

TNPSC GROUP IV - 2019

GENERAL ENGLISH - TENTATIVE KEY

- ❖ Answer Key were prepared based on information provided in the Old and New Books of TNSCERT
- \diamond There may be a variation of +/- 3 Keys in the given keys.
- ❖ We shall release the Cut-Off Marks on 4th September 2019 at 6 PM.
- ❖ TNPSC Group II/II-A Test Batch starts from 2nd Week of September 2019
- ❖ TNPSC Group II(OT) Interview programme starts from 2nd Week of September 2019



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1.	Choose the suitable phrasal verb:									
	The little people their daily tasks.									
	A) went about	B) went out								
	C) went on	D) wait on								
2.	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								
3.	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								
4.	Find out the correct meaning of the word "conviction".									
	A) false belief	B) depressed								
	C) anxious	D) strong belief								
5.	Which of the two sentences are in the same degree of comparison?									
	I. Mr. Roshanlal is the richest man in his village.									
	II. The climate on the hills is better than that on the plains.									
	III. It is as hot today as it was yesterday.									
	IV. 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								
6.	Which of the following i	s not a blended word?								
	A) Motel	B) Brunch								
	C) Kilogram	D) Interpol								



- 7. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'travelogue'.
 - A) travel + monologue
 - B) travel + dialogue
 - C) travel + catalogue
 - D) train + catalogue
- 8. Pick out the compound word with the combination Adjective + Noun.
 - A) Watchman
 - B) Hard working
 - C) Hot water
 - D) Whitewash
- 9. 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
- 10. To which period the underlined poet belongs to?
 - 1. Jack Prelutsky
 - 2. William Blake
 - 3. Elizabeth Barrelt Browning
 - 4. D.H. Lawrence
 - A) 1803 1882
 - B) 1770 1850
 - C) 1885 1930
 - D) 1806 1861



11.	Match the poets with their poems.										
	a) Earth					1. Robert Frost					
	b) (Goin	g for	Wat	er	2. John Masefield					
	c) N	Migra	ant B	Bird		3. Khalil Gibran					
	d) I	Laug	h an	d Be	Merry	4. Famida Y Basheer					
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	A)	3	1	4	2						
	B)	1	2	4	3						
	C)	2	4	3	1						
	D)	4	2	1	3						
12.	Ma	tch t	the p	oems	s with th	eir poets.					
			_		ourpose	Stephen Vincent Benet					
	b) English words					2. Paul Holmes					
	•		lying			3. V.K. Gokak					
			tiful			4. Adelaide Anne Proctor					
	a b c d										
	A)	3	2	1	4						
	B)	2	3	4	1						
	C)	1	4	3	2						
	D)	4	3	1	2						
13.	Por	tia's	fath	ier k	ent thre	e caskets filled with gold, silver and to choose					
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	C) Lead										

D) Platinum



14. 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
- 15. In the poem "O captain! My captain!" the captain symbolises
 - A) Abraham Lincoln

B) Hitler

C) Musolini

- D) Dumolin
- 16. Match the following folk arts with the states.
 - a) Manipuri
- 1. Andhrapradesh

b) Garba

2. Punjab

c) Bangra

- 3. Manipur
- d) Kuchipudi
- 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
- 17. To the Land of Snow' is the trekking experience of the author to
 - A) Himalayas
 - B) Mt. Everest
 - C) Milam Glacier
 - D) Kashmir



18.	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								
19.	Which among the following is wrongly matched?									
	A) Film – Movie									
	B) Tap – Faucet									
	C) Nappy – Antenna									
	D) Flat – Apartment									
20.	What is the American Word of	aerial"?								
	A) accelerator	B) anorak								
	C) antenna	D) trunk								
21.	"Living Amicably" is an extract from									
	A) 'Wings of Fire'	B) My Experiments with Truth								
	C) To the land of Snow	D) Sunny days								
22.	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								
23.	"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								
24.	Fill in the blanks with a suitable question tag:									
	The conductor will not give yo	u change for Rs. 10,?								
	A) Does he	B) Will he								
	C) Will not he	D) Did he								



25.	Fill up the blank with preposition: The work will be over this evening.										
	The	e wor	ck wi	II be	over _	this ev	ening.				
	A) a						B) by				
	C) (on					D) near				
26.	Choose the correct answer from the options given :										
	Par	k yo	ur ca	ar	th	e tree.					
	A) f	or					B) on				
	C) at						D) beside				
27.	Choose the correct meaning of the idiom 'A Cukoo in the nest'.										
	A) t	o be	cow	ard			B) some who raises early				
	C) a	an u	nwel	com	e intru	ıder	D) to wake up early				
28.	Mo	toh t	he w	ords	with t	hair maanin	gs and choose the correct code from below :				
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	,		dextı	rous		2. without a date					
	•	ine o				3. genuii					
	,	ona				4. Refuse	es alcohol				
	Cod	des :									
		а	b	C	d						
	A)	1	2	4	3						
	B)	2	3	1	4						
	C)	3	4	2	1						
	D)	4	1	2	3						
29.	The	cor	rect j	plura	al form	of the comp	ound noun 'daughter-in-law' is				
	A) (laug	hter-	in-la	ıw						
	В) с	daug	hter	s-in-	laws						
	C) (daug	hter	s-in-	·law						
	D) daughter-in-laws										



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- 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.
- 31. 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) Inspite of his illness, he attended the class.
 - D) He worked hard, yet he failed in the exam.
- 32. 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.

(The question should be Which is correct superlative degree)

- 33. Find out the odd word:
 - A) Clever
 - B) Strong
 - C) Good
 - D) Beyond
- 34. 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



35.	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									
36.	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	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								
37.	"Yours is the earth and everything that's in it". These words appears in the									
	poem									
	A) Be the best	B) A Psalm of life								
	C) The Solitary Reaper	D) Manliness								
38.	Mr. Loisel is a in "The Necklace".									
	A) Doctor	B) Teacher								
	C) Minister	D) Petty clerk								
39.	Rather is compared to	in "Reflowering".								
	A) Abhimanyu	B) Arjunan								
	C) Nakulan	D) Sahadevan								
40.	"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									



41.	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										
42.	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										
43.	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										
44.	Ahtushi Deshpande's "To the Land of Snow" is a fine description of her.										
	A) Comedy										
	B) Travelogue										
	C) Novel										
	D) Docudrama										
45.	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										



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

Column A

Column B

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

Codes:

a b c d

- A) 4 1 3 2
- B) 2 3 4 1
- C) 4 1 2 3
- D) 3 2 4 1
- 47. "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
- 48. What was the name given to Lakshmibai by her parents?
 - A) Rani of Jhansi
 - B) Manikarnika
 - C) Manu
 - D) Chhablli
- 49. "Early the next morning, Colonel Scolt heard a rap at the door. He opened there stood the President". Who is the President "here"?
 - A) Winston Churchill
 - B) Abraham Lincoln
 - C) John F. Kennedy
 - D) Franklin Roosevelt



50.	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										
51.	Fill in the blank with correct option:										
	The Earth ar	ound the sun									
	A) moves										
	B) will move										
	C) is moved										
	D) would move										
52.	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										
53.	Select the correct question tag.										
	My father love his native village?										
	A) dont' he										
	B) doesn't he										
	C) didn't he										
	D) does he										
54.	He plays guitar.										
	Find out the right article:										
	A) a	B) an									
	C) the	D) none									



55.	Fill in	n the	blank	s with s	suitable	e articles:						
	Ram	u hac	l appli	ed for _	(a)	_ post of _	(b)	_ cashier in _	(c)	_ bank.		
	In _	(d)	inte	rview h	ie answ	wered some	ques	stion well.				
	(a	a)	(b)	(c)	(d)							
	A) a		the	the	an							
	B) t1	he	a	a	the							
	C) th	ne	а	a	an							
	D) th	ne	a	the	an							
56.	Selec	t the	plura	l form o	of the fo	ollowing wo	ord:					
	'alun	nnus'										
	A) a	lumn	ıi			B)	alun	nnae				
	C) a	lumn	a			D)	alun	ıus				
57.	Selec	t the	plura	l form o	of the fo	ollowing co	mpou	ınd word.				
	"man servant"											
	A) man-servants											
	B) men-servant											
	C) men-servants											
	D) m	nens-	servar	its								
58.	Read	the 1	passag	ge given	below	and answe	er the	question tha	t follow	vs.		
	'Friends and Comrades, the light has gone out of our lives and there is											
	darkı	ness	everyv	where.	I do no	ot know w	hat to	tell you and	l how	to say it. Our		
	belov	ed le	ader, l	Bapu as	s we ca	alled him, t	he fat	ther of the na	tion, is	no more.		
	Who	is ref	ferred	as "Bap	ou"?							
	A) N	ethaj	i									
	B) N	ehru										
	C) G	andl	niji									
	D) M	Ir. Ba	albir S	ingh								



59. Correspondence once limited to letters is now often online, as e-mail.

Newsletters, brochures, circulars, resumes, etc. Once paperbound, are no online.

What do you understand of the word 'Correspondence"?

- A) Principal
- B) Owner of School/College
- C) Related
- D) Written communication
- 60. 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
- 61. 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
- 62. Find out the odd word:
 - A) Ground

B) School

C) Hard

D) Lab

63. Match the following

Column A a) Phatik b) Rowther c) Monsieur Sauvage d) Fromton Nuttel Column B 1. The open Window 2. Holiday 3. Reflowering 4. Two friends



		а	b	c	d						
	A)	1	2	3	4						
	B)	4	3	2	1						
	C)	2	3	4	1						
	D)	3	2	4	1						
64.	"3371	atlar	, + h o :	+ h om	a the Meid	on Cong					
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						citating.					
	These are the words of A) Walt Whitman										
	B) William Wordsworth										
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65.	Cho	ose 1	the c	orrec	t prepositio	n and fill i	n	the blanks:			
	The	cat	hid _		the door						
	A)	abov	e			В)		behind			
	C)	unde	er			D))	from			
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66.					n Shakespe						
	,			usa	Walker	·		Anne Hathaway			
	C)	Porti	.a			D))	Viola			
67.	Ruc	lyard	l Kipl	ing,	one of the n	nost popula	aı	r English Poets, was born in			
	A)	Cana	ada			В)		India			
	C)	Ame	rica			D))	Britian			
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- 69. 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
- 70. "It was only a linnet singing outside the window". What is the 'linnet'?
 - A) a small brown dog
 - B) a small rabbit
 - C) a small girl
 - D) a small brown and grey bird
- 71. "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 effection 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'
- 72. "And kingdoms may forget their Kings

And dogs forget the 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
- 73. "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



74.	Who wrote the motivational poem "Be the Best"?											
	A) William Wordsworth											
	B) Douglas Malloch											
	C) D.H. Lawrence											
	D) Thomas Hardy											
75.	Fill in the blanks with the suitable word:											
	Would you mind the suitcase sir?											
	A) open	B)	opening									
	C) to open	D)	opened									
76.	Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form to complete the sentence.											
	A kind teacher always makes us		better.									
	A) to learn	B)	learn									
	C) learning	D)	none of these									
77.	Complete the following sentence using a suitable form of the passive voice.											
	The certificates (issue)	to the	students last week.									
	A) were issued	A) were issued										
	B) are being issued											
	C) had been issued											
	D) were being issued											
78.	Pick out the correct option:											
	The convenor the meeting last week.											
	A) was convened	B)	convenes									
	C) has convened	D)	convened									
79.	Pick out the correct answer:											
	The teacher with some students		the seminar.									
	A) attends	B)	attend									
	C) attending	D)	have attended									



80.	Choose the correct "Antonym" for the underlined word from the options give:
	Hughie's pictures were eagerly sought after.
	A) expectantly
	B) enthusiastically
	C) differently

D) indifferently

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

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	Colu	ımn	A		Column B
a) a	appro	opria	te		1. insufficient
b) a	b) adequate			2. put wrong	
c) r	ectif	fied			3. unsuitable
d) r	d) preferred			4. rejected	
	a	b	c	d	
A)	3	1	2	4	
B)	4	2	1	3	
C)	3	2	4	1	

- 82. Which word given below cannot have the suffix '___ism'?
 - I. regional

D) 4

3 2 1

- II. secular
- III. rational
- IV. response
- A) IV
- B) II
- C) I
- D) III

83. Match the following

Column A

- a) archy
- b) cracy
- c) ist
- d) ology

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

Column B

- 1. Bureau
- 2. Social
- 3. Path
- 4. Hier

84.	Identify	the	sentence	pattern
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The Company Chairperson promised them better salary

- A) S V DO IO
- B) SVOA
- C) SVAO
- D) S V IO DO

85.	Fill in the	blanks	with	correct	homor	hones

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

- A) adapted/adopted
- B) illegible/eligible
- C) weak / week
- D) credible/credulous
- 86. 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



87.	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
- 88. "I won't look down. No I will not. With speed of wings I hasten past. Name the poem from which the above lines have been taken
 - A) Don't Quit
 - B) Going for Water
 - C) Migrant Bird
 - D) The Flying Wonder
- 89. The tree in the farthest corner of the garden was covered with ______ blossoms.
 - A) Yellow
 - B) White
 - C) Blue
 - D) Red
- 90. Who among the following is not a character in the story "Reflowering"?
 - A) Gomathi
 - B) Kolappan
 - C) Loisel
 - D) Murugan
- 91. 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 Neuttel



92. Match the following

Column A

- a) Mrs. Suppleton
- b) Morissot
- c) Djinn
- d) Old Behrman

а	b	C	d

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

Column B

- 1. Guy De Manpassant
- 2. 'O' Henry
- 3. Saki
- 4. Rudyard Kipling

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

Column A

- a) Manliness
- b) The Cry of the Children
- c) The Apology
- d) Nine Gold Medals
 - a b c d
- A) 2 3 4 1
- B) 2 1 4 3
- C) 3 2 4 1
- D) 2 3 1 4

Column B

- 1. David Roth
- 2. Rudyard Kipling
- 3. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- 4. Ralph Waldo Emerson

- 94. To which nationality does the author of the story "The Selfish Giant" belong to?
 - A) Burma

B) Ireland

C) America

D) Russia

- 95. Who is the author of the short story "The Wooden Bowl"?
 - A) Oscar Wilde

B) O' Henry

C) Leo Tolstoy

D) Rex Coker



96.	6. "The Mystery of Language" picturises the life of				
	A)	Kalpana Chawla	B)	Kamala Das	
	C)	Dr. Salim Ali	D)	Helen Keller	
97.	"Ho	ow beautiful you are, Earth, and I	how	sublime!" What is the figure of speech	
	em	ployed here?			
	A)	Allusion	B)	Personification	
	C)	Oxymoron	D)	Ellipsis	
98.	Fir	nd out the figure of speech used in	the	e passage	
	"As	s humble plants by country hedge	row	s growing, that treasure up the rain".	
	A)	Refrain	B)	Metanomy	
	C)	Hyperbole	D)	Simile	
99.	Wł	nat is the figure of speech employe	d in	the following line?	
	"I weep like a child for the past".				
	A)	Metaphor	B)	Personification	
	C)	Simile	D)	Alliteration	
100.	"In	nagine 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)	Pizza			
