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General Studies-II

1. 'कुशासन' का संधि-विच्छेद है:

(a) कुश + आसन

(b) कुशः + आसन

(c) कुशा + सन

(d) कु + शासन

Answer: (a)

2. निम्नलिखित में से किस वाक्य में सातत्यबोधक क्रिया है?

(a) मेघा गीत सुनाती है।

(b) वह स्कूल के लिए निकल चुका है।

(c) पृथ्वी सूर्य के चारों ओर घूमती है।

(d) लड़के बेहतर खेल खेल रहे हैं।

Answer: (d)

3. जिस मूल शब्द में विकार होने से 'क्रिया' बनती है, उसे कहते हैं:

(a) अव्यय

(b) धातु

(c) सर्वनाम

(d) विशेषण

Answer: (b)

4. सूची-I को सूची-II से सुमेलित कीजिए और सूचियों के नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए:
सूची-I (शब्द) - सूची-II (अनेकार्थी शब्द)
A. अलि - 1. शेषनाग, बचा हुआ

B. आलि - 2. भँवरा, कोयल

C. शिखी - 3. सखी, पंक्ति

D. शेष - 4. मोर, पर्वत

(a) 3 4 1 2

(b) 4 2 1 3

(c) 1 2 3 4

(d) 2 3 4 1

Answer: (d)

5. सूची-I को सूची-II से सुमेलित कीजिए और सूचियों के नीचे दिए गए कूट का प्रयोग कर सही उत्तर चुनिए:
सूची-I (शब्द) - सूची-II (संधि-नाम)
A. नदीश्वर - 1. गुण संधि

B. महोत्सव - 2. यण संधि

C. मतैक्य - 3. दीर्घ संधि

D. पित्रादेश - 4. वृद्धि संधि

(a) 2 3 1 4

(b) 1 4 2 3

(c) 3 1 4 2

(d) 4 2 3 1

Answer: (c)

6. निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा वाक्य अशुद्ध है?

(a) एक गुलाब की माला खरीद लेना।

(b) फूलों की एक सुंदर माला खरीद लेना।

(c) फूलों की एक माला खरीद लेना।

(d) गुलाब की एक माला खरीद लेना।

Answer: (a)

7. 'ब्रजभाषा' किस अपभ्रंश से विकसित हुई है?

(a) मागधी अपभ्रंश से

(b) पैशाची अपभ्रंश से

(c) शौरसेनी अपभ्रंश से

(d) अर्धमागधी अपभ्रंश से

Answer: (c)

8. निम्नलिखित में अन्तःस्थ व्यंजन नहीं है:

(a) प

(b) व

(c) ल

(d) र

Answer: (a)

9. निम्नलिखित में प्रत्यय है:

(a) प्रचार

(b) पूजनीय

(c) पराजय

(d) प्रतिध्वनि

Answer: (b)

10. व्युत्पत्ति की दृष्टि से शब्दों के प्रकार हैं:

(a) अभिधा, लक्षणा, व्यंजना

(b) रूढ़, यौगिक, योगरूढ़

(c) तद्भव, तत्सम, देशज

(d) विकारी, अविकारी

Answer: (c)

11. निम्नलिखित दोनों कथनों को ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़कर सही वि[illegible] कीजिए:
1. संबंध कारक के सभी रूप विशेषण नहीं होते हैं।
2. "विद्वान का सर्वत्र आदर होता है।"
इनमें विशेषण का प्रयोग संज्ञा के रूप में हुआ है:

(a) 1 और 2 दोनों सही हैं

(b) 1 और 2 दोनों ग़लत हैं

(c) 1 सही पर 2 ग़लत है

(d) 1 ग़लत पर 2 सही है

Answer: (d)

13. निम्नलिखित में से फारसी का शब्द है:

(a) आदमी

(b) जमाई

(c) वानर

(d) इंच

Answer: (a)

14. वर्तनी की दृष्टि से शुद्ध शब्द है:

(a) वैश्या

(b) बारात

(c) दुरवस्था

(d) महात्म्य

Answer: (c)

15. नीचे दिए गए विलोम शब्दों का एक युग्म ग़लत है, वह है:

(a) एश्वर्य - अनैश्वर्य

(b) उत्साहित - निरुत्साह

(c) एकता - अनेकता

(d) ऐहिक - दैविक

Answer: (d)

16. निम्नलिखित में से कौन-सा विलोम युग्म सही है?

(a) आहार - विहार

(b) श्याम - कृष्ण

(c) संकीर्ण - विस्तीर्ण

(d) कृतज्ञ - जड़

Answer: (c)

17. पर्यायवाची की दृष्टि से शुद्ध वर्ग है:

(a) दर्प, कन्दर्प

(b) वायस, मयूरव

(c) कुवलय, तामरस

(d) परिधान, उपधान

Answer: (c)

19. 'आदमी पानी का बुलबुला है' लोकोक्ति का अर्थ क्या है?

(a) मनुष्य जीवन नाशवान है।

(b) मौज मस्ती का जीवन।

(c) विपरीत वस्तुओं का मेल।

(d) निर्णय किसके पक्ष में होगा।

Answer: (a)

20. 'तबेले की बला बंदर के सिर' लोकोक्ति का अर्थ क्या है?

(a) परिश्रम किसी का लाभ किसी और का

(b) जिधर जाए उधर ही मुसीबत

(c) अपराध करे कोई पकड़ा जाए कोई

(d) दोषी व्यक्ति के साथ निर्दोष का मारा जाना

Answer: (c)

Passage — for questions 21–25

> "साहस की ज़िंदगी सबसे बड़ी ज़िंदगी होती है। ऐसी ज़िंदगी की सबसे बड़ी पहचान यह है कि यह बिलकुल निडर, बिलकुल बेखौफ़ होती है। साहसी मनुष्य की पहली पहचान यह है कि वह इस बात की चिंता नहीं करता कि तमाशा देखने वाले लोग उसके बारे में क्या सोच रहे हैं। जनमत की उपेक्षा करके जीने वाला आदमी दुनिया की असली ताकत होता है और मनुष्यता को प्रकाश भी उसी आदमी से मिलता है। अड़ोस-पड़ोस को देखकर चलना, यह साधारण जीव का काम है। क्रांति करने वाले लोग अपने उद्देश्य की तुलना न तो पड़ोसी के उद्देश्य से करते हैं और न ही अपनी चाल को पड़ोसी की चाल देखकर मद्धिम बनाते हैं।"

21. साहसी मनुष्य किस बात की चिंता नहीं करता है?

(a) लोग क्या खा-पी रहे हैं।

(b) लोग कहाँ जा रहे हैं।

(c) लोग क्या कर रहे हैं।

(d) लोग उसके बारे में क्या सोचते हैं।

Answer: (d)

22. दुनिया की असली ताकत कौन होता है?

(a) जनमत से अलग रहने वाला आदमी

(b) जनमत से डरने वाला आदमी

(c) जनमत की उपेक्षा करके जीने वाला आदमी

(d) जनमत के साथ चलने वाला आदमी

Answer: (c)

23. क्रांति करने वाले लोग किसकी तुलना अपने पड़ोसी से नहीं करते?

(a) अपने उद्देश्य की

(b) अपने धन की

(c) अपने घर की

(d) अपने जीवन की

Answer: (a)

24. 'साधारण' शब्द का पर्याय है:
(a) कठिन
(b) सामान्य
(c) हल्का
(d) पतला

Answer: (b)

25. साहस की ज़िंदगी की सबसे बड़ी पहचान क्या है?
(a) यह बिलकुल सामान्य होती है।
(b) यह डर से पूर्ण होती है।
(c) यह बिलकुल निडर, बिलकुल बेखौफ़ होती है।
(d) यह बहुत ही शानदार होती है।

Answer: (c)

26. Fill in the blanks with the correct options.
"_____ he worked, _____ he failed."
(a) Though; yet
(b) Other; than
(c) No sooner; than
(d) Hardly; when

Answer: (a)

27. Fill in the blank with the correct option.
_____ one of the boys was in the playground.
(a) Either
(b) Every
(c) Neither
(d) All

Answer: (b)

28. Find the correct sentence.
(a) He is too rich not to starve.
(b) He is too rich and he starve.
(c) He is too rich to starve.
(d) He is rich enough to starve.

Answer: (c)

29. Choose the correct antonym of the following word.
Gloomy

(a) Boring
(b) Straight
(c) Cheerful
(d) None of the above

Answer: (c)

30. Select the word which is opposite in meaning of the following:
Indiscreet

(a) Prudent
(b) Stupid
(c) Reliable
(d) Honest

Answer: (a)

31. The art of beautiful handwriting is known as:

(a) Stenography
(b) Orthography
(c) Calligraphy
(d) Designing

Answer: (c)

32. Choose the correct alternative which replaces t given statement/sentence:
"Anything written in a letter after it is signe

(a) Corrigendum
(b) Postdiction
(c) Postscript
(d) Manuscript

Answer: (c)

33. Which among the following is a correctly spelt word?

(a) Obliterait
(b) Obleturate
(c) Obleterate
(d) Obliterate

Answer: (d)

35. Which of the following is the correct passive form of the following?
"Who has cut the tree?"

(a) By whom was the tree cut?
(b) By whom was the tree cut by?
(c) Who has the tree been cut?
(d) By whom has the tree been cut?

Answer: (d)

36. Change into direct form:
I said to him, "How do you know this?"

(a) I told him how I knew that.

(b) I asked him how he knew that.

(c) I asked him how I knew that.

(d) I asked him that how he knew that.

Answer: (b)

37. Choose the correct option to find out the meaning of the idiom given below:
'To end in smoke'.

(a) To find out the smoke

(b) To find out the result in the end

(c) To come to an end

(d) To have no result; to come to nothing

Answer: (d)

38. What is the meaning of the idiom, 'Blow one's own horn'?

(a) To suddenly become very angry

(b) To announce self defeat

(c) To boast about oneself

(d) To be the devil's advocate

Answer: (c)

39. Select the correct order of mending the punctu a cycle tube:
1. Wait for material to dry.
2. Remove tyre and tube and dip in water to c.
3. Fix the tyre and tube.
4. Mark the spot and apply puncture mending material.

(a) 2, 3, 1, 4

(b) 4, 3, 2, 1

(c) 2, 4, 1, 3

(d) 1, 3, 2, 4

Answer: (c)

40. Fill in the blank with the correct option.
We _____ ourselves to the circumstances.

(a) Adopt

(b) Adapt

(c) Adept

(d) None of the above

Answer: (b)

Passage — for questions 41–45

> Leadership studies is an emerging discipline, and the concept of leadership will continue to change. Leadership lore is defined as an influence among leaders and followers who want real change and outcomes that reflect their purpose shared by the leaders and their followers. Influence means that the relationship among people is not passive; however, also part of this definition is that influence is multidirectional. It does not use orders or threats to make somebody do something. Leadership is something a leader does to a follower. However, leadership has an effect in both directions. In most organizations, superiors influence subordinates, but subordinates influence superiors as well. The people involved in the relationship want real and important changes - leadership involves creating change, not maintaining what normally happens. In addition, the changes sought are not dictated by leaders, but reflect the purpose that motivates them toward this more preferable outcome. An important aspect of leadership is influencing others to come together around a common vision. Thus, leadership involves the influence of people to bring about change towards a desirable future.

41. The concept of leadership discussed in this passage is:
    (a) Individualistic
    (b) Vertical/Top-down
    (c) Horizontal
    (d) Exceptional

    Answer: (d)

42. "Leadership studies is an emerging discipline" means:
    (a) Leadership studies is an elaborate field.
    (b) Leadership studies is an evolving domain of sc arship.
    (c) Leadership studies is a valid field of researc
    (d) Leadership studies is an established field.

    Answer: (b)

43. What should be the outcome of leadership actions?
    (a) Movement towards the vision of the majority.
    (b) Movement and strengthening of the authority of leaders.
    (c) Movement towards common vision of the leader and the followers.
    (d) Movement towards the vision of the leader.

    Answer: (c)

44. Find the synonym for the word 'traditions' in the above passage.
    (a) Lore
    (b) Relationship
    (c) Leadership
    (d) Organization

    Answer: (a)

45. What is the main theme of this passage?

(a) Future of a country

(b) Politics of a country

(c) Discussion about followers

(d) Explanation of leadership construct

Answer: (d)

47. Given HCF (306, 657) = 9.
Find the LCM (306, 657).

(a) 22318

(b) 33228

(c) 22338

(d) 21331

Answer: (c)

49. Ogive curves for 'more than' type and 'less than' type distribution intersect at:

(a) mode

(b) origin

(c) mean

(d) median

Answer: (d)

50. If the points (1, x), (5, 2) and (9, 5) are collinear, t value of x is:

(a) -1

(b) 1

(c) 5/2

(d) -5/2

Answer: (a)

51. 2 cubes, each of volume 27 cm^3, are joined end to end, then the surface area of the resulting cuboid is:

(a) 54 cm^2

(b) 32 cm^2

(c) 90 cm^2

(d) 81 cm^2

Answer: (c)

53. The missing number in the series is:
4, 18, 48, ?, 180

(a) 90

(b) 100

(c) 60

(d) 80

Answer: (b)

54. ₹196 is distributed in 300 children. If girls gain ₹1 and boys 50 paisa, then what is the number of boys?

(a) 212
(b) 214
(c) 208
(d) 210

Answer: (c)

55. x - 4 and 2x - 1 are factors of which of the following polynomials?

(a) $2x^3 + 7x^2 - 5x + 4$
(b) $2x^3 - 7x^2 - 5x + 4$
(c) $2x^3 + 7x^2 + 5x + 4$
(d) $2x^3 - 7x^2 + 5x - 4$

Answer: (b)

56. 13 is related to 2190 in the same way as 14 is related to:

(a) 2738
(b) 2739
(c) 2736
(d) 2737

Answer: (d)

57. In a circle, if radius is doubled, what happens to t area?

(a) It quadruples
(b) It remains the same
(c) It doubles
(d) It triples

Answer: (a)

59. The value of which of the following will not change if a constant number is added to all the scores of a series?

(a) Mode
(b) Standard deviation
(c) Mean
(d) Median

Answer: (b)

60. If the side lengths of a square are doubled, then how much area will be increased?

(a) 4 times
(b) 5 times
(c) 2 times
(d) 3 times

Answer: (a)

61. By dividing $x^3 - 6x^2 + 2x - 4$ by $-3/2\ x + 1$, the remainder is:

(a) 136

(b) -136

(c) 136/27

(d) -136/27

Answer: (d)

63. If the median of the following data is 11, then find the value of K:
3, 21, 10, 7, 6, 9, (K + 6), 15, 20

(a) 6

(b) 5

(c) 4

(d) 7

Answer: (b)

64. The number of integers n satisfying $-n + 2 \geq 0$ and $2n \geq 4$ is:

(a) 2

(b) 4

(c) 0

(d) 1

Answer: (a)

65. 3-digit largest prime number is:

(a) 997

(b) 996

(c) 999

(d) 998

Answer: (a)

66. Let A = {a, b, c, e, f, g}, B = {b, c, d, f, g, h} and C = {c, d, e, g, h, i}. The value of ((A - B) - (A - C) - (C - B)) is:

(a) {c}

(b) φ

(c) {a}

(d) {b}

Answer: (b)

67. Who first calculated the value of π?

(a) Aryabhatta

(b) Thales

(c) Pythagoras

(d) Archimedes

Answer: (d)

68. If the difference between compound interest and simple interest on a sum of money in 2 years at 10% annual interest rate is ₹ 12, then find the amount.

(a) ₹ 1000
(b) ₹ 2400
(c) ₹ 240
(d) ₹ 1200

Answer: (d)

69. Surya sells 45 pens and suffers a loss equal to the selling price of five pens. What is his total loss percentage?

(a) 12.5%
(b) 10%
(c) 9%
(d) 11.11%

Answer: (b)

70. The factor of expression $(x + y)^3 + (x - y)^3$ is:

(a) $2x (x^2 - 3y^2)$
(b) $2x (x^2 + 3y^2)$
(c) $3x (x^2 - 3y^2)$
(d) $3x (x^2 + 3y^2)$

Answer: (b)

71. The work capacity of A is three times more than that of B. Both of them together can complete a work in 15 days. In how many days will A alone complete that work?

(a) 21
(b) 20
(c) 18
(d) 18.75

Answer: (b)

72. The cost price of 40 oranges is equal to the selling price of 30 oranges. Find the percentage profit.

(a) 33.33%
(b) 22%
(c) 20%
(d) 25%

Answer: (a)

73. A man covers half of his journey at a speed of 6 km/hr and the remaining half at a speed of 3 km/hr. His average speed is:

(a) 4 km/hr
(b) 9 km/hr
(c) 4.5 km/hr
(d) 3 km/hr

Answer: (a)

74. A number when divided by 53 gives 34 as quotient and 21 as remainder. Then the number is:

(a) 1723
(b) 1924
(c) 1823
(d) 1800

Answer: (c)

75. The number of subsets of A = {0, 1, 2} will be:

(a) 9
(b) 8
(c) 6
(d) 7

Answer: (b)

76. Which of the following type of memory has the s[illegible]test duration?

(a) Echoic memory
(b) Iconic memory
(c) Working memory
(d) Immediate memory

Answer: (b)

77. Functional fixedness is a kind of _____.

(a) Creativity bias
(b) Mental set
(c) Forward working
(d) Confirmation bias

Answer: (b)

78. _____ is/are used by human beings most of the time to control the behaviour of others as well as of themselves.

(a) Postures
(b) Punishment
(c) Rewards
(d) Words

Answer: (d)

79. It is human nature to know why we/others behave in a specific way. The process of explaining our own and others' behaviour is _____.

(a) Discrimination
(b) Attribution
(c) Altruism
(d) Prosocial behaviour

Answer: (b)

80. Tendency of people to like each other is _____.

(a) Discrimination
(b) Attractiveness
(c) Reciprocity of liking
(d) Prejudice

Answer: (c)

81. Which decision-making bias refers to the tendency to give excessive weight to the first information received?

(a) Availability heuristic
(b) Hindsight bias
(c) Anchoring bias
(d) Confirmation bias

Answer: (c)

82. What are the four basic communication skills?
1. Understanding
2. Listening
3. Informing
4. Speaking
5. Observing
6. Reading
7. Influencing
8. Writing

Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

(a) 1, 3, 7, 8
(b) 7, 2, 5, 6
(c) 3, 5, 2, 7
(d) 2, 4, 6, 8

Answer: (d)

83. _____ is influenced by inter-personal context.

(a) Problem solving
(b) Education
(c) Speech style
(d) Gesture and posture

Answer: (c)

84. Among 200 persons, 90 people like tea while 108 people like coffee and 46 people like both tea and coffee. How many people like neither tea nor coffee?

(a) 62
(b) 46
(c) 48
(d) 44

Answer: (c)

85. If CONSTABLE is coded as 91, what will be the code number for STABLE?

(a) 59
(b) 75
(c) 97
(d) 78

Answer: (a)

86. If BELONGINGS is coded as TABLESTESF, how will you code LINEN?

(a) BATEA
(b) TABEA
(c) BTEAE
(d) BTAEA

Answer: (c)

87. Which one is different from the other three?

(a) Gate
(b) Window
(c) Door
(d) Table

Answer: (d)

88. As 'poster' is related to 'wall', in the same way 'photograph' is related to:

(a) People
(b) Frame
(c) Camera
(d) Beauty

Answer: (b)

89. When two people get together, the one who appears more relaxed in body language _____.

(a) is senior in age
(b) belongs to higher socio-economic status
(c) is higher in power hierarchy
(d) All of the above

Answer: (b)

90. What are the examples of interpersonal communication?
1. Seminar
2. Journalism
3. Office operation
4. Letter writing
5. Study-Teaching
6. Conversation
7. Interview
Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

(a) 4, 5, 2, 1

(b) 2, 3, 5, 7

(c) 2, 4, 7, 6

(d) 6, 7, 5, 3

Answer: (b)

91. Which of the following is an example of mediated communication?

(a) Students work on a class project together

(b) A politician addresses a nominating convention

(c) Two friends gossip with one another

(d) A newscaster delivers the weather report on 9 o'clock news

Answer: (d)

92. The role of a leader is defined by the three circles need:
1. Task
2. Function
3. New ideas
4. Team
5. Process
6. Communication
7. Individual
Select the correct answer from the codes given below:

(a) 1, 4, 7

(b) 3, 1, 6

(c) 7, 5, 3

(d) 2, 4, 1

Answer: (a)

93. If in a non-leap year, it is Tuesday on 28th February, then what day will be on 28th March of that year?

(a) Tuesday

(b) Sunday

(c) Monday

(d) None of the above

Answer: (a)

94. Which of the following is a characteristic of a good decision?
(a) It is made quickly
(b) It ignores stakeholders' interest
(c) It is feasible and achievable
(d) It is based on intuition
Answer: (c)

95. The process of problem solving where the problem has only one single answer is _____.
(a) Convergent thinking
(b) Trial and error
(c) Insight
(d) Divergent thinking
Answer: (a)

97. What will be the next item in the series 7, 11, 19, 35, 67 _____?
(a) 131
(b) 133
(c) 99
(d) 121
Answer: (a)

98. _____ allows several people to use software at the same time to create documents, keep track of projects.
(a) E-mail
(b) Network
(c) Software
(d) Groupware
Answer: (b)

99. Another name of interpersonal communication is:
(a) Diadic communication
(b) Virtual reality
(c) Mass communication
(d) Face-to-face public communication
Answer: (a)

100. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?
(a) Pavlov - Gestalt theory
(b) Skinner - Operant conditioning theory
(c) Kohler - Insight theory
(d) Thorndike - Stimulus-response bond theory
Answer: (a)

Answer key

Answer key from the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission's official answer key for this sitting. "—" means the key gave none.

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1	**(a)**	2	**(d)**	3	**(b)**	4	**(d)**	5	**(c)**	6	**(a)**
7	**(c)**	8	**(a)**	9	**(b)**	10	**(c)**	11	**(d)**	13	**(a)**
14	**(c)**	15	**(d)**	16	**(c)**	17	**(c)**	19	**(a)**	20	**(c)**
21	**(d)**	22	**(c)**	23	**(a)**	24	**(b)**	25	**(c)**	26	**(a)**
27	**(b)**	28	**(c)**	29	**(c)**	30	**(a)**	31	**(c)**	32	**(c)**
33	**(d)**	35	**(d)**	36	**(b)**	37	**(d)**	38	**(c)**	39	**(c)**
40	**(b)**	41	**(d)**	42	**(b)**	43	**(c)**	44	**(a)**	45	**(d)**
47	**(c)**	49	**(d)**	50	**(a)**	51	**(c)**	53	**(b)**	54	**(c)**
55	**(b)**	56	**(d)**	57	**(a)**	59	**(b)**	60	**(a)**	61	**(d)**
63	**(b)**	64	**(a)**	65	**(a)**	66	**(b)**	67	**(d)**	68	**(d)**
69	**(b)**	70	**(b)**	71	**(b)**	72	**(a)**	73	**(a)**	74	**(c)**
75	**(b)**	76	**(b)**	77	**(b)**	78	**(d)**	79	**(b)**	80	**(c)**
81	**(c)**	82	**(d)**	83	**(c)**	84	**(c)**	85	**(a)**	86	**(c)**
87	**(d)**	88	**(b)**	89	**(b)**	90	**(b)**	91	**(d)**	92	**(a)**
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