

General English

Multiple Choice Questions

Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answers from the given options. (1x5=5)

A sanctuary may be defined as a place where Man is passive and the rest of nature active. Till quite recently nature had her own sanctuaries, where man either did not go at all or only as a tool using animal in comparatively small numbers. But now in this machinery age there is no place left where man cannot go with overwhelming forces at his command. He can strangle to death all the nobler wild life in the world today. Tomorrow he certainly will have done so, unless he exercises due foresight and self self control in the meantime.

There is not the slightest doubt that birds and mammals are now being killed off much faster than they can breed. And it is always the largest and noblest forms of life that suffer most. The whales and elephants, lions and eagles, go. The rats and flies and all mean parasites, remain. This is inevitable in certain cases. But it is wanton killing off that I am speaking of tonight. Civilised man begins by destroying the very forms of wild life he learns to appreciate most when he becomes still more civilised. The obvious remedy is to begin conservation at an earlier stage, when it is easier and better in every way, by enforcing laws for close season, game preserves, the selective protection of certain species and sanctuaries.

I have just defined a sanctuary as a place where man is passive and the rest of Nature active. But this general definition is too absolute for any special case. The mere fact that man has to protect a sanctuary does away with his purely passive attitude. Then he can be beneficially active by destroying pests and parasites like bot flies or mosquitoes and by finding antidotes for diseases like the epidemic which periodically kills off the rabbits and thus starves many of the Carnivora to death. But except in cases where experiment has proved his intervention to be beneficial, the less he upsets the balance of Nature the better, even when he tries to be an earthly providence.

- 1) The author implies that his first definition of sanctuary is
 - A) Totally wrong
 - B) Somewhat idealistic
 - C) Unhelpful
 - D) Indefensible
- 2) The author's argument that destroying bot flies and mosquitoes would be a beneficial action is most weakened by all of the following except
 - A) Parasites have an important role to play in the regulation of population
 - B) The elimination of any species can have unpredictable effects on the balance of nature
 - C) The pests themselves are a part of food chain
 - D) These insects have been introduced to the area by human activities
- 3) It can be inferred that the passage is
 - A) Part of an article in a scientific journal
 - B) Extracted from the minutes of a nature club
 - C) Part of a speech delivered to an educated audience
 - D) A speech delivered in a court of law
- 4) What should be the most appropriate central idea of this passage?
 - A) Author argues that man kills big animals but saves mosquitoes and other parasites
 - B) Man is selfish by nature so he is up against the wild life which is harmful for his survival
 - C) In view of the author man should not intervene in natural environments
 - D) Ecological balance, if not maintained by man will be harmful in long run
- 5) Tone of the author as expressed in the passage can be best described
 - A) Sarcastically critical to suggestive
 - B) Sarcastically humorous
 - C) Objective to narrative
 - D) Descriptive to analytical

Choose the appropriate one word for the following: (1x5=5)

6) One who cannot be changed or reformed

- A) Invulnerable
- B) Hardened
- C) Incurable
- D) Incurable

7) The cessation of warfare before signing a treaty

- A) Armistice
- B) Truce
- C) Ceasefire
- D) Suspension

8) A doctor who specializes in diseases of nose

- A) Rhinology
- B) Otologist
- C) Pathologist
- D) Podiatrist

9) One who travels from place to place

- A) Mendicant
- B) Itinerant
- C) Journeyman
- D) Tramp

10) A part of a word that can be pronounced separately

- A) Particle
- B) Sibilant
- C) Syllable
- D) Letter

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Choose suitable words for the blanks: (1x5=5)

- 11) The teachers said that they were no longer prepared to _____ the ways of the new principal.
A) puts over with
B) put on with
C) put up with
D) put up to
- 12) The clouds of suspicion will clear _____ soon.
A) up
B) away
C) off
D) by
- 13) Democracy requires the equal right of all to the development of such capacity for good as nature has _____ them with.
A) presented
B) endowed
C) fortified
D) replenished
- 14) I am sorry _____ the mistake.
A) from
B) with
C) for
D) at
- 15) It is not _____ for a man to be confined to the pursuit of wealth.
A) healthy
B) easy
C) possible
D) common

In the following questions, sentences are given in Direct/ Indirect speech. Out of the given options select that option which expresses the same sentence in Indirect/ Direct speech. (1x5=5)

- 16) He said to her, "May you succeed!"
A) He told her that she might succeed.
B) He prayed to god that she may succeed.
C) He wished her success.
D) He said to her that she might succeed.
- 17) He said to me, "Where is the bus stand?"
A) He asked to know where the bus stand was.
B) He asked me that where the bus stand was.
C) He asked me where the bus stand was.
D) He asked me where was the bus stand.
- 18) "I don't know the way. Do you?" She asked.
A) She said that she didn't know the way and I did not know it.
B) She told that she was not knowing the way but wondered if I knew.
C) She said that she didn't know the way and asked me if I did.
D) She asked me if I knew the way which she didn't.
- 19) The sage said, "God helps those who help themselves."
A) The sage said that god helps those who help themselves.
B) The sage said that god helped those who helped themselves.
C) The sage said that god helps those who helped themselves.
D) The sage said that god helped those who help themselves.
- 20) Pema said to me, "I will do it now or never."
A) Pema told me that I would do it then or never.
B) Pema told me that she would do it now or never.
C) Pema told me that she will do that now or never.
D) Pema told me that she would it then or never.

Choose the correct phrasal verbs for the following blanks: (1x5=5)

21) A student may want to know how many stages insects _____ before they become butterflies.

- A) made up of
- B) become of
- C) go through
- D) put through

22) If you _____ yourself there is nothing in which you cannot succeed.

- A) trust off
- B) bring in
- C) believe in
- D) get along with

23) Because of heavy snowfall the flight was _____

- A) called out
- B) carried out
- C) checked out
- D) called off

24) I have nothing to _____ in my old age.

- A) fall back upon
- B) fall out
- C) fall back
- D) fall upon

25) Our object in this inquiry is to _____ the facts.

- A) get down
- B) get at
- C) get back
- D) get on

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Choose the correct forms of verbs for the following blanks: (1x5=5)

26) It _____ since last night.

- A) is raining
- B) has been raining
- C) raining
- D) had been raining

27) We _____ for shopping last weekend.

- A) went
- B) had gone
- C) had been gone
- D) were gone

28) She _____ the floor when her cousin came in.

- A) is mopping
- B) had mopped
- C) was mopping
- D) has mopped

29) She says that she _____ the letter a month ago.

- A) sent
- B) had sent
- C) send
- D) has been sent

30) It is already five minutes late. I hope the taxi _____ here soon.

- A) is
- B) would be
- C) was to be
- D) will be

General Knowledge

Choose the correct answers from the given options: (1x30=30)

- 31) Bangladesh has developed a method to convert jute fibre into low cost biodegradable cellulose sheets. What is the name given to it?
- A) Sonali
 - B) Poly
 - C) Pata
 - D) Tripti
- 32) Pencil Portal is an online platform for:
- A) Providing Education to Poor Children
 - B) Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour
 - C) Enforcement of Mid Meals in Primary Schools
 - D) Providing Shelters to the Poor
- 33) Which Indian won the 'Mr South Asia Title 2019'?
- A) Suhas Kumar
 - B) Rajendra Mahi
 - C) Yatinder Singh
 - D) Ravindra Kumar Malik
- 34) From which state Chandrayaan-2 was launched?
- A) Karnataka
 - B) Maharashtra
 - C) Andhra Pradesh
 - D) Odisha
- 35) What was the theme of the 2019 International Police Expo held in New Delhi?
- A) Strive for More Hard Work and Efficiency
 - B) Fight for Humanity
 - C) Challenges to Strengthen Peace and Security
 - D) Giving Extra Effort to Keep Women and Children Safe

- 36) Which IIT has developed an AI app CARE4U for elderly people?
A) IIT Kanpur
B) IIT Kharagpur
C) IIT Bombay
D) IIT Madras
- 37) Which state government has decided to bring legislation for ensuring journalist's job security?
A) West Bengal
B) Odisha
C) Jharkhand
D) Uttar Pradesh
- 38) Who won the men's title at the 2019 Wimbledon Championship?
A) Roger Federer
B) Rafael Nadal
C) Novak Djokovic
D) Andy Murray
- 39) Which Indian organisation has published the first comprehensive census of orchids of India, 'Orchids of India: A Pictorial Guide' ?
A) Wild Life Protection Society of India
B) Flora and Fauna Organisation of India
C) Wild Plants Protection Society of India
D) Botanical Survey of India
- 40) Which film bagged 4 awards including the Best Feature Film at 2019 SAARC Film Festival in Colombo?
A) Nagarkirtan
B) Na Bole Who Haram
C) Walking with Wind
D) Letter to the President
- 41) Which state made GPS device mandatory for trekkers?
A) Sikkim
B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Jammu and Kashmir

- 42) Which day is observed as 'Save Water Day' in west Bengal?
- A) 13 June
 - B) 12 July
 - C) 4 May
 - D) 4 July
- 43) In which place the State Disaster Management Institute is going to come up in Sikkim?
- A) Rabong
 - B) Soreng
 - C) Pakyong
 - D) Singtam
- 44) Which operation was launched by the Railway Protection Force to stop selling of unauthorised packaged drinking water?
- A) Operation Thirst
 - B) Operation Breakdown
 - C) Operation Crackdown
 - D) Shuddha Jal
- 45) How many children were rescued by Delhi Police Crime Branch under 'Operation Milap'?
- A) 128
 - B) 333
 - C) 427
 - D) 287
- 46) Which species has become the first species to be threatened by deep sea mining?
- A) Star fish
 - B) Sea horse
 - C) Jelly fish
 - D) Sea pangolin

- 47) Which drug has been banned in Animal Food Industry?
- A) Tylosin
 - B) Neomycin Sulphate
 - C) Procain Penicillin
 - D) Colistin
- 48) Which Indian Beach was the first in Asia to get Blue Flag Certification in June 2019?
- A) Chandrabhaga Beach
 - B) Marina Beach
 - C) Kovalam Beach
 - D) Palolem Beach
- 49) Who has been appointed as the private secretary of PM Modi?
- A) Sanjeev Kumar Singla
 - B) Vivek Kumar
 - C) Manoj Mukund
 - D) Nripendra Misra
- 50) Who is the minister for Revenue and Disaster Management of Sikkim?
- A) Kunga Nima Lepcha
 - B) Sonam Lama
 - C) Mani Kumar Sharma
 - D) Sanjit Kharel
- 51) From when the Sikkim Health Department is going to launch Measles and Rubella Vaccination Campaign?
- A) From 21 July
 - B) From 15 August
 - C) From 29 July
 - D) From 31 July
- 52) Which of the following is 'Fool's Gold'?
- A) Copper Sulphate
 - B) Iron Sulphide
 - C) Brass
 - D) Silver Bromide

53) Who was crowned Miss India 2019?

- A) Apurba Thakur
- B) Suman Rao
- C) Shivani Jadav
- D) Sanjana Vij

54) Which of the following mountain passes forms the tri-junction of India, China and Myanmar?

- A) Nathula
- B) Jelep La
- C) Bomdi La
- D) Diphu

55) Facebook has recently banned:

- A) TIK TOK Videos
- B) Face apps
- C) White Nationalism, White Separatism
- D) Live Broadcast

56) The railway project between West Bengal and Sikkim is being constructed between:

- A) NJP to Rangpo
- B) Sevoke to Rangpo
- C) Sevoke to Teesta Bazar
- D) NJP to Melli

57) Which state government has launched 'Happiness Utsav'?

- A) Assam
- B) Nagaland
- C) Delhi
- D) Maharashtra

- 58) For which film Geetanjali Thapa of Sikkim was given a Special Mention at 18th Tribeca Film Festival, New York?
- A) ID
 - B) Monsoon Shootout
 - C) Liar's Dice
 - D) Stray Dolls
- 59) In which category Tribeney Rai of Sikkim received an award at FIFF Iran?
- A) Documentary
 - B) Best Short Film Idea
 - C) Feature Film
 - D) Critics
- 60) In February 2019, "The Guardians, Sikkim" a community of animal lovers promoted the concept of:
- A) Stop Cruelty to Animals
 - B) Save Animals and Pets
 - C) Adopt Don't Shop
 - D) Love for Animals

Writing Section:-

- 61) Write a letter to your friend giving him advice on how fast food is not good for his/her health. (10 Marks)

Or

Write a letter to your father who is retired. Write him about the benefits of healthy diet and morning walks.

- 62) Write an essay on any one of the topics. (10 Marks)
- I. Lifestyle diseases and its consequences
 - II. Physical inactivity and harmful effects of alcohol