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Entrance Test

Sample Question Paper-English

Date:-30 Jan, 2011

Time-10.30 AM to 12.00 AM (90 minutes)

Max Marks : 75

General Instructions :-

- I. All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.
- II. **There will be negative marking for incorrect answer.** One fourth mark will be deducted from the total marks scored.
- III. There is only one correct answer. Hence mark one choice only.
- IV. Total number of questions is 75.
- V. Answers are to be marked on O.M.R. Sheets only.
- VI. Please remember this is a competitive Exam, so do not cheat or permit anybody to do so.

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1. Choose the word closest in meaning:- Remedial
(a) punitive (b) stringent (c) corrective (d) strict
 2. Choose the word closest in meaning:- Revamp
(a) retreat (b) reconstruct (c) retrial (d) retrace
 3. Choose the word closest in meaning:- Stingy
(a) violent (b) miserly (c) cautious (d) quarrelsome
 4. Choose the word closest in meaning:- digress
(a) deviate (b) come back (c) slow down (d) remove
 5. Choose the word closest in meaning:- kindle
(a) show kindness (b) incite (c) helpful (d) vindicate
 6. Choose the word furthest in meaning:- superficial
(a) profound (b) difficult (c) secretive (d) mystical
 7. Choose the word furthest in meaning:- Coarse
(a) pleasing (b) rude (c) polished (d) soft
 8. Choose the word furthest in meaning:- Cite
(a) good (b) conceal (c) sight (d) place
 9. Choose the word furthest in meaning:- Vigilant
(a) careless (b) ignorant (c) irresponsible (d) innocent
 10. Choose the word furthest in meaning:- Catastrophe
(a) calamity (b) disaster (c) blessing (d) storm
 11. Choose the misspelt word :-
(a) over estimate (b) conceivable (c) euthanasia (d)disobediance

12. Choose the misspelt word :-
 (a) influenza (b) adolescence (c) galore (d) secularism
13. Choose the misspelt word :-
 (a) confiscate (b) seismology (c) pituitary (d) bonanza
14. Choose the misspelt word :-
 (a) heamoglobin (b) haemoglobin (c) hamoglobin (d) hemoglobin
15. Choose the misspelt word :-
 (a) anihilate (b) annilate (c) annhilate (d) annihilate
16. Choose the most suitable word :-
 A school boy who cuts classes frequently is a
 (a) truant (b) delinquent (c) sycophant (d) martinet
17. Choose the most suitable word :-
 A place where bees are kept is called
 (a) an apiary (b) an aviary (c) a hive (d) a sanctuary
18. Choose the most suitable word :-
 An imaginary name assumed by an author as disguise is a
 (a) pseudonym (b) nickname (c) pet name (d) homonym
19. Choose the most suitable word :-
 A person who uses computers to gain unauthorized access to data
 (a) nitwit (b) hacker (c) hawker (d) sneak
20. Choose the most suitable word :-
 Art of garden cultivation
 (a) landscape (b) sericulture (c) horticulture (d) farming
21. Read the passage and answer the question by choosing the right answer:-

Due to media and communication explosion and the effect of globalization, markets all over the world are going through a phase of metamorphosis. The visual media is regularly exposing a newer lifestyle, products and services to the fast-expanding netizen-driven society. Today, consumers have become quite concerned about health issues and are taking a great interest in food matters.

Environmental issues, greater segmentation and increased mobility are the added factors. Besides, the green movement supported by media coverage has been creating urge for natural food.

According to the passage, the major concern of the consumers is :

- (a) Urge for natural food
- (b) Environmental issues
- (c) Health and food matters
- (d) Support for the Green movement

22. Laws of nature are not commands but statement of acts. The use of the word 'law' in this context is rather unfortunate. It would be better to speak of uniformities of nature. This would do away with the elementary fallacy that a law implies a law of giver. If a piece of matter does not obey the laws of nature, it is not punished. On the contrary, we say that the law has been incorrectly stated.

According to the passage, the laws of nature based on observation are

- (a) Conclusive about the nature of the universe
 - (b) True and unfalseable
 - (c) Figment of the observer's imagination
 - (d) Subject to change in the light of new facts.
23. Choose the most appropriate word:-
She has been living in the U.S. for nearly 10 years but still she _____ to the traditional Indian values.
(a) adhesive (b) adheres (c) adopts (d) acknowledges
24. Choose the most appropriate word:-
I _____ that the door was locked properly when I left home
(a) Assured (b) guaranteed (c) ensured (d) swore
25. Choose the most appropriate word:-
The accident was _____ because of the driver's presence of mind.
(b) Avoided (b) evaded (c) thwarted (d) averted
26. Choose the most appropriate word:-
We are now confident about the fact that meetings held on a weekly basis are most _____
(a)Correct (b) appropriate (c) right (d) clear
27. Choose the most appropriate word:-
The mother put _____ her work to attend to the baby who was crying
(a) a side (b) aside (c) away (d) off
28. Choose the meaning of the idiom: A big gun
(a) A cannon (b) anti-aircraft (c) an important person (d) a giant
29. Choose the meaning of the idiom: Second nature
(a) A firm habit (b) bad temper (c) wavering nature (d) super intelligence
30. Choose the meaning of the idiom: To eat humble pie
(a) A voracious eater (b) to behave insolently
(c) to accept humiliation (d) to face defeat
31. Choose the meaning of the idiom: To sow wild oats
(a) To do some mischief (b) to do some act of madness
(c) in indulge in youthful frivolities (d) to boast of oneself

32. Choose the meaning of the idiom: To flog a dead horse
 (a) To waste one's energy (b) to waste one's money (c) to kill someone
 (d) to encourage
33. Complete the sentence using a suitable choice:-
 Sirius is related to star in the same way as Pluto is related to _____
 (a) Planet (b) asteroid (c) earth (d) meteor
34. Complete the sentence using a suitable choice:-
 Palm is related to hand in the same way as sole is related to _____
 (a) Leg (b) ankle (c) knee (d) foot
35. Complete the sentence using a suitable choice:-
 Statue is related to shape in the same way as song is related to _____
 (a) Beauty (b) sing (c) tune (d) poetry
36. Complete the sentence using a suitable choice :
 Labourer is related to wages in the same way as entrepreneur is related to _____
 (a) loan (b) interest (c) taxes (d) profit
37. Complete the sentence using a suitable choice :
 Kilometer is related to distance in the same way as poundal is related to _____
 (a) density (b) acceleration (c) momentum (d) force
38. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct collective noun from the options :-
 The hunter spotted a _____ near the lake
 (a) brace of game birds (b) swarm of game –birds (c) group of game birds
39. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct collective noun from the options :
 The Rashtrapathy Bhawan has a _____
 (a) Collection of rooms (b) suite of rooms (c) gathering of rooms
40. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct collective noun from the options :
 The police was called in to disperse a _____ who turned violent.
 (a) family of rioters (b) crowd of rioters (c) mob of rioters
41. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct collective noun from the options :
 _____ was found to be damaged at the party.
 (a) A part of furniture (b) An item of furniture (c) A piece of furniture
42. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct collective noun from the options:
 Many villagers in my native place have a _____ in their farm.
 (a) flock of chickens (b) swamp of chickens (c) brood of chickens
43. Choose the correct preposition :
 President Saddam Hussain has lived _____ the gun all his life.
 (a) with (b) for (c) by (d) on
44. Choose the correct preposition:
 I am afraid she's not here _____ the moment.
 (a) for (b) from (c) at (d) by

45. Choose the correct preposition:
Chris is getting married _____ this year.
(a) at (b) on (c) by (d) in
46. Choose the correct preposition :
I don't like traveling _____ night.
(a) by (b) at (c) in (d) on
47. Choose the correct preposition :
Hari is 63. He'll be retiring from his job _____ two years time.
(a) by (b) in (c) from (d) at
48. Each of the following sentence is divided in four parts (a,b,c,d) one of which might contain an error. Spot the error and mark that part of the sentence as the answer.
Yesterday (a) / one of (b) / the teachers (c) / was called by the office (d)
49. Each of the following sentence is divided in four parts (a,b,c,d) one of which might contain an error. Spot the error and mark that part of the sentence as the answer :
I never (a) / remember (b) / to have met (c) / this gentleman in Baroda (d).
50. Each of the following sentence is divided in four parts (a,b,c,d) one of which might contain an error. Spot the error and mark that part of the sentence as the answer :
The timing (a) / of these strikes (b) / were (c) / poorly planned by the union (d)
51. Each of the following sentence is divided in four parts (a,b,c,d) one of which might contain an error. Spot the error and mark that part of the sentence as the answer :
I (a) / watched (b) / him (c) / fell (d)
52. Each of the following sentence is divided in four parts (a,b,c,d) one of which might contain an error. Spot the error and mark that part of the sentence as the answer :
Every (a) / man, woman and child are now (b) /aware of the (c) / terrible consequences of smoking (d)
53. Construct the correct sentence using the sentence fragments :
P – an interactive tool to.
Q – available via the World Wide Web.
R – a web search engine is.
S - help people locate information.
(a) RPSQ (b) RQSP (c) PSRQ (d) QRPS
54. Construct the correct sentence using the sentence structure :
He found the house and knocked at / without any difficulty / the door / twice
P Q R S
(a) PRSQ (b) QRSP (c) RPQS (d) QPRS
55. Construct the correct sentence using the sentence structure :
P - with a place to type in
Q - to submit the request
R - a search string and a way
S - the interface presents the user
(a) SRQP (b) RQPS (c) PRQS (d) SPRQ

king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service to the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near a latitude of 50 degrees S. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today we know it as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian we now call the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after ninety-eight days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and seventeen sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

The sixteenth century was an age of great _____ exploration

- (a) cosmic
 - (b) land
 - (c) common man
 - (d) mental
 - (e) none of the above
63. Magellan lost the favor of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political _____
- (a) entanglement
 - (b) discussion
 - (c) negotiation
 - (d) problems
 - (e) none of the above
64. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 59 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a _____ direction
- (a) north and south
 - (b) crosswise
 - (c) south east
 - (d) north and west
 - (e) easterly
65. One of Magellan's ships explored the _____ of South America for a passage across the continent
- (a) coastline
 - (b) mountain range

- (c) physical features
 - (d) islands
 - (e) none of the above
66. Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern _____
- (a) coast
 - (b) island
 - (c) body of land with water on three sides
 - (d) border
 - (e) answer not available
67. The passage was found near 50 degrees of _____
- (a) Greenwich
 - (b) equator
 - (c) Spain
 - (d) Portugal
 - (e) Madrid
68. In the spring of 1521, the ships crossed the _____ now called the international Date Line
- (a) imaginary circle passing through the poles
 - (b) imaginary line parallel to the equator
 - (c) area
 - (d) land mass
 - (e) answer not found in article
69. Read the passage carefully and complete the fill ups by choosing the right option:

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband , Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer n, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie’s amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland , where her father was a professor of physics. At the early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she definitely left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master’s degree and doctorate in physics

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse – drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heartbreaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie’s feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911 she received the Noble Prize in chemistry for isolating radium.

Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

- The Curies' _____ collaboration helped to unlock the secrets of the atom
- (a) friendly
 - (b) competitive
 - (c) courteous
 - (d) industrious
 - (e) chemistry
70. Marie had a bright mind and a _____ personality
- (a) strong
 - (b) lighthearted
 - (c) humorous
 - (d) strange
 - (e) envious
71. When she learned that she could not attend the university in Warsaw, she felt _____
- (a) hopeless
 - (b) annoyed
 - (c) depressed
 - (d) worried
 - (e) none of the above
72. Marie _____ by leaving Poland and traveling to France to enter the Sorbonne.
- (a) challenged authority
 - (b) showed intelligence
 - (c) behaved
 - (d) was distressed
 - (e) answer not available
73. _____ she remembered their joy together
- (a) dejectedly
 - (b) worried
 - (c) tearfully
 - (d) happily
 - (e) sorrowfully
74. Her _____ began to fade when she returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband
- (a) misfortune
 - (b) anger
 - (c) wretchedness
 - (d) disappointment
 - (e) ambition
75. Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never _____
- (a) troubled
 - (b) worried

- (c) disappointed
- (d) sorrowful
- (e) disturbed