

Question Booklet



Paper—I

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 1 Hour

(Objective)

Maximum Marks : 100

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

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. This Question Booklet contains 50 questions in all.
2. All questions carry equal marks.
3. Attempt all questions.
4. Immediately after commencement of the examination, you should check up your Question Booklet and ensure that the Question Booklet Series is printed on the top right-hand corner of the Booklet. The Booklet contains 7 printed pages and no page or question is missing or unprinted or torn or repeated. If you find any defect in this Booklet, get it replaced immediately by a complete Booklet of the same series.
5. You must write your Roll Number in the space provided on the top of this page. Do not write anything else on the Question Booklet.
6. An Answer Sheet will be supplied to you separately by the Invigilator to mark the answers. You must write your Name, Roll No. and other particulars on the first page of the Answer Sheet provided, failing which your Answer Sheet will not be evaluated.
7. You will encode your Roll Number and the Question Booklet Series A, B, C or D as it is printed on the top right-hand corner of this Question Booklet with Black/Blue ballpoint pen in the space provided on Page-2 of your Answer Sheet. If you do not encode or fail to encode the correct series of your Question Booklet, your Answer Sheet will not be evaluated correctly.
8. Questions and their responses are printed in English only in this Booklet. Each question comprises four responses—(A), (B), (C) and (D). You are to select ONLY ONE correct response and mark in your Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there are more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose ONLY ONE response for each question. Your total marks will depend on the number of correct responses marked by you in the Answer Sheet.
9. In the Answer Sheet, there are four brackets—(A), (B), (C) and (D) against each question. To answer the questions you are to mark with Black/Blue ballpoint pen ONLY ONE bracket of your choice for each question. Select one response for each question in the Question Booklet and mark in the Answer Sheet. If you mark more than one answer for one question, the answer will be treated as wrong. Any erasure or change is not allowed.
10. You should not remove or tear off any sheet from the Question Booklet. You are not allowed to take this Question Booklet and the Answer Sheet out of the Examination Hall during the examination. After the examination has concluded, you must hand over your Answer Sheet to the Invigilator. Thereafter, you are permitted to take away the Question Booklet with you.
11. Failure to comply with any of the above instructions will render you liable to such action or penalty as the Commission may decide at their discretion.

SEAL

SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions (Q. Nos. 1 to 10) : Read each of the following sentences to find out whether there is an error in any underlined part. No sentence has more than one error. If you feel there is no error in a sentence, write (D) to signify 'No error'.

1. I have seen a number of people to buy this product online.
(A) (B) (C)

No error
(D)

2. The school bell is ringing for the past ten minutes
(A) (B)

without stopping. No error
(C) (D)

3. The students has to compete against a much stronger team.
(A) (B) (C)

No error
(D)

4. The children were looked on by their grandmother
(A) (B)

after their parents died in an accident. No error
(C) (D)

5. The real life stories of these children are very hard

(A)

(B)

to believing.

No error

(C)

(D)

6. They did not

(A)

gives the child

(B)

anything to eat.

(C)

No error

(D)

7. I meets her

(A)

standing near her house

(B)

on the road.

(C)

No error

(D)

8. Swarnima teach the children

(A)

how to play tennis

(B)

in the school playground everyday.

(C)

No error

(D)

9. I have done

(A)

my best to convince her

(B)

to appear again for the UPSC examination.

(C)

No error

(D)

10. All parents feel

(A)

very proud for their children's

(B)

achievements in any field.

(C)

No error

(D)

SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

Directions (Q. Nos. 11 to 20) : Below each of the following sentences three possible substitutes are given for the underlined part. If one of them is better than the underlined part, indicate your response on the Answer-Sheet against the corresponding letter (A), (B) or (C). If none of the substitutes improves the sentence, indicate (D) as your response on the Answer-Sheet.

11. The stolen purse was returned to its owner.
(A) to his owner
(B) to her owner
(C) their owner
(D) No improvement
12. I do not understand who is blame in this matter.
(A) have to blame
(B) is to be blamed
(C) has to blame
(D) No improvement
13. Why are you carrying so many luggages?
(A) too many luggages
(B) so much luggages
(C) so much luggage
(D) No improvement
14. I am too tired for work any more now.
(A) too tired at work
(B) too tired of work
(C) too tired to work
(D) No improvement
15. The committee will soon submits its report.
(A) will soon submit its
(B) will soon submits its
(C) will soon submit it
(D) No improvement
16. This is the boy whom everyone appreciates.
(A) boy who
(B) boy whose
(C) boy which
(D) No improvement
17. She has bought a new car, haven't she?
(A) isn't it?
(B) hasn't she?
(C) wasn't she?
(D) No improvement
18. I just hear some surprising news.
(A) have just heard
(B) am just hear
(C) am just hearing
(D) No improvement
19. I shall call and see you when I come to Delhi.
(A) will came
(B) will have came
(C) came
(D) No improvement
20. I think I can does it by myself.
(A) can doing
(B) could done
(C) could have done
(D) No improvement

VOCABULARY

Directions (Q. Nos. 21 to 25) : Below each of the following words (in capital letters) four possible substitutes are given. Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the word given in capital letters and indicate your response on the Answer-Sheet.

21. PATHETIC

- (A) Pensive (B) Thoughtful
(C) Patient (D) Pitiful

22. CORDIAL

- (A) Confuse
(B) Conspicuous
(C) Concise
(D) Friendly

23. AVERSION

- (A) Compassion
(B) Dislike
(C) Cooperation
(D) Deceit

24. PROFICIENT

- (A) Adept (B) Adopt
(C) Profess (D) Propagate

25. NOTORIOUS

- (A) Notable (B) Noble
(C) Nasty (D) Infamous

Directions (Q. Nos. 26 to 30) : Below each of the following words (in capital letters) four possible substitutes are given. Pick out the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word given in capital letters and indicate your response in the Answer-Sheet.

26. GENUINE

- (A) Gentle (B) Generous
(C) Guilty (D) Fake

27. OPTIMISM

- (A) Maximum
(B) Pessimism
(C) Reputation
(D) Opposition

28. SUPERFICIAL

- (A) Deep (B) Narrow
(C) Foolish (D) Wise

29. BARREN

- (A) Challenge (B) Blunt
(C) Bright (D) Fertile

30. DWARF

- (A) Divide (B) Decay
(C) Despair (D) Giant

SELECTING WORDS

Directions (Q. Nos. 31 to 40) : Each of the following sentences is given with blank space to be filled in with appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each sentence. Choose the correct alternative.

31. During the Corona Pandemic, we are all anxious _____ our health.

- (A) at (B) about
(C) on (D) into

32. Why have you turned _____ my offer to help you?

- (A) off (B) on
(C) in (D) down

33. The population below the poverty line has to _____ with many hardships.

- (A) put on
(B) put up
(C) put into
(D) put away

34. When my name was announced for the first prize, I _____ believe it.

- (A) must not
(B) may not
(C) could not
(D) am not

35. Please accept my congratulations _____ your success.

- (A) about (B) in
(C) with (D) on

36. Whatever your opinion, I cannot agree _____ you.

- (A) of (B) to
(C) with (D) about

37. Both of us walked _____ the roadside.

- (A) into (B) with
(C) by (D) of

38. You should first go _____ the text carefully.

- (A) after (B) beyond
(C) forward (D) through

39. A good friend is one who stands by us through _____.

- (A) thick and thin
(B) rough
(C) all our happiness
(D) good time

40. The ticket has been _____ by my friend.

- (A) buy (B) bought
(C) buying (D) bring

PHRASES/IDIOMS

Directions (Q. Nos. 41 to 45) : Below each of the following underlined idioms or phrases four possible substitutes (words or group of words) are given. Select the one which is most nearly the same to the given idiom/phrase.

41. Look down upon

- (A) Look someone
- (B) Show sympathy
- (C) Treat with contempt
- (D) Show frustration

42. A queer fish

- (A) Strong person
- (B) Strange person
- (C) Foolish person
- (D) Prosperous person

43. By virtue of

- (A) On account of
- (B) Good qualities
- (C) By force of
- (D) Honestly

44. Bring to book

- (A) Admit guilt
- (B) Make known
- (C) Write in a book
- (D) Punish

45. Pay through the nose

- (A) Pay very high price
- (B) Miserable condition
- (C) Be cautious
- (D) Be firm in one's stand

Directions (Q. Nos. 46 to 50) : Below each of the following underlined definitions four possible substitutes (words) are given. Choose the correct word which may closely fit each definition.

46. Eating human flesh

- (A) Cannibalism
- (B) Animalism
- (C) Vandalism
- (D) Hooliganism

47. Something suspect

- (A) Fishy
- (B) Spicy
- (C) Saucy
- (D) All of the above

48. Having a huge or significant impact

- (A) Momentous
- (B) Monotonous
- (C) Memorable
- (D) Monstrous

49. A short witty saying

- (A) Anagram
- (B) Epigram
- (C) Analogy
- (D) Epilogue

50. Upholding equality of all people

- (A) Egalitarian
- (B) Totalitarian
- (C) Octogenerian
- (D) Fraternity

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