

# LINGUISTICS 2006

1. Who among the following studied the knowledge of Ancient Greece and made great advances in astronomy, mathematics and medical sciences during 8<sup>th</sup> century A.D?

- (a) Indians
- (b) Chinese
- (c) Arab
- (d) Australians

2. The system of writing called 'Hieroglyphics' was used by :

- a) Ancient Egyptians
- (b) Dravidians
- (c) Chinese
- (d) Babylonians

3. Name the 'mathematical language' in which problems are solved using symbols in place of unknown numbers.

- a) Geometry
- b) Arithmetic
- (c) Algebra
- (d) Astronomy

4. The rulers of Ancient Egypt were called

- (a) Monarchs
- (b) Pharaohs
- (c) Monks
- (d) Minoans

5. A writer's original typed or hand written version of a work is called:

- a) Copyright
- (b) Papyrus
- (c) Manuscript
- (d) Sculpture

6. Which of the following words has a meaning but no reference?

- (a) Uniform
- (b) Dictionary
- (c) Unit

(d) Unicorn

7. Two words with same meaning is called:

- (a) Homophone
- (b) Antonym
- (c) Paraphrase
- (d) Synonym

8. The events that a writer describes in work of literature are called:

- (a) Plot
- (b) Story
- (c) Theme
- (d) Character

9. Arundhati Roy refused to accept the:

- (a) Booker Prize Award
- (b) Sahitya Academy Award
- (c) Saraswati Suman Award
- (d) Nobel Prize Award

10. The science of spelling is known as:

- (a) Orthography
- (b) Lexicography
- (c) Graphology
- (d) Etymology

11. What is the most natural and comprehensive medium of language?

- a) Writing
- (b) Reading
- (c) Speaking
- (d) Gestures

12. Which of the following statements is correct ?

- (a) Phonetics is the science of sounds
- (b) Phonetics is the science of animal sounds
- (c) Phonetics is the science of speech sounds
- (d) . Phonetics is the science of natural sounds

13. Find out the odd man

- (a) Articulation
- b) Transmission
- c) Reception
- (d) Transcription

14. A process whereby speakers of one language are in linguistic contact with speakers of other language is called

- a) communication

- (b) Intercommunication
- (c) Intra-communication
- (d) Language communication

15. Etymology is the study of origin and development of :

- (a) Words
- (b) Sentences
- (c) Verbs
- (d) Alphabets

16. The circulation of blood was first understood by :

- (a) European scientists
- (b) Indian scientists
- (c) Arab scientists
- (d) Turkish scientists

17. Find the odd man out :

- (a) Socrates
- (b) Plato
- (c) Marx
- (d) Aristotle

18. 'Drama' as a genre of literature was born in :

- (a) Ancient Arab
- (b) Ancient India
- (c) Ancient Egypt
- (d) Ancient Greece

19. Who according to Hindu Mythology is the creator of language?

- (a) Saraswati
- (b) Brahma
- (c) Laxmi
- (d) Shiva

20. Which of the following is not true?

- (a) Jonathan Swift wrote Gulliver's Travels in 1726
- (b) The theme of Gulliver's Travels is the character of 18th Century England
- (c) The Lalliput is an imaginary land which is represented in the Gulliver's Travels
- (d) Lalliputians are small speechless creatures

21. The word 'Eskimo' refers to :

- (a) Eaters of grass
- (b) Eaters of raw meat
- (c) Eaters of birds
- (d) Eaters of green vegetables

22. Scholars who study fossils are called :

- (a) Anthropologists
- (b) Palaeontologists
- (c) Ethologists
- (d) Zoologists

23. **Which** of the following is not an African Country ?

- (a) Namibia
- (b) Sudan
- (c) Tunisia
- (d) Malta

24. the tallest animal on earth is :

- (a) Hippopotamus
- (b) Pangolin
- (c) Giraffe
- (d) Hyena

25. Which of the following is *not* true?

- (a) Birds and mammals are warm-blooded
- (b) Fishes, reptiles and amphibians are cold-blooded
- (c) Birds include koalas, pelicans and gulls
- (d) Mammals include mice and cats

26. Which of the following is *not* included among the earliest civilizations of the world?

- (a) European
- (b) Indus Valley
- (c) Egyptian
- (d) Chinese

27. The only mammal capable of flight is

- (a) Platypus
- (b) Opossums
- (c) Bats
- (d) Kangaroos

28. Buddhists share with Hindus a belief known as

- (a) Nirvan
- (b) Vesakha Puja
- (c) Dharamacakra Day
- (d) Nothing among the above

29. Julius Caesar was the head of :

- (a) Byzantine Empire
- (b) Roman Republic

- (c) Ottoman Empire
- (d) None of the above

30. Chameleon is famous for changing its

- (a) Size
- (b) Body
- (c) Shape
- (d) Colour

31. Mandarin is a language spoken in

- (a) America
- (b) India
- (c) China
- (d) Nepal

32. Which statement among the following is *not* true about Mother Teresa?

- (a) she was born in Albania
- (b) she had become an Indian citizen
- (c) she was not awarded Nobel Peace Prize
- (d) she worked for poor, sick and down trodden people

33. **ABishop presides and organises the worship of whole region from:**

- (a) Church
- (b) Cathedral
- (c) Temple
- (d) Dome

34. Who wrote the following?

“The workers have nothing to lose.....but their chains. They have a world to gain.”

- a) Mao Zedong
- b) B) Vladimir Lenin
- c) C) Fidel Castro
- d) D) Karl Marx

35. The ‘eight fold’ is a concept of :

- a) Buddhism
- (b) Jainism**
- (c) Sikhism
- (d) **Sanatan Dharma**

36. Which of the following crops needs maximum amount of water?

- (a) Maize
- (b) Sugarcane
- (c) Barley
- (d) Rice

37. The state with the highest silk production is

- (a) West Bengal

- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Assam

38. Fahien visited India during the times of :

- (a) Harsha
- (b) Chandragupta Vikramaditya
- (c) Kanishka
- (d) Ashoka

39. B is the father of C, but C is not the son of B. What is C to B ?

- (a) Brother
- (b) Sister
- (c) Daughter
- (d) Uncle

40. Which of the following vowel letter is suffixed to the following words so as to form new words?

Man, Hat, Born, Hid

- (a) a
- (b) e
- (c) i
- (d) u

41. Which pair is different from other in the following ?

- a) Extravagant and Lavish
- b) Disloyal Treacherous
- c) Freedom and Bondage
- d) Integrity and Honesty

42. Which pair is different from other in the following?

- (a) Start and Finish
- (b) Hero and Play
- (c) Plan and Cancel
- (d) Accept and Reject

43. If 9th of the month falls 3 days before Saturday. What day will dawn on the 21st of the month?

- (a) Sunday
- (b) Monday
- (c) Thursday
- (d) Friday

44. Which word is from a different meaning field?

- (a) Beggar
- (b) Baker
- (c) Clerk
- (d) Coolie

45. Which of the following languages is *not* recognised in the Indian Constitution?

- (a) Kashmiri
- (b) Urdu
- (c) Punjabi
- (d) Dogri

46. What was the old name of Iran?

- (a) Persia
- (b) Mesopotamia
- (c) Siam
- (d) None of the above

47. Which of the following is *not* noun ?

- (a) Refusal
- (b) Spoilage
- (c) Kind
- (d) Governance

48. Which of the following is *not* verb?

- (a) Change
- (b) Construct
- (c) Firm
- (d) Fulfill

49. "Cut it out" is

- (a) Idiom
- (b) Metaphor
- (c) Compound
- (d) Proverb

50. Which of the following is ungrammatical ?

- (a) I hurt myself
- (b) He hurt himself
- (c) They hurt themselves
- (d) He hurt myself

51. Which of the following is wrong?

- (a) Lip of the needle
- (b) Pulse of the nation
- (c) Mouth of a river
- (d) Leg of a table

52. Which of the following is grammatical/meaningful ?

- (a) My sister bought himself a car
- (b) Even u an could swim the length of this pool
- (c) The elephant could read this line
- (d) The coffee pot tried to burn me this morning

53. Which of the following meanings does not contain this sentence?

"Rahim's wife works in Secretariat."

- (a) Rahim is married
- (b) Rahim is male
- (c) Rahim's wife is alive
- (d) Rahim is employee

54. Which of the following is *not* true about humans?

- (a) Humans have smaller jaws and larger brains than apes
- (b) Humans hand has longer thumb than apes
- (c) Humans have longer shoulders than apes
- (d) Humans have longer legs than apes

55. Who has propounded 'The Theory of Evolution' ?

- (a) Sigmund Frued
- (b) Charles Darwin
- (c) Johnson Strauss
- (d) None of the above

56. Which of the following is *not* the branch of Physics ?

- (a) Acoustics
- (b) Quantum Mechanics
- (c) Electromagnetism
- (d) Pragmatism

57. Which is the largest planet is the solar system ?

- (a) Jupiter
- (b) Earth
- (c) Mars
- (d) Venus

58. William Shakespeare is *not* the author of:

- a) Pride and Prejudice
- b) Hamlet
- c) As you like it
- d) Henry V

59. Who won the Sahitya Academy Award for Kashmiri Literature in 2005 ?

- a) Rahman Rahi
- b) Amin Kamil
- c) Hamidi Kashmiri
- d) None of the above

60. Who is the author of 'The Iliad' and 'The Odyssey' ?

- (a) Plato
- (b) Aristotle
- (c) Homer
- (d) None of the above