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1. Portia's father kept three caskets filled with gold, silver and _____ to choose his daughter the right suitor.

(A) Pearls

(C) Lead

(B) Diamonds

(D) Platinum

2. Match the Characters (A) with Who they are (B)

(A) characters

(B) who they are

(a) Antonio

(b) Bassanio

(c) Shylock

(d) Portia

1. Moneylender

2. A wealthy lady

3. A close friend of Antonio

4. A Merchant of Venice

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(A) 4 3 1 2

(B) 3 1 4 2

(C) 1 3 4 2

(D) 2 1 3 4

3. In the poem "O captain! My captain!" the captain symbolises

(A) Abraham Lincoln

(C) Musolini

(B) Hitler

(D) Dumolin

4. Match the following folk arts with the states :

(a) Manipuri

(b) Garba

(c) Bangra

(d) Kuchipudi

1. Andhrapradesh

2. Punjab

3. Manipur

4. Gujarat

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(A) 3 2 4 1

(B) 3 4 2 1

(C) 2 4 3 1

(D) 2 1 4 3

5. The correct plural form of the compound noun 'daughter-in-law' is
- (A) daughter-in-law
 - (B) daughters-in-laws
 - (C) daughters-in-law
 - (D) daughter-in-laws
6. Identify the simple sentence from the given options given below
- (A) Ramu is too poor to buy a bicycle
 - (B) Ramu is so poor that he cannot buy a bicycle
 - (C) Ramu is very poor and he cannot buy a bicycle
 - (D) Ramu is very poor and so he cannot buy a bicycle
7. Pick out the complex sentence from the given options
- (A) With all his money, he is not happy
 - (B) If we don't win, we shall die
 - (C) In spite of his illness, he attended the class
 - (D) He worked hard, yet he failed in the exam
8. Identify the sentence which is incorrect superlative degree
- (A) Latha is one of the most brilliant students in the class
 - (B) Latha is the most brilliant student than any other in the class
 - (C) Latha is one of the more brilliant student in the class
 - (D) Latha is one of the most brilliant student in the class

9. Match the Column A with Column B. Select the correct code given below.

Column A		Column B	
(a)	A Psalm of Life	1.	William Shakespeare
(b)	Sonnet No.116	2.	William Wordsworth
(c)	The Solitary Reaper	3.	Thomas Hardy
(d)	The Man he Killed	4.	H.W. Longfellow

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

10. "Be not like dumb, driven cattle!

Be a hero in the Strife!

In which poem do these lines occur?

(A) The Solitary Reaper

(B) A Psalm of Life

(C) Be the Best

(D) Sonnet No. 116

11. What was the name given to Lakshmibai by her parents?

(A) Rani of Jhansi

(B) Manikarnika

(C) Manu

(D) Chhabli

12. "Early the next morning, Colonel Scolt heard a rap at the door. He opened it and there stood the President". Who is the President "here"?

(A) Winston Churchill

(B) Abraham Lincoln

(C) John F. Kennedy

(D) Franklin Roosevelt

13. Match the following :

Column A

Column B

- (a) Phatuk
- (b) Rowther
- (c) Monsieur Sauvage
- (d) Fromton Nuttel

- 1. The Open Window
- 2. Holiday
- 3. Reflowering
- 4. Two friends

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

14. "What'er the theme, the Maiden Sang
As if her song could have no ending".
These are the words

- (A) Walt Whitman
- (C) William Shakespeare

- (B) William Wordsworth
- (D) Robert Frost

15. Choose the correct preposition and fill in the blanks :
The cat hid _____ the door.

- (A) above
- (C) under

- (B) behind
- (D) from

16. The wife of William Shakespeare was

- (A) Annie Louisa Walker
- (C) Portia

- (B) Anne Hathaway
- (D) Viola

17. Choose the correct "Antonym" for the underlined word from the options given :
Hughie's pictures were eagerly sought after.

(A) expectantly (B) enthusiastically
(C) differently (D) indifferently

18. Match the words from Column A with correct opposite word from Column B :

Column A				Column B			
(a)	appropriate			1.	insufficient		
(b)	adequate			2.	put wrong		
(c)	rectified			3.	unsuitable		
(d)	preferred			4.	rejected		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)				
(A)	3	1	2	4			
(B)	4	2	1	3			
(C)	3	2	4	1			
(D)	4	3	2	1			

19. Which word given below cannot have the suffix '—ism'?

I. regional
II. secular
III. rational
IV. response

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

20. Match Column A with Column B :

Column A				Column B			
(a)	-archy			1.	Bureau		
(b)	-cracy			2.	Social		
(c)	-ist			3.	Path		
(d)	-ology			4.	Hier		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)				
(A)	2	1	4	3			
(B)	2	4	3	1			
(C)	4	2	1	3			
(D)	4	1	2	3			

21. "How beautiful you are, Earth, and how sublime!" What is the figure of speech employed here?

- (A) Allusion
- (B) Personification
- (C) Oxymoron
- (D) Ellipsis

22. Find out the figure of speech used in the passage.

"As humble plants by country hedgerows growing, that treasure up the rain".

- (A) Refrain
- (B) Metonymy
- (C) Hyperbole
- (D) Simile

23. What is the figure of speech employed in the following line?

"I weep like a child for the past".

- (A) Metaphor
- (B) Personification
- (C) Simile
- (D) Alliteration

24. "Imagine if your precious nose

Were sandwiched in between your toes".

Bring out the meaning of the word "Sandwiched"

- (A) Bread
- (B) Burger
- (C) Pressed between two things
- (D) Piza

25. To which period the underlined poet belongs to?

1. Jack Prelutsky
2. William Blake
3. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
4. D.H. Lawrence

(A) 1803 – 1882

(B) 1770 – 1850

(C) 1885 – 1930

(D) 1806 – 1861

26. Match the poets with their poems

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Earth | 1. Robert Frost |
| (b) Going for Water | 2. John Masefield |
| (c) Migrant Bird | 3. Khalil Gibran |
| (d) Laugh and Be Merry | 4. Kamida Y Basheer |

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

27. Match the poems with the poets :

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Live to some purpose | 1. Stephen Vincent Benet |
| (b) English words | 2. Paul Holmes |
| (c) The flying wonder | 3. V.K. Gokak |
| (d) Beautiful Inside | 4. Adelaide Anne Proctor |

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

28. Fill in the blanks with a suitable question tag :
The conductor will not give you change for Rs. 10, _____ ?

- (A) Does he (B) Will he
(C) Will not he (D) Did he

29. Fill up the blank with preposition :
The work will be over _____ this evening.

- (A) at (B) by
(C) on (D) near

30. Choose the correct answer from the options given :
Park your car _____ the tree.

- (A) for (B) on
(C) at (D) beside

31. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'A Cuckoo in the nest'

- (A) to be coward
(B) some who raises early
(C) an unwelcome intruder
(D) to wake up early

32. Match the words with their meanings and choose the correct code from below :

Column A		Column B	
(a) teetotaller		1. using both hands skillfully	
(b) ambidextrous		2. without a date	
(c) sine die		3. genuine	
(d) bonafide		4. refuses alcohol	

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

33. Who among the following musician makes the following observation about art?
"Art is one of the ways in which we say I am alive and my life has meaning".
- (A) Dr. Karl Paulnack
(B) Johannes Brahms
(C) Guy Caravan
(D) Charles Tindley
34. The Greeks said that _____ were two sides of the same coin
- (A) Astronomy and Astrology
(B) Music and Astronomy
(C) Chemistry and Astrology
(D) Music and Astrology
35. Ahtushi Deshpande's "To the Land of Snow" is a fine description of her.
- (A) Comedy
(B) Travelogue
(C) Novel
(D) Docudrama
36. The road to success is not a bed of _____. It is full of thorns, pitfalls and gins.
Find out the correct word from the options given below.
- (A) Cloths
(B) Roses
(C) Soil
(D) Stones

37. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follows.

'Friends and Comrades, the light has gone out of our lives and there is darkness everywhere. I do not know what to tell you and how to say it. Our beloved leader Bapu as we called him, the father of the nation, is no more.'

Who is referred as "Bapu"?

- (A) Netaji (B) Nehru
(C) Gandhiji (D) Mr. Balbir Singh

38. Correspondence once limited to letters is now often online, as e-mail. Newsletters, brochures, circulars, resumes, etc. Once paperbound, are now online.

What do you understand of the word 'Correspondence'?

- (A) Principal (B) Owner of School/College
(C) Related (D) Written communication

39. Choose the correct sentence from the options

- I. Supposing if we start early, we can reach on time
II. He remains brave and confidence in a difficult situation
III. He joined a European University last year
IV. If I had started in time, I would caught the train

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

40. Pick out the correct sentence from the options given below

- (A) I met the concerned officer and explained my position
(B) I met the officer concerned and explained my position
(C) The moon was really a world covered by mountains and valleys
(D) Either of these are suitable

41. Find out the odd word :

- (A) Ground (B) School
(C) Hard (D) Lab

42. Fill in the blanks with the suitable word :
Would you mind _____ the suitcase sir?
- (A) open
(C) to open
(B) opening
(D) opened
43. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form to complete the sentence.
A kind teacher always makes us _____ better.
- (A) to learn
(C) learning
(B) learn
(D) none of these
44. Complete the following sentence using a suitable form of the passive voice.
The certificates _____ (issue) to the students last week.
- (A) were issued
(C) had been issued
(B) are being issued
(D) were being issued
45. Pick out the correct option :
The convenor _____ the meeting last week.
- (A) was convened
(C) has convened
(B) convenes
(D) convened
46. Pick out the correct answer :
The teacher with some students _____ the seminar.
- (A) attends
(C) attending
(B) attend
(D) have attended

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47. Match the following :

Characters (A)				Authors (B)			
(a)	Mrs. Sappleton			1.	Guy De Maupassant		
(b)	Murissot			2.	'O' Henry		
(c)	Djinn			3.	Saki		
(d)	Old Behrman			4.	Rudyard Kipling		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
(A)	1	2	3	4			
(B)	4	3	2	1			
(C)	3	1	4	2			
(D)	1	3	4	2			

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48. Match the Poems in column A with their Poets in Column B:

Column (A)				Column (B)			
(a)	Manliness			1.	David Roth		
(b)	The Cry of the children			2.	Rudyard Kipling		
(c)	The Apology			3.	Elizabeth Barrett Browning		
(d)	Nine Gold Medals			4.	Ralph Waldo Emerson		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
(A)	2	3	4	1			
(B)	2	1	4	3			
(C)	3	2	4	1			
(D)	2	3	1	4			

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49. To which nationality does the author of the story "The Selfish Giant" belong to?

- (A) Burma
(B) Ireland
(C) America
(D) Russia

50. Who is the author of the short story "The Wooden Bowl"?

- (A) Oscar Wilde
(B) O' Henry
(C) Leo Tolstoy
(D) Rex Coker

51. "The Mystery of Language" picturises the life of

- (A) Kalpana Chawla
(B) Kamala Das
(C) Dr. Salim Ali
(D) Helen Keller

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52. Which of the two sentences are in the same degree of comparison?
- Mr. Roshanlal is the richest man in his village
 - The climate on the hills is better than that on the plains
 - It is as hot today as it was yesterday
 - In your view, who is the most popular cricketer?
- (A) I and II (B) I and III
(C) I and IV (D) II and IV
53. Which of the following is not a blended word?
- (A) Motel (B) Brunch
(C) Kilogram (D) Interpol
54. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'travelogue'
- (A) travel + monologue (B) travel + dialogue
(C) travel + catalogue (D) train + catalogue
55. Pick out the compound word with the combination Adjective + Noun
- (A) Watchman (B) Hard working
(C) Hot water (D) Whitewash
56. Match the following and choose the correct code:

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Adjective + Noun	1.	pale blue
(b)	Adjective + Verb	2.	software
(c)	Adverb + Verb	3.	free drive
(d)	Adjective + Adjective	4.	downcast

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

57. "Living Amicably" is an extract from

- (A) 'Wings of Fire'
- (B) My Experiments with Truth
- (C) To the land of Snow
- (D) Sunny days

58. Who Speaks the following line in "Julius Caesar"?

"I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him".

- (A) Antony
- (B) Brutus
- (C) First Citizen
- (D) Second Citizen

59. "Good friends, sweet friends, let me not stir you up

To such a sudden flood of mutiny".

Whose words are these?

- (A) Brutus
- (B) Mark Antony
- (C) Julius Caesar
- (D) Cassius

60. "Yours is the earth and everything that's in it". These words appear in the poem
- (A) Be the best (B) A Psalm of life
(C) The Solitary Reaper (D) Manliness
61. Mr. Loisel is a _____ in "The Necklace".
- (A) Doctor (B) Teacher
(C) Minister (D) Petty clerk
62. Rowther is compared to _____ "Reflowering".
- (A) Abhimanyu (B) Arjunan
(C) Nakulan (D) Sahadevan
63. "The Mystery of Language" is a short biography of
- (A) Gandhiji (B) Helen Keller
(C) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (D) Kamala Dass Surya
64. Identify the author of the following quotes; "The unified, dedicated efforts of the people from every walk of life won freedom for the country".
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) J. Nehru
(C) R. Tagore (D) A.P.J Abdul Kalam

65. He plays _____ guitar.

Find out the right article :

- (A) a
- (B) an
- (C) the
- (D) none

66. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

Ramu had applied for _____ (a) _____ post of _____ (b) _____ cashier in _____ (c) _____

In _____ (d) _____ interview he answered some questions well.

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | a | the | the | a |
| (B) | the | a | a | the |
| (C) | the | a | a | an |
| (D) | the | a | the | an |

67. Select the plural form of the following word :

'alumnus'

- (A) alumni
- (B) alumnae
- (C) alumna
- (D) alumus

68. Select the plural form of the following compound word.

"man servant"

- (A) man-servants
- (B) men-servant
- (C) men-servants
- (D) mens-servants

69. "O Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done"
What is implied in the poem "O Captain and My Captain"?
- (A) 'O Captain! hints at the affection and death of the Captain'
 - (B) 'O Captain! hints at not affection of the Captain'
 - (C) 'O Captain! hints at not death of the Captain'
 - (D) 'O Captain' hints at just calling for Captain'

70. "And kingdoms may forget their Kings
And dogs forget their bites,
But not till man forgets his Wings
Will men forget the Wrights".
Who pays a glowing tribute to Wright brothers in these lines?
- (A) H.W. Longfellow
 - (B) Stephen Vincent Benet
 - (C) John Masefield
 - (D) Khalil Gibran

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71. "Be glad your nose is on your face"
Who wrote the above poem?
- (A) Jack Prelutsky
 - (B) William Wordsworth
 - (C) Norman Nicholson
 - (D) Thomas Hardy

72. Who wrote the motivational poem "Be the Best"?
- (A) William Wordsworth
 - (B) Douglas Malloch
 - (C) D.H. Lawrence
 - (D) Thomas Hardy

73. "I won't look down. No I will not. With speed of wings I hasten past. Name from which the above lines have been taken
- (A) Don't Quit
 - (B) Going for Water
 - (C) Migrant Bird
 - (D) The Flying Wonder
74. The tree in the farthest corner of the garden was covered with blossoms.
- (A) Yellow
 - (B) White
 - (C) Blue
 - (D) Red
75. Who among the following is not a character in the story "Reflowering"?
- (A) Gomathi
 - (B) Kolappan
 - (C) Loisel
 - (D) Murugan
76. Who speaks the following line in "The Open Window"?
- "My aunt will be down presently Mr. Nuttel"
- (A) Veera
 - (B) Mrs. Sappleton
 - (C) Mr. Sappleton
 - (D) Framton Nuttel

77. Choose the suitable phrasal verb :
The little people _____ their daily tasks.

(A) went about

(B) went out

(C) went on

(D) wait on

78. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word :
Students should study their lessons with diligence and care.

(A) steady effort

(B) enjoyment

(C) dedication

(D) caution

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79. Choose the correct "synonym" for the underlined word from the options given :
It is an invidious thing to distinguish between knowledge and character.

(A) unjust

(B) seriousness

(C) just

(D) unpleasant

80. Find out the correct meaning of the word "conviction"

(A) false belief

(B) depressed

(C) anxious

(D) strong belief

81. 'To the Land of Snow' is the trekking experience of the author to

(A) Himalayas

(B) Mt. Everest

(C) Milam Glacier

(D) Kashmir

82. What is the height of the Shivalinga in Tanjore temple?

(A) 7.8 m

(B) 8.7 m

(C) 8.9 m

(D) 9.8 m

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83. Which among the following is wrongly matched?

(A) Film : Movie

(B) Tap : Faucet

(C) Nappy : Antenna

(D) Flat : Apartment

84. What is the American Word for "aerial"?

(A) accelerator

(B) anorak

(C) antenna

(D) trunk

85. Find out the odd word :

(A) Clever

(B) Strong

(C) Good

(D) Beyond

86. Pick out the right option and complete the line of the poem

"The cry of the children",

For, all day, the wheels are _____

(A) droning, turning

(B) ceiling, reeling

(C) moaning, drooping

(D) stooping, burning

87. He must be killed,

For in Sicily the black, black snakes are _____, the gold are _____.

Choose the right option and complete the above sentence.

(A) venomous, innocent

(B) harmless, innocent

(C) innocent, venomous

(D) venomous, harmless

88. Who said this? Choose the right option

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us"

(A) Stephen King

(B) Helen Keller

(C) John F. Kennedy

(D) Mother Theresa

89. Fill in the blank with correct tense of the verb given.

I am sleepy. I _____ (work) all night.

(A) have worked

(B) work

(C) have been working

(D) worked

90. Fill in the blank with the correct option :

The Earth _____ around the sun.

(A) moves

(B) will move

(C) is moved

(D) would move

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91. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :

Jordi attends the class regularly, _____?

(A) did he

(B) didn't he

(C) does he

(D) doesn't he

92. Select the correct question tag.

My father loves his native village _____?

(A) don't he

(B) doesn't he

(C) didn't he

(D) does he

93. Rudyard Kipling, one of the most popular English Poets, was born in
- (A) Canada
 - (B) India
 - (C) America
 - (D) Britain
94. Laura Merton's father was a retired
- (A) Admiral
 - (B) Colonel
 - (C) Flying officer
 - (D) General Manager
95. Who uttered the following words in the Model Millionaire of Oscar Wilde?
"Millionaire models are rare enough, but by Jove Model Millionaires are rarer still".
- (A) Alan Trevor
 - (B) Hausberg
 - (C) Hughie
 - (D) The Colonel
96. "It was only a linnet singing outside the window". What is a 'linnet'?
- (A) a small brown dog
 - (B) a small rabbit
 - (C) a small girl
 - (D) a small brown and grey bird

97. Identify the sentence pattern.

The Company Chairperson promised them better salary.

(A) S V D O I O

(B) S V O A

(C) S V A O

(D) S V I O D O

98. Fill in the blanks with correct homophones

Due to this _____ handwriting, he is not _____ for the post.

(A) adapted/adopted

(B) illegible/eligible

(C) weak/week

(D) credible/credulous

99. Which one of the following sentences has an error in it?

I. My Father is a honest man

II. My Father is an honest man

III. My Father is one of the honest men

IV. My Father is honest

(A) I

(B) II

(C) III

(D) IV

100. Which one of the following statement has error?

(A) One should keep his promises

(B) A dead man tells no tales

(C) You cannot set foot in this house

(D) Listen to what I say