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Time Allowed: 2 hrs 30 mins**Total Marks: 150****DO NOT OPEN THE QUESTION BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE ASKED TO DO SO**

Read the following instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

- 1) You are required to write your Roll Number in the prescribed place provided at the top of this Question Booklet and the OMR Answer Sheet.
- 2) **You are required to mention the Question Booklet Id. as mentioned above in your OMR Answer Sheet.**
- 3) Please ensure that the Question Booklet has the required number of pages immediately after opening the same. In case there is any shortage of any page(s), please report the same to the invigilator.
- 4) This Question Booklet contains 150 multiple choice questions to be answered in a separate OMR Answer Sheet by using **Blue/Black ball pen** only. Do not use **Ink/Gel pen**.

The Booklet comprises of the following two parts:

Part A: General English : 100 questions

Part B: General Knowledge : 50 questions

➤ All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

➤ There is no negative marking for wrong answers.

➤ **Directions for answering the questions:**

Each question is followed by four alternative suggested answers. You are required to select the correct answer and darken the appropriate circle of a, b, c and d by Blue/ Black ball pen in such a manner that the circle is completely darkened.

Example: Question No.63

Given below are four odd words, three are alike in some way and one is different. Find the odd word:

(a) Ganga

(b) Brahmaputra

(c) Jamuna

(d) Himalaya

Here the correct answer is Himalaya, i.e., (d). So, in the OMR Answer Sheet the darkened circle should be marked as

63. a b c d

- 5) In any case, if more than one circle against each question is darkened, that particular question would be treated as invalid and will not be evaluated.
 - At the end of the examination, the candidate should ensure that he/ she submits the OMR Answer Sheet and the Question Booklet to the invigilator before leaving the examination hall/ room.
- 6) This Question Booklet cannot be carried with you. You have to submit this along with your OMR Answer Sheet to the invigilator.
- 7) No rough work is to be done on the OMR Answer Sheet. You can do the rough work on the space provided on the Question Booklet.
- 8) **Use and possession of mobile phones and electronic gadgets/calculators are strictly prohibited inside examination hall/ room.**
- 9) Non compliance with any of the above instructions will make a candidate liable to action/ penalty as may be deemed fit.

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PART A: GENERAL ENGLISH

Directions: In the sentences given below some words or phrases are italicized. For each italicized part four words or phrases labelled a), b), c), d). Select the word nearest in meaning to the italicized part. (Q No. 1-5)

1. I wrote to him as *lately* as last week.
a) immediately b) early c) recently d) late
2. Many of his friends avoid him because he is so *garrulous*.
a) unreasonable b) quarrelsome c) talkative d) proud
3. Some people are extremely *fastidious* in their choice of dress.
a) careless b) pompous c) fussy d) decent
4. The crowd was getting restive.
a) restful b) tired c) excited d) restless
5. They are sure to *steal a march* upon their competitors.
a) outshine b) defy c) challenge d) resist

Directions: In each sentence given below one part is italicized followed by a), b), c), d). From these choices choose the word or phrase which is opposite in meaning of the italicized word. (Q No. 6-10)

6. The refreshment we received at the end of the meeting was very *frugal*.
a) lavish b) exorbitant c) wholesome d) light
7. The chairman *rebuked* the manager for not supervising the work of his juniors.
a) praised b) criticized c) awarded d) dismissed.
8. The leader was pragmatic in his approach to the problems the country is facing.
a) indefinite b) vague c) idealistic d) optimistic
9. Unsettled conditions in the land led to a steady *exodus* of people.
a) invasion b) entry c) expulsion d) immigration
10. The drug will have *pernicious* effect on your health.
a) beneficial b) ruinous c) prolonged d) quick

Directions: Fill in the blank in each sentence below with the most appropriate word/phrase from the four choices marked a), b), c), d). (Q No. 11-20)

11. The child kept on crying while it _____.
a) is bathed b) was being bathed c) was bathed d) is being bathed
12. Mr. Sharma has earned a lot of money and now he _____ his poor cousins.
a) shows off b) looks upon c) looks down upon d) looks upto
13. _____ come to my rescue I would have been killed by the dacoits.
a) If he did not b) Had he not c) Having not d) His having not
14. A _____ firms are having trouble with labour relations.
a) considerable amount of b) great deal of
c) large part of d) great many
15. You would have succeeded if you _____ upon my advice
a) acted b) had acted c) have acted d) would have acted

16. Our life is such that if we wish to enjoy pleasures, we must also _____ pains.
 a) deny b) neglect c) ignore d) endure
17. They were not interested in _____ your problem.
 a) discussing about b) discussing c) discussing on d) discussing for
18. It is not possible for an ordinary mortal to _____ all these figures to memory.
 a) retain b) hoard c) keep d) commit
19. Do you remember _____ her at my house last year?
 a) of meeting b) having met c) to meet d) about meeting
20. He is so _____ of his own idea that he will not entertain any suggestion from others.
 a) enamoured b) hopeful c) jealous d) enchanted

Directions: Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (Q No. 21-30)

The greatest enemy of mankind, as people have discovered, is not science but war. Science merely reflects the prevailing social forces. It is found that, when there is peace science is constructive; when there is war, science is perverted to destructive ends. The weapons which science gives us do not necessarily cause war; they make war increasingly terrible. Till now, it has brought us to the doorstep of doom. Our main problem, therefore, is not to curb science, but to stop war- to substitute law for force, and international government for anarchy in the relations for one nation with another. That is a job in which everybody must participate, including the scientists. But the bombing of Hiroshima suddenly woke us up to the fact that we have very little time. The hour is late and our work has scarcely begun. Now we are face to face with an urgent question-‘Can education and tolerance, understanding and creative intelligence run fast enough to keep us abreast with our own mounting capacity to destroy’? That is the question that we shall have to answer one way or the other in this generation. Science must help us in arriving at the answer. But the main decision lies within ourselves.

21. According to the writer, the real enemy of mankind is not science but war, because
 a) Science merely invents weapons with which war is fought.
 b) Science during wars becomes destructive.
 c) The weapons invented by science necessarily leads to war.
 d) The weapons invented by science do not cause war, though these make war more destructive.
22. War can be stopped, if
 a) Science is not allowed to push us to destruction.
 b) We replace force and lawlessness by law and international government.
 c) Science is restricted to be used only during war time.
 d) Weapons invented by science are not used to launch a war.
23. According to the passage, the main problem we are faced with is to-
 a) Stop science from reflecting social forces.
 b) Stop scientific activities altogether.
 c) Abolish war.
 d) Prevent scientists from participating in destructive activities.
24. Our capacity to destroy can be kept under control by
 a) Encouraging social forces.
 b) Education and broadmindedness.
 c) Constructive thinking.
 d) Both b) & c) above together.

25. The expression 'bring to the doorstep of doom' means
- Lead to the threshold of a new destiny.
 - Indulge in a ruinous activity.
 - Introduces to an unpredictable future.
 - Leads close to death and destruction.
26. Which one of the following statements is not implied in the passage?
- People needlessly blame science for war.
 - Science is misused for destructive purposes
 - Science or the weapons invented by it do not add to the horrors of war.
 - The role of science in ensuring world peace is subsidiary to that of man.
27. The phrase 'our work has scarcely begun' in the passage implies that our work
- Has not yet begun.
 - Has just begun.
 - Has been halfway through.
 - Has begun but not completed.
28. The expression 'keep abreast' in the passage means
- Keep at a distance.
 - Keep side by side.
 - Hold out a challenge.
 - Prevent from escaping.
29. Which one of the following will be the most suitable title of the passage?
- Science and social forces.
 - Science and the horrors of war.
 - Science and the problem of world peace.
 - Science and man
30. The job in which everybody must participate is
- To curb science.
 - To prefer international government.
 - To establish anarchy in international relations.
 - To do nothing of the above.

Directions: in each of the questions there is a sentence of which some parts are jumbled up. You are to rearrange these parts which are labelled P,Q,R & S to produce the current sentence. Choose the proper sequence and mark in your answer sheet accordingly (Q No.31-40)

31. There was
- needed for its everyday life
 - a time when each family
 - for itself most of the things it
 - actually produced
- a) QRSP b) RQPS c) RSPQ d) QSRP
32. We have to
- as we see it
 - speak the truth
 - there is falsehood and darkness
 - even if all around us
- a) RQSP b) QRPS c) RSQP d) QPSR

33. The majestic mahogany table
 P. belongs to an old prince
 Q. which had one leg missing
 R. who is now impoverished
 S. but not without some pride
 a) PQSR b) QRSP c) PRSQ d) QPRS
34. We should have a
 P. to life, centered on positive values
 Q. more comprehensive approach
 R. as an individual is
 S. also a part of the society
 a) QPRS b) PQSR c) SRQP d) RPQS
35. If you need help –
 P. promptly and politely
 Q. ask for attendants
 R. to help our customers
 S. who have instructions
 a) SQPR b) QPSR c) QSRP d) SQRP
36. I shall go –
 P. my work here
 Q. to Kolkata
 R. I have finished
 S. after
 a) PQSR b) QRPS c) QSRP d) PRSQ
37. I saw
 P. a dead bull
 Q. while walking across
 R. the street
 S. yesterday
 a) PQRS b) QPRS c) QSRP d) SPQR
38. Little
 P. that he had been let down
 Q. stood by all these years
 R. did he realize
 S. by a colleague whom he had
 a) RPSQ b) RSQP c) QSRP d) QSPR
39. It was well known that
 P. the effect
 Q. is very bad
 R. on the children
 S. of cinema
 a) PSRQ b) SPQR c) SRPQ d) QSRP

40. He was so kind and generous that
P. he not only
Q. made others do so
R. but also
S. helped them himself

a) PRSQ b) PSRQ c) SRQP d) QPRS

Directions: In the following questions each sentence contains blanks which are to be filled in with correct preposition or set of prepositions as demanded by the question. (Q No. 41-50)

41. _____ the corner of the street stood a policeman _____ an umbrella, shivering in the rain.
a) on, with b) near, under c) by, in d) at, under
42. _____ the cover of darkness, the enemy crept _____ the hill.
a) in, over b) in, along c) under, up d) through, upon
43. The blind man was feeling _____ the table.
a) in b) for c) by d) out
44. She was waiting for you _____ the table this morning.
a) on b) at c) for d) with
45. You must dispense _____ your gardener.
a) in b) of c) at d) with
46. _____ my words, I am telling you nothing _____ the truth.
a) By, from b) upon, but c) on, outside d) by, but
47. His conduct is bad and his honesty is not _____ suspicion.
a) above b) beyond c) under d) in
48. We must adapt ourselves _____ our circumstances.
a) with b) in c) to d) by
49. Children are the delight _____ the house
a) for b) of c) to d) with
50. He is unreliable; do not count _____ his help.
a) for b) on c) in d) about

Directions: Given below are ten incomplete sentences. Below each sentence you will find words or phrases marked a), b), c),d). Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence. (Q No. 51-60)

51. Travellers _____ their reservations well in advance if they want to travel during the Diwali holidays.
a) had better to get b) had to get better
c) had better get d) better had get

52. What a sensation it would cause if it _____ now discovered that such a vital diary had been left behind.
- a) is b) be c) was d) were
53. We felt as if the ground were _____ beneath our feet.
- a) bursting b) sinking c) slipping d) smashing
54. I could not _____ what he wanted to say.
- a) make up b) make out c) make in d) make away
55. When I saw him through the window _____
- a) I have run out to open the door.
b) I ran out to open the door.
c) I am running out to open the door.
d) I should run out to open the door
56. If I take a state roadways bus, I will get late _____?
- a) isn't it b) won't I c) will I d) is it
57. She is accustomed _____ doing work under any type of circumstances.
- a) to b) with c) of d) in
58. He has such good manners that he can easily _____ a gentleman
- a) pass out b) pass for c) pass in d) pass on
59. What you have done _____ no excuse.
- a) admits b) admits to c) admits of d) admits about
60. He was caught red-handed and could not _____ the charges.
- a) refute b) refuse c) rebuke d) revoke

Directions: In the following questions, out of four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences (Q NO. 61-70)

61. Words written on a tomb.
- a) Epithet b) Epigraph c) Epitaph d) Memorial
62. Something no longer in use.
- a) Desolate b) Absolute c) Obsolete d) Primitive
63. Belief in opinion contrary to what is generally accepted.
- a) Unbelief b) Superstition c) Nonconformity d) Heresy
64. One who believes in God.
- a) Devotee b) Theist c) Agnostic d) Believer
65. A person who can be cheated easily.
- a) Credulous b) Faithful c) Client d) Idiot
66. Animals and birds living in groups.
- a) Consolidated b) Gregarious c) Herd d) Cluster

67. A child nursed or brought up by one who is not its parent.
 a) Stepchild b) Foster c) Orphan d) Adopted
68. The act or practice of sleep walking.
 a) Narcotic b) Dreamer c) Somnambulism d) Fastidious
69. One who knows many languages.
 a) Linguist b) Stylist c) Polyglot d) Debator
70. The study of ancient writing.
 a) Paleography b) Philosophy c) Lexicography d) Calligraphy

Directions: In each of the following sentences one part is underlined. Which of the phrases a), b), c) given below each sentence should replace the underlined part? If the sentence is correct requiring no improvement choose d). (Q No. 71-80)

71. The magician confidently asked the crowd if they thought he was right and the crowd shouted that they did.
 a) that he did b) that he is c) that he was d) no correction needed
72. I asked him what is his name.
 a) what his name was b) what was his name
 c) what is your name d) no correction needed
73. Hardly he had arrived when the house caught fire.
 a) He had hardly arrived b) Hardly had he arrived
 c) Scarcely he had arrived d) No correction needed
74. Why we do not meet to discuss in detail next Friday?
 a) Why do we not b) Why we did not
 c) Why did we not d) No correction needed
75. The train will leave at 8.30 pm, we have been ready by 7.25 pm so that we can reach the station in time.
 a) were b) must be c) should have d) are
76. We must take it granted that Bina will not come for today's class.
 a) taking it granted b) take it for granted
 c) took it as granted d) no correction needed
77. During his long discourse he did not touch that point.
 a) did not touch upon b) did not touch on
 c) did not touch of d) no correction needed
78. You have come here with a view to insult me.
 a) of insulting me b) for insulting me
 c) to insulting me d) no correction needed
79. He has not and can never be in the good books of his employer because he does not have honesty.
 a) has not and cannot be b) had not and can never be
 c) has not been and can never be d) no correction needed
80. This time my brother is coming to Guwahati from America for an extending stay.
 a) extensive b) extended c) extension d) no correction needed

110. Which of the following is not true about Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?
(a) It regulates the currency and credit system of India
(b) Foreign exchange reserves are kept by RBI
(c) One rupee notes are issued by RBI
(d) It formulates the monetary policy of India
111. The headquarters of Asian Development Bank is in
(a) Tokyo (c) Manila
(b) Singapore (d) Bangkok
112. Which of the following about the Football World Cup is incorrect?
(a) The Football World Cup is organised by FIFA
(b) The World Cup is called 'Jules Rimet Cup'
(c) The first Football World Cup was organised in 1931
(d) The first Football World Cup was held in Uruguay
113. The 18th Asian Games will be held in
(a) Jakarta (c) South Korea
(b) Colombo (d) Kuala Lumpur
114. Which of the following venues and years regarding Cricket World Cup is wrongly matched?
(a) 1975 – England
(b) 1979 – Australia
(c) 1983 - England
(d) 1987 - India
115. Find out the wrong match in the following newspapers and their country of publication
(a) The Age - Australia
(b) The Gazette - Canada
(c) The Courier – United States of America
(d) International Herald Tribune – France
116. Asomiya *Lorar Mitra* was authored by -
(a) Anandaram Dhekial Phukan (c) S.K. Bhuyan
(b) H.K. Barpujari (d) Anundooram Barooah
117. The Aligarh Movement wanted to
(a) Revive Islam (c) Partition India
(b) Purify Islam (d) Wage a religious war
118. Utilitarianism was a political philosophy attributed to
(a) Jeremy Bentham (c) Lord William Bentinck
(b) Lord Macaulay (d) Lord Ripon
119. Which one is an anti-cyclone?
(a) Low pressure system with clockwise winds in the northern hemisphere
(b) High pressure system with clockwise wind in the northern hemisphere
(c) Low pressure system with clockwise winds in the southern hemisphere
(d) High pressure system with clockwise wind in the southern hemisphere
120. Which is not a major port on the east coast?
(a) Paradeep (c) Cochin
(b) Kolkata (d) Vishakhapatnam
121. How far apart are rails in a broad gauge line system?
(a) 1.676 metres (c) 1.845 metres
(b) 1.576 metres (d) 1.453

122. When was the postal department set up in India?
 (a) 1837 (c) 1911
 (b) 1854 (d) 1921
123. For how long can a member of the council of ministers in the state hold office without being a member of the state legislature?
 (a) One year (c) Six months
 (b) Nine months (d) Three months
124. The Constitution of India was enacted by a Constituent Assembly set up
 (a) Under the Cabinet Mission Plan, 1946
 (b) Under the Indian Independence Act, 1947
 (c) Through a resolution of the provisional government
 (d) By the Indian Congress
125. In which state was Panchayati Raj first introduced?
 (a) Gujarat (c) Tamil Nadu
 (b) Andhra Pradesh (d) Rajasthan
126. The Ninth Schedule of the Indian Constitution
 (a) Formed part of the original constitution
 (b) Was added to the constitution by the First Amendment
 (c) Was added to the constitution by the 24th Amendment
 (d) Was added to the constitution by the 42nd Amendment
127. The local MLAs and MPs are *ex-officio* members of?
 (a) Zilla Parishad (c) Panchayat
 (b) Panchayat Samiti (d) All these bodies
128. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was established in the year
 (a) 1935 (c) 1949
 (b) 1947 (d) 1951
129. A tax that takes away a higher proportion of one's income as the income rises is termed as
 (a) Indirect tax (c) Regressive tax
 (b) Proportional tax (d) Progressive tax
130. Foot and mouth disease occurs in
 (a) cattle (c) cattle and pigs
 (b) cattle and sheep (d) cattle, sheep and pigs
131. The Prime Minister holds office
 (a) For a fixed term of five years
 (b) During the pleasure of the President
 (c) As long as he enjoys the confidence of the parliament
 (d) As long as he enjoys the confidence of the council of ministers
132. Who wrote a book describing the theory of economic drain of India during the British rule?
 (a) Dadabhai Naoroji (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
 (b) Lala Lajpat Rai (d) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
133. What is meant by the 'roaring forties'
 (a) Tides around 40 degree
 (b) Seasonal winds over Australia
 (c) Westerlies between 40 and 60 degree latitudes North and south
 (d) A country with most people in the middle age group
134. The rocks in the Himalayan system are mainly
 (a) sedimentary (c) plutonic
 (b) igneous (d) none of these

135. Which of the following political party enjoys the distinction of having formed the first non-Congress Government in an Indian state?
- (a) DMK in Tamil Nadu (c) Communists in Kerala
(b) Akalis in Punjab (d) Janata Party in Karnataka
136. Directive Principles in Indian Constitution are
- (a) Directives to the state to pursue a policy of non-alignment
(b) Positive instructions to government to work for the attainment of set objectives
(c) Negative injunctions to government to refrain from encroaching on the freedom of the people
(d) Directives to the state to enhance the international prestige of the country
137. The President of India can declare national emergency
- (a) Only in the event of foreign attack
(b) Only in the event of armed rebellion
(c) Due to threat arising on account of foreign attack or armed rebellion
(d) In none of these cases
138. Which President of India held office for two consecutive terms?
- (a) Dr. Rajendra Prasad (c) Dr. Zakir Hussain
(b) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (d) Both (a) and (b)
139. Vinegar is acidic in nature due to the presence of
- (a) Citric acid (c) Hydrochloric acid
(b) Sulphuric acid (d) Acetic acid
140. Farrel's Law is concerned with the
- (a) Direction of winds (c) Intensity of waves
(b) Velocity of winds (d) Thermal flow
141. The Noble Peace Prize 2015 was awarded to
- (a) Kailash Satyarthi (c) National Dialogue Quartet
(b) Kailash Satyarthi and Mallala jointly (d) None of these
142. A gas which is not present in normal samples of air is
- (a) neon (c) carbon dioxide
(b) chlorine (d) helium
143. What is incoming solar radiation known as?
- (a) radiation (c) insolation
(b) refraction (d) reflection
144. The gland that contains the body's thermostat is
- (a) pineal (c) thyroid
(b) pituitary (d) hypothalamus
145. A catalyst is a substance which
- (a) Stops a chemical reaction (c) Increases the speed of a reaction
(b) Helps initiate a reaction (d) Decreases the speed of a reaction
146. In which sequence did the Europeans arrive in India?
- (A) French (B) British (C) Portuguese (D) Dutch
- (a) CDBA (c) DCBA
(b) CADB (d) BCDA
147. Who were the first kings to issue gold coins in India?
- (a) Mauryas (c) Guptas
(b) Indo-Greeks (d) Kushans

148. Who is generally referred to as the 'Grand Old man of India'?
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| (a) Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan | (c) Lal Bahadur Shastri |
| (b) Jayaprakash Narayan | (d) Dadabhai Naoroji |
149. The seats of power of the Holkar and Bhonsle were respectively at
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| (a) Indore and Nagpur | (c) Baroda and Indore |
| (b) Baroda and Nagpur | (d) Nagpur and Indore |
150. India *Divided* was authored by
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| (a) Firoz Shah Mehta | (c) Vallabhbhai Patel |
| (b) Rajendra Prasad | (d) Lala Lajpat Rai |

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