HIGH COURT OF KERALA

WRITTEN TEST FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT (NCA VACANCIES)

(RECRUITMENT NO. 1/2020)

QUESTION BOOKLET (OBJECTIVE TEST)

Date of Examination: 19/12/2020

Roll Number :	

Maximum marks : 100 **Duration:1 hour and 15 minutes (10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.)**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

1. Use only black/blue ink ball point pen to fill in the OMR sheet.
2. Write/bubble the Roll Number on the left hand side of the OMR Sheet.
3. Fill in the OMR sheet carefully as per the instructions given on the back of the OMR sheet.
4. **The test consists of two Parts, viz. Objective Test and Descriptive Test. In Objective Test, there are 100 Objective Type multiple choice questions, which are to be answered in 75 minutes. Decriptive Test is a test on English Language writing skill of 30 minutes duration (11.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.) for 40 Marks.**
5. After opening the Question Booklet at 10.30 a.m., ensure that there are 100 questions in serial order from 1 to 100 and that the printing of all the questions are legible. If there are any missing or illegibly printed questions, the matter may be reported to the invigilator immediately.
6. There are 4 options (A,B,C,D) for each objective type question. Mark your answer corresponding to each question number by darkening the corresponding bubble on the OMR sheet with a ball point pen (black/blue ink). For every correct answer 1 mark will be awarded and for every incorrect answer 1/3 mark will be deducted from the total marks scored. Marking more than one bubble against a question number on the OMR sheet shall be considered as incorrect answer. Erasing, overwriting, partial marking, etc., are not permitted.
7. Answers to the questions in Descriptive Test have to be written on the sheets attached to the question paper itself. The Roll Number of the candidate should be written only in the column provided on the bottom of the question booklet.
8. Candidates will not be allowed to use Calculator, Logarithm table, Mobile Phone or any other eletronic equipment in the Examination Hall.
9. No candidate will be allowed to leave the examination hall without handing over the OMR Answer Sheet to the Invigilator. Candidate can take the Objective Test Question Booklet with them.
10. Answer Key of the Objective Test will be published in the Website www.hckrecruitment.nic.in after the test. Complaints, if any, from the candidates regarding the answer key with valid proof may be sent to the Registrar (Recruitment&Computerisation), High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam-682031, so that it may reach his office within five calender days from the date of publication of answer key. The envelope containing the complaint should be superscribed '**Assistant (NCA Vacancies) written test-Complaints regarding answer key**'. Complaints not substantiated with supporting documents will not be considered. However, the decision of the experts regarding such complaints on the answer key shall be final.
11. Candidates will be allowed to leave the hall only after the completion of the time allotted for the test (i.e. after 12.15 p.m.)
12. Strict compliance of instructions is essential. Any malpractice or attempt to commit any kind of malpractice in the examination will result in summary disqualification of the candidate.

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Choose the correct set of articles from the given options:-

1. Here is ------ apple for you. It is from ----- orchard we went to yesterday.

   A. an, an
   B. the, an
   C. an, the
   D. the, the

2. My sister works for ------ European company. She really likes ----- work culture there.

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

Every sentence given below has been divided into three parts marked A, B and C. There is some error in one of the parts. Mark the incorrect part. If you feel the sentence contains no error, mark 'D'.

3. **A** I do not like / **B** the poetries / **C** of Kipling / **D** no error

4. **A** You will be penalised / **B** if your essay / **C** exceeds more than three pages / **D** no error

5. **A** Let us / **B** discuss about / **C** the problem at length / **D** no error

Identify the meaning of the idioms:-

6. When you say someone is chicken hearted it means he is

   A. not brave
   B. company loving
   C. greedy
   D. kind

7. The administration is at sixes and sevens means

   A. in heavy debt
   B. in disorder and confusion
   C. in a mood of celebration
   D. in financial difficulty

8. It came as a bolt from the blue means

A. something utterly unexpected and shocking

B. something heavily damaging

C. something offering great relief

D. something untimely yet helpful

9. A catch 22 situation means

A. a dilemma or difficult situation

B. an extremely difficult situation

C. a dead end

D. an impasse

10. A black sheep means

A. an odd and disreputable member of the group

B. difficult to clean

C. unpredictable person

D. cruel and without the milk of human kindness

Substitute one word for the following:-

11. A person who hates mankind

A. cynic

B. misanthrope

C. pessimist

D. opportunist

12. A place where birds are kept

A. hatchery

B. coop

C. aviary

D. nest

13. Act of speaking to oneself

A. Delirium
B. Soliloquy
C. Raving
D. Murmur

14. One who does not believe in the existence of God

A. Rationalist
B. Mystic
C. Agnostic
D. Atheist

15. Allowance due to a wife from her husband on legal separation

A. Stipend
B. Alimony
C. Dower
D. Bounty

Identify the mis-spelt word:-

16. A. Nebullous
B. Zealot
C. Scurrility
D. Lesion

17. A. Grammer
B. Committee
C. Simile
D. Reticent

18. A. Companion
B. Accommodate
C. Seperate
D. Genuine

19. A. Remedy
B. Peak
C. Harass
D. Adjascent

20. A. Embarass
B. Semester
C. Vengeance
D. Venomous

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:-

21. He is jealous -------- me.

A. with
B. of
C. against
D. on

22. I congratulated him --------- his success.

A. for
B. in
C. during
D. on

23. He is married ---------- my cousin

A. with
B. by
C. to
D. for

24. The answer was written ------- blue ink.

A. in
B. with
C. on
D. against

25. I have known him -------- a long time.

A. for
B. from
C. through
D. along

Edit the sentences choosing the best replacement for the underlined words:-

26. Success is made up of good fortune and hard work.

A. is a result of
B. is result of
C. is a blend of
D. is fruit of

27. Trust your instincts and see all hurdles.

A. get freedom from
B. visualise
C. overcome
D. try

28. There is times when your best efforts could prove fruitless because of wrong timing.

A. There are times
B. There are many times
C. There is time
D. There is a time

29. Use of water and nutrients help the buds to bloom faster

A. helped buds
B. helps in the buds
C. helps the buds
D. assist

30. The General Manager's sudden cancellation of programme aggravated many employees.

A. angered
B. aggrieved
C. worried
D. pained

31. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India is ----------.

A. Sarat Arun Bobde
B. Sivam Arvind Bobde
C. Saran Arpan Bobde
D. Sarad Arvind Bobde

32. Articles ----- to ------ of the Constitution articulate freedom of religion in a secular state that respects all religions equally.

A. 19 - 22
B. 23 - 24
C. 25 - 28
D. 32 – 34

33. What can be the maximum period of gap between two sessions of the Indian Parliament?

A. six months
B. three months
C. one year
D. ten weeks

34. Who among the following is not a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee?

A. Jayanth R. Varma
B. Ashima Goyal
C. Shashanka
D. Tamal Bandyapadhyay

35. Who is the CEO of Niti Ayog?

A. Shri. Amitabh Kant
B. Dr. V. K. Paul
C. Shri. V. K. Saraswat
D. Dr. Rajiv Kumar

36. What does 'S' in External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's name stand for?

A. Santaram
B. Subrahmanyam
C. Srinivas
D. Samasekhar

37. F C R A stand for -

A. Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
B. Foreign Currency Regulation Act
C. Foreign Capital Regulation Act
D. Food Craft Research Association

38. At what age would a child formally start education according to the NEP (National Educational Policy)?

A. 3
B. 4
C. 5
D. 6

39. At what age did Malala Yousafzai win Noble Peace Price?

A. 21
B. 19
C. 17
D. 16

40. The second largest continent in terms of area is ----------.

A. Africa
B. Asia
C. South America
D. North America

41. At Gaya, Lord Budha

A. was born
B. attained enlightenment
C. died
D. delivered his first sermon

42. Which of the following statements is correct?

A. Socrates was disciple of Plato

B. Plato was disciple of Aristotle

C. Plato was disciple of Socrates

D. Socrates and Plato were disciples of Aristotle

43. Who is known as the 'Iron Man of India' ?

A. Bala Gangadhar Tilak
B. Sardar Vallabhai Patel
C. Mahatma Gandhi
D. Jawaharlal Nehru

44. Who is known as the 'Father of the Dravidian Movement'?

A. C. N Annadurai
B. Periyar E. V. Ramasamy
C. K. Kamaraj
D. M. Karunanidhi

45. The Atal tunnel, world's longest Highway Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh between Leh and Manali has a length of

A. 7.03 km
B. 10.1 km
C. 9.02 km
D. 8.04 km

46. The First Battle of Panipat which laid the foundation of the Mughal Empire in India was fought in

A. 1516 AD
B. 1528 AD
C. 1546 AD
D. 1526 AD

47. Who is the Mughal King imprisoned by his son?

A. Akbar
B. Shajahan
C. Jehangir
D. Aurangazeb

48. Summer Solstice occurs on ----------

A. June 21
B. March 21
C. December 22
D. September 22

49. The lowest layer of the atmosphere is called

A. exosphere
B. troposphere
C. stratosphere
D. ionosphere

50. What is the annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection?

A. International Climate Change Day
B. Eco-Day
C. Earth Day
D. World Environment Day

51. Where is the Salt Lake Stadium situated?

A. Jaipur
B. Kanpur
C. Calcutta
D. New Delhi

52. Which of the four abbreviations related to covid incidence?

A. A R P U
B. B A R C
C. T P R
D. T R P

53. Testing of the Russian vaccine Sputnik V in India has been entrusted to the Indian Pharmaceutical Company -

A. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
B. Biocon
C. Lupin Laboratories
D. Sun Pharma Research

54. Which is the oldest continuously printed Newspaper in India?

A. Mumbai Samachar
B. The Times of India
C. Hindustan Times
D. The Hindu

55. Name the newspaper started by Mahatma Gandhi in 1903 from Durban, South Africa.

A. Navjeevan
B. Indian Opinion
C. Indian World
D. Young India

56. Of the Noble Prizes instituted by Alfred Nobel, one is given by Norway and others by Sweden. Which is the one given by Norway?

A. Nobel Prize for Literature
B. Nobel Prize for Peace
C. Nobel Prize for Economics
D. Nobel Prize for Chemistry

57. The Late Irfan Khan who is spoken to have kept one foot in Mumbai and the other in Los Angeles, originally hailed from -

A. Meerut
B. Jaipur
C. Delhi
D. Bihar

58. It was for Sankarabharanam that S.P. Balasubramanyam won his first national film award for best male playback singer. Which film brought him his second national film award?

A. Maine Pyar Kiya
B. Ek Duje Ke Liye
C. Sagara Sangamam
D. Pavithra Bandham

59. Film maker Chaithanya Tamhane's 'The Disciple' won two coveted awards in the Venice Film Festival. The disciple was a (an)

A. Marathi
B. English
C. Kannada
D. Telugu film

60. Name the famous Indian danseuse, wife of dancer and choreographer Uday Shankar, who died at the age of 101 in July 2020

A. Mamata Shankar
B. Sreenanda Shankar
C. Amala Shankar
D. Tanusree Shankar

61. Name the actor who has been honoured with the prestigious SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme for helping thousands of migrant workers reach home during 'Covid' lockdown-

A. Sonu Sood
B. Shahrukh Khan
C. Ayushman Khurana
D. Abhishek Bachan

62. Who is the first recipient of the Kendra Sahitya Academy Award for an English work?

A. Raja Rao
B. R. K. Narayan
C. Kushwant Singh
D. U. R. Ananadamurthy

63. Name the novel of Charles Dickens which has the famous opening : 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness'.

A. A Tale of Two Cities
B. Great Expectations
C. Bleak House
D. The Pickwick Papers

64. The latest Nobel Laureate for Literature – American poet and essayist Louise Elisabeth Gluck shares kinship of sensibility with the great American poet Emily Dickinson. To which century did Emily Dickinson belong?

A. 18th century
B. 17th century
C. 19th century
D. 20th century

65. The first cricket club outside Britain was --------

A. the Bombay Cricket Club
B. the Madras Cricket Club
C. the Calcutta Cricket Club
D. the Thripunithura Cricket Club

66. With which sports is American Cup associated?

A. Basket ball
B. Golf
C. Base Ball
D. Yacht Racing

67. Name the Superfast Daily Express Train that runs between Madurai and Chennai

A. The Vaigai Express
B. The Pandian Express
C. Bandhan Express
D. Komet

68. The new regulator for medical education and medical professionals in the country which replaces Medical Council of India (MCI) is known as:-

A. National Medical Commission
B. Medical Commission of India
C. Central Medical Regulator
D. National Medical Regulator

69. Name the new Japanese Prime Minister who has succeeded Mr. Shinzo Abe

A. Yoshihide Suga
B. Shiberu Ishiba
C. Fumio Kishida
D. Toshimitsu Motegi

70. Which of these statements about Amnesty International is not true

A. It has shut down its operations in India

B. It is a recipient of Nobel Peace Prize

C. It is Emirates Red Crescent's parent body

D. It was set up by Peter Benenson in 1961

71. Name the aircraft carrier which served the Indian Navy for 29 years that is getting dismantled at the Alang Ship Breaking Yard.

A. INS VIRAAT
B. INS NIREEKSHAK
C. INS VIKRANT
D. INS NISTAR

72. The Southern states graded according to maternity mortality rate (2016-2018) from the lowest to the highest is -

A. Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Telengana, Andra Pradesh

B. Kerala, Andra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Telengana, Karnataka

C. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telengana, Andra Pradesh, Karnataka

D. Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andra pradesh, Telengana

73. Where is KILA (Kerala Institute of Local Administration) headquartered?

A. Kollam
B. Thiruvananthapuram
C. Thrissur
D. Kozhikode

74. As per the latest amendment to Head Load Worker's Act approved by the State Government, what is the limit to the weight a loading and unloading labourer can lift at a time?

A. 55kg
B. 60 kg
C. 75 kg
D. 65 kg

75. Name the work of Jnanapith laureate Akitham Achutan Namboothiri which won him the Kerala and Kendra Sahitya Academy Awards in 1972-73

A. Idinju Polinja Lokam
B. Balidarsanam
C. Arangettam
D. Nimisha Kshetram

76. Name the President of India who had previously served as Governor of Kerala?

A. V. V. Giri
B. B. D. Jatti
C. Shankar Dayal Sharma
D. Pratibha Patil

77. Name the progenitor and most prolific practitioner of 'Painkili Novels' who has contributed significantly to the rise of literacy among malayali women -

A. Kanam E.J.
B. Ponkunnam Varkey
C. Muttathu Varkey
D. Parappuram

78. Shikshalokam – Educational Leadership Platform – is a philanthropic initiative founded and funded by -

A. K. Narayana Murthy
B. S. D. Shibulal
C. Kris Gopalakrishnan
D. Nandan Nilakeni

79. Name the Indian city that merits the name of the world's vaccine capital by virtue of the humongous manufacturing capacity it houses -

A. Bangalore
B. Ahmedabad
C. Mumbai
D. Hyderabad

80. Who is the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal for India

A. Mary Kom
B. Karnam Malleswari
C. Saina Nehwal
D. P.T. Usha

81. If 16 = 11, 25 = 12, 36 = 15, then 49 = ?

A. 19
B. 20
C. 25
D. 21

82. The sum of the least number of three digits and largest number of two digits is

A. 99
C. 100
B. 199
D. 999

83. Of what number the $\frac{2}{5}$ of $\frac{5}{8}$ of $\frac{4}{7}$ = 22 ?

A. 174
C. 154
B. 200
D. 189

84. Which of the following numbers give 240 when added to its own square?

A. 15
C. 16
B. 18
D. 20

85. Simplify (4-5) – (13-18+2)

A. 2
C. - 4
B. - 2
D. 3

86. The enrollment in a school increases from 1200 to 1254. Determine the percent increase in enrollment.

A. 3.5%
C. 10%
B. 7.5%
D. 4.5%

87. A clock seen through a mirror shows quarter past three. What is the correct time?

A. 3:15
C. 9:45
B. 9:15
D. 8:45

88. Find the simple interest on Rs.7800 for 9 months at 8% per annum

A. Rs. 564
C. Rs. 468
B. Rs. 720
D. Rs. 620

89. Find the total output of a factory if after 12% of wastage, the net output is 4860 kg

A. 48700 kg
C. 40500 kg
B. 51600 kg
D. 71030 kg

90. Eugene reads two-fifth of 85 pages of his lesson. How many more pages he needs to read to complete the lesson?

A. 30
C. 51
B. 73
D. 35

91. What should come in the place of (?) in 4 : 13 :: 64 : ?

A. 208
C. 201
B. 205
D. 203

92. Harry and Larry can together plough the field in 5 days. Harry alone takes 8 days to plough the same field. In how many days can Larry alone plough the field?

A. $\frac{3}{40}$
C. $\frac{7}{30}$
B. $\frac{1}{40}$
D. $\frac{2}{30}$

93. The average age of 20 students is 12 years. If the teacher's age is included, average increases by one. The age of the teacher is -

A. 30 years
C. 33 years
B. 32 years
D. 35 years

94. List price of a book is Rs. 65. It is sold at a discount of 15%. Find the selling price of the book.

A. Rs. 55.25
C. Rs. 53.50
B. Rs. 57.75
D. Rs. 55.20

95. What is the time taken by a train running at 54 km/hr to cross a man standing on a platform, the length of the train being 180 m?

A. 10 sec.
C. 12 sec.
B. 20 sec.
D. 15 sec.

96. What is the next number in the sequence 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ...

A. 125
C. 137
B. 130
D. 127

97. What is the largest prime number?

A. 97
C. 99
B. 98
D. 96

98. Which is the smallest?

A. - 1
C. 0
B. - ½
D. 3

99. Pipe A can fill a tank in 12 minutes, pipe B in 18 minutes and pipe C can empty a full tank in 36 minutes. If all of them together, find the time taken to fill the empty tank -

A. 10 minutes
C. 6 minutes
B. 11 minutes
D. 9 minutes

100. Two numbers are in the ratio 1 : 2. When 4 is added to each, the ratio becomes 2 : 3. Find the numbers.

A. 2, 4
C. 8, 16
B. 4, 8
D. 9, 27