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ENGLISH (Compulsory)

I.Sc., I.Com. & I.A.

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[Time : 3 Hours]

[Full Marks : 100]

Instructions to the candidate :

1. **Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.**
2. **Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.**
3. **This question booklet is divided into two sections — Section-A and Section-B.**
4. **In Section-A, there are 80 objective type questions, out of which any 50 questions are to be answered. First 50 answers will be evaluated in case more than 50 questions are answered. Each question carries 1 mark. For answering these darken the circle with blue / black ball pen against the correct option on OMR**

Answer Sheet provided to you. **Do not use whitener / liquid / blade / nail etc. on OMR Answer Sheet, otherwise the result will be treated as invalid.**

5. In **Section-B**, there are **25 Short Answer Type Questions**, out of which any 15 questions are to be answered, each carrying 2 marks. Apart from these, there are **8 Long Answer Type questions**, out of which any 4 questions are to be answered, each question carrying 5 marks.
6. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
7. Use of any electronic appliances is strictly prohibited.

SECTION - A

(Objective Type Questions)

Question Nos. **1** to **80** have *four* options out of which only one is correct. You have to mark your selected option on the OMR Answer Sheet. Out of 80 questions you have to attempt any 50 questions. **50 × 1 = 50**

1. Choose the correctly spelt word :

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|---------------|----------------|
| (A) Prevelege | (B) Privillage |
| (C) Privilage | (D) Privilege |

2. I don't have all day, so and tell me what the proposal entails.

(Choose the correct phrase)

- (A) beat around the bush
- (B) cut to the chase
- (C) break a leg
- (D) cry over spilt milk

3. Maya has M.A. in English.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) a (B) an
- (C) the (D) no article

4. The Ashoka trees were planted the road as green mufflers.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) all along (B) at length
- (C) as long as (D) at large

5. You are coming to the party, ?

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) don't you (B) aren't you
(C) won't you (D) can't you

6. Choose the correct antonym of 'proximity' :

- (A) remoteness (B) vicinity
(C) intimacy (D) density

7. Choose the correctly spelt word :

- (A) eloquent (B) foliage
(C) neighbour (D) dredful

8. Choose the correct sentence :

- (A) She don't likes to go out at night
(B) She doesn't like to go out at night
(C) She doesn't likes to go out at night
(D) She don't like to go out at night

9. Choose the correct meaning of —

“Worship the rising sun”

- (A) to prepare for war
- (B) to believe in natural phenomenon as a design of God
- (C) to favour or admire someone who is rising in status
- (D) to help someone in need

10. Ramesh sells watches.

(Choose the correct passive voice)

- (A) Watches had been sold by Ramesh
- (B) Watches were being sold by Ramesh
- (C) Watches are sold by Ramesh
- (D) Watches have been sold by Ramesh

11. Choose the sentence that means the same as —

“Ms. Jenkins knows everyone in the city.”

- (A) No one in the city knows Ms. Jenkins
- (B) Everyone in the city knows Ms. Jenkins.
- (C) No one in the city is unknown to Ms. Jenkins
- (D) Everyone knows in which city Ms. Jenkins live.

12. He is the man we all respect.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) which (B) who
(C) whom (D) that

13. The napkin is placed the plate.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) between (B) in
(C) across (D) beside

14. "When will the plane leave ?" Tina wondered.

(Choose the correct indirect narration)

- (A) Tina thought that the plane would soon leave.
(B) Tina inquired if the plane would ever leave.
(C) Tina wondered when the plane would leave.
(D) Tina was sure that the plane would never leave.

15. Some people are sensitive criticism.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) against (B) to
(C) with (D) for

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16. Which of the following sentences uses "give someone the cold shoulder" correctly ?

- (A) Sarah went to her friend's house and gave her the cold shoulder with the chores
- (B) The restaurant gave me the cold shoulder and extra fries
- (C) After a heated argument last week, Rohan has been giving his brother the cold shoulder
- (D) The cold shoulder was juicy and delicious

17. he is rich yet he is miser.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) Both
- (B) Although
- (C) Because
- (D) Since

18. Choose the correct sentence :

- (A) The news are very surprising
- (B) The news were very surprising
- (C) The news is very surprising
- (D) The news have been very surprising

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19. Choose the correct synonym of 'Gaunt' :

- (A) Plump (B) Thin
(C) Chubby (D) Stout

20. Choose the correct antonym of 'Sinister' :

- (A) Menacing (B) Malicious
(C) Auspicious (D) Ominous

21. There are not a few who die overeating.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) with (B) from
(C) of (D) for

22. The boys exclaimed with joy that the cup was theirs.

(Choose the correct direct narration)

- (A) The boys said, "Hurrah ! The cup is ours."
(B) The boys said, "Alas ! The cup is ours."
(C) The boys said, "Hurrah ! We lost the cup."
(D) The boys said, "O that the cup would have been
ours."

23. Harish had cleaned the room.

(Choose the correct passive voice)

- (A) The room is being cleaned by Harish.
- (B) The room had been cleaned by Harish.
- (C) The room has been cleaned by Harish.
- (D) The room was being cleaned by Harish.

24. She a beautiful song for her mother.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) has writing (B) wrote
- (C) write (D) have written

25. He said to his wife, "Am I ill ?"

(Choose the correct indirect narration)

- (A) He asked his wife if she was ill.
- (B) He asked his wife about her health.
- (C) He asked his wife if he was ill.
- (D) He asked his wife if she was healthy.

26. Choose the correct sentence :

- (A) Neither of the boys have done their homework
- (B) Neither of the boys has done his homework
- (C) Neither of the boys have done his homework
- (D) Neither of the boys has done their homework

27. He is a doctor, ?

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) isn't he (B) is he
(C) doesn't (D) won't he

28. Choose the correct synonym of 'Pompous' :

- (A) Modest (B) Polite
(C) Humble (D) Pretentious

29. Choose the sentence that means the same as —

"No one can deny that she is talented."

- (A) Some people deny her talent
- (B) She is not talented at all
- (C) People doubt her talent
- (D) Everyone admits that she is talented

30. We heard good music.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) few (B) little
(C) some (D) many

31. Isn't she a brilliant dancer ?

(Choose the correct assertive sentence)

- (A) She is not a brilliant dancer
(B) She was not a brilliant dancer
(C) She is a brilliant dancer
(D) She dances brilliantly, doesn't she ?

32. I will help you. You must be polite.

(Choose the correct combined sentence)

- (A) I need your help for being polite
(B) If you are polite, I will help you
(C) I will be polite to use your help
(D) Politeness won't help you but me

33. You can borrow the book you don't get it dirty.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) as much as (B) whether
(C) as long as (D) even if
34. Choose the *incorrect* sentence :
- (A) Sweet are the uses of adversity
(B) Your trousers are very loose
(C) More girls than one were present
(D) Bread and butter are a wholesome food
35. He is as stupid he is lazy.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) as (B) and
(C) but (D) because

36. They are coming to the party.

(Choose the correct interrogative sentence)

- (A) Are they coming to the party ?
- (B) Do they come to the party ?
- (C) Were they coming to the party ?
- (D) Did they come to the party ?

37. Choose the correct sentence :

- (A) All the equipment are old
- (B) The cattle was grazing in the field
- (C) All the furniture is old and mouldy
- (D) The United Nations are our only hope

38. Why should we fear darkness ?

(Choose the correct assertive sentence)

- (A) We are not afraid of the darkness
- (B) We must be fearful of the darkness
- (C) We should not fear darkness
- (D) We need to fear darkness

39. My pen was stolen.

(Choose the correct active voice)

- (A) My pen was being stolen
- (B) I steal the pen
- (C) My pen has been stolen
- (D) Someone stole my pen

40. He works hard everyday.

(Choose the correct interrogative sentence)

- (A) Did he work hard everyday ?
- (B) Does he work hard everyday ?
- (C) Is he work hard everyday ?
- (D) Was he work hard everyday ?

41. The coach asked the boys not to make a noise.

(Choose the correct direct narration)

- (A) The coach said to the boys, "Making noise is necessary."
- (B) The coach informed the boys, "Don't be silent."
- (C) The coach instructed the boys, "Make some noise."
- (D) The coach said to the boys, "Don't make a noise."

42. The door has been painted by Tom.

(Choose the correct active voice)

- (A) Tom painted the door
- (B) The door was being painted by Tom
- (C) The door was painted by Tom
- (D) Tom has painted the door

43. We shall go you desire it.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) whether
- (B) since
- (C) therefore
- (D) though

44. He must be over forty, he is agile.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) while
- (B) so
- (C) still
- (D) for

45. She jumped the pool.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) in (B) across
(C) under (D) into

46. Not only Richa Ankita can solve the puzzle.

- (A) and (B) both
(C) but also (D) along with

47. Bhaskar is the boy works in the Secretariat.

(Choose the correct option)

- (A) whom (B) who
(C) which (D) that

48. Choose the correctly ordered sentence :

- (A) Always she completes her work on time
(B) She always completes on time her work
(C) She always completes her work on time
(D) She completes always her work on time

Instruction : Questions from **49** to **80** are based on the prescribed texts :

49. The prose piece 'Animals in Prison' is an extract taken from

- (A) Glimpses of World History
- (B) The Discovery of India
- (C) Letters from a Father to His Daughter
- (D) An Autobiography

50. Nehru said, "Eerie things, I had a horror of them" for which of the following creatures ?

- (A) Lizards
- (B) Monkeys
- (C) Bats
- (D) Spiders

51. Prisoners, especially long-term convicts, have to suffer most from

- (A) hunger
- (B) thirst
- (C) muscle spasms
- (D) emotional starvation

52. The library of Nalanda was destroyed in
- (A) 12th century (B) 11th century
- (C) 14th century (D) 13th century
53. Magadh Research Institute was established for the study of
- (A) Tamil and Sanskrit
- (B) Hindi and Bhojpuri
- (C) Pali and Prakrit
- (D) Magahi and Awadhi
54. Which of the following was *not* a Chinese traveller visiting Nalanda ?
- (A) Fa-Hien (B) Hieun Tsang
- (C) I-tsing (D) Thonmi Sambhota
55. Who equated the snake to God Subramanya ?
- (A) The College-boy (B) The second son
- (C) The mother (D) The old beggar

56. Which of the following characters boasted of capturing the snake ?

- (A) The neighbour (B) The snake-charmer
(C) The old beggar (D) Dasa, the old servant

57. 'Alpha of the Plough' is the pen name of

- (A) J.B.S. Haldane (B) R. K. Narayan
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru (D) A. G. Gardiner

58. What according to the author of 'The Rule of the Road' is the foundation of social conduct ?

- (A) Spreading awareness about the mistakes of the Germans
(B) A reasonable consideration for the rights and feelings of others
(C) Taking pride in one's family history
(D) Criticising the generals and politicians in a loud and pompous voice

59. Which of the following instruments was considered 'fearsome' by Hazlitt ?
- (A) Barrel-organ (B) Violin
- (C) Trombone (D) Battle tank
60. J. B. S. Haldane served as a professor of Genetics in
- (A) London University (B) Cambridge
- (C) Royal Institute (D) Oxford
61. The essay 'The Scientific Point of View' has been taken from which of the following works ?
- (A) Daedalus (B) Possible Worlds
- (C) The Inequality of Man (D) Science and Ethics
62. The people who advertise their own pet theories in sociology as scientific are considered by Haldane.
- (A) ghosts and witches
- (B) average men and women
- (C) truthful and impartial
- (D) false prophets

63. Who was the chief guest at the release of S. M.

Gavaskar's second book 'Idols' ?

(A) Kapil Dev (B) Clive Llyod

(C) Michael Holding (D) Jeff Dujon

64. Which of the following players was at the non-strikers

end when Gavaskar completed his 29th century ?

(A) Anshuman Gaekwad (B) Sanjay Manjrekar

(C) Dilip Vengsarkar (D) Kapil Dev

65. Who took Gavaskar's wicket after he completed his

century in the Delhi test match ?

(A) Jeff Dujon (B) Malcolm Marshall

(C) Viv Richards (D) Larry Gomes

66. Which of the following was *not* a part of the Germanic

tribes constituting the Anglo-Saxons :

(A) Angles (B) Normans

(C) Saxons (D) Jutes

67. What were the natives of England called by the Saxons ?

- (A) Wealas (B) Vikings
(C) Normans (D) Jutes

68. Which of the following languages has the largest number of speakers all over the world ?

- (A) English (B) Mandarin Chinese
(C) French (D) Hindi

69. The history and growth of the English language can be divided into main periods.

- (A) two (B) four
(C) three (D) five

70. The words 'apricot' and 'banana' have been borrowed by English from which of the following languages ?

- (A) Latin (B) Italian
(C) French (D) Spanish

71. 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T.S.' is a poem by

- (A) Sarojini Naidu (B) Toru Dutt
(C) Nissim Ezekeil (D) Kamala Das

72. What is the central theme of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?

- (A) Pain and despair
(B) Freedom and enlightenment
(C) Love and relationships
(D) Nature and beauty

73. What does Tagore mean by 'tireless striving' ?

- (A) Constant physical labour
(B) Continuous effort towards perfection
(C) Endless pursuit of wealth
(D) Relentless criticism of the British Raj

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74. The Marriage of True Minds' is also known as
- (A) Sonnet 116 (B) Sonnet 52
- (C) Sonnet 154 (D) Sonnet 73
75. What is Shakespeare's conclusion about the nature of true love ?
- (A) It is a passion that cannot be controlled
- (B) It is a mystery that cannot be understood
- (C) It is a constant that endures despite challenges
- (D) It is a feeling that fades with time
76. Which of the following names does not appear in the poem 'The Chimney Sweeper' ?
- (A) Tom (B) Jill
- (C) Joe (D) Jack
77. In 'The Chimney Sweeper' Tom's head curl'd like a
- (A) cat in the basket (B) autumn leaves
- (C) a lamb's back (D) a snake

78. Who among the following is often called the 'New England Poet' ?

- (A) William Shakespeare (B) William Blake
(C) William B. Yeats (D) Robert Frost

79. The emotional state of the speaker in the poem 'The Lamentations of the Old Pensioner' suggests

- (A) Contentment and peace
(B) Hope and optimism
(C) Love and compassion
(D) Nostalgia and agony

80. W. B. Yeats was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in

- (A) 1919 (B) 1923
(C) 1945 (D) 1938

SECTION - B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Instructions : There are **25** short questions in **Section-B** out of which any **15** questions are to be answered by the candidate. Each question carries 2 marks. **15 × 2 = 30**

1. How was the European Lock-up different from the cell assigned to Nehru ?
2. How did the sight of the towering Himalayas moved Nehru's heart ?
3. Who was Fa-Hien ? When did he visit Nalanda ?
4. Name four countries from where scholars came to study in Nalanda.
5. Who was Dasa and why did he dismiss the information about the cobra ?
6. Why did the snake-charmer look helplessly about ?
7. Why did the stout old lady refuse to walk on the pavement ?
8. How is liberty a social contract ?
9. Why do the enemies of science abuse exponents ?
10. How will the discarding of clothes affect mankind ?
11. What, according to Gavaskar, is the common trait of crowds all over India ?

12. Why was Gavaskar finding it easy to play in the Delhi test match ?
13. Why is "Love's not a Time's fool" ?
14. How does Shakespeare depict the permanent nature of love ?
15. Why did the speaker of the poem "The Chimney Sweeper" use to sweep chimneys ?
16. How did the Angel help the chimney sweepers ?
17. Why does the horse shake his harness bells in the poem 'Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening' ?
18. What other sounds apart from the harness bells could the speaker hear in the woods ?
19. What is the tone of the poem 'The Lamentations of the Old Pensioner' ?
20. What did the speaker in Yeats' poem use to do before time disfigured him ?
21. Who did the natives of England call Saxons ?
22. Why did the Old English Period fail to produce literature of much significance ?
23. List any four words borrowed by the English language from Latin.

24. When did the Great Vowel Shift take place ?
25. What does Tagore mean by “dreary desert sand of dead habit” ?

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Instructions : There are **8** questions out of which any **4** questions are to be answered. Each question carries 5 marks. Any question attempted between numbers **26** and **29** must be answered in 100 – 150 words :

26. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- a) Future of Artificial Intelligence
 - b) Biodiversity of India
 - c) Importance of Physical Education
 - d) Water Pollution
 - e) A stitch in time saves nine.
27. Explain any *one* of the following : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- a) Prevented from indulging in normal activities we became more observant of nature's ways.
 - b) Cultural renaissance can come about in the life of nation only when a large number of determined scholars devote a life-time to search after truth.

- c) But when you are reading a thing as a task you need reasonable quiet ...
- d) But science can do something far bigger for the human mind than the substitution of one set of beliefs for another ...

28. Explain any *one* of the following :

1 × 5 = 5

- a) Where words come out from the depth of truth ;
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards
perfection
- b) O, no ! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests, and is never shaken
- c) Then naked and white, all their bags left behind,
They rise upon clouds and sport in the wind
- d) I spit into the face of Time
That has transfigured me

29. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the NDA entrance examination. 5

OR

Write a letter to the Ward Commissioner of your area regarding the problem of waterlogging and mosquito infestation.

30. Match the names of the poets given in **List-A** with their works in **List-B** :

 $5 \times 1 = 5$
List-A**List-B**

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| i) Rabindranath Tagore | a) The Lamentations of the Old Pensioner |
| ii) William Shakespeare | b) Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening |
| iii) William Blake | c) The Chimney Sweeper |
| iv) Robert Frost | d) The Marriage of True Minds |
| v) W. B. Yeats | e) Where the Mind is Without Fear |

31. Match the names of the authors given in **List-A** with their works in **List-B** :

 $5 \times 1 = 5$
List-A**List-B**

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| i) Jawaharlal Nehru | a) The Scientific Point of View |
| ii) Dr. Rajendra Prasad | b) The Rule of the Road |
| iii) A. G. Gardiner | c) A Snake in the Grass |
| iv) R. K. Narayan | d) Nalanda : Ancient Seat of Learning |
| v) J.B.S. Haldane | e) Animals in Prison |

32. Translate any *five* of the following sentences into

English :

5 × 1 = 5

- i) क्या तुम अभी तक उसी घर में रहते हो ?
- ii) मेरी बहन को गणित और अंग्रेजी से डर नहीं लगता ।
- iii) वह भूत-प्रेत पर विश्वास नहीं करता ।
- iv) क्या आप मंदिर जा रहे हैं ?
- v) वह क्या करना चाहता है ?
- vi) पापा कल दिल्ली से आने वाले हैं ।
- vii) तुम उसका मज़ाक उड़ा रहे थे ।
- viii) अभिषेक पेंटिंग बना रहा था ।
- ix) हम सुबह से सफ़ाई कर रहे हैं ।
- x) क्या तुमने उसे पहचाना ?

33. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

5 × 1 = 5

Deep within the heart of Lumeria lay an enchanted forest where sunlight danced through silver leaves and flowers glowed at night. The elves of Lumeria guarded the forest, living in tree houses woven from moonlight and vines. Among them was Elenor, a young elf curious about the world beyond their borders. One morning, she

followed a trail of golden dust and discovered a wounded fairy named Lyra trapped beneath a fallen petal. Elenor gently freed her, and Lyra revealed that the forest's magic crystal — the "Heart of Lumeria" — had been stolen by a shadow spirit. Without it the forest would soon lose its glow.

Questions :

- a) Who guarded the enchanted forest ?
 - b) What was Elenor curious about ?
 - c) Where was Lyra trapped ?
 - d) Who stole the "Heart of Lumeria" ?
 - e) Which words in the passage has the same meaning as —
 - i) Charmed
 - ii) Stuck
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