yon solitary Highland Lass!
   The underlined word in the above lines of “The solitary Reaper” refers to
   A) England    B) America    C) Scotland    D) Ireland

69. Find out the meaning of the underlined word in the following lines from sonnet No. 116: “Let me not to the marriage of true minds Admit Impediments……
   A) Obstacles    B) Victory    C) Success    D) Happiness

70. Choose the option containing the author of the following lines

   “No Nightingale did ever chant
   More welcome notes to weary bands”
   A) Hopkins in ‘Laugh and be Merry’
   B) Khalil Gibran in ‘Earth’
   C) Words worth in “The solitary Reaper”
   D) Kamala Das in “Punishment in the kindergarden”

71. “The music in my heart I bore
   Long after it was heard no more”
   These lines appear in __________.
   A) Be the best    B) Tables turned    C) A Psalm of life    D) The solitary Reaper.

72. “She left India as a student, but she would see the nation of her birth, all of it, from hundreds of miles above”
   George W. Bush spoke these lines about whom?
73. Who among the following is not a character in Shakespeare’s “Merchant of Venice”?
   A) Calpurnia  
   B) Bassanio  
   C) Portia  
   D) Nerissa

74. Who speaks the following lines in Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice”?
   The quality of mercy is not strained
   It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
   Upon the place beneath”
   A) Antonio  
   B) Shylock  
   C) Portia  
   D) Duke

75. The following line is from the play Julius Caesar.
   “O judgment! Thou art fled to brutish beasts”
   The figure of speech employed in the above line is
   A) Antithesis  
   B) Personifications  
   C) Metaphor  
   D) Oxymoron

76. In Julius Caesar, Antony says,
   “For Brutus is an honourable man”
   - Here the tone of Antony is one of
   A) Admiration  
   B) Irony  
   C) Friendship  
   D) Hero-Worship

77. Who was the first senator to stab Caesar?
   A) Carsius  
   B) Lepidus  
   C) Casca  
   D) Brutus

78. Paulnack was the director of the music division at _________
   A) The Boston Conservatory  
   B) The Philharmonic Royal
   C) The Frances school of Arts  
   D) The Manhattan Academy

79. Which one of the following statements is not related to the lesson “Music – The Hope Raiser”?
   A) Music is a basic need of human survival  
   B) Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives
   C) Music is a luxury and lavish thing  
   D) Music is not an extravaganza or a hobby.

80. ________ composed the German Requiem.
   A) Messiaen  
   B) Johannes Brahms  
   C) Charles Tindley  
   D) Karl Paulnack.

81. Who wrote the following motivational poem, “you can’t be that, No, you can’t be that”?
   A) Hope Spencer  
   B) Dale Carnegie  
   C) Brian Patten  
   D) Rupert Brooke

82. Good luck is round the corner”: what does this line suggest in the poem “keep your spirits High”?
   A) Do anticipate luck
   B) Do think that luck would favour you
   C) Be positive and optimistic in all your attitudes
   D) Do have the frame of mind that you are fortune’s minion

83. What is the name of the porter who accompanied Ahtushi Deshpande?
   A) Laxmi  
   B) Kundu  
   C) Bamon  
   D) Raman Singh

84. “A dominant landmark of the north–eastern outskirts of Madurai is yannai malai” Choose the inappropriate statements from the following.
   A) Yannai malai is a solid rocky hill
   B) Yaanai malai is in the north-east direction of Madurai.
C) Madurai is the landmark of yaanai malai 
D) Yaanai malai is otherwise called elephant hill.

85. Match the following British / American expressions in Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the options given below.

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<td>d) Tap</td>
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86. “Car park” in British English is _______ in American English.
A) Parking space  B) Parking fees  C) Parking plot  D) Parking lot

87. Find out the British English equivalent of “Fall”
A) Winter  B) Summer  C) Spring  D) Autumn.

88. The present seems all dreary.
The future very grim
The underlined words mean _______ and _______ respectively.
A) Confusing and dark  B) Dear and lovely  
C) Boring and sad  D) Damp and weak

89. Match the poems under Column”A” with the authors under Column “B” and select the correct code.

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90. Which of the following is not a poem?
A) Shilpi  B) Be the Best  C) Off to Outer space Tomorrow morning  D) Flying with the moon on their wings

91. Which of the following is a short story?
A) Be the Best  B) The Tears of the Desert  C) The flying wonder  D) The Man he killed.
92. Pangolin figures in
A) The Anteater and the Dassie
B) The Neem Tree
C) Reflowering
D) The Necklace

93. Who uttered the line “I craved the law” in “The Merchant of Venice”?
A) Portia
B) Shylock
C) Antonio
D) Bassanio

94. Match the following:
   a) Rendall Jarell
   b) Indira Anandakrishnan
   c) Tagore
   d) Rudyard Kipling
   1. The Neem Tree
   2. Nobel Prize
   3. Bombay
   4. Bat

A) 4 1 2 3
B) 1 4 2 3
C) 4 1 3 2
D) 1 3 4 2

95. Mohiniyattam is a classical dance form from.
A) Kerala
B) Bihar
C) Kashmir
D) Tamilnadu

96. Which of the following works is not a poem?
A) Be the Best
B) Manliness
C) Swept Away
D) The Man he killed

97. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
There was never mystery
But ‘tis figured in the flowers,
Was never secret history
But birds tell it in the bowers”
These lines are taken from the poem.
A) My Native Land
B) To India
C) The Apology
D) Laugh and be Merry

98. Mr. Phenumonia figures in
A) The Last Leaf
B) The selfish Giant
C) The Lottery Ticket
D) The Open Window.

99. What is the title of H.W Longfellow’s volume of poems which included “A psalm of Life”?
A) Hiawatha
B) Tales of a wayside- Inn
C) Evangeline
D) Voices of the Night

100. Match the following:
Quote /Line
a) “I was born a farmer”
   1. Kamala Surayya
b) “Nations are built by the imagination and Untiring enthusiastic efforts of generations”
   2. Kesavan Nair
c) ….You cannot believe darling, can you that I lived in such a house
   3. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
d) “Into that heaven of freedom, My father Let my country awake”
   4. Rabindranath Tagore.
1. Find out the word that has got a wrong prefix.
   A) Invincible    B) Indelible    C) Malnourished    D) Unaccessible.

2. Fill in the blanks with a suitable article.
   The value of ________ Euro is determined according to the conversion rate fixed by eleven European countries in terms of their own currencies.
   A) The    B) An    C) a    D) No article

3. Fill out the blank with suitable is preposition given below:
   The book comprises ________ seven lessons.
   A) Of    B) No preposition    C) For    D) In
4. Complete the sentence with a suitable question tag.
   Please close the door, ________.

5. Which one of the following tag questions is incorrect?
   A) Anand likes oranges, doesn’t he?  
   B) It is raining isn’t it?
   C) I am a teacher, am not I?  
   D) He did not break the window, did he?

6. Choose the correct alternative from the options given below:
   He used to visit us every week, but ________ now.
   A) Rarely comes  
   B) Was rarely coming  
   C) Has rarely come  
   D) Had rarely come.

7. Read the sentence to find out whether there is any error. If there is my error, mark the part A,B,C or D as the case may be.
   Most of the victims has underwent first aid by the time the ambulance van reached the accident site.
   A) A  
   B) B  
   C) C  
   D) D

8. Fill out the blank with the appropriate conditional:
   You had better consult a doctor, _____ your conditions will become worse.
   A) Unless  
   B) Other wise  
   C) Provided that  
   D) In case

9. Identify the correct sentence from the four options given below:
   A) All that glitters are not gold.  
   B) All that glitter are not gold  
   C) All that glitters was not gold  
   D) All that glitters is not gold.

10. Which among the following words cannot be used as an adverb? Well, early, daily, lonely.
    A) Well  
    B) Lonely  
    C) Early  
    D) Daily

11. Find out the old word from the list given below:
    A) Common  
    B) Strange  
    C) Usual  
    D) Regular.

12. Which one of the following compound nouns is wrong?
    A) Coat – of – mails  
    B) Governors – general  
    C) Runners – up  
    D) Grown - ups

13. “Now drops that floated on the pool
    Like pearls, and now a silver blade”
    What figure of speech can you find in the underlined part of the above lines?
    A) Personification  
    B) Metonymy  
    C) Metaphor  
    D) Transferredepithet.

14. “Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit”
    What figure of speech can be identified in the said line from the poem, “Where the mind is without fear”?
    A) Oxymoron  
    B) Synecdoche  
    C) Assonance  
    D) Alliteration.

15. Identify the statement that best explains the use of metaphor in “laugh till the game is played; and be you merry, my friend”
    A) Laughter is compared to a merry-making game.  
    B) Game is compared to a merry friend-ship.
C) Life is compared to laughter and merry making.
D) Life is compared to a game.

16. In “On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna smoking” The references to Sicilian July is an example of.

17. In Which poem, do you find the following line?
   “Virgin rock takes form”.
   A) Migrant Bird    B) The Earth    C) Shilpi    D) To a Millionaire

18. What does Tagore suggest to lead us to perfection in the poem “Where the mind is without fear”? 
   A) Tireless striving    B) Equality and harmony    C) Religious spirit    D) Political dogmas

19. “How beautiful you are, Earth and how sublime”
   How perfect your obedience to the light and how – noble is your submission to the sun”
   What is the figure of speech used in the above lines?
   A) Personification    B) Metaphor    C) Metonymy    D) Simile.

20. Which among the responses best explains the following line: “Day light will be on the switch and winter under rock”.
   A) Daylight will restrict the damaging impact of winter.
   B) Winter’s chillness will be under the lock of the daylight’s heat
   C) Daylight will be turned on when winter is kept under lock.
   D) There will be a continuous switching over from day to night, and there will not be any changing seasons

21. What is the name of the commander whose forgiveness Abraham Lincoln sought for being rude to him?

22. ‘Jai Hind’ – whom inspiring words of salutation are these?
   A) Gokhale    B) Subhash Chandra Bose    C) Bala Gangadara Tilak    D) Mahatma Gandhi

23. Identify the person who fought for the preservation of many important forests, like the Bharatpur, bird sanctuary and silent valley.
   A) Medha Patkar    B) Zai Whitaker    C) Dr. Salim Ali    D) Arundhati Roy

24. Pick out the statement which is wrong about mahatma Gandhi.
   A) Mahatma Gandhi was a ceaseless crusader of women’s equality.
   B) Gandhi was no advocate of blind adherence to tradition.
   C) He was an extraordinary lover of truth.
   D) Gandhi considered women to be unfit for any position or task.

25. Why did Brutus kill Julius Caesar, according to Brutus own defense?
   A) Because Caesar was ambitious.    B) Because Brutus loved Caesar less
   C) Because Brutus loved Rome less    D) Because Caesar was valiant.

26. In Oscar Wilde’s The model millionaire why did Alan Trevor leave the studio for a few minutes?
   A) He had another appointment    B) He went to see his son
   C) He went to see a frame maker    D) He went to see a customer.

27. In Oscar wilde’s “The selfish Giant, _______ came and took the giant to paradise.
28. In Oscar Wilde’s “The model millionaire”, Alan Trrevor was a good painter because
   A) He was strict  B) He had natural talent  C) He was popular  D) He was friendly.
29. In Oscar Wilde’s “The selfish Giant” the giant saw something marvelous in his garden. He saw.
   A) A silver tree with golden blossoms.  B) A golden tree with white blossoms
   C) A pink tree with yellow blossoms  D) A dull tree with no blossoms.
30. What did the “Last man in” in the story “Our Local Team” do and what was the umpire’s reaction?
   A) The Last man hit a sixer and the umpire raised his medicating finger.
   B) The Last man hit a boundary and the umpire leveled his hands on both sides.
   C) The Last man hit a boundary with his pad and was given L.B.W
   D) The Last man hit a boundary with his pad but the umpire maintained telling ‘Not Out’.
31. The life of a student is comparatively speaking, a sheltered life”. What does Gokhale mean by this?
   Choose the one statement which is inappropriate.
   A) They are protected by their parents.
   B) They have lesser responsibilities.
   C) They need not discharge their duties as students
   D) They have the privilege of being helped by others.
32. “Count your blessings, not your troubles” – Here the writer’s emphasis is on __________.
   A) Pessimism  B) Nihilism  C) Optimism  D) Truism
33. What is the speciality of the ‘Vinanams’ of the Brihadeeswarar temple?
   A) Built of teak wood.  B) Built with a special kind of mortar.
   C) Built with stones with bonding and notching  D) Built up without the use of mortar.
34. In the idiom’s a storm in a teacup which of the following is used as a replacement for the word ‘storm’ in American English?
   A) Cyclone  B) Tempest  C) Typhoon  D) Hurricane.
35. Identify the word pair which is different in pronunciation in British English and American English usage:
   British English  American English.
   A) Cheque - Check.  B) Metre - meter
   C) Schedule - Schedule.  D) Licence - License.
36. “Here ‘tis, most reverend Doctor, here it is”. Who is the speaker and who is the listener?
   A) Bassanio to Duke  B) Shylock to Duke  C) shylock to Portia  D) Portia to shylock.
37. In Oscar Wilde’s “The model millionaire” Hughie could marry Laura provided.
   A) He lent a thousand pounds to Laura’s father.
   B) He gifted Laura ten thousand pounds.
   C) He came into possession of ten thousand pounds.
D) He borrowed ten thousands pounds.

38. Which of the following poem is written by David Roth?
   A) Be Glad your Nose is on your face
   B) Nine Gold Medals.
   C) Manliness
   D) Is Life But a Dream?

39. Match the poems with the poets:
   a) Earth 1. D.H Larence.
   b) Snake 2. H.W. Longfellow
   c) A psalm of life 3. Khalil Gibran
   d) Be Glad your Nose is on your face 4. Jack Prelutsky.
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   B) 1 3 4 2
   C) 2 3 1 4
   D) 4 3 2 1

40. Who among the following is the author of the story, “The wooden Bowl”?
   A) Leo Tolstoy  B) Oscar Wilde  C) Guy de Mauppassant  D) R.K. Narayan.

41. “The highest result of education is tolerance” who made this statement?
   A) Rabindranath Tagore  B) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
   C) Helen Keller  D) Oscar Wilde.

42. “…though he had no hand in his death, shall receive the benefit of his dying, a places to the common wealth”
   Who is speaking about whom in the above passage from Julius Caesar?
   A) Antony about Brutus  B) Brutus about Antony.
   C) First Citizen about Brutus  D) Octavious about Antony.

43. Which of the following is the title of a poem written by Berton Braley?
   A) Prayer for My daughter  B) Prayer of a sportsman.
   C) Where the mind is without fear  D) Silent prayer

44. What is the nationality of Robert Frost?
   A) British  B) Canadian  C) American  D) French.

45. In Julius Caesar, Antony speaks the following line:
   “This was the most unkindest cut of all”
   The ‘cut’ in the above line refers to the stab of.
   A) Casea  B) Cassius  C) Brutus  D) Pompey.

46. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
   “In every land is common life
   That all can recognize and under stand”
   These lines are taken from the poem.
   A) With a friend  B) No men are foreign  C) My native land  D) To India.

47. Many of pearl S. Buck’s books have _________ background.
48. “Man is born free but is everywhere in chains.” Who made this famous statement?
   A) Voltaire       B) Jacques Rousseau   C) Descartes       D) Napoleon.

49. Identify the work which is not written by Oscar Wilde?
   A) The Selfish Giant       B) The Happy Prince
   C) The Importance of Being Earnest.  D) Snake.

50. Identify the work known for its nationalist theme.
   A) The Model Millionaire       B) Keep Your Spirits High.
   C) Our Local Team       D) Where the Mind is Without Fear.

51. Match the words and phrases given in column A with their meanings in column B.

   Column A                      Column B
   a) Power to inspire          1. Composure.
   b) Calm manner               2. Sneer.
   c) Contemptuous smile        3. Chairma
   d) Range of skills           4. Versatility.

   a  b  c  d
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   B)  3  1  2  4
   C)  4  3  2  1
   D)  2  1  4  3

52. Find out the synonym for the underlined word from the options given.
   But he became nothing, a delightful, ineffectual, young man with a perfect profile and no profession.
   A) Useful  B) Useless  C) Intelligent  D) Clever.

53. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined word from the options given:
   “This strict court of Venice must needs give sentence against the merchant there”
   A) Rigid  B) Magnanimous  C) Stern  D) Lenient

54. Choose the option which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word.
   The creature seemed to be tottering with a fear.
   A) Dancing  B) Motionless  C) Jumping  D) Running

55. Pick out the sentences which are in active voice.
   A) He is loved by all  B) The field is ploughed
   C) The thief was caught  D) The man cut down the tree.

56. Fill out the blank with the suitable option given below:
   I went there ____________.
   A) To examine personally the situation  B) To examine the situation personally
   C) Personally examining the situation  D) Examining personally the situation.

57. Pick out the sentence which is grammatically correct and meaningful:
   A) Do not alter the course of action  B) The carpenter cut off a large bow of timber
   C) The landscape was bear  D) The site of our college building is very beautiful.

58. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word from the options.
   She held the ____________ in her hand.
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59. The right plural form for the word underlined in the following sentence is __________ John speaks without basis.
A) Basises B) Basics C) Basal D) Bases

60. Choose the complex sentence out of the four sentences given below:
A) Falling prompt payment, the goods must be returned by you
B) He was a mere boy but he offered to fight the giant.
C) He must have done his duty, for he is a conscientious man
D) He succeeded although his success was not expected.

61. Identify the sentence pattern.
Brutus is an honourable man.
A) SVC B) SVO C) SVIO D) SVDO

62. Identify the sentence which is in the superlative degree.
A) All his colleagues are senior to him. B) The nearest railway station is two kilometers from here
C) My knife is sharper than yours D) Of the two evils, Choose the less.

63. Cull out the word formed by combining adjective and verb from the following options.
A) School boy B) Dry clean C) outrun D) Radioactive

64. Match the poetic lines under column A with the figures of speech under column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>c) In the boom of the tingling strings</td>
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65. “I care not where the skies begin”
Find out the option closest in meaning to the above line.
A) The migrant birds have many limitations.
B) The birds have got a jurisdiction in the sky
C) The birds have got boundaries within which they can fly.
D) The birds can have limitless jurisdiction and abundant freedom.

66. In the poem, “The solitary Reaper”, wordsworth addresses this song to one ‘Solitary Highland Lass’.
What does, the poet mean by the word, ‘Highland’?
A) England B) Ireland C) Scotland D) Iceland.

67. If you can meet with triumph and disaster.
And treat those two important just the same:
Find out the word nearest opposite in meaning to ‘Impostor’ form the options.
A) Pretender  B) Quack  C) Expert  D) Sham.

68. Name the poem in which the following lines appear:
No nightingale did ever chaunt
More welcome notes to weary bands.
A) A Psalm of life  B) Going for water  C) Ode to a nightingale  D) The Solitary Reaper

69. Identify the poet who wrote the following lines:
“We ran as if to meet the moon
That slowly dawned behind the trees”.
A) Norman Nicholson  B) Jack Prelutsky  C) Robert frost  D) Ralph Waldo Emerson

70. And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords of life
And I have something to expiate;
A pettiness
These lines appear in
A) A Noiseless patient Spider  B) Snake  C) A panoramic view  D) The man he killed

71. What is the name of the episode on Abraham Lincoln in the book
“The war years volume III”?
A) The comforts you have is the one you live.
B) The money you spend is the one you live
C) The happiness you have is the one you live
D) The legacy you leave is the one you live.

72. Identify the play in which the following lines appear
“Ambition should be made of Sterner stuff”
A) Antony and Cleopatra  B) Julius Casesar  C) The merchant of venice  D) Macbeth

73. Choose the incorrect option.
The court scene in “The Merchant of Venice” is about
A) Antonio’s pleading for justice
B) Portia’s argument in favour of shylock
C) Shylock claim of a pound of Christian Flesh
D) Portia’s arguments against Shylock claim of a pound of flesh.

74. Which is the native town of Portia of “The Merchant of Venice”?
A) Venice  B) Belmont  C) Sicily  D) Rome

75. Who makes the following statements in Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar’:
“Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more”.
A) Brutus  B) Antony  C) First Citizens  D) Octavius

76. In Oscar Wilde’s The Selfish Giant” the giant returned to his castle after seven years because.
A) He had urgent business at home

B) His business with his friend was over
C) His friend was stuck
D) He was not well.

77. “As in the Concentration Camp and the evening of 9/11, the artistes are the ones who might be able to help us with our internal, invisible lives”.
Which are the two countries associated with concentation camp and 9/11 tragedy respectively?
Choose the right option from the following :
A) Russia and Germany  B) Germany and Italy
C) Germany and America  D) Iraq and America

78. At high school paulnack scored good grades in _________.
A) Science and Maths  B) Science and Arts
C) Science and Humanities  D) Arts and Crafts

79. The first Asian Composer to score a symphony for the Royal Philharmonic orchestra is _________.
A) Naushad  B) Ustad Bade Ali Khan  C) A.R. Rahman  D) Iiaiyaraaja

80. I’m not going to be a scientist
Or some one who reads the news on TV
No, a million birds will fly through me.
I’m going to be a tree’
What does the poet want to become when he/she grows up?
Choose the best option from the following :
A) Scientist  B) Naturalist  C) Animal species  D) Part of nature.

81. In the Lesson”Yaanai Malai”, the lesson – writer Manohar Devadoess save, “Sometimes landscapes can speak to us”. This expression is purely.
A) A baseless illusion  B) An exaggerated hyperbola
C) A subjective impression  D) An objective interpretation.

82. Mahema, the wife of the lesson writer, Manohar Devadoss, was suffering from the disease
A) Paralysis  B) Back pain  C) Varicose veins  D) Spondylitis

83. American English equivalent for ‘Puncture’ is __________
A) Flat- out  B) Blast – out  C) Blow – out  D) Crash - out

84. ‘Window shade ‘ in American English is __________ in British English.
A) Windscreen  B) Window  C) Blind  D) Wind

85. Identify the incorrect pair of British English and American English expressions.
A) Bonnet – Cover  B) Goods train – Freight train
C) Dustbin – Trash can  D) Chips – French fries

86. The line “ A slender tinkling fall that made “ Contains __________
A) Allusion  B) Onomatopoeia  C) Elipsis  D) Repetition

87. ‘Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul”.
Which of the following options best explains the above lines?
A) We are born from the dust and we return to dust
B) Human life is not immortal  
C) The question of mortality does not apply to soul  
D) The soul is dead when the body is dead.

88. Steady throb  
Then staccato rhythm  
Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears.  
What is the meaning of the underlined word?  
A) Melifluous music  
B) Rowing notes  
C) Melodious but noisy music  
D) Irregular and jarring notes.

89. What was the title given to the Maratha Ruler?  
A) Badshah  
B) Mir Alam  
C) Peshwa  
D) Maharaj

90. The poet khabil Gibran was born in ____________  
Fill in the blanks by choosing the right options given below.  
A) Greece  
B) Lebanon  
C) Syria  
D) Egypt

91. When do we celebrate world Environment Day?  
A) 5<sup>th</sup> May  
B) 5<sup>th</sup> July  
C) 5<sup>th</sup> June  
D) 5<sup>th</sup> August

92. We believe that as a nation and as people we need to shed our cynicism and initiate concrete action to realize the second vision.  
Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word.  
A) Stop  
B) Instruct  
C) Install  
D) Begin

93. Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
These words are spoken by  
A) Brutus  
B) Antonio  
C) Portia  
D) Antony.

94. In which of the following state is Ottan koothu performed?  
A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Kerala  
D) Karnataka

95. In which of the following does Ivan Dmitritch appear?  
A) The Selfish Giant  
B) The Last Leaf  
C) The Lottery Ticket  
D) The Open window.

96. Match the following:  
Story  
a) Two Friends  
b) The open window  
c) The Last Leaf  
d) The Lottery Ticket  
   Character  
1. Mr. Nuttel  
2. Colonel Dumoulin  
3. Ivan Dmitritch  
4. Behrman  

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B) 2 1 4 3  
C) 2 1 3 4  
D) 2 3 1 4  

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97. “A Psalm of Life” appeared in the collection of poems titled _____________
   A) Wayside Inn (1855)  B) Evangeline (1847)
   C) Miles Standish (1858)  D) Voices of the Night (1839)

98. Choose the work which is not written by pearls Buck.
   A) The Good Earth  B) My Several worlds
   C) The child who never Grew  D) Pygmalion.

99. In Julius Caesar, Antony says,
   “The evil that men do lives after them;
   The good is oft interred with their bones”
   This means
   A) The evil that men do is forgotten after their death
   B) The evil that men do is remembered after their death
   C) The good that men do is balanced with the evil they do
   D) The good that men do is remembered after their death.

100. “Honesty and Truth are interrelated,
   Honesty is basically an expression of truth”
   This is said by ____________.

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6. Choose the correct synonym for the italicized word:
The multimedia presentations are enhanced with graphics.
A) broadened  B) increased  C) widened  D) encouraged

7. Choose the correct synonym for the italicized word:
The book left an indelible impression on my mind.
A) credible  B) unforgettable  C) great  D) interesting

8. Choose the correct synonym for the italicized word:
I am a convict
A) a cruel man  B) a person imprisoned for a crime  C) an honest man  D) a dishonest man

9. Choose the correct synonym for the italicized word:
Journeys by plane are convenient.
A) enjoyable  B) comfortable  C) suitable  D) horrible

10. Choose the correct synonym for the italicized word:
Be sincere and honest is my parents credo.
A) Philosophy  B) assessment  C) attention  D) interest
11. Choose the correct antonym for the italicized word.
   I wanted to conquer my fear of red.
   A) act B) show C) defeat D) think

12. Choose the correct antonyms for the italicized word.
   Sir John was living in a Palatial house.
   A) big B) small C) rich D) large

13. Choose the correct antonym for the italicized word.
   Train journeys have a different charm.
   A) many B) same C) various D) variety

14. Choose the correct antonym for the italicized word:
   The flower girl is shabby.
   A) neat B) dirty C) bad D) good

15. Choose the correct antonym for the italicized word:
   you have an absolute right to claim the bill.
   A) necessary B) complete C) limited D) unlimited

16. Select the word with correct prefix:
   A) counteract B) uncouter C) countless D) decounter

17. Select the word with correct prefix:
   A) unbehave B) disbehave C) nonbehave D) misbehave

18. Select the word with correct prefix:
   A) Protechnic B) pronoun C) programme D) professional

19. Select the word with correct suffix:
   A) appointly B) appointness C) appointer D) appointment

20. Select the word with correct suffix:
   A) lookable B) movable C) writeable D) takeable.

21. Fill in the blank with the suitable article:
   ---------------- Ganga is a holy river.
   A) An B) The C) A D) No Articles

22. Fill in the blank with the suitable article:
   Savithri is ---------------- honour to this profession
   A) an B) a C) the D) no article

23. Fill in the blank with the suitable article:
   ---------------- dogs are barking.
   A) The B) An C) A D) No article.

24. Fill in the blank with the suitable article:
   Napoleon studied in ---------------- army school in a small French town.
   A) an B) a C) none D) the.

25. Fill in the blanks with the suitable article:
   Mr. prabhu is one of ---------------- best speakers in our city.
   A) the B) a C) an D) no article

26. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition:
   Children are not afraid ---------------- the dog.
   A) at B) from C) by D) of.
27. Fill in the blanks with the suitable preposition:
   My mother has completely recovered -------------- her illness.
   A) of  B) at  C) from  D) with

28. Fill in the blanks with the suitable preposition:
   He worked -------------- sunrise to sunset.
   A) since  B) from  C) over  D) beyond

29. Fill in the blanks with the suitable preposition:
   Rohini is fond -------------- music.
   A) of  B) with  C) from  D) at

30. Fill in the blanks with the suitable preposition:
   place your right hand -------------- your left hand.
   A) between  B) after  C) under  D) next

31. Select the correct question tag:
   your son is married --------------
   A) isn’t he  B) didn’t he  C) hasn’t he  D) won’t he.

32. Select the correct question tag:
   wait a minute, --------------?
   A) can’t you  B) haven’t you  C) do you  D) are you

33. Select the correct question tag:
   Hema solved all her problems, --------------?
   A) did she  B) had she  C) hadn’t she  D) didn’t she.

34. Select the correct question tag:
   you are anxious to know about your future, --------------?
   A) do you  B) don’t you  C) aren’t you  D) are you.

35. Select the correct question tag:
   They have sold the house, --------------?
   A) haven’t they  B) have they  C) do they  D) don’t they.

36. Select the correct tense:
   Help! I -------------- fall.
   A) will  B) am going to  C) would  D) can fall.

37. Select the correct tense:
   My uncle -------------- the prime Minister yesterday.
   A) saw  B) will see  C) has seen  D) sees.

38. Select the correct tense:
   Don’t disturb me, I -------------- my assignment.
   A) do  B) did  C) will do  D) am doing.

39. Select the correct tense:
   The delegates -------------- in the hotel Trident.
   A) stays  B) are staying  C) are stay  D) was staying

40. Choose the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets.
   I -------------- (go) to eleventh standard next year.
   A) will go  B) will went  C) goes  D) went
41. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of voice:
   This lesson -------------- in two days.
   A) must complete   B) have been completed   C) should be completed   D) are completing

42. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of voice:
   Voter ID cards -------------- last year.
   A) were issued   B) shall be issued   C) are issuing   D) had issued.

43. Fill in the blank with the correct form of voice:
   The drawing will look beautiful, after it --------------
   A) is done   B) was done   C) will be done   D) may be done.

44. Select the correct voice of the following:
   Music instruments -------------- by artists.
   A) is played   B) are playing   C) are played   D) will play

45. Fill in the blank with the suitable participle:
   I’m -------------- today.
   A) to shop   B) having shopped   C) shopping   D) shop

46. Fill in the blank with the suitable infinitive:
   These glasses will enable you -------------- in the dark.
   A) seeing   B) to see   C) to be seen   D) having seen.

47. Fill in the blank with the suitable infinitive:
   you are supposed -------------- the rules of the road.
   A) knowing   B) Know   C) to know   D) having known.

48. Fill in the blank with the suitable infinitive:
   Her -------------- ring is quite nice.
   A) wedded   B) wed   C) wedding   D) will wed.

49. Fill in the blank with the suitable gerund:
   I love -------------- in this lake.
   A) swimming   B) will swim   C) swims   D) swim

50. Identify the sentence pattern:
   We are getting older.
   A) S.V.C   B) S.V.O.C   C) S.V   D) S.V.O

51. Identify the sentence pattern:
   We painted the wall grey.
   A) S.V.O   B) S.V.C   C) S.V.IO.DO   D) S.V.O.C

52. Identify the sentence pattern:
   She has been working as a teacher in a primary school.
   A) S.V.A.A   B) S.V.O.C.A   C) S.V.IO.DO.A   D) S.V.C.A

53. Identify the sentence pattern:
   Selvi cooks lunch.
   A) S.V.A   B) S.V.C   C) S.V.O   D) S.V.O.A
55. Identify the sentence pattern.
The music sounds awesome.
A) S.V.O  B) S.V.C  C) S.V.O.A  D) S.V.A

56. Change the following verb into noun form.
Possess
A) possessive  B) possession  C) possessed  D) to possess.

57. Change the following verb into noun form.
Admit
A) admitted  B) admits  C) admissible  D) admission

58. Change the following noun into verb form:
Combination
A) combining  B) combinable  C) combo  D) Combine

59. Change the following noun into verb:
Performance
A) performer  B) perform  C) performing  D) perfume

60. Change the following adjective into adverb:
Dangerous
A) danger  B) endangered  C) dangerously  D) dangers.

61. Fill in the blank with a suitable homophone.
I am ____________ with the new policies.
A) bold  B) bored  C) board  D) barred

62. Fill in the blank with a suitable homophone.
The ____________ is a heavenly body.
A) son  B) stun  C) sun  D) soon.

63. Fill in the blank with a suitable homophone:
The ____________ of the book is high.
A) prize  B) praise  C) prose  D) price

64. Fill in the blank with a suitable homophone.
I wanted to ____________ you with a request for admission.
A) meat  B) meet  C) met  D) mite

65. Fill in the blank with a suitable homophone.
I wonder what the ____________ will be like tomorrow.
A) whether  B) ware  C) further  D) weather

66. Comprehension:
Reserve Bank of India is not a commercial bank. It is an autonomous body regulating banking service in India. It makes banking laws and controls the flow of money. It safeguards the value of Indian currency. The head of the R.B.I is the ‘Governor’.
Who is the head of the Reserve Bank?
A) president  B) Chief Minister  C) Governor  D) Finance Minister

67. Comprehension:
The city police are on the look out for a person who has been committing thefts in houses by dexterously cutting iron grills. The culprit’s fingerprints tallied in nearly half a dozen cases of thefts, including the latest incident in house at Alwarpet, a couple of days ago.
The police are on the look out for a
A) thief  B) robber  C) culprit  D) burglar.

68. Comprehension:
The Greek word for wisdom is ‘Sophia’, and ‘philos’ means a friend. So ‘philosopher’ means a friend of wisdom
and this is the best possible description of Socrates who was one of the wisest and bravest teachers the world has
ever known.
In Greek ‘Sophia’ means
A) wisdom  B) friend  C) friend of wisdom  D) brave

69. Comprehensions:
The plane driver suddenly brought the plane down and the passengers were shaken. The doctor came into the
plane with the helper in a white dress to see the passengers. The lady assistants of the plane also helped the
passengers. Everything was okay in a few minutes.
Why were the passengers shaken?
A) plane landed safely  B) plane landed suddenly  C) plane driver informed the passengers that it will land slowly  D) Plane did not land safely.

70. Comprehensions:
Milk is the best food. It has in it water, sugar, fat, vitamins and Proteins. People drink milk of different animals.
In England and New Zealand and many other cool lands there are cows.
Which countries are named in the passage?
A) India and New Zealand  B) England and New Zealand
C) Africa and England  C) New Zealand and India.

71. Select the correct sentence:
A) Let us prey  B) Let pray  C) Let us pray  D) Let be pray

72. Select the correct sentence:
A) My desire is to sea you again  B) My desire is to saw you again
C) My desire is to scene you again  D) My desire is to see you again

73. select the correct sentence:
A) Honesty is the good policy  B) Honesty is the better policy
C) Honesty is the best policy  D) Honesty is the finer policy

74. Select the correct sentence:
A) How fine the Ajanta paintings are!  B) How beautiful the Ajanta paintings are!
C) How well the Ajanta paintings are !  D) How nice the Ajanta paintings are!

75. Select the correct sentence:
A) Do it to best of your ability  B) Do it to the best of your ability
C) Do it the best of your ability  D) Do it to best you ability

76. Find out the error:
I would rather prefer to dancing
A  B  C  D

77. Find out the error:
Each of the student has participated in the competition.
A  B  C  D

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78. Find out the error:
   A modern play school is open for kids.
   A B C D

79. Find out the error:
   Ganges is a holy river
   A B C D

80. Find out the error:
   Yesterday the horse ran fastly.
   A B C D

81. Find the odd word (Adverb):
   A) dreams B) dreamer C) dreaming D) dreamily

82. Find the odd word (verb):
   A) memory B) memorably C) memorable D) memorize.

83. Find the odd word (Adverb):
   A) praise B) praiseworthily C) praiseworthiness D) praiseworthy.

84. Find the odd word (Adjective):
   A) Strangely B) strange C) stranger D) strangle.

85. Find out the odd word (Noun):
   A) reducible B) reduced C) reduction D) reduce

86. Select the correct plural form for the given word:
   match:
   A) matchs B) matches C) matchis D) match

87. Select the correct plural form for the given word:
   index
   A) ind A) index B) indices C) indyces D) indicis.

88. Select the correct plural form for the given word:
   branch
   A) branches B) brancheses C) branchis D) branch

89. Select the correct plural form for the given word:
   mango
   A) mango B) mangoes C) mangoses D) mangoes.

90. Select the correct plural form for the given word:
   news
   A) newses B) newsis C) news D) newsies

91. Identify the complex sentence:
   A) I make a promise only to keep it
   B) If I make a promise, I will keep it
   C) I make a promise so I will keep it
   D) I make a promise and I will keep it

92. Which of the following endings is correct to form the correct complex sentence?
   A) his guilt B) as he was guilty C) but he was guilty D) so he was guilty

93. Identify the simple sentence:
   A) cross this line or you will die
   B) cross this line to escape death
   C) cross this line so that you will live
   D) cross this line and you will win.
94. Identify the compound sentence:
   A) He lost more than he could afford
   B) Does he wish me to go?
   C) I called him but there was no response
   D) Locking the door she went out.

95. Identify the superlative degree:
   A) whales are not so big as some elephants
   B) No other game is as popular as football
   C) Ooty is the coolest hill station in the south
   D) India is more populous than many other countries in the world.

96. Identify the superlative degree:
   A) Malathi is the best actor in the class.
   B) Hari is not as clever as Ravi
   C) Apple is as costly as oranges
   D) Kodai is cooler than Chennai

97. Identify the comparative degree:
   A) Mathematics is the most interesting subject
   B) Mathematics is more interesting than other subjects
   C) Mathematics is as interesting as any other subject
   D) No other subject is as interesting as mathematics.

98. Identify the degree:
   My knife is sharper than yours.
   A) Superlative degree
   B) comparative degree
   C) positive degree
   D) None of these

99. Identify the Positive degree:
   A) some vegetables are at least as nutritious as meat.
   B) Pen is mightier than sword
   C) Birbal was the wisest man
   D) The Everest is the highest peak of the Himalayas.

100. Identify the degree.
    No other town in India is as large as Kolkata.
    A) positive degree
    B) comparative degree
    C) superlative degree
    D) None of these.
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### TNPSC - PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

#### GENERAL ENGLISH

**GROUP - IV – 2012**

1. Select the statement which matches with the correct questions tag:
   - A) Everybody agreed to our proposal, did they?
   - B) Everybody agreed to our proposal, didn’t they?
   - C) Everybody agreed to our proposal, do they?
   - D) Everybody agreed to our proposal don’t they?

2. Identify the sentence:
   - He is certain to be late so why to wait for him?
   - A) simple
   - B) compound
   - C) complex
   - D) None of these

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3. Pick out the sentence with SVOC pattern:
   A) Man hunts animals, mercilessly
   B) We elected Malar, the leader
   C) She boils the milk everyday
   D) They stand under the tree.

4. Match the statements given in Column A with their question tags in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

   Column A          Column B
   a) It’s raining  1. didn’t they?
   b) They came by car  2. can she?
   c) They don’t like me.  3. isn’t it?
   d) She can’t do the job  4. do they?

   codes:
   a  b  c  d
   A) 1 4 2 3
   B) 3 2 1 4
   C) 3 1 4 2
   D) 4 3 1 2

5. Select the correct sequence of preposition.
   -----------the eleventh hour Ramu withdrew-----------the contest, leaving the field open---------his opponent-----------that day.
   A) at, from, on, to
   B) at, on, from, to
   C) on, at, from, to
   D) at, from, to, on

6. Select the appropriate active voice for the italicized words:
   The house next door has been bought by Anitha.
   A) has bought
   B) have bought
   C) have been bought
   D) will have been bought.

7. Which one of the following has correct gerund form?
   A) I am tired of waiting
   B) I am tired of having waited
   C) I am tired of being waited
   D) I am tired to wait.

8. Which one of the following has the correct infinitive?
   A) I think Nina meant to break the crystal vase.
   B) I think Nina meant to have broken the crystal vase.
   C) I think Nina meant having broken the crystal vase.
   D) I think Nina meant to be breaking the crystal vase.

9. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage. Write the correct code given below
   A) the,a, the, a
   B) the,a, the, an
   C) a, the, the, an
   D) a, a, a, an

10. Find out the odd one (verb):
    A) Last
    B) Final
    C) Lost
    D) Truthful.

11. Choose the correct words to fill in the blanks:
    A) group, apes, chicken
    B) team, apes, chickens
    C) troop, apes, chicken
    D) troop, apes, chickens
12. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>2. captivating</td>
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<td>c) Bediam</td>
<td>3. deceives</td>
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<td>d) Imposter</td>
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codes: a b c d
A) 1 3 4 2  
B) 3 2 4 1  
C) 4 1 3 2  
D) 2 1 4 3  

13. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) advance and retreat</td>
<td>1. to write something as a record</td>
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<td>b) Keep an account of</td>
<td>2. emerge in a large number</td>
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<td>c) arrive in</td>
<td>3. move to and fro</td>
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<td>d) pour out from</td>
<td>4. reach</td>
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codes: a b c d
A) 3 1 4 2  
B) 4 2 3 1  
C) 3 1 2 4  
D) 1 3 4 2  

14. Which one of the following sentences has a participle in it?
A) He had lost his passport and applied for a new one.  
B) Having lost his passport, he applied for a new one.  
C) His passport had been lost, and hence he applied for a new one.  
D) His passport was lost and he had applied for a new one. 

15. Select the correct option to complete the sentence:
Gandhiji is the only person who stood. 
A) for truth and non-violence  
B) of truth and non-violence 
C) after truth and non-violence  
D) away truth and non-violence. 

16. Identify the sentence:
In the event of his failure, he will give up further attempts. 
A) None  
B) Compound  
C) Complex  
D) Simple
17. Identify the sentence with the correct question tag:
   A) They have been to London, have they?
   B) They have been to London, hasn’t they?
   C) They had been to London, hadn’t they?
   D) They had been to London, haven’t they?

18. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>c) haughty</td>
<td>3. wild</td>
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<td>d) affliction</td>
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   a   b   c   d
A)  4   1   3   2
B)  3   2   4   1
C)  1   3   4   2
D)  3   4   2   1

19. Fill in the blanks with suitable article:
   He always offers aims to -------------------- poor.
   A) the   B) an   C) a   D) no article.

20. Match the following articles in Column A with their suitable words in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) zero</td>
<td>2. MLA</td>
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<td>c) an</td>
<td>3. English Language</td>
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<td>d) the</td>
<td>4. Man</td>
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codes:
   a   b   c   d
A)  4   2   3   1
B)  4   3   2   1
C)  2   3   4   1
D)  2   4   3   1

21. Match the following words given in Column A with their parts of speech in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>c) Cartoon</td>
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22. Fill in the blanks with suitable article:
He studies in ----------------- sixth standard.
A) no article 
B) a 
C) an 
D) the

23. Find the sentence in which the italicized word is used as an Adjective:
A) I did not know his address. 
B) Address the gathering
C) write your address here 
D) He asked for the address proof.

24. Match the following italicized words of the sentences given in Column A with their parts of speech in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) I live here</td>
<td>2. noun</td>
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<td>c) She walks fast</td>
<td>3. Verb</td>
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<td>d) I have a gift wrapper</td>
<td>4. adverb</td>
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codes:
A) 1 4 3 2
B) 2 4 1 3
C) 2 3 1 4
D) 2 3 4 1

25. Find out the part of speech that is not used in the given sentences:
I. She gave us a present
II. we present her a gift every year.
III. The present situation is worse
IV. The paper presented needs your attention.
A) Noun 
B) Adverb
C) Adjective
D) Verb

26. Select the correct option to complete the sentence:
Jane left Bangalore after her studies. She found it difficult to get a job.
jane would have found a new job-----------------
A) if she stayed in Bangalore 
B) if she had stayed in Bangalore.
C) if she would stay in Bangalore 
D) if she will stay in Bangalore.

27. Select the correct sentence from the following:
A) He is the good batsman in our learn. 
B) He is one of the talkative boys in the class.
C) Lekha is most clever than her sister 
D) Apples aare not sweet as mangoes.

28. Select the correct sentence from the following:
A) Do you know which is world’s tallest building?
29. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
   A) This is the most long lesson in this book   B) This is the most longest lesson in this book.
   C) This is most longest lesson in this book   D) This is the longest lesson in this book.

30. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
   A) Ramu is more tall than somu   B) Ramu is not more tall than somu
   C) Ramu is taller than somu   D) Ramu is taller to somu

31. Which one of the following has the correct gerund form?
   A) I remember to read about the earthquake in the papers.
   B) I remember having read about the earthquake in the papers.
   C) I remember having been read about the earthquake in the papers.
   D) I remember reading about the earthquake in the papers.

32. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
   A) Kindness is noblest of all virtue.   B) Kindness is most noble of all virtues.
   C) Kindness is the noblest of all virtues   D) Kindness is the most nobles of all virtues.

33. Fill in the blanks with suitable gerund:
   ---------------- on the grass is forbidden.
   A) To walk   B) Walking   C) Having walked   D) To be walked

34. Fill in the blanks with suitable infinitive:
   I am not afraid ---------------- the truth
   A) to have spoken   B) having spoken   C) speaking   D) to speak.

35. Find out the correct passive form for the italicized word/words.
   He will do it.
   A) will done   B) will be doing   C) will be done   D) would do

36. Find out the Active voice from the options:
   A) Let the doors be opened   B) Let the cars be parked here
   C) Let the children play in the garden   D) Let the inpatients not be disturbed

37. Identify the tense form:
   He has just gone out.
   A) simple present tense   B) present perfect tense
   C) simple past tense   D) past perfect tense

38. Replace the italicized word / words with present progressive tense from the options given below;
   A) was expecting   B) has been expecting   C) is expecting   D) would be expecting

39. There ---------------- a tear in my cost so I ---------------- anew coat when I ---------------- to market.
   A) is, willbuy, go   B) was, will buy, went
   C) is, bought, go   D) will be, bought, went

40. Replace the italicized word/words with past progressive tense from the options given below.
   She absented herself from the school frequently.
   A) had been absenting   B) has been absenting   C) is absenting   D) was absenting
41. Identify the sentence:
   His son, the pride of his old age, is dead.
   A) complex  B) compound  C) None  D) simple

42. Identify the sentence:
   That he is unreliable is well known.
   A) simple  B) compound  C) complex  D) None of these.

43. Identify the compound sentence
   A) Unless you do as I do, you will regret it.
   B) can you tell me the time of his arrival?
   C) Favio sat beside him and pulled out his cellphone
   D) This is a machine which is used for sewing.

44. Identify the simple sentence:
   A) The problem is too difficult to solve
   B) The problem is so difficult that I cannot solve it
   C) The problem is very difficult and so I cannot solve it
   D) As the problem is very difficult, I cannot solve it

45. Identify the simple sentence:
   A) He went to the place, where his father lived
   B) He went to his father’s native place
   C) He went to a place and his father lived there.
   D) He went to the native place where his father lived.

46. Match the following words given in Column A with their antonyms in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

   Column A                      Column B
   a) Trivial                  1. dwarf
   b) Acceleration             2. significant
   c) Monstrous                3. lit
   d) Extinguished             4. retardation

   codes: a  b  c  d
   A) 1  2  3  4
   B) 4  1  2  3
   C) 3  4  1  2
   D) 2  4  1  3

47. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

   Column A                     Column B
   a. parched                   1. slimy
   b. Taut                      2. smiled
   c. Groaned                   3. slavery
d. Freedom

4. wet

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48. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage and choose the correct code given below.

Ramu jad applied for------------- post of---------- cashier in ----------bank. In-------- interview he answered some questions well.

A) a, the, the, an B) the, a, a, the C) the, a, a, an D) the, a, the, an

49. Match the following and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A
a) prowess
b) shroud
C) prudent
d) obscure
5. reveal

Column B
1. reckless
2. coward
3. clear
4. near
5. reveal

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50. Match the following phrasal verbs given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A
a) bring out
b) bring to
c) bring under
d) bring up
5. rear.

Column B
1. realize
2. restore
3. emphasise
4. subdue
5. rear.

codes:

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51. Match the following words given in Column A with their antonyms in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) Nightmarish</td>
<td>1. calm</td>
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<td>b) Irate</td>
<td>2. announce</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) Unherald</td>
<td>3. aroma</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) Stench</td>
<td>4. pleasing</td>
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**codes:**

- a  b  c  d
- A) 4  1  2  3  
- B) 1  4  3  2  
- C) 2  1  4  3  
- D) 1  2  3  4  

52. Match the following phrases/idioms given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) Mess around</td>
<td>1. punish</td>
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<td>b) Mete something out</td>
<td>2. waste time</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) Mill around</td>
<td>3. beware of danger</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) Mind out</td>
<td>4. people get together very close</td>
</tr>
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**codes:**

- a  b  c  d
- A) 2  4  3  1  
- B) 1  3  2  4  
- C) 3  1  4  2  
- D) 2  1  4  3  

53. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) go up</td>
<td>1. wait</td>
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<td>b) hold on</td>
<td>2. a little ago</td>
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<tr>
<td>c) just before</td>
<td>3. disclose a secret</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) let on</td>
<td>4. increase</td>
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**codes:**

- a  b  c  d
- A) 1  2  3  4  
- B) 4  3  2  1  
- C) 4  3  1  2  
- D) 4  1  2  3  

54. Fill in the blanks with correct Homophone:

We sat under the shade of the ---------- tree.
A) breach B) beach C) beech D) beich

55. Match the following phrases/ idioms given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>1. surrender</td>
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<tr>
<td>b) give in</td>
<td>2. a green house</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) in abundance</td>
<td>3. wear</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) unerglass</td>
<td>4. a lot of</td>
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codes: a b c d
A) 3 1 4 2
B) 1 2 3 4
C) 4 3 2 1
D) 3 2 4 1

56. Find out the incorrect sentence from the following:
A) She is a minor so she needs a guardian
B) They saw the teacher so they became silent
C) As it rained so the match was cancelled.
D) The pen is very beautiful but it does not write smoothly.

57. Find out the meaning for the italicized word.
He set into a thriving business.
I. upcoming II. increasing III. successful IV. prosperous
A) I,II,III B) II,III,IV C) I,III,IV D) I,II, IV

58. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) get on to</td>
<td>2. move fully</td>
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<td>c) go in to</td>
<td>3. climb</td>
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<td>d) ground up</td>
<td>4. because of</td>
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codes: a b c d
A) 2 1 4 3
B) 1 2 3 4
C) 4 3 2 1
d) 4 2 3 1
59. Match Column A Column B to make meaningful sentences by using prepositions and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>1. by 10 per cent</td>
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<td>b) prices have risen</td>
<td>2. about you</td>
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<td>c) He went</td>
<td>3. out of the taxt</td>
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<td>d) We were talking</td>
<td>4. on horseback to kedarnath.</td>
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codes:

a b c d
A) 3 1 .2 4
B) 3 1 4 2
C) 4 3 1 2
D) 4 2 1 3

60. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given as option;

He cuts the cake -------------- a knife.

A) in  B) for  C) over  D) with

61. Identify the incorrect prepositional phrase from the given option:

David is ------------------

A) araraid of dark  B) afraid of dogs  C) for definitely wrong  D) frightened of devails.

62. Identify the sentence of requisition.

(A) Just find out the odd one, won’t you?  
B) Just find out the key, can’t you?
C) Just open the door, can you?  
D) Just open the door, will you?

63. Pick out the sentence with SVIODO pattern:

A) Painters paint pictures  
B) I eat apples every day  
C) He gave me a book  
D) Raju speaks English fluently

64. Find out the passive voice from the option:

A) Someone is chasing him.  
B) Someone is innocent here.  
C) Someone is allowed here by mistake.  
D) Some one here is keen on money by nature

65. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?

A) Your pencil is more sharp than mine  
B) Your pencil is sharper than me  
C) Your pencil is the sharper than mine  
D) Your pencil is sharp than mine.

66. Which of the following sentences has correct use of articles?

A) The rose is the sweetest of all flowers  
B) Rose is the sweetest of all flowers  
C) A rose is the sweetest of all flowers  
D) An rose is the sweetest of all flowers.

67. Fill in the blank with suitable phrase:

Prem hates ------------------ in the morning Luckily he works in the evening

A) gettingon  B) getting up  C) getting in  D) none of these
68. Match Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) break down</td>
<td>1. disperse</td>
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<td>b) break in</td>
<td>2. collapse</td>
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<td>c) break off</td>
<td>3. detach</td>
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<td>d) break up</td>
<td>4. enter by force</td>
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<td>5. disintegration</td>
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Codes:
- a: 1
- b: 5
- c: 2
- d: 4

69. Match Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) given away</td>
<td>1. resign</td>
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<tr>
<td>b) give over</td>
<td>2. transfer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) give up</td>
<td>3. pronounce</td>
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<td>d) give off</td>
<td>4. abandon</td>
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<td>5. emit</td>
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Codes:
- a: 2
- b: 4
- c: 5
- d: 1

70. Match Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) impound</td>
<td>2. ambiguous, approximate</td>
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<td>c) improbable</td>
<td>3. invent and perform</td>
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<td>d) imprecise</td>
<td>4. seize legally</td>
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<td>5. not original, copying.</td>
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Codes:
- a: 5
- b: 3
- c: 2
- d: 4
71. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.
   A-------------------- of ------------------ attached the village.
   A) gangs, thieves   B) gang, thieves   C) gang, theifs   D) gangs, thief.

72. Fill in the blanks suitably:
   He -------------- the bus, if he -------------- early.
   A) could catch, starts  B) will catch, starts  C) would catch, starts  D) will catch, started.

73. Find out the meaning for the italicized word:
   Hemanth rejected his suggestion indignantly.
   I. irritatedly       II) annouingly       III) infuriatedly       IV) furiously

74. Find out the meaning for the italicized word:
   She was fascinated by her obscure statements.
   I. convinced       II. attracted       III. charmed       IV. enthralled       V. allured

75. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

   Column A                  Column B
   a) canopy                 1. scolding
   b) concerned              2. strange
   c) queer                  3. beanxious
   d) chide                  4. sheller

   Codes:
   a  b  c  d
   A)  4  3  2  1
   B)  3  2  4  1
   C)  3  1  2  4
   D)  4  1  2  3

76. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

   Column A                  Column B
   a) sloth                   1. annoyed
   b) intricate               2. laziness
   c) irritated              3. fear
   d) dread                  4. complicated.

   Codes:
   a  b  c  d
   A)  1  3  2  4
   B)  4  2  1  3
   C)  2  4  1  3
   D)  2  3  1  4
77. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) profound</td>
<td>2. ability</td>
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<tr>
<td>c) lanky</td>
<td>3. intuition</td>
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<td>d) aptitude</td>
<td>4. tall and thin.</td>
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Codes:
- a b c d
- A) 1 3 4 2
- B) 3 1 4 2
- C) 4 3 1 2
- D) 2 1 3 4

78. Find out the odd one:
I. country side
II. inside
III. Presidw
IV. hiliside.

A) None of these
B) I
C) III
D) IV

79. Match Column A with Column B to form a new word and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>1. ry</td>
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<td>b) Terrify</td>
<td>2. ism</td>
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<tr>
<td>c) Youth</td>
<td>3. ic</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) power</td>
<td>4. less</td>
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<td>5. ful</td>
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Codes:
- a b c d
- A) 1 3 5 4
- B) 3 1 5 4
- C) 1 3 4 5
- D) 3 1 4 2

80. Find out the odd one:
I. criticism
II. Racism
III. Atheism
IV. Egoism

A) III
B) II
C) I
D) IV

81. Find out the odd one:
I. organism
II. Tourism
III. llypoism
IV. llypnotism

A) II
B) III
C) IV
D) I

82. Which of the following sentences is correct?
A) you can study well, can you?
B) students like movies, do they?
C) We can’t live without air, can’t we?
D) He didn’t go, did he?
83. Match the following words given in Column A with their antonyms in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) panicked</td>
<td>1. Humility</td>
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<td>b) Drought</td>
<td>2. calmed</td>
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<tr>
<td>c) commence</td>
<td>3. Floods</td>
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<td>d) pride</td>
<td>4. Conclude</td>
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Codes:

A) 3 4 2 1  
B) 2 4 1 3  
C) 1 3 4 2  
D) 2 3 4 1  

84. Match the following sentence given in Column A with their patterns in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) Now, it is raining</td>
<td>1. ASVO</td>
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<td>b) This morning I met him</td>
<td>2. SVC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) Radha sings a song</td>
<td>3. ASV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d) Sita is a teacher</td>
<td>4. SVO</td>
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</tbody>
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Codes:

A) 1 2 4 3  
B) 3 4 2 1  
C) 3 1 4 2  
D) 4 3 2 1  

85. Match the following sentences given in Column A with their patterns in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>a) They were happy</td>
<td>1. SVA</td>
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<tr>
<td>b) She sang sweetly</td>
<td>2. SVIODO</td>
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<tr>
<td>c) I gave him a book</td>
<td>3. SVOC</td>
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<td>d) He painted the car green</td>
<td>4. SVC</td>
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Codes:

A) 1 3 2 4  
B) 4 1 2 3  
C) 4 2 4 3  
D) 4 3 2 1  

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86. Identify the sentence pattern:
To err is human
A) SV  B) SVC  C) SVO  D) SVOC

87. Match the following homophones given in Column A with their related meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>1. statues collectively</td>
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<tr>
<td>b) stationary</td>
<td>2. Authorized by law.</td>
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<tr>
<td>c) stationery</td>
<td>3. Not moving</td>
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<td>d) statuary</td>
<td>4. writing materials.</td>
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Codes:
A) 1 2 3 4  
B) 2 3 4 1  
C) 3 4 1 2  
D) 4 1 2 3

88. Match the following homophones given in Column A with their related meanings in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>(Meanings)</td>
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<td>a) career</td>
<td>1. an attendant at court</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b) courier</td>
<td>2. person or animal transmitting disease</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) carrier</td>
<td>3. job</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) courtier</td>
<td>4. a person who delivers messages.</td>
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Codes:
A) 2 3 1 4  
B) 3 1 4 2  
C) 3 4 2 1  
D) 1 2 4 3

89. Fill in the blank with the correct homophone.
The --------- thread was thrown away.
A) naughty  B) notty  C) knoity  D) notey

90. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophone:
The teacher gave ------------- to the students.
A) council  B) counselor  C) counsel  D) councel

91. Find out the meaning for the italicized words:
His brother’s worthy suggestion changed Sachin to a steadjast cricketer.
i) determined  ii) firm  iii) famous  iv) committed.
A) i, ii, iii  B) i, ii, iv  C) i, iii, iv  D) none of these.
92. Which of the following statements take the following questions tag?
------------------------ doesn’t she?
A) Reeta goes to school everyday.   B) Reeta should go to school everyday
C) Reeta can go to school everyday.  D) Reeta does not go to school everyday.
93. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition given below as options:
There is a beautiful bridge ------------- the Kaveri river.
A) across       B) in       C)through       D) between.
94. Identify the degree:
Delhi Dare Devils and Kolkata Knight Riders are equally challenging teams.
A) Comparative   B) superlative   C) positive   D) None of these.
95. Change into superlative degree:
Aerospace engineering is more fascinating subject to the students than other subjects.
A) Aerospace engineering is the most fascinating subject to the students.
B) Aerospace engineering is one of the fascinating subject to the students.
C) Aerospace engineering is the only fascinating subject to the students.
D) Aerospace engineering is not the only fascinating subject to the students.
96. Choose the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence:
They were carrying the injured player off the field.
A) They carried the injured player off the field.
B) The injured player was being carried off the field by them.
C) The injured player carried them off the field.
D) The field was being carried by them for the players.
97. Identify the superlative degree:
A) who is braver, Napoleon or Hitler?
B) She is the wealthiest lady in the society.
C) Her dress is old
D) The nearer I came, the farther he went.
98. Identify the degree, and choose the correct answer:
Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson.
A) Comparative degree  B) Positive degree  C)superlative degree  D) None of these.
99. Change the following into comparative degree:
My pony is not as trained as yours.
A) Your pony is more trained than mine.  B) your pony is not more trained than mine.
C) Your pony is relatively more trained  D) your pony is more trained.
100. When I saw a black and white print of Jesus Christ in his hut I asked Gandhiji,
“How is this ? you are not a Christian”
“I am a Christian and a Hindu and a Muslim and Jew. “he replied.
The answer of Gandhiji reflects ------------------
A) his arrogance       B) his faith on secularism
C) his disrespect for religion       D)his disrespect for others.
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TNPSC - PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

GENERAL ENGLISH

GROUP - IV – 2013

1. Identify the correct preposition from the options given below:
   The papers to be prepared ------------------ a month.

2. Identify the correct preposition from the options given below:
   There is not enough space --------------- the desk and the bench. Arrange them properly, ------the classes commence.
   A) before,between  B) between, before  C) beside,behind  D) near, on

3. Choose the correct order of the prepositions from the options given to fill in the blanks of the following passage.
   -------------- first, We sat -------------- the shade -------------- a tree, but later we went -------------- a swim ----the river.
   A) by, in, of,for, in  B) in, on, of, for, in  C) at, in, of, for, in  D) at, in, of, to, in

4. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following statements:
   She hasn’t submitted the note, --------------?
   A) hasn’t she?  B) doesn’t she?  C) has she?  D) does she?
5. They sometimes “skinned their noses”. What is the figurative meaning of the phrase “Skinned their noses”?
   A) were upset by failures       B) rubbed the nose accidentally
   C) scratched the nose           D) encouraged by failures.

6. “I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him” Whose words are these?
   A) Antony       B) Brutus       C) Casca       D) Shylock

7. Why did your brother write such a letter?
   Choose the passive form of the above sentence:
   A) None
   B) Why did such a letter was written by your brother?
   C) Why was such a letter written by your brother?
   D) Why has he written such a letter?

8. Read the passage and answer the question that follows:
   The chief characteristic of heroism is persistency. A true hero is never waver ing in his intentions, but is always firm and fearless. The word ‘Persistency’ means:
   A) Idiosyncrasy       B) Democracy       C) Intricacy       D) Consistency

9. Read the statement given below and answer the question that follows:
   Dress and address make the first and foremost impression. The word underlined means:
   A) the place where we live       B) our speech and manner s
   C) our surroundings and neighbourhood       D) a stylish accent in speech

10. Identify the sentence which is not of the same pattern as the others:
    A) At the age of 60, everyone is happy       B) The whole day we were happy
    C) Immediately it became dark       D) My uncle presented me a lap-top

11. Read the passage and choose the option that indicates the idea contained in the passage:
    For the sake of enjoying literature it is not necessary for us to be indifferent towards many other affairs of social life.
    A) Literature renders us disinterested in social affairs
    B) We enjoy literature only when we ignore other affairs of social life
    C) Literature includes developing in one social awareness too.
    D) Literature alienates Man from the society

12. After all, winners don’t do different things. They do things differently.
    Pick out the right antonym of the word “different”.
    A) dissimilar       B) similar       C) indifferent       D) constant
13. Match the following characters and the plays they appear in:

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14. Identify the incorrect statement.

(A) Listening to music agitates our minds.
(B) Music consoles and soothes our aching hearts.
(C) Music refreshes and rejuvenates our minds.
(D) Music strengthens our hopes.

15. “Specific goals are better than general ones. Self chosen goals are better than assigned ones. Choose goals that are challenging, but reachable.”

In this context, the opposite of the word ‘assigned’ is -----------

A) Challenging
B) Specific
C) self-chosen
D) given

16. After all, winners don’t do different things. They do things differently.

The above lines suggests

A) All winners are different
B) Winners do different things
C) Winners do things differently
D) Losers don’t do different things.

17. Which place is described in the Ahtushi Deshpande’s travelogue “To the land of snow”?

A) Rajpur
B) Munsiyari
C) Surat
D) Manipur

18. Match the titles of poems under Column A with the names of poets under Columns B and choose the correct codes

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19. Match the titles of the stories given under Column A with the names of the author under Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>(d) The Open Window</td>
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D) 3 2 1 4

20. The story “Caught Sneezing” is adapted from the short story written by---------------

A) O’Henry  B) Robert Frost  C) Bonnie Chamberlain  D) Oscar Wilde

21. Find out the odd pairs from the following:

A) The face of Judas Iscariot - Bonnie Chamberlain
B) A Close Encounter - Rex Coker
C) Caught Sneezing - Oscar Wilde
D) The Tears of the Desert - Rob Reilly

22. Identify the work which is not an autobiography:

A) My Experiments with Truth  B) Wings of Fire
C) My Story  D) Glimpses of World History.

23. The only people who were pleased to stay in the selfish Giant’s garden were----------

A) Spring and Summer  B) The snow and the Frost
C) The Birds and the animals  D) The trees and flowers

24. “Like a golden swarm of fireflies you came”

Identify the figure of speech employed in the poetic lines:

A) Metaphor  B) Personification  C) Transferred epithet  D) Simile

25. Identify the poetic line that differs in figure of speech from the other poetic lines:

A) Be not like dumb driven cattle  B) He lifted his head from his drinking as cattle do
C) You were the dawn  D) Like homing bees you borrow

26. Choose the option with the right meaning of the idiom given below:

Show one’s yellow streak

A) displaying yellow coloured stripes  B) being inexperienced
C) exhibiting one’s cowardice  D) painting the place yellow

27. Match the following words given under Column A with their meanings under Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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28. From the given options, choose the author who has written “The Return of the Native”.
   A) Thomas Hardy  B) Douglas Malloch  C) Patrick French  D) Robert Louis Stevenson

29. Tick the correct plural for the given word:
   Criterion
   A) criterium  B) criteria  C) criterions  D) none of these

30. Identify the type of this sentence:
   The old TV belongs to my sister and it needs repair
   A) Simple  B) Complex  C) Compound  D) None of these

31. Change the following sentence into comparative:
   The apple is not so sweet as the mango
   A) the mango is sweeter than the mango  B) the apple is sweeter than the apple
   C) the mango is not sweeter than the apple  D) the apple is more sweet than the mango

32. Identify the words which blend to form the word ‘Slang’ and choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
   A) slow + language  B) Slovently + language  C) Sleep + language  D) Slum + language

33. Match the following words given under Column A with the blended forms under Column B:

   Column A          Column B
   (a) medical + claim  1. comsat
   (b) transfer + resistor  2. mediclaim
   (c) telephone + telegram  3. transistor
   (d) communication + statellie  4. Phonogram

   (a)  (b)  (c)  (d)
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   B)  2  3  4  1
   C)  4  2  3  1
   D)  3  2  1  4
34. The compound word sewing machine is of the form:
   A) Noun + Noun    B) Verb + Noun    C) Gerund + Noun    D) Adjective + Noun

35. Match the Column A with Column B to make meaningful sentences. Select the correct code given below:

   Column A                  Column B
   (a) The police found the thief        1. weeping all the while
   (b) I saw the bats                   2. racking towards the earth
   (c) We noticed the lady              3. hiding behind the door
   (d) The astronomer observed a meteor 4. hanging from the roof.

   (a)   (b)   (c)   (d)
   A) 1   3      2     4
   B) 2   1      4     3
   C) 4   2      3     1
   D) 3   4      1     2

36. Fill in the blanks choosing the right pair of words in order:
   The Woman wearing a (1) went to the hotel to have (2) for dinner.

   (1)   (2)
   A) wail and veal
   B) veal and veil
   C) vile and wail
   D) veil and veal

37. Pick out the noun that undergoes a change in its plural form:
   A) equipment    B) staff    C) goose    D) luggage

38. Form a new words by blending the words ‘motorway’ and ‘hotel’.
   A) motohotel    B) mowaytel  C) motorel    D) motel

39. Select the compound sentences:
   A) The power of garlic is widely discussed by the medical community.
   B) There is increasing evidence that garlic can lower cholesterol levels.
   C) Doctors advise us to include garlic in our diet.
   D) The garlic may smell bad, but it can save our lives from heart diseases.

40. Match the following poetic lines in Column A with their correct poets in Column B
   Select the correct code given below:

   Column A                  Column B
   (a) Stop be silent for today 1. Walt Whitman
   (b) O Winged seeds you crossed the
       furrowed sea                  2. H.W. Longfellow
   (c) Trust no future, however pleasant 3. V.K. Gokak
41. Match the poetic lines in Column A with the related poets in Column B and Select the appropriate code:

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<td>2. Robert Frost</td>
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<td>(c) We ran as if to meet the moon</td>
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<td>(d) But he’s locked in a concrete cell</td>
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42. The poem ‘Be the best’ by Douglas Malloch is about
A) being optimistic  B) being contented  C) self-acceptance  D) all the above

43. What is the theme of the poem ‘Piano’?
A) The poet’s love for his mother  B) The pastime of the poet during his school days  
C) The poet’s love for music  D) The poet’s comparison of childhood days with manhood days

44. Choose the correct antonym of the word underlined in the following sentence:
I therefore dismiss it with frigid tranquility.
A) sedation  B) irritation  C) agitation  D) desperation

45. Things become better, when you expect the best instead of the worst. Expecting the best means, that you put your whole heart into what you want to accomplish. People are defeated in life not for lack of ability, but for lack of whole-heartedness.

The reason for defeat in life is:
A) failure  B) affordability  C) lack of ability  D) lack of whole-heartedness

46. Identify the sentence which is in the comparative degree
A) Tennyson is not the greatest of all poets  B) Some poets are at least as great as Tennyson
47. Identify the complex sentence.
   A) As the war had ended, the soldiers returned.  B) The war being ended the soldiers returned.
   C) The war ended and so the soldiers returned  D) The soldiers returned after the war.

48. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb forms given in sequence:
   The teacher -------- the exercises which Nila---------
   A) corrected, had prepared  B) corrected, prepares
   C) corrects, is preparing  D) corrects, have prepared

49. I stood in awe, astonishment and reverence when I saw a walled fortress inside – a standing testimony of the Chola’s Opulence and vision. Given the antonym for the underlined word.
   A) Kindness  B) Richness  C) Hardness  D) Poverty

50. Select the apt suffix to form a meaningful word from the root word chronology.
   A) able  B) ical  C) ity  D) ness

51. Choose the correct prefix to form a meaningful word from the root word – Filament
   A) pre  B) un  C) mono  D) unm

52. Match the words under Column A with the words under Column B to form compound words.
   Column A     Column B
   (a) good 1. forgotten
   (b) nerve 2. humoured
   (c) long 3. fangled
   (d) new 4. racking
   (a)  (b)  (c)  (d)
   A) 2 1 3 4
   B) 1 2 3 4
   C) 2 4 1 3
   D) 3 2 4 1

53. Complete the sentence choosing an option from those given below:
   Yesterday ---------- European met me.
   A) an  B) a  C) the  D) no article

54. Fill in the blank with the suitable article
   ---------- MP is a member of the parliament.
   A)a  B) an  C) the  D) no error

55. In which of the poem do the following lines occur?
   And in the hush we joined to make
   We heard, we knew we heard the brook.
   A) The cry of the children  B) Going for water
   C) Be the best  D) Migrant Bird

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56. Which of the following is not a poem?
A) Snake  B) Women’s Rights  C) The Man He Killed  D) To the Land of snow

57. In whose biography do you find this statement?
‘I would sweep them out of existence if I had the power’
A) Jawaharlal Nehru  B) Nelson Mandela  C) Abraham Lincoln  D) Mahatma Gandhi

58. Identify the sentence with the wrong question tag:
A) Ramu went to Assam last week, didn’t he?
B) The Australians will not win the finals, will they?
C) People shouldn’t be rude to one another, shouldn’t they?
D) The bus is early today, isn’t it?

59. Identify the tense form of the verb underlined:
They have been building the bridge for several months.
A) perfect tense  B) present perfect continuous tense  C) Simple present tense  D) Present perfect tense.

60. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct tense forms the options given below:
I will go to meet him rather than ----------- for him.
A) wait for him  B) to wait for him  C) will wait for him  D) shall wait for him

61. Fill in the blank with the correct answer from the following options.
“The story of My Life” is the autobiography of ----------
A) Albert Einstein  B) Winston Churchill  C) Annie Besant  D) Helen Keller

62. The first astronaut who stayed in space for the longest period of 195 days is ---------------
A) Sunitha Williams  B) Rakesh Sharma  C) Neli Armstrong  D) Kalpanachawla

63. “My first duty on rising is to tender my most sincere and grateful thanks to the students for their address which they have just how presented to me----“
A) Mother Teresa  B) Indira Gandhi  C) Gopal Krishna Gokhale  D) Mahatma Gandhi

64. Match the authors with the relevant characters from their books:

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65. Which of the following literary works does not exhibit the theme of ‘Optimism’?
   A) Be the Best  
   B) keep your spirits high  
   C) The Mark of Vishnu  
   D) Where the mind is without fear

66. Which of the following lines do not belong to Shakespeare’s Sonnet no: 116?
   A) ‘O’ no! it is an ever-fixed mark  
   B) It is the star to every wandering bark  
   C) Echoes fade and memories die…  
   D) Love’s not Time’s fool.

67. Read the passage and answer the question that follows:
   In building up a strong, free and democratic India, openmindedness and constructive approach
   are required so that she could make a speedy progress crossing the hurdles of communalism,
   Separation and untouchability. The passage points out that:
   A) Communalism, Separation and untouchability were prevalent in India, then.
   B) India had overcome the hurdles of communalism, Separation and untouchability.
   C) India was too openminded to make a speedy progress.
   D) India did not need a constructive approach.

68. ‘If the Himalayan ice disappears, the future will be worse’. This statement is about------------------
   A) communal disharmony  
   B) advantages of science and technology  
   C) an alarming global issue  
   D) astrological science

69. “Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls”
   Name the poet who dreamt of a world with equality and harmony.
   A) Ruskin Bond  
   B) Robert Frost  
   C) Rabindranath Tagore  
   D) Walt Whitman

70. Mention the poem in which the following lines appear:
   “He should be lurking in the shadow
   Sliding through the long grass”
   A) The Birds and the Crumb  
   B) A Tiger in the Zoo  
   C) The Road Not Taken  
   D) Snake

71. -------------- was the author, whose story has been adapted as ‘Caught Sneezing’
   A) Rudyard Kipling  
   B) Rabindranath Tagore  
   C) Oscar Wilde  
   D) Kamala Das

72. Which of the following is not a poem?
   A) Punishment in Kindergarten  
   B) Making Visible the Invisible  
   C) The Solitary Reaper  
   D) The Cry of the Children

73. Which of the following poems is written by Lewis Caroll?
   A) Is life, but a dream?  
   B) The Man he Killed  
   C) The Apology  
   D) English Words

74. Match the poetic lines under Column A with the figures of speech under Column B and select the
    correct answer from the codes given below:
75. Having overloaded myself I reached the palace in search of all the glory of the old Chola capital. The 16th century palace was built by the Nayaks and later renovated by the Marathas. Who built the palace in Thanjavur?
76. Music has a way of finding the big, invisible moving pieces inside our hearts and soul and helping us figure out the position of things inside us. What does ‘figure out’ mean?
   A) make out   B) take out   C) look out   D) seek out
77. Laugh till the game is played and be you merry, my friends. In the above quoted lines from ‘Laugh and be Merry’ by John Masefield the figure of speech that occur is
   A) simile   B) metaphor   C) alliteration   D) apostrophe
78. Which state does the poet kamala Surraya belong to?
   A) Tamil Nadu   B) Kerala   C) Maharastra   D) Andra Pradesh
79. Match the pen names in Column A to the writers in Column B and choose the correct answer from the codes given below:
   Column A                        Column B
   (a) O Henry                     1. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson
   (b) Madhvikutty                 2. William Sydney Porter
   (c) Lewis Carroll               3. Hector Hugh Munro
   (d) Saki                        4. Kamala Das.
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80. Match the short stories under column A with their authors under Column B and select the correct code:

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B) 4 3 2 1
C) 3 2 1 4
D) 1 2 3 4

81. Match the characters, with the relevant story title and select the correct codes given below:

| (a) Mr. Parsons                  | 1. Holiday                    |
| (b) Bishvambhar                  | 2. Reflowering                |
| (c) Djinn                        | 3. A Man Who Had No Eyes      |
| (d) Rowther                      | 4. How the Camel got His Humph|

(a) (b) (c) (d)

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C) 1 2 3 4
D) 3 1 4 2

82. Combine the words given under Column A with those given under Column B to form compound words:

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<td>(c) sun</td>
<td>3. green</td>
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<td>(d) sea</td>
<td>4. light</td>
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(a) (b) (c) (d)

A) 1 2 3 4
B) 4 1 2 3
C) 2 3 1 4
D) 3 2 4 1

83. Choose the right word to complete the idiom.

I go to movies once in a ------------------ moon.

A) blue  B) gray  C) green  D) Yellow
84. Match the following phrases/idioms given under Column A with their meanings under Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>(b) to be on cloud nine</td>
<td>2. to stay away without permission</td>
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<td>(c) to play truant</td>
<td>3. to initiate</td>
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<td>(d) in the pink of</td>
<td>4. to be very happy</td>
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(a) (b) (c) (d)

A) 3 4 2 1  
B) 4 3 2 1  
C) 2 1 4 3  
D) 1 2 3 4

85. Choose the American English equivalent of the word ‘freight car’

A) van  
B) wagon  
C) tempo  
D) truck

86. Fill in the blanks with a suitable article:

Students are asked to attend----------special class, to be held in the evening.

A) a  
B) an  
C) the  
D) no article

87. Select the complex sentence:

A) Arun attended the interview and got selected  
B) We could not guess what he actually wanted  
C) My uncle has gone to Mumbai to finalise a business proposal  
D) The pilgrims had to cancel the trip because of bad weather.

88. Form a new word by blending the words.

news + broadcast

A) newcast  
B) newsbroad  
C) newsbroadcast  
D) newscast

89. Identify the superlative degree in the Sentences given below:

A) Mr. Robertson is more helpful than most other persons  
B) Mr. Robertson is helpfuller than other persons.  
C) Mr. Robertson is one of the most helpful persons  
D) Very few persons are as helpful as Mr. Robertson.

90. Choose the correct passive form of the sentence given below:

We should help the poor.

A) The poor have to be helped  
B) The poor should be helped  
C) The poor must be helped  
D) The poor was to be helped

91. Match the characters in Column A with the authors in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

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<td>2. verb</td>
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<td>(c) It is a</td>
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<td>(d) He always</td>
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93. Match the underlined word in Column A with their parts of speech in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given:

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<td>(b) We are always</td>
<td>2. noun</td>
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<td>(c) The teacher</td>
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<td>(d) He plays</td>
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94. Choose the option which contains the correct sequence of words to be filled.

Ranjith-------- and --------- his leg when he ---------- from a bus.

A) slips, injured, is a lighting
B) slipped, injures, was a alighting
C) slipped, injured, was slighting
D) has slipped, injures, was alighting.

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95. Match the following sentences given in Column A with their patterns given in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A       Column B
(a) The teacher teaches a lesson 1. SVOA
(b) The sun shines brightly      2. SVC
(c) He broke his cycle yesterday 3. SVO
(d) The car is cheap             4. SVA

(a) (b) (c) (d)
A)   1   2   4   3
B)   3   2   1   4
C)   3   4   1   2
D)   3   4   2   1

96. “Every man may profit by the example of truly great men, if he is bent on making the most of himself and his circumstances”. This theme is reflected in:
A) ‘Laugh and Be Merry’ by John Masefield
B) ‘Leisure’ by Walter De la Mare
C) ‘A Psalm of life’ by H.W. Longfellow
D) ‘O captain, My capttain’ by Walt Whitman.

97. Identify the option that contains the answer to the following statement:
__________ was the tribal leader who wrote a letter to the president of the USA
A) Chief Norman  B) Chief Njumba  C) Chief Seathl  D) Chief Houda

98. “Not failure but low aims is crime”, says Browning. What according to Browning is a crime?
A) Failing in an attempt
B) Aiming at the incredible
C) Failing repeatedly
D) Not aiming high

99. “Envy is ignorance and imitation is suicide”.
Who said this?
A) Emerson  B) Gandhiji  C) Swami Vivekananda  D) Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

100. Which of the following poem is written by an Indian poet?
A) The Apology  B) where the mind is without fear
C) Going for water  D) Earth
1. Choose the correct verb from to fill the blank from the option given below:
   The office -------------- from Tuesday to Friday next week.
   A) will not function  B) will be not function  C) is not functioning  D) will not be functioning

2. Complete the sentence choosing an option from those given below:
   It is natural in every man to wish -------------- distinction.
   A) on  B) of  C) to  D) for

3. Identify the sentence which is not of the same pattern as the others:
   A) He was excited  B) He became the leader  C) Solomon was wise  D) He wore his new uniform.

4. Match the following sentences in Column A with the patterns in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given:

   **Column A**
   a) We call Gandhi ‘Mahatma’
   b) Velu grew tired after the match
   c) We war woolen clothes in winter
   d) Kumar gave me the right answer

   **Column B**
   1. SVCA
   2. SVIODO
   3. SVOC
   4. SVOA
5. Select the compound sentence.
   A) providing direction to your behavior, goals your thoughts.
   B) As the goals guide your thoughts, direction is provided
   C) Directions are provided in order to guide your goals
   D) Goals provide direction to your behavior and guide your thoughts.

6. Select the correct verb to complete each command to form imperative sentences.

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<td>c) Explain</td>
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<td>d) Listen</td>
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7. Fill in the blanks with correct word of Homophones from the option given below:

   The old man couldn’t bear the pain walking ---------------- on the rugged road after the rains.
   A) bore  B) bare  C) bear  D) bar

8. Select the correct sentence from options given below:

   A) The people of Jhansi welcomed Lakshmibai to their hearts.
   B) The people of Jhansi welcomed Lakshmibai into their hearts.
   C) The people of Jhansi welcomed Lakshmibai in hearts.
   D) The people of Jhansi welcomed Lakshmibai in his hearts.

9. Select the correct adjective form for the underlined word from the options given below:

   There is tears for his love ----------- death
   for his ambition
   A) ambitionful  B) ambitious  C) ambitioning  D) ambitious

10. Choose the option with the right meaning of the idiom given below:

    In the pink of one’s health
    A) to be extremely happy  B) Complete surprise  C) extremely healthy  D) painting the place pink

11. Re-arrange the following sentence into a meaningful one

    A gentleman/has a dog to sell/who/wishes to go abroad.
    A) A gentleman has to sell who wishes to go abroad a dog.
    B) A gentleman who wishes to go abroad has a dog to sell.
    C) A gentleman has to go abroad wishes to sell a dog who.
    D) A gentleman who wishes to sell a dog has to go abroad.

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http://www.trbtnpsc.com/2013/09/tnpsc-group-2-group-4-vaokexam-study.html
12. Reading the passage and choose the false statement from the options given below:
While they are students, their attitude towards the Government of the country such as it may be good, bad or indifferent, should be one of acquiescence, loyal acquiescence.
A) Students should be loyal to their country.
B) Students should accept the laws of their country.
C) Students should follow the code and law of their country.
D) Students should take part in politics.

13. Read the passage and select the correct sentence from the options given below:
Built in the year 1010 by king Raja Chola stood a symbol of flourishing sculptural expertise and rich culture of ancient India.
A) King Raja Raja Chola born in 1010
B) King Raja Raja was an expert in sculpture.
C) The Big temple stood a place of King Raja Raja Chola’s court.
D) The Big temple stood a symbol of flourishing sculptural expertise and rich culture of ancient India.

14. Read the passage and select the incorrect statement to the passage from the given option:
Teachers are earnestly requested to discourage note learning from prepared notes and assist students to write on their own.
A) Teachers should insist the students to follow their notes.
B) Teachers discourage by hearting the lesson.
C) Teachers should encourage students to write on their own.
D) Teachers should buy and give the bazzar guide to students.

15. Which one of the following drama is not written by Shakespeare?
A) Richard II
B) Edward II
C) Henry IV
D) Henry VIII

16. Select the correct answer for the question from the options given below:
Looking quickly over a section of the text to get a general idea of the meaning is referred to ------------
A) Scanning
B) Note making
C) Skimming
D) Summarising

17. “A newly discovered treasure
For you to cherish and to prize”
Mention the poem in which the following lines appear?
A) off to outer space Tomorrow Morning
B) Is life but a dreams?
C) The road not taken.
D) Beautiful inside.

18. Select the correct answer from the options given below to fill the blank:
------------------ was the first woman in India to fly a plans.
A) Emile Dickson
B) Sarla Thakral
C) Agarwal preethi
D) Rajalakshmi

19. An old man was walking through the town, drawing his tattered cloak closer to shield his body from the cold and biting wind.
Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word:
A) required
B) ragged
C) rapid
D) rendered

20. Choose the American English equivalent of the word “goods train”
A) Luggage train
B) Baggage train
C) Carriage train
D) Freight train

21. ----------- felt ashamed of his self-pity. He realized how rich he was. He had two legs and he could walk”.
Fill in the blanks with right character.
A) Kesavan Nair
B) Mrs. Edith Allred
C) Harold Abbott
D) Alice
22. Which of the following line belongs to Lewis carroll?
   A) Exult, O shores! and ring O bells!
   B) I will be centre of my gravity, a universe of one
   C) Long after it was heard no more
   D) Is all our life, then but a dream.

23. Which of the following poems is written by an American poet?
   A) Going for water
   B) Gitanjali
   C) Women’s Rights
   D) English words.

24. There is a house now far away where once I received love--------- that women died-------- the poet received love and safety in ---------------- house.
   A) Uncle’s house
   B) Mother’s house
   C) Friends’s house
   D) Grandma’s house

25. For Brutus as you know, was Caesar’s angel. Judg, O you gods, how dearly Caesar loved him! who was Caesar’s angel?
   A) Casca
   B) Antony
   C) Cassius
   D) Brutus

26. In which of the poem do the following lines occur?
   “God made Heaven and Earth for joy
   He took in a rhyme”
   A) To India My Native Land
   B) Laugh and Be Merry
   C) No men are foreign
   D) A Tiger in the Zoo

27. The fear of heights is known as --------------
   A) hydrophobia
   B) acrophobia
   C) claustrophobia
   D) xenophobia

28. Identify the poet who wrote the following lines:
   “ It isn’t by size that you win or you fail.
   Be the best of whatever you are!”
   A) William Wordsworth
   B) Norman Nicholson
   C) V.K. Gokak
   D) Douglas Malloch

29. “But he’s locked in a concrete cell,
   His strength behind bars”
   Which animal is kept in cage pathetically which would have been marching with the grandeur and ferocity in its natural habitat?
   A) A Lion
   B) A Bear
   C) A Fox
   D) A Tiger

30. Read the passage and select the answer for the question from the options given below:
   “I told them:
   I’m not going to be a DJ”
   Who is referred to a DJ?
   A) District Judge
   B) Disc Jockey
   C) Divine Jocker
   D) Disclosed Joker

31. “A Slender tinkling fall that made”.
   In the above quoted lines from Going for water by Robert Frost the figure of speech that occur is
   A) Simile
   B) Anaphora
   C) Metaphor
   D) Personification

32. In which of the poem does the following occur?
   We can’t all be captains, we’ve got to be crew
   A) Be the Best
   B) Snake
   C) Gitanjali
   D) Women’s Rights

33. The state U.R.Ananthamoorthy was born, brought up and lived in till his death was ------------------
   A) Tamil Nadu
   B) Karnataka
   C) Bengal
   D) AndraPradesh
34. The following poetic lines are from
If this be error and upon me prov’d
I never write, nor no man ever lov’d.
A) William Wordsworth  B) William Shakespeare
C) D.H. Lawrence  D) Walt Whitman.

35. Which of the following is a drama?
A) Hiroshima  B) A psalm of Life  C) Bon Voyage  D) Julius Caesar

36. Anomalous finites is the term used for the ----------- auxiliarie.
A) 20  B) 14  C) 24  D) 34

37. “There were twelve peach-trees that in the spring –time broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl”.
The colour of the blossom is -----------
A) Pink and Blue  B) Pink and Pearl  C) Pink and Red  D) Pink and Yellow

38. Which state does the poet V.K. Gokak belong to?
A) Uttar Pradesh  B) Bihar  C) Haryana  D) Karnataka

39. In whose Biography do you find this statement?
The Wife is not the husband’s slave but his companion and his help mate
A) Pearl S. Buck  B) Mahatma Gandhi  C) Sarojini Naidu  D) Nelson Mandela

40. Choose the author who has written the prose “Those Three Bears”
A) R.W. Emerson  B) Helen Keller  C) Ruskin Bond  D) Khushwant singh

41. “The only thing to kill is “impatience and rashness” because it makes you act without applying thought”
This advice is given by -----------
A) Rahul  B) Diwakar  C) Viswanathan Anand  D) Ranji

42. Match the title of the poems under Column A with the name of poets under Column B and choose the correct codes.

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<td>b) The open window</td>
<td>2. Guy de Maupassant</td>
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<td>c) Two Friends</td>
<td>3. O’ Henry</td>
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<td>d) The Last Leaf</td>
<td>4. Oscar wilde</td>
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(a)  (b)  (c)  (d)
A) 3  4  1  2
B) 1  2  3  4
C) 4  1  2  3
D) 4  3  2  1

43. The “Girl Star” – Anitha Kushwaha lives in a village in the district of -----------
A) Delhi  B) Haryana  C) Bihar  D) Chennai

44. Match the stories under Column A with their Authors under Column B and choose the correct code.

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<td>b) A close Encounter</td>
<td>2. Mackinlay Kantor</td>
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<td>c) Caught sneezing</td>
<td>3. Rex coker</td>
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<td>d) A Man who had no Eyes</td>
<td>4. Susannah Hickling</td>
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(a)  (b)  (c)  (d)
45. Acquiring knowledge and acquiring character is the two fold duty to be acquired by the students. Who said this statement?
A) Gopala Krishna Gokhale  
B) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
C) Ruskin Bond  
D) Hope Spencer  

46. “The wings of Fire” is a autobiography by  
A) Sachin Tendulkar  
B) Kamala Das  
C) R.K. Narayanan  
D) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  

47. A masterpiece of the Egyptians cultural heritage is  
A) Taj Mahal  
B) Freedom Status  
C) Gandhi Mandapam  
D) A Tomb for a pharaoh  

48. The lesson, “The Model Millionaire” is written by  
A) Oscar Wilde  
B) Kalpana Sharma  
C) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
D) Khushwant Singh  

49. Kumar enjoyed his life in the “” in the short story, “The Summer Flight”.  
A) Singapore  
B) England  
C) United Russia  
D) United States.  

50. The autobiography, “playing it, my way” is written by  
A) Viswanath Anand  
B) Dony  
C) Sachin Tendulkar  
D) P.T. Usha  

51. Match the following phrases with their meaning and select the answer from the codes given below:

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<td>b) give up</td>
<td>2. move back</td>
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<td>c) get on</td>
<td>3. yield</td>
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<tr>
<td>d) get back</td>
<td>4. cope with</td>
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(a) (b) (c) (d)
A) 3 4 1 2  
B) 2 3 4 1  
C) 4 2 3 1  
D) 3 1 4 2  

52. Select the correct option from given stating the kind of sentence:
Please leave your footwear outside the hall.
A) Statement  
B) Interrogative  
C) Exclamatory  
D) Imperative  

53. Select the correct tense form of verb from the below given options.
The queen bee with her workers over the hive.
A) preside  
B) presides  
C) are presiding  
D) have been presiding  

54. Identify which part the given sentence has an error.
Have anyone seen my purse?  
A) have  
B) anyone  
C) seen  
D) my purse  

55. Find out suitable verb for the sentence from the options given below:
The street dog a small boy ten minutes ago.
A) bit  
B) has bitten  
C) bites  
D) was biting
56. Select the compound sentence.
   A) Man proposes, but God disposes.  
   B) where ignorance is bliss,’tis folly to be wise. 
   C) They serve God well who serve his creatures  
   D) My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky.

57. Match Column A with Column B and select the correct code given below:

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<td>a) please avoid use of plastic bags</td>
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<td>b) why are you in a hurry?</td>
<td>2. Exclamatory sentence</td>
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<td>c) What a simple question it is!</td>
<td>3. Imperative sentence</td>
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<td>d) Education refines one’s mind</td>
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(a) 3 4 2 1  
(b) 1 2 3 4  
(c) 4 3 2 1  
(d) 2 1 4 3

58. Choosing correct option from the given to complete the sentence
   If we had saved rain water more in ponds and lakes ____________
   A) We can survive the drought  
   B) We could survive the drought  
   C) We would survive the drought  
   D) We could have survived the drought

59. Select the correct plural form of ‘OX’
   A) Oxes  
   B) Oxen  
   C) Oxers  
   D) Oxens

60. Identify the sentence pattern:
   Surprisingly, Meena presented Arun a gold watch.
   A) SVOA  
   B) ASOC  
   C) ASVIDO  
   D) SVO

61. Find out the correct question Tag:
   They came by car ____________?
   A) didn’t they?  
   B) do they?  
   C) isn’t it?  
   D) are they?

62. Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined word in this sentence
   Every one has an indispensable role to play.
   A) short  
   B) essential  
   C) major  
   D) clean

63. Match the underlined words in Column A with their parts of speech in column B and select the correct answer from the codes given:

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<td>c) we ate fruits</td>
<td>3. complement</td>
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<td>d) I wrote a novel</td>
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(a) 4 3 2 1  
(b) 3 4 1 2  
(c) 2 4 3 1  
(d) 1 3 4 2

64. As he was ambitious, I ____________ him. Here slew means.
   A) killed  
   B) praised  
   C) encouraged  
   D) induced

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65. Complete the following poetic line choosing from the options given.
If you can’t be the sun, ____________
A) be a hero  B) be a star  C) be a leader  D) be a player

66. Fill in the blank with the correct answer from the following options.
“My experiments, with Truth “ is an autobiography of ____________
A) Nehru  B) Indira Gandhi  C) Mahatma Gandhi  D) Winston Churchill

67. Select the correct answer to complete the sentence from options given below:
That Rani Lakshmi Bai travelled 24 hours at a stretch with her child on her back, speaks of ____________
A) her dynamism and bravery  B) her desire to escape  C) her weakness  D) her selfishness

68. Read the lines and choose the answer to fill the blank from the options given below:
“O! ye wheels
Stop be silent to-day”
The children want the whole to stop because ____________
A) they want to repair the wheels.  B) they want to break the wheels  C) they are very weary and tired  D) they have to oil the wheels

69. Lalitha has __________ medical leave and is expected to join duty next Monday
A) took  B) take  C) taken  D) tooked

70. Identify the poetic line that differs in figure of speech from the other poetic lines:
A) Speech that came like leech-craft.
B) Like a golden swarm of fireflies you came
C) He lifted his head from his drinking, as cattle do
D) you were the dawn and sunlight filled the spaces

71. Which of the following poem is written by Walt Whitman?
A) off to outer space Tomorrow Morning  B) Be the Best  C) O Captin! My Captain!  D) Sonnet No.116

72. Match the following poetic lines in Column A with the poets in column B and select the correct code:

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<td>b) The well was dry beside the door</td>
<td>2. Thomas Hardy</td>
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<td>c) Trust no future, how’e pleasant</td>
<td>3. Famida Y. Basheer</td>
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<td>d) Right many a nipperkin!</td>
<td>4. H.W. Longfellow</td>
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73. Which of the following novels is not written by an Indian author?
A) Coolie  B) waiting for the Mahatma  C) Kanthapura  D) carry on, Jeeves

74. Kalpana Chawla was born in which country?
A) China  B) Sri Lanka  C) India  D) America
75. Choose the birth place of Kalpana chawla
   A) Bombay  B) Harayana(karnal)  C) Delhi  D) Thanjavur

76. Which of the following is not a poem?
   A) Beautiful Inside  B) Shilpi  C) The sun beam  D) Be the Best

77. Which of the following lines belong to Lewis Carroll’s “Is Life But A Dream”?
   A) Love’s not time’s fool  B) Be the best of whatever you are!
   C) will no one tell me what she sings?  D) Echoes fade and memories die.

78. “------- the journey matters as much as the goal-listen to the sounds of nature ------- Take good care of our
    fragile planet”
   These are the words of
   A) Sunita Williams  B) Rakhesh Sharma  C) Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  D) Kalpana Chawla

79. In which of the poem do the following lines occur?
   “Like gnomes that hid as from the moon”
   A) Going for water  B) The piano  C) Migrant Bird  D) Shilpi

80. Mention the poem in which the following lines appear:
    “Stalking the length of his cage ignoring visitors----------
    A) snake  B) A Tiger in the Zoo  C) Foot prints  D) No Men are foreign

81. From the given options, choose the poet who has written “Inclusion”.
    A) Thomas Hardy  B) William Wordsworth  C) Dipti Bhatia  D) Tagore

82. “The cry of the children”- this poem tells about the theme of
    A) Time passing  B) Child Labour  C) work is worship  D) Willing to work

83. Which of the following poem is written by William Shakespeare?
    A) Sonnet No. 116  B) The Road Not Taken  C) The Apology  D) A Psalm of Life

84. “Man’s little Day in haste we spend…………”
   Man’s little Day in this refers to
   A) one day  B) Whole day  C) Entire life time  D) Eighty eight years

85. “It is not so express’d, but what of that?
    "T were good you do so much for charity”.
   What is expected to do for charity?
   A) arranging a lawyer  B) arranging a surgeon  C) arranging a teacher  D) arranging a technician

86. Whose autobiography is this?
   one Life is Not Enough
   A) K. Natwar Singh  B) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  C) Jawaharlal Nehru  D) Malala.

87. Which of the following works is not a poem?
   A) Tiger  B) A Tiger in the Zoo  C) Snake  D) Road To Success

88. “He belongs to the rare breed of individuals who are gifted to inspire and lead”.
   Whom does ‘He’ refer to?
   A) Sunil Sharma  B) Tushar  C) Alka Sharma  D) Diwakar

89. Identify the option that contains the answer to the following statement
   __________ was an ancient Indian astronomer, who explained scientifically that the earth rotates on its own
   axis.
   A) Aryabhatta  B) A.P.J. Abdul kalam  C) Kalpana Chawla  D) sunita Williams

90. The story “Ranji’s wonderer Bat “ is written by
91. Fill in the blanks with the correct (tense) verb forms given in sequence:
We ________ (live) in this house since 2011 which __________ (build) in 2010.
A) are living, is built  B) were living, were built  C) have lived, has built  D) have been living, was built

92. Select the author name from the options given below for the short story “The Guide”

93. Match the characters in Column A with the authors in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below.

Column A  
a) Hughie  
b) Gunga Ram  
c) Khem Nam  
d) Julius Caesar  
(a)  (b)  (c)  (d)  
A) 3  4  1  2  
B) 1  2  3  4  
C) 3  1  4  2  
D) 4  1  2  3

94. The poetess who wrote the poem ‘women’s Rights’ was________
A) Sarojini Naidu  B) Elizabeth Barrett Browning  C) Annie Louisa Walker  D) Kamala Das

95. “Me and Good Lord are hand-flying this plane”. Whose words are these?
A) Cabuk  B) White  C) Grimm  D) Terry

96. Among the following poems which one is written by Tagore?
A) where The Mind is without Fear  B) prayer of a Sportsman  C) Don’t Quit  D) Laugh and be Merry

97. Our Government passed the “Right to Education Act” in April __________
A) 2000  B) 2010  C) 2005  D) 2008

98. Match the characters, with the relevant story title and select the correct codes given below:

Column A  
a) Masha  
b) Johnsy  
c) Judas Iscariot  
d) Sam  
(a)  (b)  (c)  (d)  
A) 3  2  1  4  
B) 4  1  2  3  
C) 4  2  3  1  
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99. Match the title of the poems under column A with the names of poets under Column B and choose the correct codes.

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C) 4 3 2 1
D) 3 4 1 2

100. “Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life think of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, every part of your body, be full of that idea-----“ This is said by
A) Swamy Chachudananda  
B) Swamy premanand  
C) Swamy Kirubananda  
D) Swamy Vivekananda

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1. Match the underlined words in Column A with their parts of speech in column B and select the correct answer from the options given below:

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<td>b) Reena taught him Hindi</td>
<td>2. Object</td>
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<td>c) Rani ate Ice cream</td>
<td>3. Verb</td>
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<td>d) Radha is a doctor</td>
<td>4. Compliment</td>
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     a   b   c   d
A) 3  1  2  4
B) 1  2  3  4
C) 4  1  2  3
D) 2  1  4  3

2. Choose correct prepositions from the options given:

___________ the cupboard, very ___________ the wall, there is a narrow gap, _____________ which a few charts have been kept.

A) Into, behind, near  B) Behind, near, into  C) Into, near, behind  D) Near, behind, into

3. Identify the sentence pattern:

One of the boys had been singing well.

A) S V C  B) S V O C  C) S V A  D) S V IO DO

4. Which of the following phrasal verbs suits the given sentence?

___________ your bad habits.

A) Get back  B) Give in  C) Give up  D) Get on

5. Identify the incorrect sentence from the following:

A) Apples are not so sweet as Mangoes  
B) Mangoes are sweeter than Apples  
C) Japanese are the industrious people in the world.  
D) Gold is costlier than silver.

6. Find out the correct sentence:

A) One of the bicycle is defective.  
B) One of the bicycles is defective.  
C) One of the bicycle are defective.  
D) One of the bicycles were defective.

7. Find out the correct question tag:

“She goes to school by van”

A) Is she ?  B) Aren't they?  C) Are they?  D) Doesn’t she?
8. Which of the following sentences is wrong?
   A) Dad polished his shoes yesterday.
   B) Subhash has cut the vegetables just now.
   C) The police have catch the motorcyclist for speeding.
   D) The ripe fruit has fallen from the tree.

9. Choose the correct synonym of the underlined word from the given options: Sivasubramania Iyer’s wife was very conservative.
   A) Traditional  B) Ideal  C) Liberal  D) Formal

10. What is “Possessive Adjectives”?
    A) They answer the question which  B) They answer to the question whose.
    C) They answer the question How many  D) They answer the question How much.

11. Match the following identifying the phrase to complete the sentence and mark the correct code:
    
    Column A                                           Column B
    a) The Cream Cake is                               1. Harder and harder
    b) The new sweets are                              2. More expensive.
    c) The new waiters are                             3. So costly.
    d) It is getting                                   4. Better
    a   b   c   d
    A) 1 3 4 2
    B) 3 2 1 4
    C) 2 3 4 1
    D) 4 2 1 3

12. Find out the sentence where gerund is used:
    A) Sujatha is wealthy but she is not generous.
    B) We sat on the floor.
    C) Writing is always better than to read.
    D) She is teacher and a singer.

13. “If you can’t be a highway, just be a trail.
    If you can’t be the sun be a star,
    It is not the size that you win or you fail
    Be the Best of whatever you are!...”
    The Rhymes Scheme in the above given lines is ....
    A) a a                         B) a b a b
    C) a b c                     D) a a b

14. The Giant’s final journey was to
    A) His friends palace       B) His Son’s home
    C) To the neighbouring village D) The paradise.

15. “The attainment of a developed status by 2020 does not mean that we can then rest on our laurels”
    Laurels mean
    A) Failures                B) Rewards
    C) wealth                  D) criticisms

16. “To my immediate right the Nanda Pal glacier slopes down sharply ___________ of course for the fact
    that ends in a cold and menacing snout with icy waters flowing below”.
In the given passage the word menacing means

A) Threatening  B) Pacifying  C) Attracting  D) Repelling

17. Match the British English words under Column A with their American English equivalents under Column B and Choose the correct code.

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<td>2. Jelly</td>
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<td>c) Jam</td>
<td>3. Guy</td>
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<td>d) Fellow</td>
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A) 1 4 3 2
B) 3 4 1 2
C) 2 4 3 1
D) 4 1 2 3

18. The American English equivalent of the word ‘washbasin’ is

A) Zee  B) Wash room  C) Wash tank  D) Sink

19. The first step in the road to success, according to Edwin C Bliss, is to

A) Believe that success is not a bed of roses.
B) Steer clear of pitfalls.
C) Set yourself clear goals
D) Start devoting time and energy.

20. Gopala Krishna Gokhale was.

A) A freedom fighter  B) A thespian
C) The first president of India  D) The first prime Minister of India.

21. “Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron
In the factories, round and round”
In which poem do these lines occur?

A) The cry of the children  B) Migrant Brid.
C) Shilpi  D) Going for water.

22. Which of the following is not a poem?

A) The power of Laughter  B) No men are foreign
C) A Tiger in the zoo  D) My Grandmother’s House.

23. “I won’t look down, No I will not
With speed of wings I hasten past”
In whose poem do the following lines occur?

A) Famida Y. Basheer  B) Kamala Surrayya
C) Archibald Lampman  D) Rudyard kipling.

24. The poem ‘Laugh and be merry’ is written by.

A) H.W. Longfellow  B) Robert frost.
C) Ralph waldo Emerson  D) John Masefield
25. What is the theme observed in the story “The mark of Vishnu”?
   A) Upholding patriotism  B) Quest for freedom
   B) C) Abolition of communism  D) Riddance of superstition.

26. Which of the following is a poem?
   Choose the right answer from the options given below.
   A) Wings of fire  B) Gaia tells her tale  C) To India- My Native Land
   D) The Golden path.

27. Match the names of the poets under column A with the names of the poems, under column B and choose the correct code.

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<td>d) Kamala surayya</td>
<td>4. The Man He killed.</td>
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28. “A note as from a single place,
   A slender tinkling fall that made”
   These above lines occur in the poem.
   A) Going for water  B) Beautiful Inside.

29. Identify the figure of speech used in the following poetic line.
   “In the world’s broad field of battle.”
   A) Personification  B) Simile  C) Metaphor  D) Oxymoron.

30. Walt Whitman wrote the poem “O” Captain “My captain” as a dirge for the death of.
   A) John F.Kennedy  B) Andrew Jackson  C) Woodrow Wilson  D) Abraham Lincoln

31. Select the correct answer from the options given below:
   A Statement tells something. But actually it means the opposite is known as.
   A) Paradox  B) Irony  C) Apostrophe  D) Litotes.

32. Which of the following lines belongs to “Robert Frost”?
   A) With sixty seconds “Worth of distance run”
   B) Of Childish days is upon me, my manhood is cast.
   C) But once within the wood, we paused.
   D) Is waiting its time to share?

33. In which of the poem the following line occurs?
   “And you O my soul where you stand”
   A) Be the Best  B) A noiseless patient spider  C) Going for water  D) Migrant Bird.
34. Which of the following is a drama?
   A) The Farmer  B) The Merchant of Venice  C) Buds to Blossoms  D) HiroShima

35. In the poem “Migrant Bird” the poet contrast the life of a migrant bird with that of the.

36. Which of the following works is not a poem?
   A) To The Land of snow  B) A Psalm of Life.
   C) The Solitary Reaper  D) Laugh and be Merry

37. Which of the following works is not a prose?
   A) A Dictionary of the English Language  B) The Mark of Vishnu
   C) Snake  D) Vision for the Nation.

38. Which of the following literary works exhibits the theme of optimism?
   A) Laugh and be Merry  B) Sonnet No: 116
   C) The Solitary Reaper  D) The Man he killed

39. During the sepoy Mutiny, the queen who fought against the British was
   A) Lakshmibai  B) Bhagirathibai  C) Nana Sahib  D) Durga Devi

40. Who among the following is a Bengali poet and has won Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913?
   A) Mahasweta Devi  B) Rabindranath Tagore
   C) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay  D) Sunil Gangopadhyay.

41. Identify the author who uttered the following sentence.
   “Man is born free but is everywhere in chains”.
   A) Rabindranath Tagore  B) Jawaharlal Nehru
   C) Berton Braley  D) Jean Jacques Rousseau

42. Match the short stories with the authors:
   a) Swami and the sam  1. Mackinlay Kantor
   b) Sam  2. Rex Coker
   c) A man who had no eyes  3. Tammy Ruggles
   d) A close Encounter  4. R.K. Narayan

   a  b  c  d
   A) 4 1 3 2
   B) 1 3 4 2
   C) 4 3 1 2
   D) 1 3 2 4

43. Match the characters under Column ‘B’ with the relevant story titles under Column ‘A’
   Column A  Column B
   a) The Necklace  1. Behrman
   b) Lottery Ticket  2. Morissot
44. Identify the nationality of the author, of the story ‘The Lottery Ticket’
   A) China   B) Russia   C) The U.S.A   D) England

45. Whose autobiography is named "Wings of fire"?
   A) Dr. Samuel Johnson   B) Rabindranath Tagore   C) Gandhiji   D) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

46. Match the characters given under Column ‘A’ with the stories given under Column ‘B’ and select the
    correct option from those given below:
    Column A       Column B
    a) Vera            1. Holiday
    b) Johnsy          2. The Last Leaf
    c) Phatik Chakrabarti 3. The selfish Giant
    d) The Cornish Ogre 4. Open window
    a  b  c  d
    A) 4  1  3  2
    B) 3  4  1  2
    C) 3  1  2  4
    D) 2  3  1  4

47. Which of the following is adapted from a short story written by Oscar Wilde?
   A) A Close Encounter   B) Caught Sneezing
   C) The Summer Flight   D) Swept Away

48. Which one of the following pairs is matched correctly?
   A) Manliness by D.H. Lawrence   B) The Piano by Rudyard Kipling
   B) C) Going for water by William Blake   D) Beautiful Inside by Paul Holmes

49. Match the folk arts under Column A with their states under Column B:
    Column A       Column B
    a) Bihu            1. Tamil Nadu
    b) Dandya Das      2. Maharashtra
    c) Kolattam        3. Assam
    d) Tamasha         4. Gujarat
    a  b  c  d
    A) 4  3  2  1
    B) 3  4  1  2
    C) 2  1  3  4
    D) 1  2  3  4
50. From the given options, choose the poet who has written “Don’t Quit”
   A) John Masefield          B) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
   C) Robert Frost            D) Edgar A. Guest

51. Find the sentence from options given, which is in proper Reported Speech form
   A) He told Sheela that if she were in town the day before.
   B) He asked Rehim that when did I intended paying him back
   C) He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match.
   D) He asked me where I had get this interesting novel from.

52. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:
    _______ Woodcock flies from _______ Himalayas to _______ Nilgiris without ____ pause.
   A) A, the, a, the  B) The, the, a, the  C) A, the, the, the  D) The, the, the, a

53. Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined word.
   Knowledge is an **exacting** mistress.
   A) Contented  B) Demanding  C) Insecure  D) Surplussing

54. Match the sentence in Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the options given:
   Column A             Column B
   a) I lost my purse     1. Compound Sentence
   b) A book was written by Meera   2. Active Voice
   c) The mountain is very steep and I cannot Climb it 3. Complex Sentence
   d) Though he is old, he walks quickly 4. Passive voice
   A) 2 4 1 3
   B) 4 1 2 3
   C) 1 2 3 4
   D) 3 1 2 4

55. Which of the following sentences are in active voice?
   I. They sing songs in the assembly.
   II. A notice was sent by the manager.
   III. You gave him your pen.
   IV. He has built a house in his native place.
   A) Only I, III and IV are correct  B) Only II, III and IV are correct
   B) C) I, II and III are correct  D) All are correct

56. Find the odd ONE from the following sentences:
   A) The sky was darker and the cold was more intense.
   B) He sat down under a tree and wept bitterly.
   C) Inspite of being hot, we managed to work.
   D) Miriam married and left her father.

57. Identify the past perfect tense from the options given below:
   A) They came immediately  B) The rain had stopped
58. Blend the following words and select the correct codes given below:

a) Handy 1. Pen
b) Fountain 2. Music
c) Kilo 3. Cam
d) Pop 4. Gram

A) 1 4 2 3
B) 4 3 2 1
C) 3 1 4 2
D) 1 2 3 4

59. Identify the gerund form from the options given below:
A) Keeping left is always safe.
B) To find fault with others is easy.
C) David wants to study Biology.
D) He likes to read science fiction.

60. Identify the simple sentence from the given options:
A) I promised that I will do my best
B) I promised to do my best.
C) I will do my best and I promised it
D) I promised so that I will do my best.

61. Which of the following plural forms is Correct?
A) Passers-by
B) Brother-in-laws
C) Runner ups
D) Commander-in-chiefs.

62. Match the following phrases/idioms given under Column A with their meanings under Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A                               Column B
a) To cash in on                         1. Tell me what you are thinking about
b) As good as gold                      2. A very slim chance
c) A chance in a million                3. To take advantage
d) A penny for your thoughts            4. Very well behaved

A) 3 4 2 1
B) 3 1 4 2
C) 4 1 2 3
D) 2 4 3 1

63. Match the following suffixes with the rootward and mark the codes given below:

Column A                               Column B
a) Migrate                              1. Ment
b) Notice                               2. ern
   c) North                               3. ion
64. Fluttering and twittering are the admirable actions of birds. Here twittering means
   A) Chirping   B) Picking   C) Dancing   D) Dropping
65. Identify the character who is not portrayed in “The Merchant of Venice”
   A) Portia   B) Bassanio   C) Shylock   D) Brutus.
66. Read the passage and select the correct answer from the options given below:
   The Selfish giant in the short story of Oscar Wilde, finally longs for
   A) Food   B) Love   C) Power   D) Wealth
67. When Gangadhar Rao married the Rani of Jhansi, she was only _____ years old.
   A) 15   B) 20   C) 18   D) 22
68. Hugh Erskine got ________ pounds as his wedding present from Baron Hausberg.
   A) 10,000   B) 20,000   C) 30,000   D) 40,000
69. “The reddest flower would look as pale as snow for, all day, we drag out burden tiring”.
   Mention the figure of speech employed in the above lines.
   A) Metaphor   B) Simile   C) Oxymoron   D) Personification
70. Will no one tell me what she sings?
   Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow ….. “She” refers to
   A) The Poet’s mother B) The poet’s sister C) The poet’s daughter D) The solitary reaper
71. The speech in response to the student’s address was rendered by Gokhale at the Victoria Hall in
   A) Delhi   B) Calcutta   C) Agra   D) Mumbai
72. ________ said, “Don’t let anyone tell you ‘you can’t do it!’”
   A) Rakesh Sharma   B) Sunita Williams   C) Kalpana Chawla   D) Buzz Aldrin
73. “The duty to Yourself is two fold”, said
   A) Rabindranath Tagore   B) Viswanathan Anand   C) Gopala Krishna Gokhale   D) Subash Chandra Bose.
74. Which of the following is a poem?
   A) The Road to success   B) The Helping Hand   C) Vision for the Nation   D) O Captain! My Captain!
75. “Envy is ignorance and imitations is suicide”
   The above are the words of
   A) Abraham Lincoln   B) Rajaji   C) Nelson Mandela   D) Emerson
76. The Monolith, Yaanai Malai looks like an elephant only when it is viewed from this direction
   A) North east   B) South east   C) North west   D) South west
77. Identify the poem in which the following lines occur
   ‘you loved me with a never – failing love
   You gave me strength and sweet security’
   A) Be the Best  B) Earth
   C) A sonnet for my incomparable mother  D) Sonnet No.116

78. Identify the odd pair.
   A) Swept Away - Susannah Hickling
   B) The lottery ticket - Oscar wilde
   C) No men are foreign - James Kirkup
   D) The wooden Bowl- Leo Tolstoy.

79. What is the name of the British born poetess who wrote “Women’s Rights”? 
   A) Elizabeth Barret Browning  B) Emily Dickinson
   C) Sarojini Naidu  D) Annie Lousia Walker

80. Read the lines and selected the correct answer from the options given below.
   “How often I think of going
   There, to peer through ….”
   Where does kamala surayya think of going?
   A) To her uncle’s house  B) To temple
   C) To her grandma’s house  D) To her daughter’s house

81. Match the poems in Column A with the poets in Column B:
   Column A          Column B
   a) Solitary Reaper  1. Khalil Gibran
   b) Is Life but a Dream?  2. D.H. Lawrence
   c) The Earth  3. Lewis Carroll
   d) Snake  4. William wordsworth
   a  b  c  d
   A) 3 4 2 1
   B) 4 3 1 2
   C) 3 1 2 4
   D) 4 2 3 1

82. David Herbert Lawrence occupies a unique position among the leading __________ of England.
   A) Modernist writers  B) Classical writers
   C) Victorian writers  D) Neo - classical writers

83. The theme portrayed in Elizabeth Barret Browning’s poem “The Cry of the Children “ is
   A) Socialism  B) Women’s Liberation  C) Patriotism  D) Child Labour.

84. What is the theme of the poem, ‘A psalm of Life’?
   A) Optimism  B) Pessimism  D) Patriotism  D) Friendship

85. “I was not born for one corner, the whole world is my native land”.
   Who said this?
   A) Portia  B) Kesavan Nair  C) Kalpana Chawla  D) Mrs. Henderson
86. Complete the sentence choosing the correct answer:
   Mr. Parsons is the character found in the lesson
   A) The Helping Hand  B) The Mark of Vishnu  C) Gaia Tells Her Tale  D) A man who had no Eyes
87. Choose the best answer and complete the sentence.
   “Girl star” a UNICEF project is a series of ______
   A) Dramas  B) Short stories  C) Films  D) Prose
88. How old is the Brihadeesavarar Temple?
   A) 2000  B) 1000  C) 1200  D) 2100
89. Fill in the blank from the options given below:
   ZIP codes are a system of postal code used by ______ postal service.
   A) The Australian  B) The Indian  C) The United states  D) The Japan
90. Which of the following is not a poem?
91. One morning the giant was lying awake in bed and he heard some lovely music of a bird.
   The bird was
   A) Peacock  B) Linnet  C) Cuckoo  D) Parrot
92. Olivier Messiaen composed the
   A) Sonnets of sorrow  B) Voice of America  C) Quartet for the End of Time  D) Brahms Requiem
93. Rabindranath Tagore won the ______ for his ‘Gitanjali’.
   A) Washington Prize  B) Man Booker International Prize  C) Nobel prize  D) American Book Award
94. Robert Frost who wrote the poem “Going for water” is from
   A) The united States of America  B) England  C) India  D) France
95. Match the following phrasal verbs with their meanings
   Column A   Column B
   a) Look After   1. Wear
   b) Put on   2. Take care of
   c) Keep on   3. Cancelled
   d) Called off   4. Continue
   a  b  c  d
   A) 2 1 4 3
   B) 2 1 3 4
   C) 1 2 3 4
   D) 4 1 3 2
96. “Empoli is a town in central ________”
   A) Italy  B) India  C) Indiana  D) Idonesia
97. To which nationality does the poet Walt Whitman belong?
   A) Africa  B) Canada  C) The U.S.A  D) France
98. Who among the poets given below, is not from England?
   A) D.H. Lawrence  B) Rudyard Kipling  C) Robert Frost  D) Elizabeth Barrett Browning

99. The line, “It blesseth him that gives and him that takes” – Occurs in the play
   A) King Lear  B) Othello  C) Julius Caesar  D) The Merchant of Venice

100. Khalil Gibran is from.
   A) Lebanon  B) India  C) Pakistan  D) Iran.

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