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General Studies-II

1. इनमें से शुद्ध वाक्य है

(a) धन के रहित जीवन व्यर्थ है।

(b) लाल बहादुर शास्त्री की मृत्यु बहुत ही दुखपूर्ण थी।

(c) क्या विश्वविद्यालय समाज का नेतृत्व करने में सफल रहे हैं?

(d) मैं केवल इतना ही चाहता हूँ।

Answer: (c)

2. संस्कृत और प्राकृत से विकृत होकर हिन्दी में आये हुए शब्दों को क[illegible]ते हैं?

(a) तद्भव

(b) देशज

(c) विदेशज

(d) तत्सम

Answer: (a)

3. 'दूरागत' शब्द में समास है

(a) अधिकरण तत्पुरुष

(b) सम्प्रदान तत्पुरुष

(c) अपादान तत्पुरुष

(d) करण तत्पुरुष

Answer: (c)

Passage — for questions 4–8

> बड़े-बड़े उत्थान और बड़ी-बड़ी क्रान्तियाँ प्रायः भाषा के सहारे ही होती हैं। भाषा ही लोगों को बहकाकर मनुष्यत्व की सीमा से निकालकर हिंसक पशुओं तक के वर्ग में ले जाती है और भाषा ही उन्हें कुमार्ग से हटाकर सन्मार्ग पर लाती है और पाप से विमुख करके पुण्य कार्यों में लगाती है। भाषा की शक्ति अपरिमित और अमोघ है। अच्छी भाषा में जादू का असर, संगीत का माधुर्य और तलवार की शक्ति होती है। इसीलिए अंग्रेजी में एक कहावत-सी बन गयी है, जिसका आशय है - तलवार से भी बढ़कर शक्तिशालिनी कलम है। इस कथन में 'कलम' लिखित भाषा की प्रतीकमात्र है। हमारे यहाँ तो उसे और भी अधिक ऊँचा स्थान दिया गया है। हम उसे सरस्वती देवी का रूप मानते हैं। अतः जो लोग बड़े बनना चाहते हों, या बड़े काम करना चाहते हों, उन्हें पहले अपनी भाषा की ओर ध्यान देना चाहिए।

4. अच्छी भाषा में नहीं है

(a) संगीत का माधुर्य

(b) जादू का असर

(c) चित्र का रूप-रंग

(d) तलवार की शक्ति

Answer: (c)

5. हम किसे सरस्वती देवी का रूप मानते हैं?

(a) चित्र को

(b) मूर्ति को

(c) स्थापत्य को

(d) कलम को

Answer: (d)

6. भाषा की शक्ति है

(a) सीमान्त और सीमेतर

(b) अपरिमित और अमोघ

(c) परिमित और मोघ

(d) सीमित और छुद्र

Answer: (b)

7. तलवार से भी बढ़कर शक्तिशालिनी है

(a) कलम

(b) किताब

(c) कोठी

(d) लता

Answer: (a)

8. बड़ी-बड़ी क्रान्तियाँ प्रायः किसके सहारे ही होती हैं?

(a) धर्म के सहारे

(b) युद्ध के सहारे

(c) भाषा के सहारे

(d) मार-काट के सहारे

Answer: (c)

9. 'विमला ने कहा कि गोविन्द अब स्वस्थ है।' यह वाक्य भेद की दृष्टि से है

(a) संयुक्त वाक्य

(b) मिश्र वाक्य

(c) सरल वाक्य

(d) इनमें से एक भी नहीं

Answer: (b)

10. शब्दार्थ का सही युग्म नहीं है

(a) इतर-बुराई

(b) द्विप-हाथी

(c) कृषाण-किसान

(d) कृती-निपुण

Answer: (a)

11. निम्नलिखित में से किस विकल्प में महाप्राण ध्वनियाँ हैं?

(a) क, च, ब, म

(b) य, ल, क्ष, ज्ञ

(c) त, द, न, प

(d) ख, झ, फ, भ

Answer: (d)

12. मुहावरा तथा उसके सम्मुख लिखे अर्थ का कौन-सा युग्म सुमेलित नहीं है?

(a) शीशे में मुँह देखो - विरोध प्रकट करना

(b) विष की गाँठ - उपद्रवी

(c) लुटिया डुबोना - काम खराब कर देना

(d) शान में बट्टा लगना - शान घटना

Answer: (a)

13. इनमें से कौन-सी बोली पूर्वी हिन्दी की नहीं है?

(a) छत्तीसगढ़ी

(b) बघेली

(c) भोजपुरी

(d) अवधी

Answer: (c)

14. 'द्रौपदी' का सही पर्याय शब्द नहीं है

(a) पांचाली

(b) कृष्णा

(c) अम्बिका

(d) याज्ञसेनी

Answer: (c)

15. आगरा-मथुरा को किस बोली का केन्द्र माना जाता है?

(a) बाँगरु

(b) अवधी

(c) बुन्देली

(d) ब्रज

Answer: (d)

16. 'सक्तु' शब्द का तद्भव शब्द है

(a) शक्ति

(b) सात

(c) सकता

(d) सत्तू

Answer: (d)

17. इनमें से कौन-सा वाक्य अशुद्ध है?

(a) वे लोग विविध विषयों से परिचित थे।

(b) लड़कियाँ जा रही थीं।

(c) अनेक प्रकार की विद्याएँ सीखीं।

(d) चार बजा है।

Answer: (d)

18. 'पाठक' का बहुवचन रूप होगा

(a) पाठकगण

(b) पाठिकाएँ

(c) पाठक

(d) पाठिका

Answer: (a)

19. इनमें कौन एक शब्द देशज शब्द है?

(a) पलंग

(b) चिड़िया

(c) भात

(d) बच्चा

Answer: (b)

20. 'चरमोत्कर्ष' शब्द का सन्धि-विच्छेद है

(a) चरम + उत्कर्ष

(b) चरमो + उत्कर्ष

(c) चरम + कर्ष

(d) चर + मोत्कर्ष

Answer: (a)

21. निम्नलिखित में से अशुद्ध वर्तनी वाले शब्द का चयन कीजिए।

(a) निसंदेह

(b) सत्त्व

(c) उज्ज्वल

(d) महत्त्व

Answer: (a)

22. उत्तर प्रदेश में इनमें से कौन-सी बोली नहीं बोली जाती है?

(a) कन्नौजी

(b) पहाड़ी

(c) अवधी

(d) ब्रजभाषा

Answer: (b)

23. झाँसी क्षेत्र में कौन-सी बोली बोली जाती है?

(a) भोजपुरी

(b) बुन्देली

(c) कन्नौजी

(d) छत्तीसगढ़ी

Answer: (b)

24. निम्नलिखित विलोम-युग्मों में से गलत का चयन कीजिए।

(a) स्वाधीन-पराधीन

(b) विमुख-प्रमुख

(c) विधवा-सधवा

(d) निष्काम-सकाम

Answer: (b)

25. 'ऊ हमरा के खेलही ना देत रहे।' यह इनमें से किस बोली का उदाहरण है?

(a) बुन्देली

(b) अवधी

(c) भोजपुरी

(d) ब्रज

Answer: (c)

26. Complete the sentence with proper prep
We usually finish work early _____ Fridays.

(a) during

(b) on

(c) in

(d) at

Answer: (b)

27. Fill in the blank by choosing from the options given.
He is suspicious _____ all his neighbours.

(a) of

(b) before

(c) from

(d) none of the above

Answer: (a)

28. Choose the correct active form of the sentence.
They were seen to go out.

(a) They were seen to go out.

(b) He saw them go out.

(c) We saw them go out.

(d) I saw them go out.

Answer: (c)

29. Identify the correct spelling from the options given below.

(a) Reservoure

(b) Reservor

(c) Reservour

(d) Reservoir

Answer: (d)

30. Fill the correct form of verb in the given sentence.
Many a man _____ died for his country.

(a) was

(b) is

(c) have

(d) has

Answer: (d)

Passage — for questions 31–35

> It has been part of Nelson's prayer that the British fleet might be distinguished by humanity in the victory which he expected. Setting an example himself, he twice gave orders to cease firing upon the Redoubtable, supposing that she had struck because her great guns were silent; for as she carried no flag, there was no means of instantly ascertaining the fact. From this ship, which he had thus twice spared, he received his death. A ball fired from her mizzen-top, which, in the then situation of the two vessels, was not more than fifteen yards from that part of the deck where he was standing, struck the epaulette on his left shoulder about a quarter after one, just in the heat of action. He felt upon his face on the spot which was covered with his poor secretary's blood. Hardy, who was few steps away from him turning round, saw three men raising him up. "They have done for me at last, Hardy!" said he. "I hope not!" cried Hardy. "Yes", he replied, "my backbone is shot through!" Yet, even now, not for a moment losing his presence of mind, he observed as they were carrying him down the ladder, that the tiller-ropes which had been shot away, were not yet replaced and ordered that new ones should be roped immediately. Then that he might not be seen by the crew, he took out his handkerchief and covered his face and his stars. Had he but concealed these badges of honour from the enemy, England perhaps would not have had cause to receive with sorrow the news of battle of Trafalgar. The cockpit was crowded with wounded and dying men; over whose bodies he was, with some difficulty, conveyed and laid upon a pallet in the midshipmen's berth. It was soon perceived, upon examination, that the wound was mortal. This, however, was concealed from all, except Captain Hardy, the Chaplain, and the medical attendents. He himself, being certain, from the sensation in his back and the gush of blood felt momentarily within his breast, that no human care could avail him, insisted that the surgeon should leave him and attend to those to whom he might be useful.

31. What is meant by "midshipman"?
(a) An officer of the middle rank in the navy
(b) An officer of the lowest rank in the navy
(c) An officer of non-commissioned rank in the navy
(d) An officer of the highest rank in the navy
Answer: (b)

32. Choose the antonym of "presence of mind".
(a) Panic
(b) Attentiveness
(c) Alertness
(d) Quick thinking
Answer: (a)

33. Why did Nelson insist that the surgeon should leave him and attend to others?
(a) He felt his injury was not serious
(b) He wanted privacy in his final moments
(c) He know he was dying and wanted the surgeon to help others
(d) He believed that he could recover without help
Answer: (c)

34. What qualities of Nelson's character was revealed this passage?
(a) Cruelty, ambition and cunning
(b) Bravery, patriotism and humanity
(c) Greed, pride and recklessness
(d) Silence, confusion and detachment
Answer: (b)

35. What do you understand by the "mizzen-top"?
(a) The roof of the ships cabin
(b) The captain's look-out post
(c) The platform around the lower part of the most nearest the stern
(d) The highest point of ship's bow
Answer: (c)

36. Select the most appropriate option for the following sentence.
She wrote this article _____ her holiday.
(a) in
(b) on
(c) by
(d) during
Answer: (d)

37. Choose the correct passive form of the sentence.
'The company has cut all the salaries.'

(a) All the salaries are cut by the company.
(b) All the salaries should have been cut by the company.
(c) Salaries should have been cut by the company.
(d) All the salaries have been cut by the company.

Answer: (d)

38. Which type of noun is used in the sentence - 'The crowd was very big.'?

(a) Abstract
(b) Common
(c) Collective
(d) Proper

Answer: (c)

39. What does nefarious mean?

(a) Morally bad
(b) Extremely wealthy
(c) Very fearful
(d) Honest

Answer: (a)

40. Identify the correct spelling from the options giv below.

(a) Enterpranore
(b) Entrepreneur
(c) Entraprenure
(d) Enterprenure

Answer: (b)

41. What is the meaning of the word 'ephemeral'?

(a) Mysterious
(b) Temporary
(c) Loud
(d) Permanent

Answer: (b)

42. Choose the correct preposition for given blank in the idiom.
Cry _____ split milk.

(a) at
(b) upon
(c) over
(d) on

Answer: (c)

43. Choose the indirect speech for the following direct sentence.
He said, 'I have been waiting for ages.'

(a) He says that he has been waiting for ages.

(b) He said that he has been waiting for ages.

(c) He said that he is being waiting for ages.

(d) He said that he had been waiting for ages.

Answer: (d)

44. Fill in the blank from given options.
By next July, I _____ in this office for ten years.

(a) will have been working

(b) worked

(c) will be worked

(d) will work

Answer: (a)

45. Fill the correct form of verb in the given sentence.
Either of these two pens _____ good.

(a) have

(b) is

(c) has

(d) are

Answer: (b)

46. Find the missing number in the followir umb series.
3, 5, 8, 10,?, 15, 18, 20

(a) 11

(b) 14

(c) 12

(d) 13

Answer: (d)

47. How many times from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. the hands are at right angles?

(a) 6

(b) 11

(c) 10

(d) 9

Answer: (b)

48. What are the seven secrets of attractive body language?
1. Face
2. Gestures
3. Cultural
4. Head movement
5. Comfortable
6. Eye contact
7. Reflection
8. Posture
9. Territory
10. Mirroring
Select the correct answer from the code given below:

(a) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

(b) 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

(c) 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10

(d) 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Answer: (c)

49. If the perimeter and the area of a circle are numerically equal, then the radius of the circle is

(a) 2 unit

(b) 4 unit

(c) π unit

(d) 7 unit

Answer: (a)

50. A 280 meter long train is moving at 60 [illegible] T[illegible]ime taken by the train to cross a 220 meter long tunnel, is

(a) 30 sec.

(b) 20 sec.

(c) 25 sec.

(d) 15 sec.

Answer: (a)

51. Eleven friends meet at a party. Each one shakes hand with each of the others once. The number of possible hand shakes is

(a) 22

(b) 55

(c) 56

(d) 65

Answer: (b)

52. What will be the next number in the following number series?
48, 24, 72, 36, 108,?

(a) 64
(b) 72
(c) 54
(d) 36

Answer: (c)

53. Pointing to a photograph a woman said, "She is the only daughter of my mother's father". How is the woman related to the person in the photograph?

(a) Grand-daughter
(b) Grandmother
(c) Daughter
(d) Mother

Answer: (d)

54. Among five boys A is taller than B but not taller than C. D is taller than C but not taller than E. If these boys are standing in a row in increasing order of their heights, then who will be at first place?

(a) D
(b) C
(c) B
(d) E

Answer: (c)

55. Find the next term of the series.
0, 4, 18, 48, 100,...

(a) 180
(b) 160
(c) 170
(d) 120

Answer: (a)

56. In reference to Problem-Solving, who said, "to act is easy, to think is hard."?

(a) E. M. Forster
(b) Jean Paul
(c) Goethe
(d) Thompson

Answer: (c)

57. The graph of a linear equation 2x + 5y = 10 is a line, which meets the x-axis at the point

(a) (2, 1)
(b) (5, 0)
(c) (1/2, 2)
(d) (0, 2)

Answer: (b)

58. The least perfect square which is divisible by 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 is
(a) 3600
(b) 1200
(c) 2500
(d) 900
Answer: (a)

59. Every type of communication is affected by its
(a) Non-regulation
(b) Reception
(c) Transmission
(d) Context
Answer: (d)

60. Two numbers are in the ratio 3 : 5. If each number is increased by 10, the ratio becomes 5 : 7. The numbers are
(a) 18, 30
(b) 12, 20
(c) 15, 25
(d) 3, 5
Answer: (c)

62. When the mirror image of a watch was seen, it s' ved 3 : 15. What was the real time?
(a) 3 : 15
(b) 9 : 45
(c) 7 : 45
(d) 8 : 45
Answer: (d)

63. Find the odd number out.
1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 96
(a) 96
(b) 4
(c) 64
(d) 32
Answer: (a)

64. Which one of the following is NOT a skill of interpersonal interaction?
(a) Empathy
(b) Positive thinking
(c) Courtesy
(d) Administrative power
Answer: (d)

65. Walking at the rate of 4 km/h a man covers a certain distance in 2 hours 45 min. Running at a speed of 16.5 km/h, the man will cover the same distance in

(a) 55 min. 15 sec.

(b) 45 min.

(c) 50 min. 15 sec.

(d) 40 min.

Answer: (d)

66. The choice of communication partners is influenced by factors of

(a) Proximity, utility, loneliness

(b) Secrecy, dissonance, deception

(c) Dissimilarity, dissonance, deviance

(d) Utility, secrecy, dissonance

Answer: (a)

67. If the simple interest on a sum of money at 5% per annum for 3 years is Rs. 1,200, find the compound interest on the same sum for the same period at the same rate.

(a) Rs. 1,690

(b) Rs. 1,400

(c) Rs. 1,575

(d) Rs. 1,261

Answer: (d)

69. Which of the following pairs is NOT correctly m ned?

(a) Lewin - Field Theory

(b) Skinner - Operant Conditioning

(c) Pavlov - Stimulus Response Bond Theory

(d) Kohler - Insight Theory

Answer: (c)

70. Pointing a photograph, a man said, "I have no brother and sister but the father of that man is the son of my father". Whose photograph is it?

(a) His own

(b) His father's

(c) His nephew's

(d) His son's

Answer: (d)

71. If BLINK is coded as 21291411, then how will GREEN be coded?

(a) 7185514

(b) 29121411

(c) 8175514

(d) 1455178

Answer: (a)

72. Deepak said to Nitin, "that boy playing with the football is the younger of the two brothers of the daughter of my father's wife". How is the boy playing football related to Deepak?

(a) Nephew
(b) Brother
(c) Cousin
(d) Son

Answer: (b)

73. From the following alternatives find the one that does NOT belong to the rest.

(a) JNR
(b) CGF
(c) HLK
(d) DHG

Answer: (a)

74. If "No scientists are philosophers" is true, which one of the following propositions is true?

(a) Some philosophers are scientists.
(b) No non-philosophers are scientists.
(c) All scientists are philosophers.
(d) Some non-philosophers are not non-scientists.

Answer: (d)

75. A, B and C are employed to do a piece of work fo s. 529. A and C are supposed to finish 19/23 of the work together. How much shall be paid to B?

(a) Rs. 437
(b) Rs. 92
(c) Rs. 300
(d) Rs. 82

Answer: (b)

76. At present, the mothers age is three times the daughter's age. After twelve years the age of the mother will be twice of her daughter. At present what is the daughter's age?

(a) 12 year
(b) 16 year
(c) 14 year
(d) 18 year

Answer: (a)

77. The ratio of the angles ∠A and ∠B of a non-square rhombus ABCD is 4 : 5, the value of ∠C will be

(a) 95°
(b) 45°
(c) 80°
(d) 50°

Answer: (c)

78. At what angle the hands of a clock are inclined when it is half past 8?

(a) 60°
(b) 80°
(c) 75°
(d) 70°

Answer: (c)

79. The ages of Ravish and Shikha are in the ratio 3 : 8. Six years hence, their ages will be in the ratio 4 : 9. The present age of Ravish is

(a) 21 year
(b) 15 year
(c) 12 year
(d) 18 year

Answer: (d)

80. What type of process is decision-making?

(a) Somatic process
(b) Social process
(c) Psychological process
(d) Intellectual process

Answer: (d)

81. A good communicator begins his/her presentatio ith a/an

(a) Ice-breaker
(b) Complex question
(c) Repetitive phrase
(d) Non-sequitur

Answer: (a)

82. A retailer buys a radio for Rs. 225. His overhead expenses are Rs. 15. He sells the radio for Rs. 300. The profit percent of the retailer is

(a) 52%
(b) 25%
(c) 50%
(d) 10%

Answer: (b)

83. What is 'star bursting'?

(a) It is a method of measurement
(b) It is used for good communication
(c) It is a creative thinking and brainstorming technique
(d) It is related to individual's attraction

Answer: (c)

84. Which number will come in the place of question mark?
143, 275, 495, ?

(a) 683
(b) 561
(c) 927
(d) 243

Answer: (b)

85. For any two sets A and B, what does A - (A - B) equal?

(a) A ∪ B
(b) B
(c) A ∩ B
(d) A - B

Answer: (c)

86. In a certain language SIMPLE is written as ISPMEL and CHAPTER is written as HCPARET. Then LFWORE stands for which word?

(a) WORFEL
(b) FLOREW
(c) FLOWER
(d) LOWFER

Answer: (c)

87. Two persons A and B working together, can dig [illegible]ench in 8 hours, while A alone can dig it in 12 hours. In how many hours B alone can dig [illegible]sam[illegible]ench?

(a) 30 hours
(b) 26 hours
(c) 28 hours
(d) 24 hours

Answer: (d)

88. Find the odd one out from the given alternatives.

(a) Pyramids
(b) Swastik
(c) Mummy
(d) Sphinx

Answer: (b)

89. Which number has same property as of the following numbers?
(957, 777, 876)

(a) 894
(b) 697
(c) 979
(d) 999

Answer: (a)

91. If 8th of the month falls three days after Sunday, what day will be on 17th of that month?

(a) Friday
(b) Tuesday
(c) Wednesday
(d) Thursday

Answer: (a)

92. If Sunday falls on the third date of a month, then which date will fall after three days of fourth Wednesday of the same month?

(a) 31
(b) 27
(c) 29
(d) 30

Answer: (a)

93. The linear equation 3x - 5y = 15 has

(a) no solution
(b) two solutions
(c) infinitely many solutions
(d) a unique solution

Answer: (c)

95. If all the sides of a parallelogram are equal and o angle is a right angle, then it is called as

(a) Square
(b) Trapezium
(c) Rhombus
(d) Rectangle

Answer: (a)

97. What should be avoided while replying to e-mails in a group conversation?

(a) Spell-checking the e-mail
(b) Replying using "Reply All" feature unnecessarily
(c) Filling in the subject line
(d) Using signature in e-mail

Answer: (b)

98. A number is divided by 84 and leaves remainder 37. If this number is divided by 12, then the remainder will be

(a) 3
(b) 1
(c) 2
(d) 0

Answer: (b)

99. Which one is different from the rest three?

(a) WXUV

(b) RQPO

(c) UTSR

(d) NMLK

Answer: (a)

100. Which one number is like the given number set?
(363, 489, 579)

(a) 562

(b) 382

(c) 471

(d) 281

Answer: (c)

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	**(c)**	2	**(a)**	3	**(c)**	4	**(c)**	5	**(d)**	6	**(b)**	7	**(a)**	8	**(c)**
9	**(b)**	10	**(a)**	11	**(d)**	12	**(a)**	13	**(c)**	14	**(c)**	15	**(d)**	16	**(d)**
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