PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

DSSSB PGT English (Male) 2021 — 23 July 2021, Shift 1

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Mental Ability

1. Find the missing term in the following series :
Y2W, U3S, Q5O, M7K, _____

(a) J9H
(b) I9G
(c) J11K
(d) I11G

Answer: (d)

2. Find the missing term in the following letter series:
CXE, FUH, IRK, _____

(a) LON
(b) LOR
(c) LNN
(d) LPN

Answer: (a)

3. Out of the given options, three are similar in a certain manner. However, one option is NOT like the other three. Select the option which is different from the rest.

(a) KOLNM
(b) GDFEC
(c) VYZXW
(d) PQDRT

Answer: (d)

4. Out of the given options, three are similar in a certain manner. However, one option is NOT like the other three. Select the option which is different from the rest.

(a) INSERT : JMTDSS
(b) MASTER : NZTSFQ
(c) PRIEST : QYUVTS
(d) SINGLE : THOFMD

Answer: (c)

5. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
Khadims : Footwear :: Kwality walls : ?

(a) Icecream
(b) Noodles
(c) Paint
(d) Insurance

Answer: (a)

6. Select the option that is related to the third term on the same basis as the second term is related to the first term.
Maggi : Noodles :: 5 star : ?

(a) Chocolate
(b) Biscuit
(c) Juice
(d) Wafers

Answer: (a)

7. In a certain code language, if TOURIST is coded as 122, how will FOREIGN be coded as?

(a) 47
(b) 74
(c) 72
(d) 50

Answer: (b)

8. In a certain code, '823' means 'maths is sc[illegible]'935' means 'English is biology', and '879' means 'maths and biology', then what will be the code of 'science'?

(a) 7
(b) 2
(c) 3
(d) 8

Answer: (b)

9. 50 people are sitting in a row. Rakesh is at the 15th place from the left and Ram is at the 10th position from the right. How many people are sitting between them?

(a) 20
(b) 15
(c) 25
(d) 23

Answer: (c)

10. Arrange the words in a meaningful sequence :
1. Hexagon
2. Octagon
3. Decagon
4. Heptagon
5. Nonagon

(a) 12435

(b) 13452

(c) 14253

(d) 12345

Answer: (c)

11. In this question, a statement has been given followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. Assuming that all information in the statement is true, analyse the actions together and determine whether any of them logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statement.
Statement: The sales of product X of a firm has gone down considerably causing great concerns to the firm.
Courses of Action:
I)The firm should analyse the market scenario and make a proper study of the rival products already existing in the market.
II) The firm should immediately shut down all process related to product X.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Only II follows

(c) Both I and II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (a)

12. In this question, three statements have been given followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Assuming that all information in the statements is true, analyse the two conclusions together and determine whether any of them logically and definitely follow(s) from the information given in the statements.
Statement I: All pigeons are parrots.
Statement II: No parrot is a sparrow.
Statement III: All sparrows are crows.
Conclusion I: Some parrots are crows.
Conclusion II: No crow is a pigeon.

(a) Only I follows

(b) Only II follows

(c) Both I and II follows

(d) Neither I nor II follows

Answer: (b)

13. Out of the given options, three are similar in a certain manner. However, one option is NOT like the other three. Select the option which is different from the rest.

(a) 1001
(b) 1331
(c) 729
(d) 512

Answer: (a)

14. On reversing the given numbers, which of the following will be the middle digit of the second highest new number?
355, 638, 896, 977, 442

(a) 3
(b) 4
(c) 5
(d) 7

Answer: (d)

General Awareness

21. Mando is an amalgamation of music, poetry, and a dance form, popular in which of the following states?

(a) Gujarat
(b) Kerala
(c) Goa
(d) Maharashtra

Answer: (c)

22. Which among the following festivals is celebrated to mark the Tibetan New Year?

(a) Ugadi
(b) Losar
(c) Monpa
(d) Vishu

Answer: (b)

23. As announced in the Budget 2021, _____ Mega Investment Textiles Park (MITRA) will be established over 3 years.

(a) 5
(b) 12
(c) 9
(d) 7

Answer: (d)

24. Which among the following is the oldest general insurance company in India?
    (a) National Insurance Company
    (b) General Insurance of India
    (c) Bharti AXA General Insurance
    (d) Acko General Insurance Limited

    Answer: (a)

25. Which among the following statements is incorrect?
    (a) Gamma Rays are electromagnetic radiations of low wavelength, high frequency and high energy.
    (b) Beta particles are positively charged light particles.
    (c) The isotopes which are unstable (due to presence of extra neutrons in their nuclei) and emit various types of radiation are called radioactive Isotopes.
    (d) Chain reaction is the phenomenon in which neutrons liberated during a fission process lead to a further fission of atoms, releasing a large amount of energy.

    Answer: (b)

26. All single-celled eukaryotes are placed under which of the following kingdoms?
    (a) Animalia
    (b) Monera
    (c) Protista
    (d) Fungi

    Answer: (c)

27. Anamudi is the highest peak of which of the following mountain ranges?
    (a) Eastern Ghats
    (b) Western Ghats
    (c) Vindhayas
    (d) Satpura

    Answer: (b)

28. Which among the following is not a tributary of Godavari river?
    (a) Manjira
    (b) Penganga
    (c) Bhima
    (d) Indravati

    Answer: (c)

29. Karikala is a famous king of which of the following dynasties?
    (a) Shishunaga
    (b) Nanda
    (c) Gupta
    (d) Chola

    Answer: (d)

30. The Cripps Mission visited India in _____.

(a) 1942
(b) 1948
(c) 1939
(d) 1931

Answer: (a)

31. The Indian Universities Commission was a body appointed in 1902 on the instructions of _____ which was intended to make recommendations for reforms in University education in India.

(a) Lord Ripon
(b) Lord Curzon
(c) Lord Lawrence
(d) Lord Mayo

Answer: (b)

32. 'A Shot at History' is an autobiography of _____.

(a) Jawaharlal Nehru
(b) Abhinav Bindra
(c) Mary Kom
(d) Khushwant Singh

Answer: (b)

33. The International Court of Justice is composed _____ judges.

(a) 18
(b) 9
(c) 15
(d) 12

Answer: (c)

34. With the launch of Flood Reporting and Information Management System (FIRMS) in May 2021, _____ becomes the first state in India to have an online flood reporting system.

(a) Odisha
(b) Assam
(c) West Bengal
(d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (b)

35. A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on May 9, 2021, launched _____ Starlink internet satellites into orbit early and then landed at sea to record the 10th flight for the company's reusable booster.

(a) 60
(b) 20
(c) 80
(d) 40

Answer: (a)

36. _____ announced on May 11, 2021, that it has pledged $2,50,000 in humanitarian aid to India.

(a) Pfizer
(b) Johnson and Johnson
(c) Moderna
(d) AstraZeneca

Answer: (d)

37. The Rajya Sabha held its first meeting in _____.

(a) 1952
(b) 1941
(c) 1949
(d) 1938

Answer: (a)

38. The Vice President of India holds office for _____ years.

(a) 3
(b) 5
(c) 7
(d) 10

Answer: (b)

39. Who among the following tennis players won the ıdrid Open Men's Singles Title 2021?

(a) Roger Federer
(b) Rafael Nadal
(c) Novak Djokovic
(d) Alexander Zverev

Answer: (d)

40. _____ wicket keeper, BJ Watling has announced in May 2021 that he would be retiring from international cricket after ICC World Test Championship 2021.

(a) South Africa's
(b) England's
(c) Australia's
(d) New Zealand's

Answer: (d)

Arithmetic Ability

41. What is the value of {(1.4)^3-(.2)^3}\{(1.4)^2+.28+(.2)^2}?

(a) 1.2
(b) 1.6
(c) 1.4
(d) 0.2

Answer: (a)

42. The rational number for a recurring decimal 0.235235... is

(a) 63/487

(b) 235/999

(c) 23/99

(d) 2/9

Answer: (b)

43. A student in a high school exam averaged 80 in 10 papers. If the marks of the papers in which he got the highest and the lowest are not considered, the average is 84. If his highest score is 98, find his lowest score.

(a) 40

(b) 30

(c) 50

(d) 60

Answer: (b)

44. The weight of a person increases by 10% in Year 1 and then decreases by 20% in year 2. If the weight of the person at the beginning was 200 pounds, what is his current weight?

(a) 176 pounds

(b) 180 pounds

(c) 190 pounds

(d) 170 pounds

Answer: (a)

45. By what percentage is x's income more than y's income if x earns Rs 18000 and y earns Rs 12000?

(a) 33%

(b) 50%

(c) 25%

(d) 30%

Answer: (b)

46. If a trader bought 5 apples for Rs 12 and every lot had 25% rotten apples, at what price should the trader sell every remaining apple to earn a 25% profit per lot?

(a) Rs 4

(b) Rs 16

(c) Rs 8

(d) Rs 12

Answer: (a)

47. For every litre of milk that A buys from the farmer he gets only 900 ml in it with the cost being Rs 7200/l. For every litre of milk that A sells to the consumer he gives only 800 ml for it. Assuming A sells milk per litre at his cost price per litre, what is his profit per litre?

(a) Rs 1000

(b) Rs 1500

(c) Rs 2000

(d) Rs 500

Answer: (a)

48. From a pure milk solution of 1 litre, 10% is taken out and replaced with water. This is done 4 times. What is the concentration of milk in the solution at the end (approximately)?

(a) 90%

(b) 81%

(c) 73%

(d) 66%

Answer: (d)

49. Four natural numbers are in proportion and the second number is 2 times the first number, the 3rd term is 4 times the first number and the 4th term is 8 times the first number. Further if no number is greater than 16 and all numbers are distinct, what is the minimum sum of values possible for the four numbers?

(a) 25

(b) 30

(c) 15

(d) 20

Answer: (c)

50. An amount of money under Simple Interest doubles itself in 4 years and triples itself in 8 years. What is the rate of interest per annum?

(a) 25%

(b) 10%

(c) 50%

(d) 100%

Answer: (a)

51. A sum of money's interest compounds to Rs 675 in 3 years and Rs 729 in 4 years. What is the rate of interest per annum compounded annually?

(a) 6%

(b) 8%

(c) 7%

(d) 9%

Answer: (b)

52. In a 1000 metre race, A beats B by 100 metres. B beats C by 100 metres. By how much distance did A beat C?

(a) 200 m

(b) 190 m

(c) 210 m

(d) 180 m

Answer: (b)

53. A and B start running towards each other on a circular track, starting from the same point. The length of the track is 1000 metres and their respective speeds are 40 m/s and 60 m/s. At what distance from from the starting point (on the side where A started to run), will they meet for the first time?

(a) 400 m

(b) 600 m

(c) 200 m

(d) 800 m

Answer: (a)

54. A can complete the work in 10 days and B in 40 days. If the daily wages paid to A is Rs 40 and to B is Rs 20, how much will B earn if A and B work together to complete the work?

(a) Rs 160

(b) Rs 320

(c) Rs 200

(d) Rs 120

Answer: (a)

55. A man can complete a piece of work in 10 days. Surprisingly, 2 days after having worked, his efficiency doubles. In how many total days will the person complete the work?

(a) 8 days

(b) 5 days

(c) 4 days

(d) 6 days

Answer: (d)

56. If the diameter of a right angled cone is 10 cm and the height is 12 cm, the ratio of radius to lateral height of the cone is _____.

(a) 10:13

(b) 5:13

(c) 13:10

(d) 12:13

Answer: (b)

57. If the radius of a cone, a right angle cylinder and a sphere is the same and the height of the cone and the cylinder is 2 times the radius of itself, the ratio of the volumes of the cylinder to the cone to the sphere is _____.

(a) 3:1:2

(b) 1:2:3

(c) 2:1:3

(d) 1:3:2

Answer: (a)

General English

61. The sentence below has been divided into three parts. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the option 'No Error'.
Pierre murmured something unintelligible,/ and continues to look around as if in/ search of something.

(a) Pierre murmured something unintelligible, and continues

(b) to look around as if in

(c) search of something.

(d) No Error

Answer: (a)

62. The sentence below has been divided into three p[illegible]s. Select the part of the sentence that has an error. If the sentence has no error, select the optic[illegible]No Error'.
By the time Doris got/ to the party, everyone/ went h[illegible]e.

(a) By the time Doris got

(b) to the party, everyone

(c) went home.

(d) No Error

Answer: (c)

63. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
(The United State's military budget is far) larger than any other country's.

(a) The United State's military budget is by far

(b) The United States' military budget is far

(c) The United States' military budget is by far the

(d) No correction required

Answer: (b)

64. Select the word segment that substitutes (replaces) the bracketed word segment correctly and completes the sentence meaningfully. Select the option 'no correction required' if the sentence is correct as given.
(Not withstanding the offices he filled he died poor,) and provision had to be made for his daughter out of the funds of the state.

(a) Notwithstanding the offices he had filled he died poor,

(b) Not withstanding the offices he had filled he died poor,

(c) Withstanding the offices he had filled he died poor,

(d) No correction required

Answer: (a)

65. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate choice
Steve tells Catherine he wants to plead manslaughter on grounds of temporary insanity, but she looks _____ about the idea.

(a) fictitious

(b) malicious

(c) dubious

(d) conscious

Answer: (c)

66. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate choice Am I under financial _____ because of someone else's drinking?

(a) traitress

(b) duress

(c) coheiress

(d) anchoress

Answer: (b)

67. Some parts of a sentence have been jumbled up, and labelled P, Q, R and S. Select the option that gives the correct sequence in which these parts can be rearranged to form a meaningful and grammatically correct sentence.
It is a gregarious animal,
P. in burrows, which it excavates
Q. living in considerable colonies
R. with its nails and
S. teeth in the sandy soil
of Egypt and Arabia.

(a) QPRS

(b) QSPR

(c) QRSP

(d) QSRP

Answer: (a)

68. Select the word that is similar in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below Nuance

(a) Overtone
(b) Nostalgia
(c) Prejudice
(d) Euphoria

Answer: (a)

69. Select the word that is similar in meaning (SYNONYM) to the word given below Sordid

(a) Dishonourable
(b) Immaculate
(c) Respectable
(d) Strident

Answer: (a)

70. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) Pesimism
(b) Pesimmism
(c) Pessimism
(d) Pessimmism

Answer: (c)

71. Four words are given, out of which only one word is spelt correctly. Choose the correctly spelt word.

(a) Concede
(b) Conecde
(c) Consede
(d) Conscede

Answer: (a)

72. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Actions speak louder than words

(a) Meaningless and incomprehensible like someone who cannot read or speak
(b) It's better to actually do something than just talk about it
(c) Whenever something is done to make a bad situation even worse than it is
(d) When someone is threatening and/ or aggressive but not willing to engage in a fight

Answer: (b)

73. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Flash in the pan

(a) Something that is unlikely to be repeated and is not an indication of future achievements or success.
(b) Almost everything and anything has been included
(c) Policy of delaying decisions
(d) Something that ends at the last minute or last few seconds

Answer: (a)

74. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below Enjoyments that someone gets from being violent or cruel or from causing pain

(a) Demise

(b) Ovation

(c) Irrupt

(d) Sadism

Answer: (d)

75. Select the most appropriate 'one word ' for the expressions given below Extremely or unusually small

(a) Allusion

(b) Diminutive

(c) Mulct

(d) Chutzpah

Answer: (b)

77. Why was it so difficult to relay messages between California and Missouri?

(a) Because the distance was huge and there weren't any means to quickly travel back and forth

(b) Because California and Missouri were in a state civil tension

(c) Because there were no means to travel to Missouri

(d) Because a new settler in California, couldn't leave their shop closed for a long time, as travelling took weeks.

Answer: (a)

78. What was the time span in which the P[illegible] Exp[illegible]s functioned?

(a) 1848 to 1860

(b) 1860 to 1861

(c) 1848-1869

(d) 1860-1869

Answer: (b)

80. What was the Pony Express?

(a) A railway line mail delivery system

(b) A carriage driven mail delivery system

(c) A horse rider driven mail delivery system

(d) A ship mail delivery system

Answer: (c)

Discipline1

101. Complete the sentence with an appropriate determiner:
Julia asked two of her friends about the trip, but _____of them knew about it.

(a) either
(b) neither
(c) any
(d) none

Answer: (b)

102. Complete the sentence with an appropriate determiner:
There were four plates on the dining table._____ plate was a different colour.

(a) Each
(b) Every
(c) All
(d) None

Answer: (a)

103. Complete the sentence with an appropriate determiner:
How _____ students can you see in the classroom?

(a) all
(b) much
(c) many
(d) any

Answer: (c)

104. Complete the sentence with an appropriate determiner:
Anna has _____ one year old son.

(a) a
(b) an
(c) the
(d) her

Answer: (a)

105. Complete the sentence with an appropriate determiner:
It's your birthday. You can invite _____ you want.

(a) anything
(b) anybody
(c) anywhere
(d) something

Answer: (b)

106. Complete the sentence with an appropriate determiner:
These two washing machines are very similar. There is_____ difference between them.

(a) many
(b) few
(c) much
(d) little

Answer: (d)

107. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence :
Ron and Sophie _____ visited their grandmother's home since college days.

(a) haven't
(b) couldn't
(c) didn't
(d) hasn't

Answer: (a)

108. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence :
The London flight _____ at half past eight every Tuesday.

(a) will leave
(b) leaves
(c) left
(d) is leaving

Answer: (b)

109. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence:
The policeman _____ the traffic when the accident happened.

(a) was directing
(b) could direct
(c) has directed
(d) will direct

Answer: (a)

110. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence :
_____ the train left when you reached at the station?

(a) Has
(b) Had
(c) Did
(d) Have

Answer: (b)

111. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence :
Later, in the day I _____the company's Chairman for a project discussion.

(a) meet
(b) had met
(c) will be meeting
(d) met

Answer: (c)

112. Choose the correct tense to complete the sentence:
Anna was tired because she _____ working all day.

(a) had been
(b) have been
(c) was
(d) is

Answer: (a)

113. The vacation is (what Robert needs most) at this time.
Identify the clause in the brackets.

(a) Pronoun clause
(b) Adjective clause
(c) Adverbial clause
(d) Noun clause

Answer: (d)

114. Fill the blank with the correct conjunct
The blog _____ talks about easy parenti. ited mostly by expecting couples.

(a) when
(b) where
(c) which
(d) whose

Answer: (c)

115. 'We are going to the restaurant that I love most'' The given sentence is an example of-

(a) Noun clause
(b) Adjective clause
(c) Pronoun clause
(d) Adverbial clause

Answer: (b)

116. Identify the Subordinate conjunction in the given sentence:
Johnny took a bath after eating dinner.

(a) after
(b) eating
(c) took
(d) bath

Answer: (a)

117. (Before it starts raining), take out your umbrella.
Identify the clause in brackets.

(a) Noun clause
(b) Adjective clause
(c) Main clause
(d) Subordinate clause

Answer: (d)

118. Fill in the blank with the correct conjunction:
Is it true_____ the newspapers are saying about Richard ?

(a) what
(b) when
(c) if
(d) whether or not

Answer: (a)

119. Fill in the blank with the appropriate w
You _____ always use helmet while ridin

(a) would
(b) might
(c) must
(d) can

Answer: (c)

120. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
During holidays most of the big hotels were full, but we _____ find one lodging near the bus stop.

(a) can
(b) should
(c) would
(d) could

Answer: (d)

Discipline2

121. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
If Joe gets good grades then, he _____ be able to get into a good college.

(a) could
(b) would
(c) should
(d) must

Answer: (b)

122. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
James _____ swim for hours. He had been training several years for it.

(a) shall
(b) can
(c) will
(d) might

Answer: (b)

123. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word.
We _____ have left in hurry. There is plenty of time left for the show.

(a) couldn't
(b) wouldn't
(c) mightn't
(d) needn't

Answer: (d)

124. Change the Voice of the following sen[illegible]ce:
Several conclusions can be drawn from the s[illegible]

(a) I drew several conclusions from the study
(b) I can draw several conclusions of the study
(c) I can draw several conclusions from the study.
(d) I draw several conclusions of the study

Answer: (c)

125. Change the Voice of the following sentence:
A new dress is being worn by Ruby.

(a) Ruby wears a new dress.
(b) Ruby will wear a new dress.
(c) A new dress is worn by Ruby.
(d) Ruby is wearing a new dress.

Answer: (d)

126. Change the Voice of the following sentence:
They had cleaned the house .

(a) The house will be cleaned by them.
(b) The house has been cleaned by them.
(c) The house had been cleaned by them.
(d) The house was cleaned by them .

Answer: (c)

127. Change the Voice of the following sentence:
The house was renovated last year.

(a) They renovated the house last year.
(b) The house renovated last year.
(c) The house had been renovated last year.
(d) The house was being renovated last year.

Answer: (a)

128. Change the Voice of the following sentence:
Have we been joined by him in our seminar?

(a) Had he joined us in our seminar?
(b) Has he joined us in our seminar?
(c) Will he join us in our seminar?
(d) Is he joining us in our seminar?

Answer: (b)

129. Change the Voice of the following sen[illegible]ce:
When will she join office?

(a) When she is joining office?
(b) When is she going to join office?
(c) When will be she joining office?
(d) When will office be joined by her?

Answer: (d)

130. Which of the following is not a work of Chaucer?

(a) The Parliament of Foules
(b) Troilus and Criseyde
(c) Confessio Amantis
(d) The Canterbury Tales

Answer: (c)

131. In poetry, the rhythmic pattern of a poetic line is known as-

(a) Metre
(b) Blank Verse
(c) Sonnet
(d) Free Verse

Answer: (a)

132. Who believes that, 'poetry has significant use in the process of knowledge creation and progression of human beings' ?

(a) Aristotle
(b) Matthew Arnold
(c) T.S.Eliot
(d) W.B.Yeats

Answer: (b)

133. Which period is known as "The Age of Chaucer"?

(a) The Middle Ages
(b) English Renaissance
(c) Restoration Age
(d) Old English Literature

Answer: (a)

134. Define Alliteration-

(a) Sounds within words.
(b) A poem that repeats the same phrase at the beginning of each line.
(c) The repetition of identical consonant sounds in nearly connected words or syllables.
(d) The repetition of a word for multiple times within a phrase.

Answer: (c)

135. How many years did "The Canterbury Tales" tak o be completed?

(a) 11 Years
(b) 12 Years
(c) 14 Years
(d) 16 Years

Answer: (c)

136. According to which poet and critic ,"Chaucer cannot be called a classic since, his poetry does not have the high poetic seriousness which Aristotle regards as a mark of its superiority over other arts"?

(a) John Keats
(b) Matthew Arnold
(c) T.S.Eliot
(d) I.A.Richards

Answer: (b)

137. Resemblance between the sound of words and the sense they convey, is known as :

(a) Onomatopoeia
(b) Alliteration
(c) Assonance
(d) Homophone

Answer: (a)

138. What is a "Sonnet"?

(a) Language used to create images in the mind of a reader.

(b) Lyric poem consisting of a single stanza of fourteen iambic pentameter lines linked by an intricate rhyming scheme.

(c) A polite, mild phrase that we substitute for a harsher, blunter way of saying something uncomfortable.

(d) Repetition of the similar vowel sounds within words.

Answer: (b)

139. The principal and formal type of Narrative Poetry is known as _____.

(a) Epitaph

(b) Drama

(c) Monologue

(d) Epic

Answer: (d)

140. The 'Heroic Couplet ' was introduced in which poem ?

(a) Inferno

(b) The Canterbury Tales

(c) Paradiso

(d) Divine Comedy

Answer: (b)

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141. What is Edmund Spenser's first poetic wo.

(a) The Shepheardes Calendar

(b) The Faerie Queen

(c) Amoretti

(d) Epithalamion

Answer: (a)

142. In whose honour Spenser wrote "The Faerie Queene" ?

(a) His bride, Elizabeth Boyle

(b) Sir Phillip Sydney

(c) Queen Elizabeth

(d) Sir Walter Raleigh

Answer: (c)

143. What is "Epithalamion" about?

(a) Topical Political Allegory.

(b) Celebration of his wedding.

(c) Demonstration of Spenser's artistic simplicity.

(d) A trip to London.

Answer: (b)

144. Who among the following is known as "The Prince of Poets"?

(a) Edmund Spenser
(b) William Shakespeare
(c) Philip Sydney
(d) John Milton

Answer: (a)

145. Edmund Spenser's father was a _____by profession.

(a) Doctor
(b) Soldier
(c) Painter
(d) Cloth maker

Answer: (d)

146. Spenser died in _____.

(a) 1590
(b) 1596
(c) 1598
(d) 1599

Answer: (d)

147. Which poem of Spenser was a tribute to the mem of Sir Philip Sydney?

(a) The Faerie Queene
(b) Astrophel
(c) Amoretti
(d) Epithalamion

Answer: (b)

148. How many eclogues does "The Shepheardes Calendar" consists of?

(a) Seven
(b) Nine
(c) Eleven
(d) Twelve

Answer: (d)

149. How many lines of iambic pentameter does a Spenserian Stanza consists of?

(a) Six
(b) Seven
(c) Eight
(d) Nine

Answer: (c)

150. Which technique distinguishes Spenser from his contemporaries?

(a) Rhetorical Devices

(b) Imagination

(c) Tragedy

(d) Comedy

Answer: (a)

151. "Amoretti" is a Sonnet Cycle that describes _____.

(a) epic allegorical masterpiece.

(b) Spenser's visit to London in 1591.

(c) a spousall Verse in honour of the double marriage of Lady Elizabeth and Lady Katherine Somerset.

(d) his courtship and eventual marriage to Elizabeth Boyle.

Answer: (d)

152. In which year "Prothalamion" was published?

(a) 1591

(b) 1595

(c) 1596

(d) 1599

Answer: (c)

153. In which Year John Milton was born?

(a) 1608

(b) 1674

(c) 1667

(d) 1690

Answer: (a)

154. How many books does "Paradise Regained" consist of?

(a) Three

(b) Four

(c) Eight

(d) Ten

Answer: (b)

155. In which poem Donne compares himself and his beloved wife to the foot of the compass?

(a) The Flea

(b) Love's Growth

(c) Elegie:His Picture

(d) A Valediction Forbidding Mourning

Answer: (d)

156. "The Good Morrow" is also known as _____.

(a) a morning love poem

(b) authority of love, nature and God's creation

(c) erotic metaphysical poem

(d) unusual nature of speaker's love

Answer: (a)

157. What kind of poem "Paradise Lost" is known as?

(a) Political Allegory

(b) Pastoral Poem

(c) Blank Verse Epic Poem

(d) Love Poem

Answer: (c)

158. In which languages George Herbert wrote his poetry?

(a) English, Latin, Greek

(b) English, French, Latin

(c) French, Latin, Greek

(d) English, French, Greek

Answer: (a)

159. Which poet wrote " A Dialogue Between the Soul and The Body"?

(a) John Donne

(b) Andrew Marvell

(c) John Milton

(d) George Herbert

Answer: (b)

160. Who was known as the 'Saint' of the Metaphysical Poetry?

(a) Henry Vaughan

(b) Andrew Marvell

(c) George Herbert

(d) Richard Crashaw

Answer: (c)

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161. Which of the following is not a work of John Milton?

(a) L'Allegro

(b) Lycidas

(c) Epitaphium Damonis

(d) Venus and Adonis

Answer: (d)

162. Who is known as the "Pioneer" or ' Father of Metaphysical Poetry' ?

(a) George Herbert
(b) John Donne
(c) Andrew Marvell
(d) John Milton

Answer: (b)

163. In which poem of Andrew Marvell, he describes a natural retreat for Fairfax after his retirement?

(a) Upon The Hill and Grove At Bill -Borow
(b) To His Coy Mistress
(c) The Garden
(d) Bermudas

Answer: (a)

164. Which work of John Dryden established him as an important Literary Critic?

(a) The Indian Emperor
(b) Tyranni Love
(c) An Essay of Dramatic Poesy
(d) Aurangzeb

Answer: (c)

165. According to Prof.Elton who is known as the 'Prir of Classicism'?

(a) Alexander Pope
(b) Thomas Grey
(c) Daniel Defoe
(d) John Dryden

Answer: (a)

166. In which year John Dryden was made 'Poet Laureate'?

(a) 1644
(b) 1668
(c) 1697
(d) 1700

Answer: (b)

167. Which of the following is not a work of Alexander Pope?

(a) The Rape of the Lock
(b) The Dunciad
(c) An Essay on Criticism
(d) Songs of Innocence

Answer: (d)

168. "Absalom and Architophel" is a_____.

(a) Heroic Couplet
(b) Political Allegory
(c) Restoration Drama
(d) Comedy of Manners

Answer: (b)

169. When was Dryden's first verse, an elegy "Upon the Death of Lord Hastings" published?

(a) 1647
(b) 1648
(c) 1649
(d) 1650

Answer: (c)

170. When did Alexander Pope published his first work, "Pastorals"?

(a) 1709
(b) 1711
(c) 1712
(d) 1728

Answer: (a)

171. " A little Learning is a dang'rous Thing ", this line is quoted from which poem?

(a) An Essay on Man
(b) Rape of the Lock
(c) An Essay on Criticism
(d) The Dunciad

Answer: (c)

172. Alexander Pope was born in_____.

(a) 1688
(b) 1696
(c) 1697
(d) 1700

Answer: (a)

173. In which year John Dryden died?

(a) 1668
(b) 1697
(c) 1698
(d) 1700

Answer: (d)

174. Which poem of John Dryden was commemmorated the "year of miracles" of London?
(a) Mac Flecknoe
(b) Annus Mirabilis
(c) The Medall
(d) Aureng-Zebe
Answer: (b)

175. The language of "Hyperion" is similar to whose writings in metre and style?
(a) Shakespeare
(b) Ovid
(c) Milton
(d) Chaucer
Answer: (c)

176. Which poem of Wallace Stevens won him The Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1955?
(a) Collected Poems
(b) Harmonium
(c) The Man with the Blue Guitar
(d) The Auroras of Autumn
Answer: (a)

177. How many pages of poem is "The Cantos" by Ezr ound?
(a) 200
(b) 400
(c) 600
(d) 800
Answer: (d)

178. Whose image is used in the opening passage to characterize the fall of Dr.Faustus?
(a) Mephistophilis
(b) Lucifer
(c) Icarus
(d) Wagner
Answer: (c)

179. From which Greek Legend Shaw took the title of his book "Pygmalion"?
(a) Famous Doctor
(b) Famous Sculptor
(c) Famous Philosopher
(d) Famous Mathematician
Answer: (b)

180. What does the title "Heart of Darkness" stand for?

(a) The primitiveness that every person possesses in their mind and heart.

(b) The philosophy of isolation.

(c) Exploration of all aspects of idealism.

(d) Personal integrity.

Answer: (a)

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181. The classification of the sounds within the system of a particular language or languages is known as_____.

(a) Phonology

(b) Phonetics

(c) Phonotactics

(d) Phonemics

Answer: (a)

182. When was "International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)" system developed?

(a) 1880

(b) 1882

(c) 1888

(d) 1890

Answer: (c)

183. Who said, poetry springs from "emoti[illegible]co[illegible]ted in tranquillity." ?

(a) Matthew Arnold

(b) Samuel Taylor Coleridge

(c) William Wordsworth

(d) Aristotle

Answer: (c)

184. Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1936?

(a) Arthur Miller

(b) Tennessee Williams

(c) George Kaufman

(d) Eugene O'Neill

Answer: (d)

185. What does the plot of "Moby Dick" deal with?

(a) Themes of honour,death,duty,love.

(b) Ceaseless conflict between good and evil.

(c) Exploration of pride, honour, life ,death, redemption.

(d) Exploration of relationship between the narrator and the central character.

Answer: (b)

186. Who wrote the poems "The Descendants"," Summer in Calcutta"," The old Playhouse" ?

(a) Nissim Ezekiel
(b) A.K.Ramanujam
(c) Kamala Das
(d) Krishna Sriniwas

Answer: (c)

187. Which book of Rabindranath Tagore was translated in English as "Binodini" by Krishna Kripalini?

(a) Choker Bali
(b) Jogajog
(c) Chaturanga
(d) Shesher Kobita

Answer: (a)

188. Who wrote "Things Fall Apart"?

(a) Nadine Gordimer
(b) Chinua Achebe
(c) Steve Biko
(d) Cyprian Ekwensi

Answer: (b)

189. Who wrote "Waltzing Matilda"?

(a) A.B.Paterson
(b) Dorothea Mackellar
(c) C J Dennis
(d) Henry Lawson

Answer: (a)

190. Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1973?

(a) Patrick White
(b) Sidney Nolan
(c) Helen Garner
(d) Miles Franklin

Answer: (a)

191. In Keats' 'Lamia', Lamia is _____ .

(a) a sea God, half man and half fish
(b) a winged messenger of the Gods
(c) an enchantress, half woman and half snake
(d) forest nymph

Answer: (c)

192. "Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world" is the famous claim by _____ .

(a) John Keats

(b) William Wordsworth

(c) Mathew Arnold

(d) P.B.Shelley

Answer: (d)

193. Which one of the following is a set of "Lake poets"?

(a) William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Robert Southey.

(b) P.B.Shelley, John Keats, Lord Byron

(c) P.B.Shelley, Walter Scott, Charles Lamb

(d) John Keats, Dorothy Wordsworth, Charles Lamb

Answer: (a)

194. Which of the following was P.B.Shelley's unfinished work?

(a) Alastor, or The Spirit of Solitude'

(b) The Triumph of Life'

(c) Adonais'

(d) Julian and Maddalo'

Answer: (b)

195. How did the romantic poet, John Keats die?

(a) By drowning

(b) Of tuberculosis

(c) Of old age

(d) Killed by a madman in an asylum

Answer: (b)

196. Arrange the following in the chronological order of publication:
(A) 'Ozymandias' (B) 'Ode to the West Wind' (C) 'To a Skylark' (D) 'Adonais'.
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) A, B, C, D

(b) B, C, D, A

(c) C, D, B, A

(d) A, C, B, D

Answer: (a)

197. Which of the following was John Keat's first poem?

(a) O Solitude'

(b) Lamia'

(c) Isabella'

(d) Ode to a Nightingale'

Answer: (a)

198. A Vindication of Natural Diet', 'A Refutation of Deism', 'The Necessity of Atheism' are some of the famous essays by _____ .

(a) Mathew Arnold

(b) P.B.Shelley

(c) Walter Scott

(d) Mary Godwin

Answer: (b)

199. John Keats composed five odes in the spring of 1819. These are 'Ode on a Grecian Urn', 'Ode to a Nightingale', 'Ode on Indolence', 'Ode to Psyche and _____ .

(a) Sleep and Poetry'

(b) On First Looking into Chapman's Homer'

(c) On Melancholy'

(d) Hyperion'

Answer: (c)

200. Who among the following Modernist Poets was influenced by the Imagists' principles, involved in the American suffrage movement and won New York State Writers Hall of Fame?

(a) Marianne Moore

(b) Elizabeth Bishop

(c) Edith Sitwell

(d) Inez Milholland

Answer: (a)

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201. Which of the following poets penned the collection of poems, 'Poems: North & South—A Cold Spring' published in 1955?

(a) Marianne Moore

(b) T.S.Eliot

(c) Elizabeth Bishop

(d) Seamus Heaney

Answer: (c)

202. The line, "April is the cruellest month" occurs in _____ .

(a) T. S. Eliot's 'The Waste Land'

(b) W. B. Yeats 'The Second Coming'

(c) John Keats' 'To Autumn'

(d) P.B.Shelley's 'Ode to the West Wind'

Answer: (a)

203. Who among the following wrote a long narrative poem 'The Age of Anxiety' the title of which became a popular phrase describing the modern era?

(a) Philip Larkin

(b) W.H.Auden

(c) Seamus Heaney

(d) T.S.Eliot

Answer: (b)

204. Who is mourned in Walt Whitman's, 'When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd?

(a) Ralph Waldo Emerson

(b) Nathaniel Hawthorne

(c) Abram Lincoln

(d) Walter Whitman Sr.

Answer: (c)

205. Which of the following is not correct of William Butler Yeats' poem, 'Among School Children'?

(a) It is based on Yeats' visit St. Otteran's School at Waterfront.

(b) It is a first person narrative poem.

(c) It is based on a speech Yeats gave as the chief guest at St. Otteran's School.

(d) It alludes to Greek characters like Helen, Leda and Swan.

Answer: (c)

206. W.B.Yeats' 'Easter, 1916' describes _____

(a) events celebrating the Resurrection of Jesu[illegible]rist

(b) the Easter he celebrated with his fa[illegible]

(c) the Easter he had celebrated with Maud G[illegible]ne

(d) the events of the Easter Rising staged in Ireland against British rule

Answer: (d)

207. Who among the following was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature 31 times and named poet laureate of Vermont in 1961?

(a) Robert Frost

(b) W. B. Yeats

(c) T.S.Eliot

(d) Seamus Heaney

Answer: (a)

208. Where is Doctor Faustus when the play, 'The Tragical History of the Life and Death of Doctor Faustus,' begins?

(a) In the Hell

(b) In his study

(c) In his bedroom

(d) In the garden

Answer: (b)

209. "Nothing so sweet as magic is to him, Which he prefers before his chiefest bliss: And this the man that in his study sits". Who is referred as "he" in these lines?

(a) Doctor Faustus from 'The Tragical History of the Life and Death of Doctor Faustus'

(b) Hamlet from 'Hamlet'

(c) Thomas Becket from 'Murder in the Cathedral'

(d) King Lear from 'King Lear'

Answer: (a)

210. Which of the following statements is not correct about 'The Tragical History of the Life and Death of Doctor Faustus'?

(a) It is an Elizabethan tragedy.

(b) The play is in blank verse.

(c) Doctor Faustus was allotted 24 years of life on Earth, during which time he will have Mephistophilis as his personal servant.

(d) It was written in 1594.

Answer: (d)

211. For how long did Doctor Faustus demand Mephastophilis to serve him?

(a) Twenty days

(b) Twenty Four Years

(c) Hundred days

(d) One day

Answer: (b)

212. Who called Hamlet "an artistic failure"?

(a) Lewis Theobald

(b) Joseph Addison

(c) A. C. Bradley

(d) T.S.Eliot

Answer: (d)

213. What was the profession of Henry Higgins in G.B.Shaw's 'Pygmalion'?

(a) Professor of Phonetics

(b) Professor of History

(c) Professor of Music

(d) Professor of Arts

Answer: (a)

214. Where was Hamlet when he received the news of his father's death?

(a) India

(b) London

(c) Germany

(d) Italy

Answer: (c)

215. “If I can’t have kindness, I’ll have independence”. Who among the following spoke the above lines in G.B.Shaw's 'Pygmalion'?

(a) Mr.Higgins

(b) Mrs. Higgins

(c) Eliza

(d) Colonel Hugh Pickering

Answer: (c)

216. Which of the following was the musical stage play based on G.B.Shaw's 1913 famous play, 'Pygmalion'?

(a) Pygmalion'

(b) My Fair Lady'

(c) Pretty Woman'

(d) La La Land'

Answer: (b)

217. What was the initial title of Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice'?

(a) Pride and Love'

(b) Elizabeth Bennet'

(c) Darcy and Bennet'

(d) First Impressions'

Answer: (d)

218. Which of the following novels of Jane Austen h the character named, Lady Catherine de Bourgh?

(a) Pride and Prejudice'

(b) Emma'

(c) Mansfield Park'

(d) Sense and Sensibility '

Answer: (a)

219. Which of the following movies is based on the story of Joseph Conrad's 'The Heart of Darkness'?

(a) Apocalypse Now'

(b) Apocalypto'

(c) Envisioning Africa'

(d) Cannibal Women in the Avocado Jungle of Death'

Answer: (a)

220. What did three long sections of E.M. Forster's 'A Passage to India' correspond to?

(a) Three Seasons of Indian Year

(b) Three colours- Red, White, Black

(c) Three Jewels - Ruby, Diamond, Pearl

(d) Three Religions: Hinduism, Islam and Christianity

Answer: (a)

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221. Who was Philip Pirrip's real benefactor in Charles Dickens' 'The Great Expectations'?

(a) Miss Havisham

(b) Abel Magwitch

(c) Mr Pumblechook

(d) Joe Gargery

Answer: (b)

222. The very last passage of the novel is given below. Identify the novel. "The offing was barred by a black bank of clouds, and the tranquil waterway leading to the uttermost ends of the earth flowed sombre under an overcast sky—seemed to lead into the heart of an immense darkness."

(a) The Heart of Darkness'

(b) Hard Times'

(c) The Tale of Two Cities'

(d) The Quiet American'

Answer: (a)

223. Who among the following called Charles Dickens' 'The Great Expectations' as "All of one piece and consistently truthful"?

(a) Thomas Carlyle

(b) George Bernard Shaw

(c) E.M.Foster

(d) Algernon Swinburne

Answer: (b)

224. How many diphthongs are there in the English Language?

(a) 6

(b) 8

(c) 10

(d) 12

Answer: (b)

225. The branch of linguistics that studies how humans produce and perceive sounds is called _____ .

(a) Phonetics

(b) Syntax

(c) Phonology

(d) Morphology

Answer: (a)

226. The study of how speech sounds are formed in the mouth is called _____ .

(a) Articulatory phonetics.
(b) Acoustic phonetics
(c) Auditory phonetics
(d) Laboratory phonetics

Answer: (a)

227. Publication of which of the following Salman Rushdie's novels resulted into "Rushdie Affair"?

(a) Satanic Verses'
(b) Midnight's Children'
(c) The Moor's Last Sigh'
(d) Shame'

Answer: (a)

228. Who among the following is an ancient linguist of India?

(a) Bhartrhari
(b) Patanjali
(c) Achyutha Pisharadi
(d) Tista Bagchi

Answer: (b)

229. Who among the following is not one of founder of Linguistic Society of America?

(a) Edward Sapir
(b) Edgar Sturtevant
(c) Leonard Bloomfield
(d) Antonio Gramsci

Answer: (d)

230. The field of linguistics is divided in terms of three dichotomies. Which of the following is not one of the dichotomy?

(a) Synchronic versus Diachronic
(b) Theoretical versus Applied
(c) Microlinguistics versus Macrolinguistics
(d) Sociolinguistics versus Anthropological linguistics

Answer: (d)

231. Who among the following said that, "Art is twice removed from reality"?

(a) Plato
(b) Aristotle
(c) Mathew Arnold
(d) Longinus

Answer: (a)

232. What does 'Hamartia' mean as used by Aristotle in his 'Theory of Tragedy'?

(a) Tragic flaw in protagonist's personality, which leads to his heroic decline toward a tragic end.

(b) Good qualities in protagonist's personality, which leads to his heroic ascent to success.

(c) The tragic end of the play.

(d) The final outcome of the main dramatic complication in a literary work.

Answer: (a)

233. Philip Sidney's 'An Apology for Poetry' was a literary criticism written in response to the criticism by _____ .

(a) Roger Ascham

(b) John Donne

(c) Thomas Campbell

(d) Stephen Gosson

Answer: (d)

234. Whose name is associated with the term, 'Gynocriticism'?

(a) Julia Kristeva

(b) Elaine Showalter

(c) Mary Wollstonecraft

(d) Simone de Beauvoir

Answer: (b)

235. Which of the following literary critic is associate with the term 'Carnivalesque'?

(a) Jean Baudrillard

(b) Mikhail Bakhtin

(c) Michel Foucault

(d) Cleanth Brooks

Answer: (b)

236. Which of the following is the odd one among the Structuralist critics?

(a) Ferdinand de Saussure

(b) Claude Lévi-Strauss

(c) Roman Jakobson

(d) Stephen Greenblat

Answer: (d)

237. Who among the following critics propounded the concept of 'Paradigm shift'?

(a) Immanuel Kant

(b) Thomas Kuhn

(c) Martin Cohen

(d) Giovanni Dosi

Answer: (b)

238. Who among the following writers was not the one identified with Harlem Renaissance?

(a) Langston Hughes

(b) Toni Morrison

(c) Zora Neale Hurston

(d) Alain Locke

Answer: (b)

239. Richard Wright's 'Native Son' is divided into three parts. Choose the correct option.

(a) Fear, Flight, Fate

(b) Fear, Fight, Anger

(c) Black, White, Brown

(d) Love, Fear, Fight

Answer: (a)

240. Which novel by Ernest Hemingway was set during the Italian campaign of World War I?

(a) Winner Take Nothing'

(b) The Old Man and the Sea'

(c) A Farewell to Arms'

(d) To Have and Have Not'

Answer: (c)

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241. Who is the first black female author to win a N[illegible]l Prize?

(a) Maya Angelou

(b) Toni Morrison

(c) Alice Walker

(d) Toni Cade Bambara

Answer: (b)

242. In the following series, which one has all John Updike's 'Rabbit'' series in chronological order?

(a) 'Rabbit Redux'; 'Rabbit, Run'; 'Rabbit Is Rich' and 'Rabbit At Rest'

(b) 'Rabbit Redux'; 'Rabbit, Run'; 'Rabbit At Rest' and 'Rabbit Is Rich'

(c) 'Rabbit Redux'; 'Rabbit Is Rich'; 'Rabbit At Res't and 'Rabbit, Run'.

(d) Rabbit, Run'; 'Rabbit Redux'; 'Rabbit Is Rich' and 'Rabbit At Rest'

Answer: (d)

243. "What thoughts I have of you tonight, Walt Whitman, for I walked down the sidestreets under the trees with a headache self-conscious looking at the full moon". These lines are taken from a very famous poem by Allen Ginsberg. Name the poem.

(a) A Supermarket in California'

(b) Howl'

(c) Kaddish'

(d) America'

Answer: (a)

244. Who among the following is the author of the slave narrative, 'Twelve Years a Slave'?

(a) Solomon Northup
(b) Frederick Douglass
(c) Harriet Beecher Stowe
(d) Olaudah Equiano

Answer: (a)

245. Who among the following is the representative figure of 'Jazz Age'?

(a) Herman Melville
(b) F. Scott Fitzgerald
(c) Hemingway
(d) John Steinbeck

Answer: (b)

246. Who among the following Nobel Laureate is regarded as "a giant of American letters"?

(a) John Ernst Steinbeck Jr.
(b) Saul Bellow
(c) Arthur Miller
(d) Philip Roth

Answer: (a)

247. Night of the Scorpion' is an ironical poem by ___ ____- .

(a) Kamala Das
(b) Nissim Ezekiel
(c) Nayantara Sehgal
(d) Keki N.Daruwala

Answer: (b)

248. Who among the following is the writer of 'Poverty of India' and 'Poverty and UnBritish Rule in India'?

(a) Mahadev Gobind Ranade
(b) Dadabhai Naoroji
(c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
(d) Sri Aurobindo

Answer: (b)

249. Which of the following novel by Mulk Raj Anand was highly critical of British rule in India and India's caste system?

(a) The Sword and the Sickle'
(b) The Village'
(c) Untouchable'
(d) Coolie'

Answer: (d)

250. Arrange the following works of Arundhati Roy in chronological order.
(A) 'The God of Small Things' (B) 'The Ministry of Utmost Happiness' (C) 'Kashmir: The Case for Freedom' (D) 'Azadi: Freedom, Fascism, Fiction'

(a) A, C, B, D

(b) A, B, C, D

(c) B, C, D, A

(d) D, C, B, A

Answer: (a)

251. " May in Ayemenem is a hot, brooding month. The days are long and humid. The river shrinks and black crows gorge on bright mangoes in still, dustgreen trees. Red bananas ripen. Jackfruits burst. Dissolute bluebottles hum vacuously in the fruity air. Then they stun themselves against clear windowpanes and die, fatly baffled in the sun.".
Which of the following novels begins with the above lines?

(a) God of Small Things' by Arundhati Roy

(b) The Namesake' by Jhumpa Lahiri

(c) White Tiger' by Aarvid Adiga

(d) Forest of Enchantments' by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Answer: (a)

252. Who is the author of 2018 novel 'Latitudes of Longing'?

(a) Shubhangi Swarup

(b) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

(c) Jhumpa Lahiri

(d) Manju Kapoor

Answer: (a)

253. Which novel of Anita Desai is compared to Virginia Woolf's 'To The Light House' in its use of symbolism?

(a) In Custody'

(b) Games at Twilight'

(c) Clear Light of Day'

(d) Bye-bye Blackbird'

Answer: (c)

254. Who among the following is not one of the pioneers of the Nai Kahani (New Story) literary movement of Hindi literature?

(a) Mohan Rakesh

(b) Nirmal Verma

(c) Rajendra Yadav

(d) Ajneya

Answer: (d)

255. Two-Headed Poems' is a poetry collection of a Canadian based poet, named _____ .

(a) Michael Ondaatje

(b) Duncan Campbell Scott

(c) Margaret Atwood

(d) George Elliott Clarke

Answer: (c)

256. Which one of the following is a satirical novel by Shashi Tharoor that takes the story of the ''Mahabharata and recasts and resets it in the context of the Indian Independence Movement?

(a) The Great Indian Novel'

(b) India: From Midnight to the Millennium'

(c) Why I Am A Hindu'

(d) Nehru: The Invention of India'

Answer: (a)

257. Which of the following is the second volume of Doris Lessing's extraordinary autobiography?

(a) Walking in the Shade'

(b) Under My Skin'

(c) The Golden Notebook'

(d) The Grass Is Singing'

Answer: (a)

258. The author of the essay 'Decolonising the Mind ıe Politics of Language in African Literature' which is about language and its constructive role in ıional culture, history, and identity is _____ .

(a) Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o

(b) Wole Soyinka

(c) Frantz Fanon

(d) Derek Walcott

Answer: (a)

259. Which of the following postmodernist novel has more than one ending?

(a) Sexing the Cherry'

(b) Quichotte'

(c) Catch-22'

(d) The French Lieutenant's Woman'

Answer: (d)

260. Which of the following is William Dalrymple's 2019 book, based on the history of Indian subcontinent?

(a) City of Djinns: A Year in Delhi'

(b) The Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of the East India Company'

(c) Nine Lives: In Search of the Sacred in Modern India'

(d) Begums, Thugs & White Mughals: The Journals of Fanny Parkes'

Answer: (b)

Discipline9

261. One of the following statements about V.S.Naipaul is incorrect. Identify the statement.

(a) He was born in Trinidad and Tobago.

(b) He won the Booker Prize in 1971 for his novel ' A House for Mr Biswas'.

(c) His grandparents had emigrated from India to work in Trinidad's plantations.

(d) He was awarded Nobel Prize in Literature in 2001.

Answer: (b)

262. William Dalrymple's 'Nine lives: In Search of the Sacred in Modern India' explores the lives of nine people, each of whom represent a different religious path in nine chapters. Which of the following is not a name of chapter in the book?

(a) The Dancer of Kannur'

(b) The Daughter of Yellamma'

(c) The Singer of Epics'

(d) The Master of Minstrels'

Answer: (d)

263. In how many books did Haruki Murakami publish his 'surreal and magic realist novel', 'IQ84'?

(a) 2

(b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 5

Answer: (b)

264. Which play by Alan Seymour about Ar[illegible]was written in 1958?

(a) The One Day of the Year'

(b) Tomorrow's Child'

(c) The Life and Death of King Richard II'

(d) The Runner'

Answer: (a)

265. Which of the following Australian poets is known as "Australia's Bush-bard"?

(a) A. D. Hope

(b) Banjo Paterson

(c) Judith Wright

(d) David Campbell

Answer: (b)

266. Who is the poet of the collections, 'Woman to Man' and 'Woman to Child'?

(a) Judith Wright

(b) Les Murray

(c) Gwen Harwood

(d) David Campbell

Answer: (a)

267. Find the odd one among the following list of Australian colonial writers.

(a) David Unaipon
(b) Oodgeroo Noonuccal
(c) Sally Morgan
(d) Judith Wright

Answer: (d)

268. Which of the following novel by Harper Lee was sequel to her famous work 'To Kill a Mockingbird'?

(a) 'Go Set a Watchman'
(b) In Cold Blood'
(c) Deep South'
(d) Other Voices, Other Rooms'

Answer: (a)

269. Which of the following is the sub-title of Henry David Thoreau's first novel, 'Walden'?

(a) Life in the Woods'
(b) Self Reliance'
(c) Where I Lived'
(d) House-Warming'

Answer: (a)

270. Which of the following is not related to 'subalte tudies'?

(a) Dipesh Chakrabarty
(b) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
(c) Partha Chatterjee
(d) Julia Kristeva

Answer: (d)

271. Why did Kenyan runner Abel Mutai stop few metres from the finish line?

(a) He got tired of running.
(b) He got confused with the stop sign.
(c) Somebody pushed him.
(d) He had weak eyesight, so could not see the stop sign.

Answer: (b)

273. What lesson did Fernandez's mother teach him?

(a) That coming first is not important in life.
(b) That winning and losing is not important in any game.
(c) That no victory is more valuable than being honest.
(d) That more than anything else, it is about how we treat other people.

Answer: (c)

276. To which object did the poet compare the waves to?

(a) Beauty
(b) Shore
(c) Time
(d) Light

Answer: (c)

277. The figure of speech in "Like as the waves make towards the pebbl'd shore" is _____ .

(a) Metaphor
(b) Simile
(c) Personification
(d) Hyperbole

Answer: (b)

278. What is the theme of the above poem?

(a) Man is immortal.
(b) Beautiful women are immortal.
(c) Nature of time as it passes, and as it acts on human life.
(d) We can stay young by reading verse.

Answer: (c)

279. The above poem has the rhyme scheme of ABAB CDCD EFEF GG. What type of sonnet is it?

(a) Petrarchan
(b) Spenserian
(c) Miltonic
(d) Shakespearean

Answer: (d)

280. How is the youthness going to be eternalised?

(a) By eating healthy
(b) By poet's verse
(c) By reading poems
(d) By walking on the shore

Answer: (b)

Teaching Methodology

281. Who's “cycle of learning” has four stages in which immediate or concrete experiences provide a base for observation and reflections?

(a) Howard Gardener
(b) Abraham Maslow
(c) David Kolb
(d) Ivan Pavlov

Answer: (c)

282. According to which type of theory, a man is an energy system, an adaptive, purposeful creature whose behavior is determined by the manner in which he perceives his environment?

(a) Association theory
(b) Field theory
(c) Complex Theory
(d) Teacher centered Theory

Answer: (b)

283. Careers that suit those with this intelligence include sales, politicians, managers, teachers, counselors and social workers. Name the type of intelligence.

(a) Interpersonal
(b) Intrapersonal
(c) Spatial
(d) Existential

Answer: (a)

284. _____ is also called the family language.

(a) Standard Language
(b) Home language
(c) Oral language
(d) Written Language

Answer: (b)

285. Which function of language conveys factual in mation that can be tried and tested, stated or denied?

(a) Cognitive function
(b) Affective function
(c) Descriptive function
(d) Directive function

Answer: (c)

286. Which type of question among the following can have two possible answers?

(a) Multiple Choice Question
(b) Contingency question
(c) Ambiguous question
(d) Dichotomous question

Answer: (d)

287. The ability to perceive existing gender differences and issues, and to incorporate these into strategies and actions is known as _____.

(a) Gender Sensitivity
(b) Gender Equity
(c) Gender Analysis
(d) Gender Roles

Answer: (a)

288. Which approach sought to challenge root causes of gender inequality and increase women's access to resources and decision-making?

(a) Women in Development Approach

(b) Gender in Development Approach

(c) Human Rights based approach

(d) Women and Development approach

Answer: (b)

289. According to the census of 2011, how many females per thousand males in India are there?

(a) 916

(b) 791

(c) 971

(d) 940

Answer: (d)

290. Selected-response tests are so named because the student reads a relatively brief opening statement called a _____ and selects one of the provided alternatives as the correct answer.

(a) objective

(b) key

(c) stem

(d) foundation

Answer: (c)

291. Which among the following occurs in natural o rmal languages when a sentence, idea or formula refers to itself?

(a) Self reference

(b) Norn-referenced assessments

(c) Standardized assessments

(d) Criterion-referenced assessments

Answer: (a)

292. Name the type of validity that refers to the usefulness of a test in closely relating to measure or score on another test of known validity.

(a) Construct validity

(b) Criterion-Related Validity

(c) Content Validity

(d) Concurrent validity

Answer: (d)

293. What does ISCED stand for?

(a) Introduction to Standard Classification of Education

(b) Internal Standard Classification of Education

(c) International Standard Classification of Education

(d) Integrated Standard Classification of Education

Answer: (c)

294. What refers to the degree of anatomical, histological or physiological anomaly of an organic system?

(a) Risk factor
(b) Impairment
(c) Aptitude
(d) Attitude

Answer: (b)

295. The first school for the deaf was set up in Bombay in 1883 and the first school for the blind at Amritsar in _____.

(a) 1887
(b) 1788
(c) 1878
(d) 1787

Answer: (a)

296. What is known as passing of traits from parents to their offspring?

(a) Physical appearance
(b) Growth
(c) Heredity
(d) Development

Answer: (c)

297. Which stage of Cognitive Development propos by Jean Piaget is for age 12 and up?

(a) Concrete Optional Stage
(b) Formal Operational Stage
(c) Sensorimotor Stage
(d) Preoperational Stage

Answer: (b)

298. Which development refers to the ability to recognise, express and manage feelings in different stages of life?

(a) Social Development
(b) Cognitive Development
(c) Mental Development
(d) Emotional Development

Answer: (d)

299. While using which technique the facilitator is able to integrate reflective questions into the drama learning experience that happens at the end of the drama?

(a) Sharing
(b) Spotlight
(c) Story telling
(d) Side coaching

Answer: (a)

300. Which technique in linear drama is allowing students to add their own dramatisation at the moment?

(a) Side-coaching

(b) Spotlighting

(c) Story telling

(d) Improvisation

Answer: (d)

Answer key

Answer key from the Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board's official answer key for this sitting. "—" means the key gave none.

Mental Ability

1	**(d)**	2	**(a)**	3	**(d)**	4	**(c)**	5	**(a)**	6	**(a)**
7	**(b)**	8	**(b)**	9	**(c)**	10	**(c)**	11	**(a)**	12	**(b)**
13	**(a)**	14	**(d)**								

General Awareness

21	**(c)**	22	**(b)**	23	**(d)**	24	**(a)**	25	**(b)**	26	**(c)**
27	**(b)**	28	**(c)**	29	**(d)**	30	**(a)**	31	**(b)**	32	**(b)**
33	**(c)**	34	**(b)**	35	**(a)**	36	**(d)**	37	**(a)**	38	**(b)**
39	**(d)**	40	**(d)**								

Arithmetic Ability

41	**(a)**	42	**(b)**	43	**(b)**	44	**(a)**	45	**(b)**	46	**(a)**
47	**(a)**	48	**(d)**	49	**(c)**	50	**(a)**	51	**(b)**	52	**(b)**
53	**(a)**	54	**(a)**	55	**(d)**	56	**(b)**	57	**(a)**		

General English

61	**(a)**	62	**(c)**	63	**(b)**	64	**(a)**	65	**(c)**	66	**(b)**
67	**(a)**	68	**(a)**	69	**(a)**	70	**(c)**	71	**(a)**	72	**(b)**
73	**(a)**	74	**(d)**	75	**(b)**	77	**(a)**	78	**(b)**	80	**(c)**

Discipline1

101	**(b)**	102	**(a)**	103	**(c)**	104	**(a)**	105	**(b)**	106	**(d)**
107	**(a)**	108	**(b)**	109	**(a)**	110	**(b)**	111	**(c)**	112	**(a)**
113	**(d)**	114	**(c)**	115	**(b)**	116	**(a)**	117	**(d)**	118	**(a)**
119	**(c)**	120	**(d)**								

Discipline2

121	**(b)**	122	**(b)**	123	**(d)**	124	**(c)**	125	**(d)**	126	**(c)**
127	**(a)**	128	**(b)**	129	**(d)**	130	**(c)**	131	**(a)**	132	**(b)**
133	**(a)**	134	**(c)**	135	**(c)**	136	**(b)**	137	**(a)**	138	**(b)**
139	**(d)**	140	**(b)**								

Discipline3

141	**(a)**	142	**(c)**	143	**(b)**	144	**(a)**	145	**(d)**	146	**(d)**
147	**(b)**	148	**(d)**	149	**(c)**	150	**(a)**	151	**(d)**	152	**(c)**
153	**(a)**	154	**(b)**	155	**(d)**	156	**(a)**	157	**(c)**	158	**(a)**
159	**(b)**	160	**(c)**								

Discipline4

161	**(d)**	162	**(b)**	163	**(a)**	164	**(c)**	165	**(a)**	166	**(b)**
167	**(d)**	168	**(b)**	169	**(c)**	170	**(a)**	171	**(c)**	172	**(a)**
173	**(d)**	174	**(b)**	175	**(c)**	176	**(a)**	177	**(d)**	178	**(c)**
179	**(b)**	180	**(a)**								

Discipline5

181	**(a)**	182	**(c)**	183	**(c)**	184	**(d)**	185	**(b)**	186	**(c)**
187	**(a)**	188	**(b)**	189	**(a)**	190	**(a)**	191	**(c)**	192	**(d)**
193	**(a)**	194	**(b)**	195	**(b)**	196	**(a)**	197	**(a)**	198	**(b)**
199	**(c)**	200	**(a)**								

Discipline6

201	**(c)**	202	**(a)**	203	**(b)**	204	**(c)**	205	**(c)**	206	**(d)**
207	**(a)**	208	**(b)**	209	**(a)**	210	**(d)**	211	**(b)**	212	**(d)**
213	**(a)**	214	**(c)**	215	**(c)**	216	**(b)**	217	**(d)**	218	**(a)**
219	**(a)**	220	**(a)**								

Discipline7

221	**(b)**	222	**(a)**	223	**(b)**	224	**(b)**	225	**(a)**	226	**(a)**
227	**(a)**	228	**(b)**	229	**(d)**	230	**(d)**	231	**(a)**	232	**(a)**
233	**(d)**	234	**(b)**	235	**(b)**	236	**(d)**	237	**(b)**	238	**(b)**
239	**(a)**	240	**(c)**								

Discipline8

241	**(b)**	242	**(d)**	243	**(a)**	244	**(a)**	245	**(b)**	246	**(a)**
247	**(b)**	248	**(b)**	249	**(d)**	250	**(a)**	251	**(a)**	252	**(a)**
253	**(c)**	254	**(d)**	255	**(c)**	256	**(a)**	257	**(a)**	258	**(a)**
259	**(d)**	260	**(b)**								

Discipline9

261	**(b)**	262	**(d)**	263	**(b)**	264	**(a)**	[illegible]	**(b)**	266	**(a)**
267	**(d)**	268	**(a)**	269	**(a)**	270	**(d)**	271	**(b)**	273	**(c)**
[illegible]6	**(c)**	277	**(b)**	278	**(c)**	279	**(d)**	280	**(b)**		

Teaching Methodology

281	**(c)**	282	**(b)**	283	**(a)**	284	**(b)**	285	**(c)**	286	**(d)**
287	**(a)**	288	**(b)**	289	**(d)**	290	**(c)**	291	**(a)**	292	**(d)**
293	**(c)**	294	**(b)**	295	**(a)**	296	**(c)**	297	**(b)**	298	**(d)**
299	**(a)**	300	**(d)**								