

IGNOU – OPENMAT SAMPLE PAPER

Question 1. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?

RETROGRADE

- (1) progressing
 - (2) reclining
 - (3) evaluating
 - (4) directing
- Answer: (1) progressing

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PROVIDENT

- (1) unholy
 - (2) rash
 - (3) miserable
 - (4) disabled
- Answer: (2) rash.

Question 3. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?

EUPHONIOUS

- (1) strident
 - (2) lethargic
 - (3) literary
 - (4) significant
- Answer:(1) strident

Question 4. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?

EXTRINSIC

- (1) reputable
 - (2) inherent
 - (3) ambitious
 - (4) cursory
- Answer:(2) inherent.

Question 5. Question consists of a word, in capital letters followed by four words or phrases. Choose the alternative that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?

ASSUAGE

- (1) describe
 - (2) wince
 - (3) worsen
 - (4) introduce
- Answer:(3) worsen

Question 6. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?

GAUCHE

- (1) rigid
 - (2) swift
 - (3) awkward
 - (4) taciturn
- Answer:(3) awkward

Question 9. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case..?

INIMICAL

- (1) antagonistic
 - (2) anonymous
 - (3) accurate
 - (4) fanciful
- Answer:(1) antagonistic

Question 10. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case...?

POLEMIC

- (1) blackness
- (2) controversy
- (3) magnetism
- (4) lighting

Answer: (2) controversy

Question 11. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case...?

PLAINTTVE

- (1) mournful
- (2) senseless
- (3) rural
- (4) evasive

Answer: (1) mournful

Question 12. Questions consists of a word, in capital letters, followed by four options. Choose the option that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters, in each case...?

BALEFUL

- (1) doubtful
- (2) virtual
- (3) deadly
- (4) virtuous

Answer: (3) deadly

Question 13. Which of the following countries was the host of the 20th Winter Olympics in 2006 ?

- (1) Italy
- (2) Australia
- (3) Spain
- (4) Canada

Answer: (1) Italy

Question 14. "Beyond The Last Blue Mountain" is the biography of..?

- (1) Sir Edmund Hillary
- (2) Bachhendri Pal
- (3) JRD Tata
- (4) Dhirubhai Ambani

Answer: (3) JRD Tata

Question 15. To whom did Iltutmish dedicate the 'Qutab Minar'?

- (1) Razia Sultan
- (2) Qutbuddin Aibak
- (3) Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki
- (4) Moinuddin Chisti

Answer: (3) Qutbuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki

Question 16. Which of the following substances obtained by fractionation of human blood ?

- (1) Antivenom Serum
- (2) Gamma Globulin
- (3) Polio Vaccine
- (4) Diphtheria Antitoxin

Answer: (2) Gamma Globulin

Question 17. A body falling freely from a height towards the earth, moves with uniform..?

- (1) Speed
- (2) Velocity
- (3) Acceleration
- (4) Weight

Answer: (3) Acceleration

Question 18. The element of an electric stove is made up of what ?

- (1) Copper
- (2) Invar
- (3) Magnalium
- (4) Nichrome

Answer: (4) Nichrome

Question 19. Which of its states did the US purchase from Spain for 5 million dollars in 1877 ?

- (1) Arizona
- (2) New Mexico
- (3) Washington
- (4) Florida

Answer: (4) Florida

Question 20. Who is the author of the book "Beyond Peace" ?

- (1) Richard Nixon
- (2) Mikhail Gorbachev
- (3) Nelson Mandela
- (4) George Bush

Answer: (1) Richard Nixon

Question 21. Which global communications giant was originally set up by Alexander Graham Bell as The Bell Telephone Company in 1877 ?

- (1) Siemens
 - (2) Nokia
 - (3) A T & T
 - (4) Ericsson
- Answer: (3) A T & T

Question 22. Which of the following poets coined the title 'Lady with a Lamp' for Florence Nightingale in his 1858 poem, 'Santa Filomena' ?

- (1) T.S. Eliot
 - (2) Robert Frost
 - (3) William Wordsworth
 - (4) Henry Longfellow
- Answer: (4) Henry Longfellow

Question 23. While considering the Gross National Product (GNP), which of the following is not required ?

- (1) Governmental purchases of goods
 - (2) Per capita income of individuals
 - (3) Private investment
 - (4) Net Foreign Investment
- Answer: (2) Per capita income of individuals

Question 24. A regressive tax will tend to redistribute income ?

- (1) Equally
 - (2) Unequally
 - (3) Equitably
 - (4) Proportionately
- Answer: (2) Unequally

Question 25. When did the World Trade Organization (WTO), which sets out rules for world trade, come into force ?

- (1) 1948
 - (2) 1951
 - (3) 1954
 - (4) 1995
- Answer: (4) 1995

Question 26. Elements of which one of the following pairs form ionic bonds between them when combined together ?

- (1) Sodium and Chlorine
 - (2) Carbon and Hydrogen
 - (3) Chlorine and Chlorine
 - (4) Nitrogen and Hydrogen
- Answer: (1) Sodium Chloride

Question 27. Which of the following authors was given the Booker Prize for the book "Half a Life"?

- (1) Arundhati Roy
 - (2) Vikram Seth
 - (3) V.S. Naipaul
 - (4) Kiran Bedi
- Answer: (3) V.S. Naipaul

Question 28. Which of the following is used as a food preservative ?

- (1) Sodium Benzoate
 - (2) Sodium Thiosulphate
 - (3) Sodium Hydroxide
 - (4) Sodium Bicarbonate
- Answer: (1) Sodium Benzoate