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Directions (1-10): In the following questions, certain word is printed in bold at each of the question place and against each four options of its meaning are given. You have to choose the word which has the right meaning or sense of the word from each group of four words.

1. VOLUBLE

- (a) Sure (b) fluent (c) Gradual (d) changing

Ans: (b)

2. INGENIOUS

- (a) Clever (b) halfway (c) Guarded (d) hallucinating

Ans: (a)

3. PROCRASTINATE

- (a) Halve (b) herald (c) Delay (d) hamper

Ans: (c)

4. VIVACIOUS

- (a) Cheerful (b) haughty (c) serious (d) preventing

Ans: (a)

5. WANE

- (a) Decline (b) remain united (c) Survive (d) refuse

Ans: (a)

6. AVERSION

- (a) Dominance (b) abhorrence (c) Observation (d) moderation

Ans: (b)

7. VENERATE

- (a) Suppose (b) generalize (c) Remember (d) honour

Ans: (d)

8. BENEVOLENT

- (a) Assiduous (b) hide-bound (c) Considerate (d) cataclysmic

Ans: (c)

9. ROGUISH

- (a) Original (b) superficial (c) Genuine (d) deceitful

Ans: (d)

10. RAVISH

- (a) Purify (b) forget (c) Revamp (d) delight

Ans: (d)

Directions (11-15): In each of the following questions, some sentences are given which are on the same theme. Decide which sentence is the most preferable with respect to grammar, meaning and usage, suitable for a formal writing in English.

11. (a) Our school had won the match if only we have concentrated.
(b) Our school would have won the match if only we would have concentrated.
(c) Our school would win the match only if we had concentrated.
(d) Our school would have won the match if only we had concentrated.

Ans: (d)

12. (a) He will not pay unless he is not compelled. (b) He will not pay unless he will be compelled.
(c) He will not pay unless he is compelled. (d) He will not pay till he is compelled.

Ans: (c)

13. (a) The boy regretted that he had spend a greater part of his vacation in the chair with a plastered leg.
(b) With a plastered leg, the boy regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair.
(c) The boy regretted that with a plastered leg he had spent a greater part his vacation in the chair.
(d) The boy with a plastered leg regretted that he had spent a greater part of his vacation in the chair.

Ans: (c)

14. (a) If you will pay heed to the small details, the general plans will surely succeed.
(b) If you pay heed to the small details, the general plans will surely succeed.
(c) If you heeded to the small details, the general plans would surely succeed.
(d) If you heeded to the small details, the general plans would surely succeed.

Ans: (b)

15. (a) It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking in the sunshine on a river bank as long as 90 feet.
(b) It is a pleasure to see an alligator as long as 20 feet basking in the sunshine on a river bank.
(c) It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking in the sunshine as long as 90 feet on a river bank.
(d) It is a pleasure to see an alligator basking as long as 90 feet in the sunshine on a river bank.

Ans: (b)

Directions (16-20): In the following questions out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentences.

16. One who plays a gave for pleasure and not professionally
(a) Veteran (b) player (c) Connoisseur (d) amateur

Ans: (d)

17. That which can be interpreted in any way
(a) Ambient (b) ambivalent (c) Amphibious (d) ambiguous

Ans: (d)

18. A political leader who tries to stir up people
(a) Demagogue (b) dictator (c) Statesman (d) martinet

Ans: (a)

19. A light sailing boat built especially for racing
(a) Dinghy (b) Canoe (c) Yacht (d) frigate

Ans: (c)

20. Person who has long experience
(a) Stalwart (b) pedantic (c) Itinerant (d) veteran

Ans: (d)

Directions (21-30): In the following questions, some idioms/phrases/sayings have been given in bold at the question places and are followed by four options of their meaning or sense. You have to choose the one in each case as the right meaning or sense of each idiom/phrase/saying.

21. To be full of oneself
(a) To go very near to a danger (b) To be out of danger
(c) To be conceited (d) To try to deceive

Ans: (c)

22. Lull before the storm

- (a) Unprecedented happenings
(c) Calm before some violent event

Ans: (c)

23. To save one's last word

- (a) To emerge to be wise
(c) To keep a promise

Ans: (d)

24. To show one up

- (a) To demand something
(b) To reveal to the society a person's real character
(c) To speak the truth plainly

Ans: (b)

25. To feel one's way

- (a) To proceed cautious so/as to avoid risks and dangers
(c) To prepare on estimate

Ans: (a)

26. To be down on one's luck

- (a) To be enamoured of
(c) To bid good-bye

Ans: (d)

27. To scoop the pool

- (a) To win all the money staked in gambling
(c) To fall down

Ans: (a)

28. To shake the pagoda tree

- (a) To do a deep roughly
(c) To own responsibility

Ans: (b)

29. The seventh heaven

- (a) A positive point of something
(c) A state of perfect bliss

Ans: (c)

30. To play the game

- (a) To support one's wrong action
(c) To wait for something favourable

Ans: (d)

Directions (31-40): One part of the following sentences has an error, point out the portion carrying error in the answer sheet.

31. Monisha was to about (a)/ tell her teacher the (b)/ truth when her (c)/ friend interrupted her. (d)

Ans: (a)

32. Prayag and Parag used (a)/ to work for almost twelve (b)/ hours in the factory (c)/ they are working earlier. (d)

Ans: (d)

33. The children were (a)/ Playing with a ball (b)/ and run around when (c)/ the accident occurred. (d)

- (b) Orderly arrangement of any thing
(d) Feeling of affection

- (b) To say one's last word
(d) To give final opinion

(d) To applaud heartily

- (b) To retain with one's self
(d) To demand something

- (b) To suit one's purpose
(d) To be in bad plight

- (b) To be about to die
(d) To break into pieces

- (b) To gain a fortune in an easy way
(d) To refuse to act accordingly

- (b) A dangerous situation
(d) An outcome of something

- (b) To be enclose association
(d) To act honourably

Ans: (c)

34. Avinash is not so (a)/ good a batsman to (b)/ be selected for the (c)/ national cricket team. (d)

Ans: (b)

35. The policemen started (a)/ firing the crowd (b)/ when the striking (c)/ workers became violent. (d)

Ans: (b)

36. Although he is usually (a)/ rude with everyone, (b)/ he behaved nice with (c)/ all of us today. (d)

Ans: (c)

37. Anjali's performance in the (a)// drama was best than (b)/ Deepali's but not (c)/ as good as Vaishali's. (d)

Ans: (b)

38. The firemen could not (a)/ succeed in rescue the (b)/ child although they (c)/ could put out the fire. (d)

Ans: (b)

39. Whenever they go out (a)/ for shopping, they (b)/ take their (c)/ pet dog with them. (d)

Ans: (c)

40. He ran so fastly (a)/ that he reached (b)/ the destination in (c)/ just two minutes. (d)

Ans: (a)

Directions (41-50): In the following questions you have two brief passages with 5 questions following each passage. Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and mark it in the Answer sheet.

Passage – I

Once the king wanted paintings on his palace walls, so he commissioned a painter to cover his walls with pictures. The pictures were much admired, but Tenali Rama had questions. Standing before a body drawn in profile, he asked naively, "Where is the other side? Where are the other parts?" The king and the Queen laughed. The king replied, "Don't you know that you must imagine them?" "Oh, that's how paintings are done! I understand now," said Tenali Rama.

A few months later, Tenali Rama came to the King and said, "I've been practicing the art of painting night and day for months. I'd love to paint some things on your walls."

The king said, "Wonderful! Why don't you get rid of the old faded paintings and paint new pictures."

Tenali Rama whitewashed over the old paintings and did new ones of his own in their place. He drew a leg here, an eye there, a finger in another place. He covered the walls with many such body parts, and then invited the king to view his handiwork. The king was both surprised and dismayed by these dismembered limbs on his walls and asked, "What have you done here? Where are the pictures?"

Tenali Rama said, "In paintings, you have to imagine the rest. You haven't yet seen my masterpiece." Then he led him to a blank wall with a few strokes of green on it. "What's this?" asked the king, somewhat exasperated. "That's a cow eating grass." "But where is the cow?" asked the king, "After eating grass, the cow went home to its shed," said Tenali Rama.

41. Which of the following is the meaning of the phrase "get rid of" as used in the passage?

- (a) Ride on (b) get by hook or crook (c) Paint (d) remove

Ans: (d)

42. Which of the following is the meaning of the phrase ".....had questions", as used in the passage?

- (a) Doubted (b) ignored
(c) Was interested (d) was asked many questions

Ans: (a)

43. Which of the following was referred to as "masterpiece" by Tenali Rama?

- (a) Cow eating grass (b) Limbs drawn on the wall
(c) Blank wall with some lines like grass (d) Profile of body

Ans: (c)

44. Where did Tenali Rama paint?

- (a) Besides the old paintings (b) Over the old paintings
(c) Outside the palace (d) Not mentioned in the passage

Ans: (b)

45. After seeing the palace walls painted, what was Tenali Rama's reaction?

- (a) He admired the paintings (b) He found them ugly
(c) He was unimpressed (d) He laughed

Ans: (c)

Passage-II

In the branches of a big banyan tree, a crow family built a nest and lived in it. A black snake would crawl through its hollow trunk and eat the crow chicks as soon as they were hatched. After this had happened many times, the crow's wife couldn't take it any longer. She said to the crow, "We've lost all our chicks to this awful snake, who just wait for me to hatch them and gobble them all up. We are utterly helpless. Let's move out of this tree." But the crow liked the tree, had grown used to it, and he said, "We must find a way to kill this enemy of ours." "How can we? We are mere crows. He is such a big snake." "There must be ways. I may be small and weak, but have cunning friends. This time, I'll not let this pass."

So he went to his friend the jackal, who heard his case and advised him: "We'll take care of this villain. Go to that lake, where the king and his queens bathe and swim. Pick up a necklace or a jewel, fly away with it, and put it in the snake's hole."

The crow at once flew off to the lake and waited for the king's party to arrive, undress, take off their gold chains and pearl necklace and get into the water. Then when they were busy enjoying themselves, he picked up a necklace and flew away. The king's servants saw this, and quickly picked up their spears and sticks and pursued the crow.

The crow went straight to the snake's hole under the tree and dropped the necklace in it. The king's servants dug up the hole, found the black snake, beat it to death, picked up their queen's necklace, and went their way.

46. Which of the following is the meaning of the phrase 'at once' as used in the passage?

- (a) One time (b) once upon a time
(c) Taking one's own time (d) without delay

Ans: (d)

47. Which of the following is true about the jackal?

- (a) He was a friend of crow's wife. (b) He used to live under the same tree.
(c) He was crafty. (d) He was also troubled by the snake.

Ans: (c)

48. Which of the following is the meaning of the phrase 'take it' as used in the passage?

- (a) Accept (b) tolerate (c) Bring (d) reach

Ans: (b)

49. Who picked up the necklace from the lake?

- (a) Crow (b) jackal (c) Crow's wife (d) king's servant

Ans: (a)

50. Which of the following is not true about the tree?

- (a) It was big (b) It had branches (c) It had solid trunk (d) it was a banyan tree

Ans: (c)

Directions (51-55): In each of the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active (or Passive) Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive (or Active) Voice.

51. Mona was writing a letter to her father.

- (a) A letter was written to her father by Mona.
- (b) A letter has been written to her father by Mona.
- (c) A letter was being written by Mohan to her father.
- (d) A letter was written by Mohan to her father.

Ans: (c)

52. He teaches us Grammar.

- (a) Grammar is taught to us by him.
- (b) We are being taught Grammar by him.
- (c) Grammar is being taught us by him.
- (d) We are taught Grammar by him.

Ans: (d)

53. Do you imitate others?

- (a) Are others imitated by you?
- (b) Are others being imitated by you?
- (c) Were others being imitated by you?
- (d) Have others been imitated by you?

Ans: (a)

54. I saw him conducting the rehearsal.

- (a) He was seen conducting the rehearsal.
- (b) I saw the rehearsal to be conducted by him.
- (c) He was seen by me to conduct the rehearsal.
- (d) I saw the rehearsal being conducted by him.

Ans: (d)

55. Have the box broken.

- (a) Have the broken box.
- (b) Break the box.
- (c) Get someone to break the box.
- (d) They have broken the box.

Ans: (c)

Directions (56-60): Rearrange the following sentences into a meaningful sequence and answer the questions that follow.

I. But I think a better definition of happiness is 'the capacity for enjoyment'.

II. Turning to adults, ask any adult what he means by happiness and you will find a puzzled face for a moment.

III. In the teen age years the concept of happiness changes to enjoyment and pleasure.

IV. Because the more we can enjoy what we have, the happier we are.

V. The meaning of the word happiness changes with growing years, for a child happiness has a magical quality.

VI. Leave the puzzled face and refer to a dictionary it defines happy as 'lucky' or 'fortunate'.

56. Which sentence should come first in the paragraph?

- (a) II
- (b) III
- (c) IV
- (d) V

Ans: (c)

57. Which sentence should come second in the paragraph?

- (a) I
- (b) II
- (c) III
- (d) IV

Ans: (c)

58. Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?

- (a) II
- (b) III
- (c) IV
- (d) V

Ans: (a)

59. Which sentence should come fourth in the paragraph?

- (a) V (b) VI (c) I (d) II

Ans: (b)

60. Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?

- (a) III (b) IV (c) V (d) VI

Ans: (b)

Directions (61-65): In the following questions a group of four words are given. In each group one word is misspelt. Find the misspelt word and indicate it in the Answer sheet.

61. (a) Exhibit (b) authorities (c) Initially (d) impossible

Ans: (c)

62. (a) Throughout (b) evolution (c) Conference (d) commission

Ans: (c)

63. (a) Conductor (b) enormous (c) Preparations (d) permanent

Ans: (d)

64. (a) Dictator (b) brilliant (c) Adjoining (d) pleasant

Ans: (b)

65. (a) Mathematics (b) disasters (c) Unconscious (d) achievement

Ans: (a)

Directions (66-70): In the following questions the 1st and the last parts of the sentence are numbered S1 & S6. The rest of the sentence is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct. Then find the correct answer and indicate it in the Answer sheet.

66. S1. The Hound of Baskervilles was feared by the people of the area.

P. Some people spoke of seeing a huge, shadowy form of a hound at midnight on the moor.

Q. But they spoke of it in tones of horror.

R. Nobody had actually seen the hound.

S. This shadowy form did not reveal any details about the animal.

S6. The Hound of Baskervilles remains an unsolved mystery.

- (a) PQRS (b) PSRQ (c) SPQR (d) SPRQ

Ans: (a)

67. S1. Ram Mohan Roy was associated with several newspapers.

P. Many educationists protested vigorously against these measures.

Q. But this came to grief soon after the enactment in 1823, of new measures for the control of the press.

R. He brought out a bilingual, Bengali-English magazine.

S. Later, desiring an all – India circulation, he published a weekly in Persian, which was recognized then as the language of the cultured classes all over India.

S6. Ram Mohan Roy even addressed a petition to the king – in – Council in England.

- (a) QPRS (b) QSPR (c) RSPQ (d) SPQR

Ans: (d)

68. S1. Different countries show different patterns of growth.

P. Many others have a high birth rate with a low death rate.

Q. Some have a high birth rate and still have a high death rate.

R. The developing countries show the most rapid growth rate.

S. Some others like the European nations have a low birth rate and a low death rate.

S6. Compared to this in Europe the growth rate is low.

- (a) PQSR (b) QSPR (c) RSQP (d) SPQR

Ans: (b)

69. S1. There are examinations at school which a pupil can pass by cramming the texts.

P. But for spiritual knowledge more memory of holy texts will be of no use in passing the texts.

Q. One can score in them by the power of memory.

R. A competent guru alone can provide the necessary guidance to an earnest disciple.

S. What the text says has to be reflected upon and experienced by the speaker.

S6. Thus, reading, reflection and experience are the three stages in gaining spiritual knowledge.

- (a) QPSR (b) RSPQ (c) RSQP (d) SRPQ

Ans: (a)

70. S1. The domestic cat is a contradiction in itself.

P. But the adult pet dog also sees its human family as the dominant members of the pack.

Q. Nurshed in kittenhood it develops extraordinary intimacy with mankind.

R. The dog, like the pet cat, sees its owners as pseudo – parents.

S. At the same time, however, the cat continues to retain its independence.

S6. Hence it has won such a reputation for obedience and loyalty.

- (a) QSPR (b) QSRP (c) SQPR (d) SQRP

Ans: (b)

Directions (71-80): A passage is given below in which blanks have been numbered. Four alternative choices are given below against each number. In the context of the whole passage, select the best word in each case to fit each of the blanks to complete the passage correctly and meaningfully.

During the World War I penicillin was (1) on six patients. The (2) were very much (3) but, unfortunately, due to the (4) of penicillin two patients died. This tragic incidence proved that it (5) essential to (6) the medicine (7) large quantities. After many months of tireless efforts, a flawless (8) of extracting penicillin in large quantities was evolved. (9) The manufacture and use of it became (10).

71. (a) Given (b) suggested (c) Recommended (d) tested

Ans: (d)

72. (a) Actions (b) results (c) Conditions (d) impact

Ans: (b)

73. (a) Encouraging (b) deteriorating (c) Improving (d) bright

Ans: (a)

74. (a) Inefficiency (b) weaknesses (c) Shortage (d) abundance

Ans: (c)

75. (a) Were (b) had been (c) must (d) was

Ans: (d)

76. (a) Produce (b) give (c) Test (d) inject

Ans: (d)

77. (a) With (b) over (c) Into (d) by

Ans: (d)

78. (a) Utensil (b) quality (c) Term (d) technique

Ans: (b)

79. (a) As (b) Soon (c) While (d) before

Ans: (b)

80. (a) Risky (b) recognized (c) wide-spread (d) safe

Ans: (c)

Directions (81-90): In each of the following questions, out of the four alternatives, you have to choose the nearest antonym of the word given in bold at the question places.

81. **INVALUABLE**

(a) Moving (b) cheap (c) Effective (d) inspiring

Ans: (b)

82. **FRAGRANT**

(a) Striking (b) ill-smelling (c) Impressive (d) uncertain

Ans: (b)

83. **MEDIOCRE**

(a) Excellent (b) insoluble (c) Absurd (d) feeble

Ans: (a)

84. **HARMONY**

(a) Detention (b) pleasure (c) Discord (d) liberty

Ans: (c)

85. **PIOUS**

(a) Convincing (b) modest (c) Interned (d) immoral

Ans: (d)

86. **DISEASED**

(a) Healthy (b) useful (c) Ultimate (d) ferocious

Ans: (a)

87. **UNIVERSAL**

(a) Disapproved (b) vindictive (c) Limited (d) feeble

Ans: (c)

88. **RECOGNISED**

(a) Formal (b) precise (c) Fussy (d) neglected

Ans: (d)

89. **PARTICULAR**

(a) Peculiar (b) boastful (c) Personal (d) general

Ans: (d)

90. **DEGRADING**

(a) Exalting (b) genuine (c) Inhumane (d) natural

Ans: (a)

Directions (91-100): Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

91. I have great respectyour qualities.

(a) In (b) for (c) Towards (d) into

Ans: (b)

92. I will write a letter to you tentatively the date of the programme-

(a) Involving (b) guiding (c) Urging (d) indicating

Ans: (d)

93. The conference was successful; your style of presentation was so that everyone liked it.

(a) Difficult (b) trustworthy (c) Wonderful (d) conducive

Ans: (d)

94. I purposely meet you during my last visit to Kanpur.

- (a) Didn't (b) won't (c) Hadn't (d) wouldn't

Ans: (a)

95. Will you please your business and stop disturbing me?

- (a) Avoid (b) refrain (c) Interfere (d) mind

Ans: (d)

96. The police a complain against Sohan.

- (a) Noted (b) wrote (c) Registered (d) kept

Ans: (c)

97. You should not walk foot in the evening.

- (a) Empty (b) bare (c) Open (d) expose

Ans: (b)

98. A Of directors will finalise this case.

- (a) Panel (b) group (c) Band (d) board

Ans: (d)

99. Sohan on his own purchased this new flat his mother.

- (a) For (b) to (c) Against (d) towards

Ans: (a)

100. Higher authority has into this occurrence.

- (A) Checked (b) evaluated (c) Tested (d) probed

Ans: (d)