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(English)

**Question Paper
Booklet Code**

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Time : 90 Minutes]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Important instructions to Candidates :

- 1) All questions carry equal marks. Total 100 questions are given.
- 2) Before breaking the seal of the question booklet, carefully take out the answer sheet (OMR sheet) inserted in it. While taking it out, it should not have any folding marks or crease on it.
- 3) The candidate must mention the Question booklet code, Serial number and his/her Roll number in the answer sheet. Otherwise such answer sheet will not be evaluated which should be specially noted. All answers must be given as mentioned in the answer sheet for which read the instructions given at the backside of the answer sheet and should be followed compulsorily.
- 4) Candidates should not carry any literature, mobile phone, calculator, electronic instruments etc. which may be useful to the candidates in the exam. If found at later stage of the exam or found copying or doing illegal activity/indiscipline behaviour, such candidate will be disqualified from the exam.
- 5) Any doubts can be clarified with the invigilator by raising your hands. If any error is found in the question booklet or OMR sheet, inform the invigilator immediately and obtain another copy.
- 6) Use blue or black point pen only to write in the answer sheet.
- 7) Each right answer carries 01 (one) mark. No marks will be given if option is not selected and no marks will be deducted. Candidates must note that for every wrong answer 0.25 marks will be deducted as negative marking.
- 8) Each question has answer options in the answer sheet. Fill the circle for the chosen option given in the answer sheet. If you fill more than one circle or use the white ink, such answers will be considered as wrong. Even the overwritten answers will be taken as wrong answer. For each such wrong answer 0.25 marks will be deducted as negative marking (–). The candidate must think well before filling the circle.
- 9) Even if a dot is put in the circle of the options (A, B, C, D) by mistake, the computer will take it as an answer. As such, the ball pen must be carefully used in the answer sheet (OMR sheet) throughout the paper.
- 10) During the exam, the invigilator will bring the attendance register to the candidate in which you will enter your OMR sheet no. and also sign in the attendance register compulsorily.
- 11) The candidate will fill only the required details in the space provided in the answer sheet. Other details like name, symbols should not be mentioned elsewhere in the answer sheet. Only rough work can be done in the question booklet.
- 12) The answer sheet (OMR sheet) has 3 copies. After the completion of the exam, the invigilator will separate and give the 3rd copy (candidate's copy) to the candidate which the candidate can carry. Note that the candidate should not separate this third copy.

In Questions 1 to 7, choose the correct meaning of the underlined proverb/ idiom.

- 1) They meet each other once in a blue moon. **ANSWER - C**
(A) Frequently (B) In the night
(C) Very seldom (D) In light of a blue moon
- 2) Ramesh was already having many problems and he did not want to open a whole new can of worms. **ANSWER - C**
(A) Did not want to solve the problems
(B) Did not want insects to create problems
(C) Did not want to tackle a new problem
(D) Did not enjoy solving his problems
- 3) Kamlesh is earning really well. He spends money at the drop of the hat these days. **ANSWER - C**
(A) spends money on buying hats
(B) spends money on charity work
(C) spends money very quickly
(D) spends money after a great thought
- 4) Students were told to pull up their socks as the examinations were very close. **ANSWER - B**
(A) get the dress ready
(B) start studying hard
(C) wear socks so that they do not fall ill
(D) put all their books in place
- 5) Meera got very offended even though her friends were just pulling her leg. **ANSWER - B**
(A) Tossing her around
(B) Teasing and joking with her
(C) Fighting with her
(D) Hitting her on the leg
- 6) Ameesh was tired of playing the second fiddle to his partner. **ANSWER - C**
(A) Being bullied
(B) Being overworked
(C) Being treated as less important
(D) Being always early to office

7) Rahul was his teacher's favourite as he had his finger in every pie.

- (A) cooked great food
- (B) made friends with everyone
- (C) was involved in various activities
- (D) stood first in the class

ANSWER - C

8 to 14 - Choose the option which is correctly spelt.

- 8) (A) CEILING
(C) CEELING

- (B) CIELING
(D) CELIENG

ANSWER - A

- 9) (A) OCASSION
(C) OCASION

- (B) OCCASION
(D) OCCASSION

ANSWER - B

- 10) (A) EMBARASING
(C) EMBARRASSING

- (B) EMBARASSING
(D) EMBBARASING

ANSWER - C

- 11) (A) SYPNOSIS
(C) SYNOPSES

- (B) SIPNOSIS
(D) SYNOPSIS

ANSWER - D

- 12) (A) SAPARATE
(C) SEPERATE

- (B) SAPERATE
(D) SEPARATE

ANSWER - D

- 13) (A) PLEASENT
(C) PLESANT

- (B) PLEASANT
(D) PLESENT

ANSWER - B

- 14) (A) SYMMETRY
(C) SIMMETRY

- (B) SYMETRY
(D) SYMMATRY

ANSWER - A

15 to 20 - Fill in the blanks with the correct collective noun.

15) A _____ of birds is always a beautiful sight.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) Fleet | (B) Flight |
| (C) Group | (D) Range |

16) A _____ of bees attacked Ravi in the park.

ANSWER - C

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| (A) Heap | (B) School |
| (C) Swarm | (D) Group |

17) Mahendra spotted a _____ of lions during his trip to Gujarat.

ANSWER - D

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| (A) Army | (B) Swarm |
| (C) Collection | (D) Pride |

18) A _____ of ants had formed around the sugar cube.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) Army | (B) Colony |
| (C) Team | (D) Flock |

19) A _____ of arrows was fired at the deer by the hunter.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) Range | (B) Quiver |
| (C) Host | (D) Battalion |

20) Children could spot a _____ of fish in the nearby pond.

ANSWER - A

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| (A) School | (B) Group |
| (C) Swarm | (D) Flock |

21 to 35 - Choose the word which can be substituted for the given sentence / phrase.

21) A thing that is no longer in use.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) Abandoned | (B) Obsolete |
| (C) Ancient | (D) Broken |

22) A shortened form of a word or phrase.

ANSWER - C

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| (A) Brief | (B) Edited |
| (C) Abbreviation | (D) Deleted |

23) Theft of someone's original work.

ANSWER - D

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| (A) Unauthorised | (B) Fake |
| (C) Duplicate | (D) Plagiarism |

24) A situation which cannot be avoided.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) Certain | (B) Inevitable |
| (C) Inaudible | (D) Clear |

25) A study of human societies and their cultures.

ANSWER - C

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| (A) Psychology | (B) Economics |
| (C) Anthropology | (D) History |

26) Something that cannot be erased.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) permanent | (B) indelible |
| (C) illegible | (D) incorrigible |

27) A state in which a few govern the many. **ANSWER - C**

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| (A) Democracy | (B) Monarchy |
| (C) Oligarchy | (D) Anarchy |

28) A person pretending to be someone he is not. **ANSWER - D**

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| (A) Magician | (B) Liar |
| (C) Thief | (D) Imposter |

29) The practice of having more than one husband at the same time. **ANSWER - D**

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| (A) Polygyny | (B) Polygamy |
| (C) Monogamy | (D) Polyandry |

30) A person not sure about the existence of God. **ANSWER - D**

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| (A) Theist | (B) Atheist |
| (C) Cynic | (D) Agnostic |

31) The study of birds. **ANSWER - A**

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| (A) Ornithology | (B) Ophthalmology |
| (C) Orthodontia | (D) Orology |

32) The absence of law and order in a society. **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Revolt | (B) Anarchy |
| (C) Mutiny | (D) Monarchy |

33) A disorder causing an uncontrollable desire to steal. **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Schizophrenia | (B) Kleptomania |
| (C) Claustrophobia | (D) Mania |

34) Giving undue favours to family members.

ANSWER - A

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| (A) Nepotism | (B) Favoritism |
| (C) Corruption | (D) Partisanism |

35) Something which is very old.

ANSWER - C

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| (A) Aged | (B) Redundant |
| (C) Ancient | (D) Obsolete |

36 to 45 - Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition given in the options.

36) She wants to stay _____ home tonight.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) in | (B) at |
| (C) inside | (D) to |

37) I have not heard from him _____ last week.

ANSWER - C

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| (A) for | (B) by |
| (C) since | (D) till |

38) Ram must be back home _____ 10 O' clock.

ANSWER - A

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| (A) by | (B) till |
| (C) for | (D) to |

39) Exercise is necessary _____ a good health.

ANSWER - C

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| (A) in | (B) with |
| (C) for | (D) by |

40) I will arrive sometimes _____ eight and nine A.M.

ANSWER - D

(A) on

(B) in

(C) next to

(D) between

41) I have not had a call from him _____ last Wednesday.

ANSWER - C

(A) for

(B) in

(C) since

(D) on

42) I slept _____ the speech.

ANSWER - B

(A) in

(B) during

(C) between

(D) ahead

43) The shop is _____ the road.

ANSWER - D

(A) opposite

(B) above

(C) ahead

(D) across

44) He went and sat _____ him.

ANSWER - A

(A) beside

(B) side

(C) in

(D) around

45) He went _____ the park on his bicycle.

ANSWER - C

(A) up

(B) under

(C) around

(D) within

46 to 55 - From the given options, find out the correct antonym of the words.

46) Below

ANSWER - B

(A) Under

(B) Above

(C) Up

(D) Beside

47) Prevent

ANSWER - A

(A) Help

(B) Obstruct

(C) Abbreviate

(D) Abandon

48) Abundant

ANSWER - C

(A) Small

(B) Leave

(C) Scarce

(D) Widespread

49) Clumsy

ANSWER - A

(A) Graceful

(B) Clean

(C) Appropriate

(D) Poor

50) Rapid

ANSWER - D

(A) Extend

(B) Brief

(C) Fast

(D) Slow

51) Tame

ANSWER - C

(A) Pet

(B) Forgive

(C) Wild

(D) Help

52) Real **ANSWER - A**

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| (A) Fake | (B) Dirty |
| (C) Clean | (D) Wrong |

53) Merry **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Divorce | (B) Sad |
| (C) Happy | (D) Forgetful |

54) Despair **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Surprise | (B) Hope |
| (C) Angry | (D) Foolish |

55) Blame **ANSWER - A**

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| (A) Praise | (B) Responsible |
| (C) Sugary | (D) Reprimand |

56 to 65 - From the given options, choose the correct synonym.

56) Nomadic **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Abundant | (B) Unsettled |
| (C) Permanent | (D) Happy |

57) Stupid **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Brilliant | (B) Dumb |
| (C) Fast | (D) Ignorant |

58) Ample **ANSWER - A**

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| (A) Sufficient | (B) Scarce |
| (C) Orthodox | (D) Major |

59) Lethal **ANSWER - B**

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| (A) Dreary | (B) Deadly |
| (C) Strange | (D) Dreadful |

60) Fade

- (A) Loose
- (C) Wither

- (B) Fall
- (D) Suffer

ANSWER - C

61) Predict

- (A) Foretell
- (C) Assert

- (B) Explain
- (D) Observe

ANSWER - A

62) Authentic

- (A) Factual
- (C) Stable

- (B) Apparent
- (D) Intricate

ANSWER - A

63) Docile

- (A) Gentle
- (C) Stupid

- (B) Stubborn
- (D) Vague

ANSWER - A

64) Concise

- (A) Strong
- (C) Long

- (B) Solid
- (D) Brief

ANSWER - D

65) Conceal

- (A) Steal
- (C) Hide

- (B) Avoid
- (D) Keep

ANSWER - C

66 to 92 - Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks.

66) Let the flowers _____.

- (A) not plucked
- (C) not be plucking

- (B) not be plucked
- (D) not being plucked

ANSWER - B

67) You _____ to lend me your books.

- (A) are requesting
- (C) are requested

- (B) requesting
- (D) have requesting

ANSWER - C

68) When you phoned, I _____ in the garden.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) am working | (B) was working |
| (C) will be working | (D) have been working |

69) I _____ my homework. What shall I do now?

ANSWER - B

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| (A) did | (B) have done |
| (C) will do | (D) do |

70) She _____ as an expert.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) regarded | (B) was regarded |
| (C) will regard | (D) is regarding |

71) I think my ankle _____.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) broken | (B) is broken |
| (C) has break | (D) break |

72) She _____ all her childhood in France.

ANSWER - D

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| (A) spend | (B) spends |
| (C) had spend | (D) has spent |

73) I _____ Ram yesterday morning and he told me that he was leaving for his native place.

ANSWER - B

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| (A) have seen | (B) had seen |
| (C) had saw | (D) seen |

74) What _____ at 4 O' clock yesterday evening?

ANSWER - A

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| (A) were you doing | (B) are you doing |
| (C) will you be doing | (D) did you doing |

- 75) The phone rang while I _____ dinner. **ANSWER - C**
(A) had (B) am having
(C) was having (D) have been having
- 76) He went to the dentist _____ he had a tooth ache. **ANSWER - C**
(A) during (B) which
(C) because (D) on
- 77) Do you know the boy _____ is standing next to Ramesh? **ANSWER - D**
(A) that (B) he
(C) which (D) who
- 78) The girl fell asleep _____ the movie. **ANSWER - B**
(A) in (B) during
(C) between (D) since
- 79) He is friendly and that is _____ I like him. **ANSWER - A**
(A) why (B) what
(C) when (D) who
- 80) She hates being interrupted _____ she is phoning. **ANSWER - B**
(A) because (B) while
(C) since (D) where
- 81) The accused _____ having made any statement. **ANSWER - B**
(A) rejected (B) denied
(C) refused (D) declined

- 82) If I _____ you, I would have told him the truth. **ANSWER - C**
 (A) am (B) was
 (C) were (D) and
- 83) Indians need sincere leaders, not people of _____ integrity. **ANSWER - D**
 (A) doubting (B) doubtless
 (C) double (D) doubtful
- 84) Mineral resources are _____ and difficult to find. **ANSWER - B**
 (A) common (B) scarce
 (C) incomplete (D) inconsistent
- 85) As _____ to private modes of transport, public transport is less polluting. **ANSWER - B**
 (A) contrast (B) compared
 (C) segregate (D) parallel
- 86) India is the largest _____ of mango, banana and chiku. **ANSWER - D**
 (A) discoverer (B) manufacturer
 (C) executer (D) exporter
- 87) Plantation crops _____ a large group of crops. **ANSWER - A**
 (A) constitute (B) contribute
 (C) make (D) declare
- 88) He _____ the gathering in impressive English. **ANSWER - D**
 (A) directed (B) approached
 (C) undertaken (D) addressed
- 89) At a very young age, he _____ as a mining engineer. **ANSWER - C**
 (A) activated his life (B) arrive at his destiny
 (C) began his career (D) train himself

90) _____ to watch cricket everyday?

ANSWER - A

- (A) Do people in your country like
- (B) People in your country like
- (C) May people in your country like
- (D) Have people in your country like

91) It costs Rs. 30 to have a tooth_____.

ANSWER - C

- (A) to fill
- (B) fill
- (C) filled
- (D) have filled

92) Several of these machines are not in order and _____.

ANSWER - D

- (A) need to be repairing
- (B) repairing is required of them
- (C) required that they be repaired
- (D) need to be repaired

93 to 96 - An active / passive sentence has been given. From the given options, select the one which best expresses the same in passive / active voice.

93) It is time to shut the door.

ANSWER - B

- (A) It is the door's time to be shut
- (B) It is time for the door to be shut
- (C) The time is shut the door
- (D) It is the time for door shutting

94) He will desert his wife sooner or later.

ANSWER - D

- (A) His wife will be desert by him sooner or later
- (B) His wife will deserted by him sooner or later
- (C) His wife will be deserted sooner or later
- (D) His wife will be deserted by him sooner or later

95) They were denied admission by the security guard.

ANSWER - A

- (A) The security guard had denied them admission
- (B) The security guard was denying them admission
- (C) The security guard denying them admission
- (D) The security guard was denied admitting them

96) Let us finish this task tonight.

ANSWER - C

- (A) Let the task be finished by we tonight
- (B) Let the task be finished by us that night
- (C) Let the task be finished by us tonight
- (D) Let the task be finish by we tonight

97 to 100 - A sentence has been given in direct / indirect form. From the given options, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in indirect / direct form.

97) "How dare you come in without permission?" she asked.

ANSWER - C

- (A) She asked how he could dared to come in without permission
- (B) She said to him to dare to come in without permission
- (C) She asked him how he dared to come in without permission
- (D) She told him if he could dare to come in without permission

98) Ramesh said, "Prakash, would you mind accompanying me to the market tomorrow?"

ANSWER - C

- (A) Ramesh said to Prakash if he had minded accompanying him to the market the following day
- (B) Ramesh said to Prakash whether he had accompanied him to the market the following day
- (C) Ramesh asked Prakash whether he would mind accompanying him to the market the following day
- (D) Ramesh asked Prakash to mind accompanying him to the market the following day

99) He said, "I can drive a car".

ANSWER - B

- (A) He said that he can drive a car
- (B) He said that he could drive a car
- (C) He said he can drive a car
- (D) He said he could drive a car

100) He said, "I would start a business".

ANSWER - D

- (A) He said that he will start a business
- (B) He said he will start a business
- (C) He said he would start a business
- (D) He said that he would start a business

