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PART – A

Four alternatives are given for each of the following questions / incomplete statements. Only one of them is correct or most appropriate. Choose the most appropriate alternative and write it in the space provided below each question.  $35 \times 1 = 35$

1. What special skill did Andy have ?

- (A) Doing everything the right way      (B) Doing some work the wrong way  
(C) Doing everything the wrong way      (D) Doing some work the right way

Ans. :

2. Andy told his master's name when the postmaster

- (A) called him a stupid thief      (B) repeatedly asked him to tell his master's name  
(C) refused to give him the letter      (D) called his master a goose.

Ans. :

3. What did the newspapers proclaim about Swami Vivekananda ?

- (A) A seer    (B) Very good speaker    (C) An inspiring monk    (D) An angel.

Ans.

4. Who was technically perfect batsman, according to B.S. Chandrashekar ?

- (A) Gavaskar    (B) Bradman    (C) Ken Barrington    (D) Jayasurya.

Ans. :

5. Which of the following statements, according to Chandrashekar about ODIs is correct ?

- (A) ODIs cannot replace test cricket      (B) ODIs are not popular  
(C) ODIs are not entertaining      (D) ODIs do not bring more money to players.

Ans. :

6. Who was Kalpana Chawla ?

- (A) An engineer    (B) A scientist    (C) An astronomer    (D) An astronaut.

Ans. :

7. Kalpana got married to Harrison

- (A) as soon as she went to the USA    (B) in the year she earned her master's degree  
(C) after she acquired her Ph.D    (D) after her first flight aboard the Columbia Spacecraft.

Ans. :

8. What is a notable feature in the Paris underground railway ?

- (A) Trains are electrified    (B) It is specially for aristocratic family  
(C) It is meant for war-wounded people    (D) It is for physically handicapped people.

Ans. :

9. The countries involved in fighting, according to author, are called

(A) uncultured (B) strong (C) civilized (D) barbarous.

Ans. :

10. The wedding of Shakuntala Dhamankar and Shankar Kurtakoti was interesting because

(A) most wanted freedom fighters attended it (B) they married in a prison  
(C) both were freedom fighters (D) Government allowed them to get married in the prison.

Ans. :

11. The guards at first stopped Daksha's father at the gate because

(A) it was already evening (B) he was wearing dusty clothes  
(C) the king was not in the palace (D) he was impolite to them.

Ans. :

12. How did the Pandit react when Daksha asked him to solve her problem ?

(A) Very happy (B) Frightened (C) Shocked (D) Excited.

Ans. :

13. The whole court was stunned when Daksha

(A) solved the problem (B) came forward to solve the problem  
(C) selected the king as her prize (D) was called the wisest of the wise by the king.

Ans. :

14. Which one of the following statements does not refer to poet's mother ?

(A) She was dark-skinned (B) She worked in the field  
(C) She fought like a hurt bitch (D) She was pious.

Ans. :

15. The poet's mother was a hag.

The word 'hag' means

(A) uncultured (B) hardworking (C) ugly (D) irreligious.

Ans. :

16. Why does God move in a Mysterious way ?

(A) To know what people are doing (B) To perform wonders  
(C) To bless the worshippers (D) To show He is strong.

Ans. :

17. Who is the best interpreter of God ?

(A) God Himself (B) Only men (C) Only women (D) Those who are blessed by Him.

Ans. :

18. Which one of the following will not be with the Lord of Tartary ?

(A) Tigers (B) Peacocks (C) Wife (D) Fishes.

Ans. :

19. The Lord of Tartary's palace would be shining in the evening with

(A) moonlight (B) starlight (C) tubelights (D) colourful lamps.

Ans. :

20. Why did Bhima grow angry ?

The monkey

(A) considered Bhima an ordinary man (B) did not tell him where the flowers are grown

(C) asked him to jump over him (D) asked him to move his tail.

Ans. :

21. When Bhima understood that others were stronger than him he began to

(A) feel sad (B) respect him (C) humiliate him (D) curse him.

Ans. :

22. Gandhiji sat in Persian class because

(A) Persian was his favourite language (B) the Persian teacher called him to sit in the class

(C) he could get special scholarship (D) the Persian teacher was lenient.

Ans. :

23. Which one of the following shows that Gandhiji was not a slow learner ?

(A) He didn't have a bad certificate (B) He obtained merit scholarship

(C) The teacher had great love for him (D) He had many prizes for his good conduct.

Ans. :

24. On hearing the message from her son Albertino, Margherita was worried because her daughter might

(A) faint and fall from the tree (B) had not eaten the food the whole day

(C) continue the strike for some more days (D) die.

Ans. :

25. Margherita did not telephone her husband about her daughter's strike because

(A) the telephone was out of order (B) the matter was not very serious

(C) he had instructed her not to telephone him (D) she did not want to disturb him.

Ans. :

26. There are two ..... three who are very intelligent. I am sure that

Suresh ..... Gayathri will definitely get 98% in S.S.L.C.

The correct conjunctions to fill in the blanks are

(A) or, but (B) and, but (C) or, and (D) but, and.

Ans. :

27. People make some mistakes, ..... The question tag to be used here is

(A) didn't they ? (B) don't they ? (C) aren't they ? (D) won't they ?

Ans. :

28.

Which one of the following words does not rhyme with the other three ?

(A) Cough (B) Rock (C) Walk (D) Tough.

Ans. :

29. Ravi has written three letters.

The passive voice of the above is

(A) Three letters were written by him (B) Three letters are written by Ravi

(C) Three letters have been written by Ravi (D) Three letters had been written by Ravi.

Ans. :

30. The word 'fortune' takes the prefix

(A) mis (B) un (C) dis (D) in.

Ans. :

31. Truth always triumphs.

The part of speech of the word 'always' is  
(A) Noun (B) Adverb (C) Verb (D) Adjective.

Ans. :

32. .... you wait for me for some time ?

The word to be filled in blank is

(A) Have (B) Are (C) Do (D) Does.

Ans. :

33. My Mother, black, prolific, earth mother.

The figure of speech of the above is

(A) simile (B) personification (C) synecdoche (D) metaphor.

Ans. :

34. One word for 'to be disloyal to someone who trusts' is

(A) faithful (B) mischievous (C) betray (D) arrogant.

Ans. :

35. The students have written all the answers to my .....

The correct form of the word to be filled in the blank is

(A) satisfaction (B) satisfy (C) satisfactory (D) satisfactorily.

Ans. :

#### PART – B

Quote from memory : 4

36. Sweet little .....

..... why ?

You .....

..... with me ?

I kiss'd .....

..... green trees ?

OR

Within .....

..... treasure

He came .....

..... pleasure.

Now it .....

..... bold,

Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each :  $7 \times 2 = 14$

37. What made Andy steal two letters from the heap ?

38. How did B.S. Chandrashekar achieve a great name in spite of his disadvantage ?

39. Why did Kalpana had high regard for J.R.D. Tata ?

40. Why do people of Europe put on more clothes than the people of Asia ?

41. Give two instances to show that Daksha was a wise girl.

42. What royal oath did Cophetua swear and why ?

43. What does Gabriel Okaro want to relearn and unlearn ?

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow in a word, phrase or sentence each :  $3 \times 3 = 9$

44. "I must, for it was I who was talking."

- a) When did the speaker say so ?
- b) Who is the 'I' ?
- c) What quality does it show about the speaker ?

45. "Her reply made him so angry that he cancelled the registration."

- a) Who does 'he' refer to ?
- b) What was her reply ?
- c) What did she do after her car's registration was cancelled ?

46. "He made such a terrible clatter."

- a) What does 'clatter' mean in the context
- b) Why did he make such a terrible clatter
- c) Who came there when he made such a terrible clatter ?

Answer the following questions in a paragraph each :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

47. Narrate briefly Dr. Sarabhai's contributions to Pharmaceutical industry.

OR

Why did the postmaster refuse to give Andy his master's letter ?

48. What is real worship according to Rabindranath Tagore ?

OR

Write the substance of the poem "Tartary".

49. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles choosing from the ones given in brackets : 2

( a, an, the )

The Deputy Commissioner was ..... European. One day he sent for a man from ..... aristocratic family.

50. Write the correct tense forms of the verbs given in brackets : 2

Swamy ..... ( be ) successful in the degree examination. He .....  
( be + award ) the doctorate degree.

51. Change into other degrees of comparison : 2

Bangalore is costlier than any other city in India.

52. Change into indirect speech : 2

Kumar said to Anitha, "Do you think I am a fool ?"

53. Point out the difference in meaning between the following pair of words. Use them in meaningful sentences : 2

Principle, Principal.

54. Use the following word in meaningful sentences as noun and then as adjective. Change the spelling of the word, if necessary : 2

'Truth'

55. Write a paragraph using the clues given below : 4

A lion lies asleep — a mouse runs over his back — the lion awakes — catches the mouse — the mouse begs for mercy — the lion is caught in a net — he roars — mouse comes out — cuts the strings — lion becomes free.

56. Imagine that you are Latha / Raju of Xth Standard, Govt. High School, Mysore.

Write a letter to your father using the clues given below : 5

About your studies — places to be visited — importance of those places — number of days, date of departure — last date for payment — money required.

OR

Class and section — about your studies — your father's profession and income — number of members in your house.

57. Write two paragraphs on any one of the following topics : 5

i) Newspaper

ii) Air pollution

iii) Rights and duties.

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in two or three sentences each :

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done. The early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work he can be expected to do, and is not tempted to hurry over any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed.

58. What makes him relaxed in the evening ? 2

59. How can you say that the work done early in the morning is generally perfect ? 2