

English Objective Test For HPCL Officer Trainee Exam General Aptitude

1. TO EAT HUMBLE PIE

- (a) To eat slowly
- (b) To have an excellent dish
- (c) To live in a modest manner
- (d) To have to apologize

Answer.d

2. ODDS AND ENDS

- (a) Quarrelsome persons
- (b) Various intentions
- (c) Miscellaneous things
- (d) Nonsense

Answer.c

3. TO PICK UP THE GAUNTLET

- (a) To accept felicitations
- (b) To accept a challenge
- (c) To accept bribe
- (d) To accept a senior post

Answer.b

4. TO COOL ONE'S HEELS

- (a) To give a cold treatment to somebody
- (b) To be kept waiting for sometime
- (c) To go for a holiday
- (d) To settle a controversial issue

Answer.b

5. TO CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT

- (a) To perform an opening ceremony
- (b) To solve a difficult problem
- (c) To get a sharp injury
- (d) To go for mountaineering

Answer.b

6. AN OLIVE BRANCH

- (a) An offer of peace
- (b) An idea
- (c) A lady
- (d) A wicked person

Answer.a

7. THE PRIMROSE PATH

- (a) A modern marketplace
- (b) The pursuit of pleasure

- (c) Right of self-determination
- (d) Process using high technology

Answer.b

8. ANY OLD HOW

- (a) Untidy
- (b) Unpredictable
- (c) A horror movie »
- (d) By chance

Answer.a

9. LEAD SOMEBODY TO THE ALTAR

- (a) To make somebody to learn games
- (b) To marry somebody
- (C) To arrest somebody
- (d) To pass judgment

Answer.b

10. TO GO POR THE IUGULAR

- (a) To play a music instrument
- (b) To make a destructive attack
- (c) To go to watch a circus
- (d) To go for hunting

Answer.b

11. IN PAWN

- (a) To feel better (I2) Confused
- (c) Very busy (d) Pledged

Answer.d

12. TO MIND ONE'S P's AND Q's

- (a) To have an illegible handwriting
- (b) To overdress
- (c) To be careful and polite
- (d) To remember poetry by heart

Answer.c

13. TOUCH — AND — GO

- (a) A weak person
- (b) Uncertain as to the result
- (c) To catch a thief
- (d) A tough competitor

Answer.b

ANTONYMS

Directions (For the 16 items which follow):

Each of the following 16 items consists of word in capital letters, followed by four words or group of words. Select the word or group of words that is furthest in meaning to the word in capital letters.

14. STOICISM

- (a) Cowardice (b) Honesty

(c) Sickness (d) Bravery

Answer.a

15. INDIGENT

(a) Direct

(b) Opulent

(c) Harmless

(d) Constantly changing

Answer.b

16. CASTIGATE

(a) Aggravate (b) Condone

(c) Decide (d) Scold

Answer.b

17. PLACATE

(a) Sleep (b) Irritate

(c) Obviate (d) Estimate

Answer.b

18. FRITTER AWAY

(a) Frisk (b) Deviate

(c) Augment (d) Devote

Answer.c

19. NAIVE

(a) Sophisticated (b) Brave

(c) Tireless (d) Magnanimous

Answer.a

20. TREPIDATION

(a) Nervousness (b) Courage

(c) Slight amount (a') Circumspection

Answer.b

21. SPECIOUS

(a) Narrow (b) Introspective

(c) True (d) Courageous

Answer.c

22. INGENUOUS

(a) Ineligible (b) Incredible

(c) Confused (d) Crafty

Answer.d

23. SALUBRIOUS

(a) Unwholesome (b) Anonymous

(c) Clean (d) Perfect

Answer.a

24. SUCCINT

(a) Failure (b) Inelegance

(c) Verbosity (d) Nomenclature

Answer.c

25. BEMOAN

(a) Cooperate (b) Attack

(c) Rubbish (d) Rejoice

Answer.d

26. ACCOLADE

(a) Countenance (h) Vulgar

(c) Reprimand (d) Virtue

Answer.c

27. MODICUM

(a) Deceit (b) Surfeit

(c) Adulation (d) Modern

Answer.b

28. OVERBEARING

(a) Dishonest (b) Modest

(c) Partisan (d) Sluggish

Answer.b

29. DISPARAGING

(a) Refrain (b) Console

(c) Appreciate (d) Rejoice

Answer.c

ORDERING OF SENTENCES

30. S1; Brian Lara has become the most productive batsman in the long history of test cricket.

S6: A trot to the bowler's end and the deed was done.

P: It was a clever stroke created as if upon a whim and yet calculated.

Q: A delicate glance to fine leg was all it took to pass 11,174 notches collected by Alan Border during his lengthy occupation,

R; Certainly, he knew the exact position of the fieldsman.

S: Lara seems to anticipate the length and direction of the ball.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

(a) Q – P – S — R

(b) S – R — Q ~ P

(c) Q – R – S – P

(d) S — P — Q — R

Answer.a

31. S1: Fitness of the body requires a balanced lifestyle.

S6: There is no need for expensive medicines and its side effects.

P: Besides balanced lifestyle, there

is a need to daily practice of
yogasanas.

Q: Many illnesses are prevented when
we lead a balanced life.

R: This will keep practitioners fit,
disease free and lively.

S: Prime reasons for diseases are
imbalances in our food, sleep,
thought and other habits.

Which one of the following is the correct
sequence?

- (a) P — R — Q — S
- (b) Q — S — P — R
- (c) P — S — Q — R
- (d) Q — R — P — S

Answer.a

32. S1: There were four major wars
between Peru and Ecuador for 57
years and thousands of people
died.

S6: Not one shot has been fired since
1998.

P: Now, thousands of people visit
this beautiful park every month.

Q: I suggested a peace proposal that
the disputed territory should be
converted into a national park and
managed by both the countries.

R; Thereafter, the disputed territory
was converted into a national
peace park and both countries
planted trees there.

S: After three years of negotiations,
both the countries signed the
peace agreement in 1998.

Which one of the following is the correct
sequence'?

- (a) Q — S — R — P
- (b) R — P — Q — S
- (c) Q — P — R — S
- (d) R — S — Q — P

Answer.a

33. S1 If you are unable to sleep well,
often wake up at night, then you
are suffering from a sleep disorder.

S6: Not many people realize that they

have a sleep disorder, which can lead to several health problems.

P: Sleep disorder can be dangerous and gets worse as you age.

Q: There is documented evidence of accidents, less work output and depression due to sleep disorders.

R; Not only does sleep disorder result in sleep deprivation. but it can also threaten your life.

S: According to experts, sleep disorder is a major health hazard and has been found to be worse than drunken driving.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence'?

(a) R – Q — P – S

(b) S — P – Q – R

(c) R – P – Q — S

(d) S — Q – P – R

Answer.d

34. S1 Indian cities are facing an enormous disparity between demand and supply of vital services and infrastructure.

S6; This requires huge investments.

P: Water supply, waste disposal, transport, power, housing and sanitation are some of the areas of concern.

Q: We have to aggressively work at enhancing both our physical and social infrastructure.

R: Infrastructure is not just about roads, drains and water supply.

S: Housing, schools and hospitals form the fabric of our social infrastructure.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

(a) P — S — R – Q

(b) Q — R – S — P

(c) P – R – S — Q

(d) Q • S – R• — P

Answer.a

35. S1 Yet, we have as a people shown

great resilience.

S6: The question is how we can integrate better as a society so that the march towards economic freedom and world power status is aided, not hampered.

P; Despite the yawning disparity in the Indian society, we have a very high level of satisfaction quotient.

Q: Our belief in our collective destiny has never been in doubt.

R: This is true even when the Indian society is compared with those of developed nations.

S: Always accommodating and reinventing to make things work.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence' }

(a) S – Q — P – R.

(b) R – P – Q – S

(c) S — P — Q – R

(d) R — Q — P – S

Answer.c

36. S1In 1882, a young man from Bengal travelled to Karwar to holiday with his brother.

S6: Even now, it's easy to see what inspired Tagore:

P; The playwright?

Q: So bewitched was the youth, he t wrote his first play, a masterpiece titled 'Prakritir Pratisodh'.

R: A revolutionary called Rabindranath Tagore.

S: He arrived to find the most beautiful rendezvous of water and land he had ever seen.

Which one of die following is the correct sequence?

(a) P — Q • S – R

(b) S – R – P — Q

(c) P – R -S – Q

(d) S – Q — P — R

Answer.d

37. S1,: All who ever took a pen in hand must have at some time felt

baffled.

S6: So it is always well to be as certain as possible about the facts or opinions which one means to put on paper.

P: A common reason is that the writer has not tidied up his thoughts in advance.

Q: Perhaps they do not really know what they mean; very often they have not got their ideas properly sorted out before they started to write.

R; There are several causes for that vexing condition.

S: People often say "I know what I mean, but I can't say it"

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

(a) Q — S — P — R

(b) R — P — S — Q

(c) Q — P — S — R

(d) R — S — P — Q

Answer.b

38. S1: For a long time, I could not decide whether I should speak to her or not.

S6: At last I moved my lips and told her that her father had passed away.

P; She was anxious to know about her father.

Q: I knew she would start weeping.

R: She looked towards me with anxious eyes.

S: I could not tell her that her father had died before the doctor arrived.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence?

(a) P — R — Q — S

(b) S — Q — R • P —

(c) P • Q • R — S

(d) S — R — Q — P

Answer.c

39. S1: I have been teaching in this college for last ten years.

S6: My hard work and honest efforts ultimately won the favour of the teachers and the students.

P: But I worked hard.

Q: I was thought to be a third—rate teacher.

R: Now I am a popular teacher and everyone likes me but there was a time no one liked me.

S: I knew that hard work always pays.

Which one of the following is the correct sequence? -

(a) R — Q — P — S

(b) P — S — R — Q

(c) R — S — P — Q

(d) P — Q — R — S

Answer.a

SPOTTING ERRORS

40. As soon as

(a)

the clock strike five

(b)

They down tools and off they go.

(C)

No error.

(d)

Answer.a

41. Amit needs marry

(a)

a down—to-earth person

(b)

who will organise his life for him.

(C)

No error.

(d)

Answer.d

42. Unless their paths diverged

(a)

Lennon and McCartney wrote

(b)

many hits together.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.a

43. The plans have been under

(a)

discussion for a year now,

(b)

but no decision has reached.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.c

44. She certainly has gone up

(a)

in my estimation since she

(b)

told the Manager what she
thought of him.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.a

45. The Minister has gut

(a)

a different gloss on recent

(b)

developments in Middle East.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer b

46. Two newspapers did

(a)

an very effective hatched job

(b)

on the Prime Minister's achievements.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.b

47. The fact that I do not like

(a)

your finance is neither here nor there

(b)

what matters is what you feel.

(c)

No error. `

(d)

Answer.b

48. Your argument was clear

(a)

to us from the start

(b)

there's no need to labour the point.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.c

49. On the land turtle

(a)

is ungainly

(b)

but in the water it is very agile.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.a

50. I am going to bed

(a)

and you would be well

(b)

advised to do likely.

(c)

No error.

(d)

Answer.c