

## GENERAL ENGLISH

1. Select the correct choice for the blank :  
France is \_\_\_\_\_ European country.  
(a) the (b) a  
(c) No article required (d) an
2. Select the correct choice for the blank :  
I went to town to buy \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella.  
(a) No article required (b) a  
(c) an (d) the
3. Select the correct choice for the blank :  
Do not make \_\_\_\_\_ noise.  
(a) No article required (b) the  
(c) an (d) a
4. Select the correct choice for the blank :  
He came up with \_\_\_\_\_ unique solution.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) No article required
5. Select the correct choice for the blank :  
Haridwar is situated on the banks of \_\_\_\_\_ Ganga.  
(a) No article required (b) an  
(c) a (d) the
6. Select the right answer :  
The tiger pounced \_\_\_\_\_ the deer.  
(a) upon (b) on  
(c) in (d) with
7. Select the right answer :  
A dispute arose \_\_\_\_\_ the landlord and the tenant.  
(a) between (b) among  
(c) within (d) in
8. Select the right answer :  
The meeting was presided \_\_\_\_\_ by the Prime Minister.  
(a) up (b) over  
(c) upon (d) on
9. Select the right answer :  
If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_ do it at once.  
(a) would (b) should  
(c) shall (d) might

10. Point out the sentence with the incorrect use of preposition :
- (a) The patient is being attended to by the nurse.
  - (b) Write with ink.
  - (c) The officer lives in a large bungalow.
  - (d) He is addicted to smoking.
11. Which one of the following is the correct one-word substitute for :  
“One who cannot be corrected”
- (a) Incurable
  - (b) Incurable
  - (c) Hardened
  - (d) Invulnerable
12. Give a one-word substitute for :  
Soil washed down and carried away by rivers.
- (a) Amnesia
  - (b) Alimony
  - (c) Alloy
  - (d) Alluvium
13. Give a one-word substitute for :  
Yearly celebration of a date or an event.
- (a) Birthday
  - (b) Anniversary
  - (c) Jubilee
  - (d) Centenary
14. Give a one-word substitute for :  
One who sacrifices his life for a cause.
- (a) Patriot
  - (b) Martyr
  - (c) Soldier
  - (d) Revolutionary
15. Choose the correct one-word substitute for the following :  
One who looks at the bright side of things
- (a) Pessimist
  - (b) Atheist
  - (c) Theist
  - (d) Optimist
16. Choose the correct synonym for :  
Evidence
- (a) Lodge
  - (b) Proof
  - (c) Good
  - (d) Doubt
17. Choose the correct synonym for :  
Deadly
- (a) Preservative
  - (b) Valuable
  - (c) Animating
  - (d) Fatal
18. The meaning of the word ‘coarse’ is
- (a) Rough
  - (b) Direction
  - (c) Syllabus
  - (d) Polite

19. The meaning of the word 'scanty' is  
 (a) Scarce (b) Disgrace  
 (c) Adulation (d) None of the above
20. The meaning of the word 'dubious' is  
 (a) Wander (b) Rob  
 (c) Doubtful (d) Argue
21. Choose the antonym of :  
 Ambiguous  
 (a) Clear (b) Dim  
 (c) Seen (d) Dark
22. Choose the antonym of :  
 Borrow  
 (a) Take (b) Lend  
 (c) Give (d) Care
23. Choose the antonym of :  
 Demote  
 (a) Hope (b) Kind  
 (c) Promote (d) Diffuse
24. Choose the antonym of :  
 Vague  
 (a) Disunite (b) Cool  
 (c) Wicked (d) Definite
25. Choose the antonym of :  
 Compliance  
 (a) Refusal (b) Appreciation  
 (c) Acceptance (d) Assistance
26. Fill up the blank with appropriate words :  
 She could never \_\_\_\_\_ to her parent's expectations.  
 (a) work as hard (b) assess the amount  
 (c) measure up (d) increase her height as
27. Fill up the blank with appropriate word :  
 Though the programme was originally scheduled for seven days, due to heavy rains it was later \_\_\_\_\_ to four days.  
 (a) curtailed (b) ended  
 (c) postponed (d) recommended

28. Fill up the blank with appropriate word :  
Employees of this office are so \_\_\_\_\_ that work never gets done on time.  
(a) energetic (b) reflective  
(c) lethargic (d) diplomatic
29. Fill up the blank with appropriate words :  
Don't forget to give her the message when you \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
(a) are seeing (b) saw  
(c) see (d) would see
30. Fill up the blank with appropriate words :  
The students \_\_\_\_\_ a protest march against the college authorities.  
(a) carried on (b) staged  
(c) walked out (d) caused
31. Make the correct use of the past form of the verb given in brackets to fill in the blank space in the sentence :  
The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ allegiance to the Constitution of India (swear).  
(a) swear (b) sworn  
(c) swore (d) swore
32. Which of the following sentences is correct ?  
(a) Prepare well lest you should fail the test.  
(b) Prepare well lest you will not fail the test.  
(c) Prepare well lest you should not fail the test.  
(d) Prepare well lest you will fail the test.
33. Which of the following sentences is correct ?  
(a) Either of the sister is coming today.  
(b) Either of the sisters is coming today.  
(c) Either of the sisters are coming today.  
(d) Either of the sisters could have been coming today.
34. Fill in the blank to make subject-verb agreement in the following sentence :  
You and he \_\_\_\_\_ birds of the same feather.  
(a) is (b) are  
(c) both (d) had
35. Fill in the blank with the appropriate Modal :  
\_\_\_\_\_ you have a glass of fresh lime ?  
(a) Should (b) Would  
(c) Could (d) Will

36. Which one of the choices is the correct passive voice form of the given sentence :  
We won the match.
- (a) The match won by us.
  - (b) The match had been won by us.
  - (c) The match had won by us.
  - (d) The match was won by us.
37. Which one of the choices is the correct passive voice form of the given sentence :  
My father will write a letter.
- (a) My father writes a letter.
  - (b) A letter is written by my father.
  - (c) A letter will be written by my father.
  - (d) A letter will write by my father.
38. Which one of the choices is the correct passive voice form of the given sentence :  
He had killed a dog.
- (a) A dog killed him.
  - (b) A dog was killed by him.
  - (c) A dog had killed by him.
  - (d) A dog had been killed by him.
39. Which one of the choices is the correct passive voice form of the given sentence :  
One should keep one's promise.
- (a) One's promise should be kept by us.
  - (b) One's promise has to be kept.
  - (c) A promise should be kept.
  - (d) A promise should be kept by one.
40. Which one of the choices is the correct Active voice form of the given sentence :  
His behaviour vexes me sometimes.
- (a) I was vexed by his behaviour sometimes.
  - (b) Sometimes, I have been vexed by his behaviour.
  - (c) I am sometimes vexed at his behaviour.
  - (d) I have been sometimes vexed by his behaviour.
41. Which choice represents the indirect speech form of the given sentence :  
He said, "Bravo ! You have done well."
- (a) He applauded him saying that he had done well.
  - (b) He said that he had done well.
  - (c) He applauded him saying that he has done well.
  - (d) He applauded him saying that he did well.

42. Which one is the direct speech form of the given sentence :  
He proposed that they should wait for the award.  
(a) He proposed, "We shall wait for the award".  
(b) He said, "We shall wait for the award".  
(c) He suggested, "We shall wait for the award".  
(d) He said, "Let us wait for the award".
43. Which one of the choices is the Indirect Speech form of the given sentence :  
"Please wait here till I return."  
(a) He requested him to wait there till he returned.  
(b) He requested him to wait there till he returns.  
(c) He requested him please wait there till he returned.  
(d) He requested him to wait there till he would return.
44. Which one of the choices shows the Indirect narration of the given sentence :  
He said to me, "I never eat sweets".  
(a) He said that he never eats sweets.  
(b) He told me that he never ate sweets.  
(c) He told that he did not eat sweets.  
(d) He told to me that I never eat sweets.
45. Which one of the choices shows the correct Indirect narration of the given sentence :  
She said to Hari, "When will you come ?"  
(a) She said to Hari when he will come.  
(b) She asked to Hari when will he come.  
(c) She said Hari when he would come.  
(d) She asked Hari when he would come.
46. Which one of the following words has been mis-spelt ?  
(a) Queue (b) Subservient  
(c) Existance (d) Knowledge
47. Which one of the following words has been mis-spelt ?  
(a) Acid (b) Alchol  
(c) Salt (d) Ascetic
48. Which one of the following words has been mis-spelt ?  
(a) Photostate (b) Chalk  
(c) Parallel (d) Catalogue
49. Which one of the following words has been mis-spelt ?  
(a) Dismay (b) Discord  
(c) Deluge (d) Dilogue
50. Which one of the following words has been mis-spelt ?  
(a) Spade (b) Ambassador  
(c) Temprature (d) Kitchen

51. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word(s) :  
My wife always \_\_\_\_\_ in the evening.
- (a) cooks (b) cook  
(c) has cooked (d) is cooking
52. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word(s) :  
I \_\_\_\_\_ depressed when I go for the interview.
- (a) felt (b) am feeling  
(c) feels (d) feel
53. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word(s) :  
Where are you ? I \_\_\_\_\_ in the drawing room.
- (a) work (b) am working  
(c) works (d) working
54. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word :  
Are you \_\_\_\_\_ an exercise on Present Tense now ?
- (a) do (b) does  
(c) doing (d) did
55. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word(s) :  
She will go out only when the rain \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) is stopping (b) stop  
(c) stops (d) stopped
56. Rearrange the following four sentences (A), (B), (C) and (D) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then choose the correct sequence as your answer :
- A. He was so busy that he did not get time to eat.  
B. Thousands of people came to him and asked different types of questions.  
C. No one cared to see that he had his food or rest that night.  
D. The great sage once stayed in a small village.
- (a) BCDA (b) CBAD  
(c) DBAC (d) DBCA
57. Rearrange the following four sentences (A), (B), (C) and (D) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then choose the correct sequence as your answer :
- A. The peasant, the shoemaker, the sweeper as such other lower classes of India have much greater capacity for work and self-reliance than you.  
B. Remember that the nation lives in the village cottages.  
C. They are producing the entire wealth of the land without a complaint.  
D. This process of production is going on through long ages.
- (a) BDAC (b) BDCA  
(c) DCBA (d) BACD

58. Rearrange the following four sentences (A), (B), (C) and (D) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and then choose the correct sequence as your answer :

- A. This feeling of an extensive group gives rise to a fellow feeling, a feeling of brotherhood among the citizens.
- B. This feeling takes us beyond the bounds of family, caste, religion and region and helps us develop a broad perspective that we all of us together constitute an extensive group called the nation.
- C. National Integration is a feeling among all the citizens of a country that they are all a part of one nation.
- D. We do not then limit our thinking to our own caste or religion but think about all our fellow citizens.

- (a) CBAD
- (b) CDAB
- (c) CABD
- (d) CDBA

59. Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and choose the correct sequence as your answer :

- A. She said that she was a school teacher and social worker.
- B. Then for sometime we discussed her plans for schooling of the children living in slums.
- C. Our conversation now took another direction.
- D. She also said that social work was her hobby only and not the job.
- E. I asked Meena about her occupation.

- (a) ECDAB
- (b) EADCB
- (c) ABCDE
- (d) EDABC

60. Rearrange the following five sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph and choose the correct sequence as your answer :

- A. It is fixed for Tuesday.
- B. We have, therefore, called him for interview.
- C. Due to his illness he lost that job.
- D. Ramesh was working in a factory.
- E. Hence he has applied for a job in my office.

- (a) DECAB
- (b) DCBAE
- (c) DCEBA
- (d) ABDCE

61. Choose the verb in agreement with the subject :

Neither you nor he \_\_\_\_\_ to blame.

- (a) is
- (b) are
- (c) were
- (d) have

62. Choose the verb in agreement with the subject :

One hundred paise \_\_\_\_\_ equal to one rupee.

- (a) are
- (b) is
- (c) has
- (d) have

63. Read the following sentences and choose the correct option :
- Finally, it is the brave who wins the final frontier.
  - Finally, it is the braves who wins the final frontier.
  - Finally, it is the brave who win the final frontier.
  - None of the above
64. Read the following sentences and choose the correct option :
- When I saw the cart, it lay in the ditch.
  - When I saw the cart, it had lain in the ditch.
  - When I saw the cart, it had been lying in the ditch.
  - When I saw the cart, it was lying in the ditch.
65. Read the following sentences and choose the correct option :
- Before you reach his home, he will leave that place.
  - Before you reach his home, he will have left that place.
  - Before you reach his home, he left that place.
  - Before you reach his home, he shall leave that place.
66. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom :  
'To turn a deaf ear to'
- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| (a) Disregard | (b) Overheard |
| (c) Oppose    | (d) Suggest   |
67. Choose the correct meaning of :  
'The order of the day'
- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Law and order              | (b) Sequence of days  |
| (c) Prevailing state of things | (d) None of the above |
68. Choose the correct meaning of the following :  
'At daggers drawn'
- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) At a distance      | (b) Closeness       |
| (c) Strained relations | (d) Close relations |
69. Choose the correct meaning of :  
'To be at cross purpose'
- |                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) to misunderstand each other | (b) dark and light aspects |
| (c) to fulfil the purpose       | (d) to cross the road      |
70. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom :  
'To add fuel to the fire'
- |                  |                           |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) To cook      | (b) To create sparks      |
| (c) Start a fire | (d) To make matters worse |
71. Combine the pair of sentences given below into one sentence choosing the right conjunction provided below :  
He was busy. He attended to me.
- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| (a) since        | (b) otherwise |
| (c) nevertheless | (d) lest      |

72. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct connector provided below :  
She has changed a lot \_\_\_\_\_ I saw her last.  
(a) before (b) since  
(c) as (d) while
73. Fill in the blank with suitable connector provided below :  
\_\_\_\_\_ much I tried, I could not help him.  
(a) As (b) Though  
(c) So (d) However
74. Fill in the blank choosing an appropriate connector :  
We must leave now \_\_\_\_\_ it is getting dark.  
(a) since (b) as long as  
(c) when (d) as soon as
75. Fill in the blank choosing an appropriate connector :  
The police asked the suspect question after question \_\_\_\_\_ he did not open his mouth.  
(a) however (b) though  
(c) still (d) although
76. Select the appropriate Homonym to complete the following sentence :  
Bihar is a state \_\_\_\_\_ with coal mines.  
(a) teaming (b) teeming  
(c) taming (d) All of the above
77. Select the appropriate Homonym to complete the following sentence :  
Yesterday his behaviour with the guests was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) antique (b) antic  
(c) intrigue (d) None of the above
78. Select the appropriate Homonym to complete the following sentence :  
New Delhi is the \_\_\_\_\_ of India.  
(a) Capitol (b) Capital  
(c) Caple (d) None of the above
79. Select the appropriate Homonym to complete the following sentence :  
The \_\_\_\_\_ to this mountain is not an easy task.  
(a) assent (b) ascent  
(c) accent (d) extant
80. Select the appropriate Homonym to complete the following sentence :  
The office is situated on the second \_\_\_\_\_ of the building.  
(a) story (b) storey  
(c) storied (d) storeyed

**Questions 81 – 88 :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Today perhaps your only association with the word ‘polio’ is the Sabin oral vaccine that protects children from the disease. Fifty-five years ago, this was not so. The dreaded disease, which mainly affects the brain and the spinal cord, causes stiffening and weakening of the muscles, crippling and paralysis – which is why I am in a wheelchair today. If somebody had predicted, when I was born, that this would happen to me, no one would have believed it. I was the seventh child in a family of four pairs of brothers and sisters with a huge 23 year gap between the first and the last. I was told that, unlike the others, I was so fair and golden-haired that I looked more like a foreigner, than a Dawood Bohri. I was also considered to be the healthiest of the brood.

- 81.** The narrator of the passage is a patient of  
(a) diabetes (b) cerebral attack  
(c) polio (d) heart disease
- 82.** To say something about the future is to  
(a) addict (b) verdict  
(c) predict (d) protect
- 83.** The narrator was the seventh child of a family that had  
(a) nine children (b) eight children  
(c) one score children (d) twenty-three children
- 84.** What made the narrator look like a foreigner ?  
(a) He was fair and skinny. (b) He was fair with red hair.  
(c) He was dark and golden haired. (d) He was fair and blonde.
- 85.** Polio, the dreaded disease, mainly affects the  
(a) heart and the spinal cord (b) brain and the spinal cord  
(c) brain and bones (d) brain and heart
- 86.** Sabin oral vaccine is commonly known as  
(a) Antibiotics (b) Allopathy  
(c) Polio drops (d) None of the above
- 87.** ‘Paralysis’ means  
(a) pain in the bones (b) lack of control over limbs  
(c) fracture (d) None of the above
- 88.** In the passage the word ‘foreigner’ implies  
(a) Red Indian (b) Negro  
(c) Asians (d) Whites

**Questions 89 – 100 :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

A recent report in *News Week* says that in American colleges students of Asian origin outperform not only the minority group students but the majority whites as well. Many of these students must be of Indian origin, and their achievement is something we can be proud of. It is unlikely that these talented young people will come back to India, and that is the familiar brain drain problem. However, recent statements made by the nations policy-makers indicate that the perception of this issue is changing. 'Brain bank' and not 'brain drain' is the more appropriate idea; it suggests that the expertise of Indians is only deposited in other places and not lost.

This may be so, but this brain bank, like most other banks, is one that primarily serves customers in its neighbourhood. They will mainly help the U.S.A. No matter how significant what non-resident Indians do for India and what their counterparts do for other Asian lands is only a by-product.

But it is also necessary to ask why we go to developed countries for higher study. The Asians whose accomplishments *News Week* records would have probably had a very different tale if they had studied in India. In America they found elbow-room, books and facilities not likely to be available here. The need to prove themselves in their new country and the competition of an international standard they faced there must have cured physical and mental laziness. But other things helping them in America can be obtained here, if we achieve a change in social attitudes, especially towards youth.

We need to learn to value individuals and their unique qualities more than conformity and respectability. We need to learn the language of encouragement to add to our skill in flattery. We might also learn to be less liberal with blame and less tight-fisted with appreciation, especially.

- 89.** The students of Asian origin include
- (a) a fair number from India
  - (b) a small group from India
  - (c) persons from wealthy families
  - (d) None of these
- 90.** In general, the talented young Indians studying in America
- (a) have a reputation for being hard-working
  - (b) will never return to India to pursue their careers
  - (c) hate India
  - (d) None of these
- 91.** There is talk now of 'brain bank'. This idea
- (a) will bring back talented Indians
  - (b) is a solution to brain drain problem
  - (c) is a new way of looking at the role of qualified Indians living abroad
  - (d) None of these

92. 'The brain bank' has limitations like all banks in the sense that
- (a) a bank's services go mainly to those near it
  - (b) only what is deposited can be withdrawn and utilised
  - (c) it is located in European countries
  - (d) None of these
93. 'accomplishments' means
- (a) achievements
  - (b) faults
  - (c) polishing
  - (d) None of these
94. The author suggests that we should
- (a) provide more facilities in schools and colleges
  - (b) hire talented teachers
  - (c) encourage our young talented students
  - (d) None of these
95. 'We should be less tight-fisted with appreciation' means
- (a) we should not appreciate
  - (b) we should not deprecate
  - (c) we should appreciate profusely
  - (d) None of these
96. The writer suggests that we should
- (a) avoid flattery and encourage the unique qualities of an individual
  - (b) use flattery as a weapon
  - (c) avoid going to America
  - (d) None of these
97. According to the passage, simply by accepting the concept of 'brain bank' and forgetting that of 'brain drain',
- (a) suddenly a large number of non-resident Indians will come back to India.
  - (b) 'brain drain' will stop.
  - (c) we will have to pay the bank to get our trained and talented brain force back.
  - (d) None of these
98. The reason why Indian youth do not develop their talent in India is
- (a) lack of books and facilities
  - (b) lack of International competition
  - (c) physical and mental laziness
  - (d) All of the above
99. The passage suggests that in order to prevent brain drain,
- (a) we should flatter our youth.
  - (b) we need to change our social attitude towards youth.
  - (c) the youths should not bother about conformity and respectability.
  - (d) Indian youth should not go to America.
100. Who are the 'customers' of the 'brain bank' ?
- (a) Indians
  - (b) Asians
  - (c) Non-resident Indians
  - (d) The United States of America

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