

**Union Bank**  
*of India* **Union Bank of India Probationary  
Officers Exam., 2008**

**Reasoning : Solved Paper**  
(Held on 7-9-2008)

1. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word GUARDIAN each of which has as many letters between them in the word as in the English alphabet ?  
(A) None  
(B) One  
(C) Two  
(D) Three  
(E) More than three
2. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group ?  
(A) 19  
(B) 17  
(C) 23  
(D) 29  
(E) 27
3. How many meaningful English words can be made with the letters TEBI using each letter only once in each word ?  
(A) None  
(B) One  
(C) Two  
(D) Three  
(E) More than three
4. In a certain code LONG is written as 5123 and GEAR is written as 3748. How is LANE written in that code ?  
(A) 5427  
(B) 5247  
(C) 5847  
(D) 5237  
(E) None of these
5. 'BD' is related to 'EG' and 'MO' is related to 'PR' in the same way as 'FH' is related to .....  
(A) JM  
(B) IL  
(C) JL  
(D) IK

(E) None of these

6. How many such digits are there in the number 58674139 each of which is as far away from the beginning of the number as when the digits within the number are rearranged in descending order ?

(A) None

(B) One

(C) Two

(D) Three

(E) More than three

7. In a certain code BREAKDOWN is written as BFSCJMVNC. How is ORGANISED written in that code ?

(A) PSHBMCDRH

(B) BHSPMCDRH

(C) BHSPOCDRH

(D) BHSPNHRDC

(E) None of these

8. In a certain code language 'pik da pa' means 'where are you'; 'da na ja' means 'you may come' and 'na ka sa' means 'he may go', which of the following means 'come' in that code language ?

(A) da

(B) ja

(C) na

(D) Cannot be determined

(E) None of these

9. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group ?

(A) Copper

(B) Iron

(C) Aluminium

(D) Zinc

(E) Steel

10. What should come next in the following number series ?

9 8 9 8 7 9 8 7 6 9 8 7 6 5 9 8 7 6 5 4 9 8 7 6 5

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 2

(D) 1

(E) None of these

11. Which of the following is the middle digit of the second highest among the following five numbers ?

254 319 963 842 697

- (A) 5
- (B) 1
- (C) 6
- (D) 4
- (E) 9

12. Meeta correctly remembers that her father's birthday is after 8th July but before 12th July. Her brother correctly remembers that their father's birthday is after 10th July but before 15th July. On which day of July was definitely their father's birthday ?

- (A) 10th
- (B) 11th
- (C) 10th or 11th
- (D) Cannot be determined
- (E) None of these

13. In a class of 50 students M is eighth from top. H is 20th from bottom. How many students are there between M and H ?

- (A) 22
- (B) 23
- (C) 24
- (D) Cannot be determined
- (E) None of these

14. Among A, B, C, D and F each scoring different marks in the annual examination, D scored less than only F among them. B scored more than A and C but less than D. Who among them scored least marks among them ?

- (A) A
- (B) C
- (C) B
- (D) Data inadequate
- (E) None of these

15. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group ?

- (A) B D F
- (B) V X Z
- (C) F I K
- (D) M O Q
- (E) L N P

**Directions**—(Q. 16-22) In each question below are three statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the three given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the three statements disregarding commonly known facts. Give answers :

- (A) If only conclusion I follows.
- (B) If only conclusion II follows.
- (C) If either conclusion I or II follows.
- (D) If neither conclusion I nor II follows.
- (E) If both conclusions I and II follow.

**16. Statements :**

Some desks are tents.  
Some tents are rivers.  
All rivers are ponds.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some ponds are tents.
- II. Some ponds are desks.

**17. Statements :**

All chair are pens.  
Some pens are knives.  
All knives are rats.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some rats are chairs.
- II. Some rats are pens.

**18. Statements :**

Some forests are huts.  
Some huts are walls.  
Some walls are nets.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some nets are forests.
- II. Some nets are huts.

**19. Statements :**

All tables are windows.  
All windows are rooms.  
All rooms are buses.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some buses are tables.
- II. Some rooms are tables.

**20. Statements :**

Some trees are boxes.  
All boxes are bricks.  
All bricks are dogs.

**Conclusions :**

- I. Some dogs are trees.
- II. Some bricks are trees.

**21. Statements :**

All goats are flowers.  
 No flower is branch.  
 Some branches are roots.

**Conclusions :**

I. Some roots are goats.  
 II. No root is goat.

**22. Statements :**

All pots are rings.  
 All bangles are rings.  
 All rings are paints.

**Conclusions :**

I. Some paints are pots.  
 II. Some bangles are paints.

**Directions**—(Q. 23-29) Study the following arrangement carefully and answer the questions given below—

B # A R 5 8 E % M F 4 J 1 U @ H 2 © 9 T I 6 \* W 3 P # K 7 \$ Y

23. Which of the following is the twelfth to the left of the twentieth from the left end of the above arrangement ?

- (A) %
- (B) W
- (C) \$
- (D) J
- (E) None of these

24. How many such numbers are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a consonant and also immediately followed by a symbol ?

- (A) None
- (B) One
- (C) Two
- (D) Three
- (E) More than three

25. How many such symbols are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a letter and also immediately followed by a number ?

- (A) None
- (B) One
- (C) Two
- (D) Three
- (E) More than three

26. How many such consonants are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a consonant and also immediately followed by a number ?

- (A) None  
 (B) One  
 (C) Two  
 (D) Three  
 (E) More than three

27. If all the numbers in the above arrangement are dropped, which of the following will be the eleventh from the right end ?

- (A) U  
 (B) T  
 (C) F  
 (D) H  
 (E) None of these

28. How many such vowels are there in the above arrangement each of which is either immediately preceded by a symbol or immediately followed by a symbol or both ?

- (A) None  
 (B) One  
 (C) Two  
 (D) Three  
 (E) Four

29. Four of the following are alike in a certain way based on their positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to that group ?

- (A) 1 @ 4  
 (B) © T H  
 (C) W P 6  
 (D) # 7 3  
 (E) 9 2 I

**Directions (Q. 30–36)**—In each question below is given a group of digits/symbols followed by four combinations of letters lettered (A), (B), (C) and (D). You have to find out which of the combinations correctly represents the group of digits/symbols based on the following letter coding system and mark the letter of that combination as the answer. If none of the letter combinations correctly represents the group of digits/ symbols, mark (E) i.e. ‘None of these’ as the answer.

**Digit/Symbol :**

4 % 3 9 \$ 1 8 @ © 2 # 5 6 \* 7 d

**Letter Code :**

P M I T R Q J F H A E U N B G L

**Conditions :**

- (i) If the first element in the group is a symbol and the last element is a digit, the codes are to be interchanged.  
 (ii) If the first element in the group is a digit and the last element is a symbol both are to be coded as the code for the digit.  
 (iii) If both the first and the last elements are even digits both are to be coded as ‘X’.

(iv) If both the first and the last elements are odd digits, both are to be coded as 'Y'.

30. 4%@93\*

- (A) PMFTIB
- (B) PMFTIP
- (C) BMFTIB
- (D) XMFTIX
- (E) None of these

31. \$1896©

- (A) RQJTNH
- (B) HQJTNR
- (C) RQJTNR
- (D) YQJTNY
- (E) None of these

32. 2\*#836

- (A) YBEJIY
- (B) ABEJIN
- (C) NBEJIA
- (D) XBEJIX
- (E) None of these

33. 8732@9

- (A) TGIAFJ
- (B) YGIAFY
- (C) JGIAFT
- (D) XGIAFX
- (E) None of these

34. 7#\$\$%35

- (A) GERMIU
- (B) UERMIG
- (C) GERMIG
- (D) XERMIX
- (E) None of these

35. 931%©d

- (A) TIQMHL
- (B) LIQMHT
- (C) LIQMHL
- (D) TIQMHT
- (E) None of these

36. 46\*389

- (A) PNBIJT

- (B) XNBIJX  
 (C) TNBIJP  
 (D) PNBIJP  
 (E) None of these

**Directions**—(Q. 37–43) In the following questions, the symbols @, ©, %, \$ and d are used with the following meanings illustrated.

'P % Q' means 'P is greater than Q'.

'P d Q' means 'P is neither greater than nor smaller than Q'.

'P @ Q' means 'P is smaller than Q'.

'P © Q' means 'P is either smaller than or equal to Q'.

'P \$ Q' means 'P is either greater than or equal to Q'.

In each of the following questions assuming the given statements to be true, find out which of the two conclusions I and II given below them is/are definitely true. Give answers :

- (A) If only conclusion I is true.  
 (B) If only conclusion II is true.  
 (C) If either conclusion I or conclusion II is true.  
 (D) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II is true.  
 (E) If both conclusions I and II are true.

37. **Statements** : M @ J, J © R, R d K

Conclusions : I. K d J

II. K % J

38. **Statements** : N \$ T, T d H, N @ W

Conclusions : I. W % T

II. H © N

39. **Statements** : F @ R, R © V, V \$ T

Conclusions : I. V % F

II. F @ T

40. **Statements** : W © D, D \$ B, B @ H

Conclusions : I. H % D

II. W @ B

41. **Statements** : F d T, T \$ M, M © R

Conclusions : I. R \$ F

II. M © F

42. **Statements** : H \$ N, N % R, R @ J

Conclusions : I. R @ H

II. J % H



43. Statements : V % B, B \$ D, D © E  
Conclusions : I. E d B  
II. D @ V

Directions—(Q. 44–49) Study the following information and answer the questions given below—

M, N, P, R, T, W, F and H are sitting around a circle facing at the centre. P is third to the left of M and second to the right of T. N is second to the right of P. R is second to the right of W who is second to the right of M. F is not an immediate neighbour of P.

44. Who is to the immediate right of P ?

- (A) H
- (B) F
- (C) R
- (D) Data inadequate
- (E) None of these

45. Who is to the immediate right of H ?

- (A) R
- (B) F
- (C) M
- (D) Data inadequate
- (E) None of these

46. Who is to the immediate left of R?

- (A) P
- (B) H
- (C) W
- (D) T
- (E) Data inadequate

47. Who is third to the right of H ?

- (A) T
- (B) W
- (C) R
- (D) F
- (E) Data inadequate

48. Who is second to the right of F ?

- (A) M
- (B) R
- (C) T
- (D) Data inadequate
- (E) None of these

49. In which of the following is the first person sitting in between the second and the

third person ?

- (A) NHM
- (B) PHN
- (C) TRP
- (D) TWF
- (E) None of these

Directions—(Q. 50–55) In each of the following questions, two rows of numbers are given. The resultant number in each row is to be worked out separately based on the following rules and the questions below the rows of numbers are to be answered. The operations of numbers progress from the left to the right.

Rules :

- (i) If an odd number is followed by another composite odd number, they are to be added.
- (ii) If an even number is followed by an odd number they are to be added.
- (iii) If an even number is followed by a number which is the perfect square, the even number is to be subtracted from the perfect square.
- (iv) If an odd number is followed by a prime odd number, the first number is to be divided by the second number.
- (v) If an odd number is followed by an even number the second one is to be subtracted from the first number.

50. 15 8 21

p 3 27

If 'p' is the resultant of the first row, what will be the resultant of the second row ?

- (A) 58
- (B) 76
- (C) 27
- (D) 82
- (E) None of these

51. 12 64 17

20 m 16

If 'm' is the resultant of the first row, what will be the resultant of the second row ?

- (A) 69
- (B) 85
- (C) 101
- (D) 121
- (E) None of these

52. 85 17 35

16 19 r

If 'r' is the resultant of the first row, what will be the resultant of the second row ?

- (A) 175
- (B) – 5
- (C) 75
- (D) 210

(E) None of these

53. 24 15 3

d 6 15

If 'd' is the resultant of the first row, what will be the resultant of the second row ?

(A) 37

(B) 8

(C) 22

(D) 29

(E) None of these

54. 28 49 15

h 3 12

If 'h' is the resultant of the first row, what will be the resultant of the second row ?

(A) 13

(B) 15

(C) 19

(D) 27

(E) None of these

55. 36 15 3

12 3 n

If 'n' is the resultant of the first row, what will be the resultant of the second row ?

(A) 15 / 17

(B) 32

(C) 12 / 17

(D) 36

(E) None of these

Directions—(Q. 56–60) Below in each question are given two statements I and II. These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements. Mark answers :

(A) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect.

(B) If statement II is the cause and statement I is effect.

(C) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.

(D) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.

(E) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

56. I. This year, the cut off percentage for admission to junior colleges have increased over the last year.

II. This year performance of students in Xth final exam was considerably higher than the previous year.

57. I. The conditions of most of the national highways are very bad.

II. Govt. has now sanctioned a huge amount of money to maintain the national highways.

58. I. Many students of the local school have failed in English Language paper in the annual examination.

II. Many students of the local school have failed in Mathematics paper in the annual examination.

59. I. Rain and thunder showers bashed the city during the past three days.


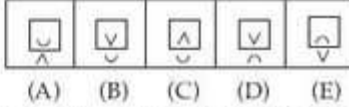
II. Many people stayed indoor during the past three days.


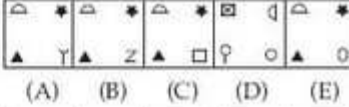
60. I. There has been a considerable increase in the sale of fat free food articles.


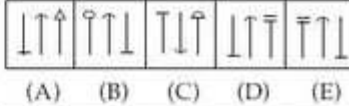
II. Now people have become more conscious about their health condition and food habits.


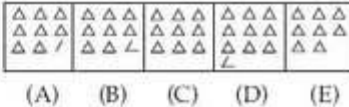
**Directions**—(Q. 61-75) In each of the questions given below which one of the five answer figures on the right should come after the problem figures on the left, if the sequence were continued ?


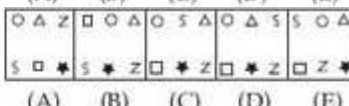
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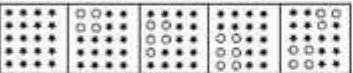
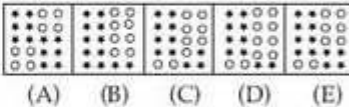
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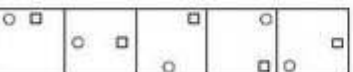
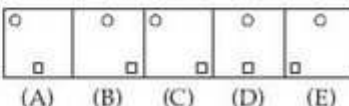
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**Answers with Hints**

1. (D)
2. (E) All the rest are prime numbers.
3. (B) B I T E
4. (A) 5. (D) 6. (C) 7. (B) 8. (B)
9. (E) All the rest are pure metals.
10. (B) 98 987 9876 98765 987654 98765 4
11. (D) 963, 8 4 2, 697, 319, 254
12. (B) 13. (A) 14. (D) 15. (C)
16. (A) 17. (B) 18. (D) 19. (E)
20. (E) 21. (C) 22. (A)
23. (A) 20th from the left end is T and 12th to the left of T is %.
24. (C) H 2 © and K 7 \$
25. (A)
26. (B) M F 4
27. (D) After dropping all the numbers.  
B # A R E % M F J U @ H © T I \* W P # K \$ Y  
11th from the right end is H.
28. (D) # A, E % and U @
29. (E) 30. (B) 31. (A) 32. (D) 33. (C) 34. (E)
35. (D) 36. (A) 37. (C) 38. (E) 39. (A)
40. (D) 41. (B)
42. (A) 43. (B) 44. (A) 45. (E) 46. (D) 47. (D) 48. (C)
49. (A) 50. (A) 51. (E) 52. (B) 53. (C) 54. (D) 55. (A)

56. (D) 57. (A) 58. (E) 59. (A) 60. (B)
61. (B) In each subsequent figure one time the three designs remain same and next time after shifting one side anticlockwise direction then it remain same position. Inside shaded part of the designs form after rotating  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise in the two designs and forms after rotating  $90^\circ$  clockwise in a simple square design with this also.
62. (D) In each subsequent figure the outside bigger design ' $\triangleleft$ ' forms after rotating  $45^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise respectively and the inside smaller design ' $\wedge$ ' forms after rotating  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  anticlockwise respectively.
63. (E)
64. (A) In each subsequent figure the curved lines on upper side straight horizontal line increase in sequence of 2, 3, 1 respectively from left to right and from upper side to lower side and one curved line is missing from back side each time. The curved lines on lower side straight horizontal line increase in sequence of 3, 4, 2 respectively from left to right and from upper side to lower side and is also missing 1 and 2 respectively from back side.
65. (C) In each subsequent figure the designs shift half side anticlockwise first and then one side anticlockwise respectively and a new design forms one by one from back side each time then forward side respectively.
66. (E) In each subsequent figure one design forms on upper left side corner first and then this design shifts half side, one side and, one and half side clockwise respectively. These designs rotate  $90^\circ$  clockwise each time with this change also.
67. (B)
68. (A) In each subsequent figure the curved lines on the upper and lower side horizontal lines reverse in sequence one and three in clockwise direction from upper left respectively.
69. (B) In each subsequent figure the outside half circle forms inside after reversing and shifting one side anticlockwise and then it forms outside after reversing on the same side. So these sequences continue respectively. The second design square forms once on next side anticlockwise after reversing from outside to inside.
70. (E) 71. (A)
72. (C) In each subsequent figure increase in the number of triangles from upper left corner beome on the basis of increasing of lines three, four, five, six and seven lines respectively.
73. (B)
74. (E) In each subsequent figure the circles form on the place of two-two stars from upper left corner. These small circles form on the place of existing stars in the next two lines after forming upto lower left as 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 respectively and then two-two stars form on the place of circles from back side.
75. (D) In each subsequent figure the 'square' forms one side clockwise first and then half side anticlockwise respectively. Similarly, the 'circle' shifts half side, one side, one and half side, two side and two and half side anticlockwise respectively in each subsequent figure also.

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**[SBI Clerk Exam, 2008 : General English \(Fully Solved\)](#)**



**State Bank of India Clerk Exam.,  
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**General English : Solved Paper**

(Held on 6-7-2008)

**Directions**—(Q. 41–50) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in **bold** to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

The yearly festival was close at hand. The store room was **packed** with silk fabrics. gold ornaments, clay bowls full of sweet curd and platefuls of sweetmeats. The orders had been placed with shops well in advance. The mother was sending out gifts to everyone.

The eldest son, a government servant, lived with his wife and children in far off lands. The second son had left home at an early age. As a merchant he travelled all over the world. The other sons had split up over petty squabbles, and they now lived in homes of their own. The relatives were spread all across the world. They rarely visited. The youngest son, left in the company of a servant, was soon bored and stood at the door all day long, waiting and watching. His mother, thrilled and excited, loaded the presents on trays and plates, covered them with colourful kerchiefs, and sent them off with maids and servants. The neighbours looked on.

The day came to an end. All the presents had been sent off.

The child came back into the house and **dejectedly** said to his mother, “Maa, you gave a present to everyone, but you didn’t give me anything !”

His mother laughed, “I have given all the gifts away to everyone, now see what’s left for you.” She kissed him on the forehead.

The child said in a tearful voice, “Don’t I get a gift ?”

“You’ll get it when you go far away.”

“But when I am close to you, don’t I get something from your own hands ?”

His mother reached out her arms and drew him to her. “This is all I have in my own hands. It is the most precious of all.”

41. Why did the woman's second son travel ?

- (A) He was restless by nature
- (B) He did not want to stay at home
- (C) He was rich and could afford to travel

- (D) His job was such that he had to travel
- (E) None of these

42. Why did the woman's eldest son not attend the festival ?

- (A) He was not on good terms with his youngest brother who lived at home
- (B) He had quarrelled with his mother
- (C) His wife did not allow him to return home
- (D) His job prevented him from taking leave
- (E) None of these

43. How did the woman prepare for the festival ?

1. She bought expensive gifts for her children and neighbours.
  2. She ordered her servants to prepare sweets and food well in advance.
  3. She made sure that her youngest child was looked after so that he wouldn't be bored.
- (A) None
  - (B) Only 1
  - (C) Only 2
  - (D) Both 1 and 2
  - (E) All 1, 2 and 3

44. What did the youngest child do while his mother was busy ?

1. He waited for a chance to steal some sweets.
  2. He pestered his mother to give him a present.
  3. He stood at the door with servants.
- (A) Only 1
  - (B) Only 2
  - (C) Both 1 and 3
  - (D) Only 3
  - (E) None of these

45. Which of the following can be said about the woman ?

- (A) She was a widow who had brought up her children single handedly
- (B) She was not a good mother since her children had left home at an early age
- (C) She enjoyed sending her family gifts at festival time
- (D) She gave expensive presents to show that she was wealthy
- (E) She rarely visited her grand-children because they all lived abroad

46. What did the boy receive from his mother ?

- (A) She taught him the value of patience
- (B) She encouraged him to grow up and live independently like his brothers
- (C) She showed him the importance of giving expensive gifts
- (D) She gave him a hug to express her love
- (E) None of these

47. Which of the following is **TRUE** in the context of the passage ?

- (A) The woman usually ignored her youngest son



- (B) The woman's eldest son lived abroad
- (C) The members of the woman's family did not care about her
- (D) The woman made all the preparations herself since she did not want to burden the servants
- (E) The woman sent gifts to her children to ensure that they visited her

**Directions**—(Q. 48–49) Choose the word which is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning as the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

48. **Left**

- (A) Gone
- (B) Quit
- (C) Remaining
- (D) Disappeared
- (E) Forgot

49. **Packed**

- (A) Filled
- (B) Squeezed
- (C) Crowd
- (D) Collected
- (E) Untidy

50. Choose the word which is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word **dejectedly** as used in the passage.

- (A) Calmly
- (B) Happily
- (C) Willingly
- (D) Fortunately
- (E) Softly

**Directions**—(Q. 51–55) Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (E). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any)

51. Many multinational companies (A) / have not been as (B) /successful in India (C) /than we expected. (D) No error (E)
52. He has ruined (A) /his eyesight (B) /by not using (C) /his spectacles regularly. (D) No error (E)
53. Mostly of the (A) /newly recruited officers (B) /have no experience (C) /in the banking sector. (D) No error (E)
54. The resignation of (A) /one of our directors (B) /have caused the price (C) / of shares to fall. (D) No error (E)

55. There are many (A) /ways of which (B) /inflation can (C) /be measured. (D) No error (E)

**Directions**—(Q. 56–60) Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in **bold** in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and ‘No correction is required.’ mark (E) as the answer.

56. **Each of the loan** must be approved by the Branch Manager—

- (A) Every loan
- (B) Each one of the loan
- (C) Any of the loan
- (D) All of the loan
- (E) No correction required

57. The issue was **taken before** the Municipal Corporation meeting last week—

- (A) Taking place at
- (B) Taken after
- (C) Being taken in
- (D) Taken up at
- (E) No correction required

58. **He has asked** for the names of those employees involved in the project.

- (A) had asked
- (B) having asked about
- (C) was asked that
- (D) is asking
- (E) no correction required

59. **Considerate** the traffic, it is better to leave for the airport an hour early—

- (A) While considering
- (B) Consideration of
- (C) Considering
- (D) Being considerate to
- (E) No correction required

60. He is a good leader, **knowing that** to motivate his employees to achieve—

- (A) That known when
- (B) Who knows how
- (C) Which knows how
- (D) Knowing what
- (E) No correction required

**Directions**—(Q. 61–65) Rearrange the following six sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions

given below them.

- (1) The able bodied men of the tribe gathered to discuss how to climb the mountain.
- (2) As part of their plundering they kidnapped a baby of one of the families.
- (3) One day the mountain tribe invaded those living in the valley.
- (4) “We couldn’t climb the mountain. How could you?”, they asked, “It wasn’t your baby !” she replied.
- (5) There were two tribes in the Andes—one lived in the valley and the other high up in the mountains.
- (6) Two days later they noticed the child’s mother coming down the mountain that they hadn’t yet figured out how to climb.

61. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

62. Which of the following should be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (6)
- (B) (5)
- (C) (4)
- (D) (3)
- (E) (2)

63. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

64. Which of the following should be the **SIXTH (LAST)** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

65. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

**Directions**—(Q. 66–70) In each question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are lettered (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words printed in **bold** may be either **wrongly spelt or inappropriate** in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. The letter of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in **bold** are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the context of the sentence mark (E) i.e., all correct as your answer.

66. The **income** (A) of many people in **rural** (B) India is not **adequate** (C) **to satisfy** (D) their basic needs. All correct (E)

67. He is **always** (A) **prompt** (B) in **caring** (C) out **instructions**. (D) All correct (E)

68. The **revized** (A) **rates** (B) of interest will be **effective** (C) **immediately**. (D) All correct (E)

69. Such **transactions** (A) are **quiet** (B) **expensive** (C) and time **consuming** (D) for customers. All correct (E)

70. The **guidelines** (A) of the new **scheme** (B) are **expected** (C) to be **finally** (D) soon. All correct (E)

**Directions**—(Q. 71–80) In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words/phrases are suggested one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

I used to look ...(71)... to the holidays. I was usually ...(72)... to my uncle's house where I ...(73)... his children. I did not get paid a salary for ...(74)... What I received in return however, was far more ...(75)... My uncle was an avid reader. During the time I spent with his family I had an ...(76)... to read the vast amount of books and magazines that he possessed. This improved my English to some ...(77)... Reading became my new ...(78–79)... spending my pocket money on a ticket to the cinema I began to ...(80)... books. This has benefited me greatly.

71. (A) forward  
(B) towards  
(C) backward  
(D) up  
(E) around

72. (A) went  
(B) sent  
(C) visited  
(D) travelled  
(E) gone

73. (A) cared  
(B) occupy  
(C) guarded  
(D) taught  
(E) played

74. (A) them  
(B) whom  
(C) this  
(D) now  
(E) which

75. (A) expensive  
(B) deserving  
(C) helping  
(D) demanding  
(E) valuable

76. (A) opportunity  
(B) ability  
(C) use  
(D) encouragement  
(E) achievement

77. (A) distance  
(B) extent  
(C) time  
(D) limits  
(E) degrees

78. (A) activity  
(B) hope  
(C) hobby  
(D) duty  
(E) worship

79. (A) despite  
(B) though  
(C) by  
(D) instead of  
(E) while

80. (A) sell  
(B) read  
(C) exchange

- (D) invest  
(E) buy

**Answers:**

41. (D) 42. (E) 43. (A) 44. (D)  
45. (C) 46. (D) 47. (B)  
48. (C) 49. (A) 50. (C)  
51. (D) Replace 'than' with 'as'.  
52. (E)  
53. (A) Change 'Mostly' to 'Most'.  
54. (C) Change 'have' to 'has'.  
55. (B) Replace 'of' with 'in'.  
56. (A) 57. (D) 58. (E) 59. (C) 60. (B)  
61. (C) 62. (A) 63. (E) 64. (D) 65. (B)  
66. (E) 67. (C) 68. (A) 69. (E) 70. (D)  
71. (A) 72. (B) 73. (D) 74. (C) 75. (E)  
76. (A) 77. (B) 78. (C) 79. (D) 80. (E)

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### [Union Bank of India P.O. Exam, 2008 : English Language \(Fully Solved\)](#)



## Union Bank of India Probationary Officers Exam., 2008

### English Language : Solved Paper

(Held on 7-9-2008)

**Directions—(Q. 1–15)** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words have been printed in **bold** to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Over the past few decades, many Asian nations transformed from poverty into global competitors. From 2003 to 2007, Asian economies expanded at an average annual rate of 8•1%, triple that of advanced economies. Over the same period, inflation in Asia averaged only about 3•5%. But Asia could be facing **turbulent** economic times. In May, the average inflation rate throughout the region reached nearly 7%, led by spikes in oil and food prices. In India, inflation jumped to an 11•6% annual rate in June, according to the latest government figures, the highest in 13 years.

Policymakers and central bankers are forced to raise interest rates and limit credit to get inflation under control. But these same measures suppress the investment and consumption that generates growth. The combination of slowing growth and soaring inflation makes economic policy-making tricky. Inflation **stirs** up the middle classes

because it can quickly erase years of hardwon personal **gains**. Inflation is cruel to the poor, because families have to spend a larger share of their meagre incomes on necessities. In the Philippines, farmers, unable to afford fuel for tractors, use water buffaloes to plough their fields.

But to avoid unrest, leaders cannot blindly adopt rigid anti-inflation measures. Voters won't hesitate to remove from office any politician who doesn't deliver the goods. So they cannot overreact to the inflation threat and **scale** down economic growth in the process. Developing nations need to grow quickly to create jobs and increase incomes for their large populations. With prices soaring, doing nothing is not an option. Most central banks in Asia have started raising interest rates. The Reserve Bank of India increased its benchmark rate twice last month to a six year high of 8.5%.

The challenge is especially difficult because currently, inflation is not of domestic **origin**. Prices are being driven higher by a global surge in oil and food prices, which individual governments can do little to control. Of course, inflation is not just a problem in Asia. World Bank President Robert Zoellick called rising food and oil prices a man-made 'catastrophe' that could quickly reverse the gains made in overcoming poverty over the past seven years. For now, though, there is more talk than action on the international front, so Asian governments are on their own.

Even though inflation throughout the region is likely to continue to rise in coming months, no one is expecting an economic calamity. According to the Asian Development Bank Asian countries have large hard currency reserves and relatively healthy banks, and so are far better prepared to absorb external shocks than they were during the region's last recession ten years ago. Asian policymakers have learned their lessons and are more alert.

1. Which of the following can be said about Asian economies during the period from 2003- 2007 ?

1. Though inflation was rising at the time politicians did not pay much attention.
2. Many of the poor countries were able to compete internationally.
3. The growth rate of Asian countries was facilitated by growth in advanced countries.

- (A) All 1, 2, and 3  
 (B) Only 1  
 (C) Only 2  
 (D) Both 1 and 2  
 (E) None of these

2. Which of the following is **not** an anti-inflation measure being used by Asian countries ?

1. Increase in benchmark interest rate by a central bank.
2. Checks on lending.
3. Subsidising fuel for farmers.

- (A) Only 3  
 (B) Both 1 and 2

- (C) Both 2 and 3
- (D) Only 2
- (E) None of these

3. What makes it difficult for Asian countries to control inflation ?

- (A) Restrictions by organizations like the Asian Development Bank
- (B) Governments are indecisive and adopt counterproductive measures
- (C) The problem is global in nature, not restricted to their individual countries
- (D) Countries have never faced a financial crisis
- (E) Economic growth rate cannot occur in the absence of inflation

4. Why are experts not very concerned about the impact of inflation on Asian economies ?

- 1. Asian countries have not maintained substantial hard currency reserves.
  - 2. The condition of Asian banks is currently both stable and strong.
  - 3. The Asian Development Bank will bail them out of any trouble.
- (A) Only 1
  - (B) Both 1 and 3
  - (C) Both 1 and 2
  - (D) Only 2
  - (E) None of these

5. What is the author's advice to politicians regarding the handling of inflation ?

- (A) They should focus on preventing agitations among their citizens not implementing antiinflation measures
- (B) They ought to implement anti-inflation measures even at the cost of losing office
- (C) They must focus on maintaining high economic growth rate as inflation will taper off on its own
- (D) Countries should handle the problem independently and not collectively
- (E) None of these

6. What could the impact of stringent inflation measures be ?

- (A) Increased consumption as families spend a larger part of their income on essential goods
- (B) Politicians may be voted out of power
- (C) Economic growth rate remains constant
- (D) Oil prices within the country remain stable despite high global prices
- (E) None of these

7. Why is high economic growth necessary for developing countries ?

- (A) To catch up with the growth rate of the advanced countries
- (B) To sustain their economies despite the ill effects of inflation
- (C) To provide better educational opportunities to their citizens
- (D) To create employment opportunities for citizens
- (E) None of these



8. Why has inflation been referred to as a 'catastrophe' ?
- (A) Prices of essential commodities are unaffordable for all
  - (B) Our past efforts to reduce poverty will be nullified
  - (C) Governments are unstable and do not take stringent decisions
  - (D) It has divided countries rather than ensuring co-operation among them
  - (E) None of these
9. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage ?
- 1. Growth rate in advanced countries was low so the effects of inflation were not felt.
  - 2. Closing the economy to global markets will reduce inflation.
  - 3. India has been the most severely affected by inflation.
- (A) None
  - (B) Only 1
  - (C) Only 2
  - (D) Both 2 and 3
  - (E) All 1, 2 and 3
10. Which of the following factors was responsible for inflation in India ?
- (A) Reserve Bank India raising the interest rates very frequently
  - (B) High population growth
  - (C) Sudden rise in prices of oil worldwide
  - (D) Reckless competition with China
  - (E) None of these

**Directions—(Q. 11–13)** Choose the word which is **most similar** in meaning to the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

11. **stirs**

- (A) trembles
- (B) moves
- (C) mixes
- (D) inspires
- (E) agitates

12. **scale**

- (A) descent
- (B) climb
- (C) hindrance
- (D) cut
- (E) measure

13. **origin**

- (A) ancestry
- (B) source
- (C) inauguration
- (D) down

(E) heritage

**Directions—(Q. 14–15)** Choose the word which is **most opposite** in meaning to the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

14. **turbulent**

- (A) quiet
- (B) rest
- (C) soothes
- (D) stormy
- (E) lawful

15. **gains**

- (A) decreases
- (B) fails
- (C) deprives
- (D) frauds
- (E) losses

**Directions—(Q. 16–20)** Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in **bold** in the following sentences to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and ‘No correction is required’, mark (E) as the answer.

16. The main objective of the workshop **has made children aware** of Western classical music.

- (A) will make children aware
- (B) is to make children aware
- (C) is making aware children
- (D) awareness of children
- (E) No correction required

17. Afraid of missing her train **and was late for** the meeting, Sunita arrived an hour early at the station.

- (A) but later for
- (B) and been late to
- (C) after being late
- (D) and being late for
- (E) No correction required

18. As a famous historian he has travelled around the world giving lectures **on rare subjects**.

- (A) rarely to subjects
- (B) of rare subject
- (C) with rarest of subject
- (D) in subjects rarely

(E) No correction required

19. The stadium **wherever the opening ceremony** will be held next month, is equipped with the latest facilities.

- (A) in the opening ceremony
- (B) which the ceremony will open
- (C) where the opening ceremony
- (D) that the opening ceremony
- (E) No correction required

20. **There will be** a trend of unseasonal rainfall in April, in recent years.

- (A) There has been
- (B) It has been
- (C) There is being
- (D) It may have been
- (E) No correction required

**Directions—(Q. 21–25)** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by letters (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

21. A committee has been.....to.....the transformation of the city into an international finance centre.

- (A) constituted, convert
- (B) appointed, oversee
- (C) converged, evaluate
- (D) inducted, change
- (E) inaugurated, determine

22. Keeping in mind the.....to develop the sector the government has.....solicited foreign investment.

- (A) importance, never
- (B) proposal, forcibly
- (C) objective, wanted
- (D) view, discretely
- (E) need, actively

23. In his speech he vowed to.....the four billion unbanked individuals across the world into the.....of financial inclusion.

- (A) represent, sphere
- (B) target, area
- (C) bring, realm
- (D) engage, achievement
- (E) convince, era

24. Although he puts in.....of overtime and takes few holidays, he.....cannot support his family.

- (A) sufficient, however
- (B) lot, besides
- (C) much, thus
- (D) plenty, still
- (E) frequency, yet

25. They have been.....on incentives to.....these practices are implemented at grass root level.

- (A) relying, ensure
- (B) improving, secure
- (C) advocating, confirm
- (D) debating, necessitate
- (E) focusing, display

**Directions—(Q. 26–30)** Rearrange the following six sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them—

1. It was a cycling race launched in 1903, by Henri Desgrange, a magazine editor in Paris.
2. The Tour de France is a test of human endurance.
3. His idea worked and the magazine boomed.
4. His aim was to boost the circulation of his magazine.
5. He wanted to achieve this by covering every stage of the three week long, 3,500 kilometre long cycling race.
6. Till today the race remains more popular than he could ever have dreamed.

26. Which of the following should be the **first** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4
- (E) 5

27. Which of the following should be the **second** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4
- (E) 5

28. Which of the following should be the **third** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3

- (D) 4
- (E) 5

29. Which of the following should be the **fifth** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4
- (E) 6

30. Which of the following should be the **sixth (Last)** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) 2
- (B) 3
- (C) 4
- (D) 5
- (E) 6

**Directions—(Q. 31–40)** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letters of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (E). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

31. On account of the week (A) / long strike the factory (B) / was forced to close and (C) / next month's shipment will delay. (D) No error. (E)

32. Since the US economy experiences (A) / a recession many Asian countries (B) / are likely to have (C) / reduced growth rates this year. (D) No error. (E)

33. Oil is now so expensive that (A) / India will have to cut subsidies (B) / instead face running out (C) / of funds to import oil. (D) No error. (E)

34. It is unlikely that you will (A) / find a more qualified and experience (B) / candidate than Mr. Prasad (C) / for the post of President. (D) No error. (E)

35. On account of the rising (A) / costs many people are (B) / finding it difficult (C) / to feed their families. (D) No error. (E)

36. By marketing agriculture (A) / products well, we (B) / can ensure that (C) / farmers make a good profit. (D) No error. (E)

37. The promotion means (A) /that you may be (B) / post in Chennai (C) / from next month. (D) No error. (E)

38. This project is (A) / too big to (B) / undertake successfully at (C) / such short of notice. (D) No error. (E)

39. When our company was (A) / faced financial difficulties (B) / the training budget was (C) / the first to be cut. (D) No error. (E)

40. Conservationists believe that (A)/better management of national parks (B)/is the only way to save (C)/India's tiger population from extinction. (D) No error. (E)

**Directions—(Q. 41–50)** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

In July 2008, one of the most inspiring leaders of our times, will ...(41)... his ninetieth birthday. Nelson Mandela retired from politics in 1999, but he has remained ...(42)..., continuing his work through the Nelson Mandela Foundation. The foundation has launched an Aids awareness campaign, 46664, named ...(43)... Mandela's prison number. He has also set up a scholarship programme whose ...(44)... was to promote leadership among young Africans.

During the 1990s, ...(45)... I worked with Mr. Mandela on his autobiography "Long Walk to Freedom", I ...(46)... his leadership first hand. During his election campaign we were on board a plane discussing his book. Twenty minutes ...(47)... to landing the engine failed. Many began to panic. The only thing that ...(48)... them was looking at Mandela, who was reading his paper as if he was a passenger on a morning train to work. The plane landed safely and when we got into the car taking us to the hotel he ...(49)... to me, "I was terrified on the plane !" As a leader he realized he was a model for others and this gave him the strength to ...(50)... over his own fear.

41. (A) tribute  
(B) remember  
(C) honour  
(D) celebrate  
(E) rejoice

42. (A) resigned  
(B) active  
(C) influenced  
(D) participant  
(E) reserved

43. (A) by  
(B) with  
(C) after  
(D) as  
(E) thereafter

44. (A) wish

- (B) pursuit
- (C) result
- (D) plot
- (E) aim

45. (A) when  
(B) that  
(C) period  
(D) later  
(E) alongside

46. (A) felt  
(B) acquainted  
(C) experienced  
(D) underwent  
(E) learned

47. (A) before  
(B) sooner  
(C) close  
(D) prior  
(E) advance

48. (A) calmed  
(B) soothing  
(C) composed  
(D) restraint  
(E) discipline

49. (A) speaks  
(B) confided  
(C) confidentially  
(D) entrusted  
(E) assured

50. (A) success  
(B) overcame  
(C) dominate  
(D) victory  
(E) triumph

**Answers :**

1. (E) 2. (C) 3. (C) 4. (D) 5. (C)  
6. (B) 7. (B) 8. (B) 9. (D) 10. (C)  
11. (E) 12. (D) 13. (B) 14. (A) 15. (E)  
16. (B) 17. (D) 18. (E) 19. (C) 20. (A)

21. (B) 22. (E) 23. (B) 24. (D) 25. (A)  
 26. (B) 27. (A) 28. (D) 29. (C) 30. (E)  
 31. (D) 32. (A) 33. (C) 34. (B) 35. (E)  
 36. (A) 37. (C) 38. (C) 39. (B) 40. (E)  
 41. (D) 42. (B) 43. (C) 44. (E) 45. (A)  
 46. (C) 47. (D) 48. (A) 49. (B) 50. (E)

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## SBI Clerk Exam, 2008 (IInd Shift) : General English (Fully Solved)



### State Bank of India Clerk Exam., 2008 **General English : Solved Paper** (Held on 13-7-2008) (IInd Shift)

**Directions—(Q. 1–10)** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in **bold** to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

There was a girl who sang beautifully at the temple every morning. The music master used to happily recall, “One day when I went into the woods to pluck flowers, I found this baby under a pipal tree.” He picked her up carefully, **raised** her lovingly as if she was his daughter and taught her to sing before she spoke her first word.

The music master grew old and didn't see too well. The girl tended to him caringly. Many people including young men travelled from far and wide to hear her sing. This made the music master's heart quake with fear. “You will choose one of them as your husband. What is to become of me ?” The girl replied, “I shall not be apart from you.” But on a full moon night during the harvest festival, the master's chief disciple touched his feet reverently and said, “Master grant me your permission for your daughter has agreed to marry me.” The master's tears flowed freely, “She has chosen well. Go and fetch her, let me hear you sing the first of many melodies that you will sing together.” The two began to sing in harmony. But the song was interrupted by the arrival of the royal messenger. “Your daughter is very **fortunate**-the king has sent for her,” the messenger said. At the palace the Queen summoned the girl to her and said, “I place upon you the honour of making sure my daughter is never unhappy at her husband's home.” There wasn't a single tear in the girl's eyes but she thought of the master and her heart was heavy.

That very night the princess began her journey to Kambhoj. The princess's royal chariot led the procession and the girl's palanquin followed close behind carrying trunks of silks, jewellery and precious stones. It was covered with a velvet sheet and had soldiers on both



sides. As the procession passed, the master and his disciple Kumarsen stood still by the wayside. A **collective** sigh escaped the crowd gathered there wishing that the princess wouldn't feel homesick in her faraway home.

1. Which of the following can be said about the girl ?

- (1) She was brought up by her father as her mother had died when she was a baby.
  - (2) She was a talented singer who had learnt to sing at an early age.
  - (3) She was only allowed to sing with the master's permission.
- (A) Only (1)
  - (B) Both (1) and (2)
  - (C) Only (2)
  - (D) All (1), (2) and (3)
  - (E) None of these

2. What was the girl's reaction to leaving home ?

- (A) She was honoured to be serving the princess
- (B) Sadness at leaving the master.
- (C) She entrusted the task of looking after the music master to Kumarasen
- (D) She was thrilled to be living in luxury
- (E) None of these

3. What task was entrusted to the girl by the Queen ?

- (A) Seeing that her daughter reached Kambhoj safely
- (B) Entertaining the princess on her journey to Kambhoj
- (C) Protecting the princess and reporting to the queen if she was unhappy
- (D) Ensuring the princess' happiness
- (E) None of these

4. What was the master's reaction to the girl's decision to marry his disciple ?

- (A) He was upset and cried
- (B) He promised to give his permission if the couple sang well together
- (C) He was sad because she would be going to Kambhoj which was far away
- (D) He was pleased with her choice of husband
- (E) None of these

5. Which of the following is **not true** in the context of the passage ?

- (1) The girl was leaving the master and going to Kambhoj once she was married.
  - (2) The king sent for the girl because she was a good singer.
  - (3) The master did not let the girl study any other subject except music.
- (A) Only (1)
  - (B) Both (1) and (2)
  - (C) All (1), (2) and (3)
  - (D) Both (1) and (3)
  - (E) None of these

6. Why was the princess going on a journey ?

- (1) She was going to her prospective husband's home to get engaged.  
(2) Her parents wanted her to visit the kingdom of which she would be the future queen.  
(3) To take expensive gifts for the rulers of the Kambhoj who were well known to her parents.  
(A) None  
(B) Only (2)  
(C) Only (1)  
(D) Both (1) and (2)  
(E) Both (2) and (3)

7. Why was the master afraid ?  
(A) He felt the princess would treat the young girl unkindly  
(B) He would be all alone after the girl's marriage  
(C) The girl may not be able to adapt to her new home  
(D) He was slowly going blind.  
(E) None of these

**Directions—(Q. 8–9)** Choose the word which is **MOST NEARLY** the **SAME** in **MEANING** as the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

68. **fortunate**

- (A) rich  
(B) liked  
(C) happy  
(D) successful  
(E) lucky

9. **raised**

- (A) nurtured  
(B) lifted  
(C) grew  
(D) built  
(E) high

10. Choose the word which is most **OPPOSITE** in meaning of the word **Collective** as used in the passage—

- (A) alone  
(B) separately  
(C) united  
(D) partial  
(E) single

**Directions—(Q. 11–15)** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The **letter** of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (E). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

11. In present the (A)/ prices of food grains (B)/ are high all (C)/ over the world. (D) No error (E)

12. Majority of the banks (A)/ today uses technology (B)/ to reach out to those (C)/living in rural areas. (D) No error (E)

13. I will give (A)/ you the advance (B)/ if you repay it as (C)/ soon as possibly. (D) No error (E)

14. Though he is very (A)/ wealthy and powerful (B)/ he has any (C)/ concern for the poor. (D) No error (E)

15. Mala has the (A)/ ability to handle (B)/ many tasks at (C)/ the same time. (D) No error (E)

**Directions—(Q. 16–20)** Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrases given in **bold** in the following sentences to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and No correction is required, mark (E) as the answer.

16. Finding himself in financial difficulty, he **came forward** me for help and advice—

- (A) came across
- (B) is come upto
- (C) came to
- (D) comes with
- (E) No correction required

17. Deepak **having been over** eighteen years of age, is entitled to vote—

- (A) has been of
- (B) being over
- (C) who is having over
- (D) who is been
- (E) No correction required

18. The magazine **that we subscribe** to is published monthly—

- (A) which is subscribed
- (B) we are subscribed
- (C) whom we subscribe
- (D) whichever we subscribe
- (E) No correction required

19. **Among of his** many good qualities, that I remember is his honesty—

- (A) All of his
- (B) Some of the
- (C) Only of his
- (D) One of his

(E) No correction required

20. Many of our clients **have deposit of** this foreign bank—

- (A) have deposits in
- (B) had deposited
- (C) with deposits
- (D) have deposited
- (E) No correction required

**Directions—(Q. 21–25)** Rearrange the following six sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

- (1) The sailor was told it was placed there as warning signal to sailors to warn them of the danger.
- (2) He returned to the spot a few years later as captain of his own ship.
- (3) The ship was at sea for many days and finally anchored near the coastline.
- (4) The night was stormy and without a warning signal his ship was wrecked on that very rock.
- (5) One of the sailors on board saw a bell tied to a dangerous submerged rock.
- (6) As a joke the sailor decided to steal the bell and hide it despite being informed of this.

21. Which of the following should be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

22. Which of the following should be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

23. Which of the following should be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)
- (D) (4)
- (E) (5)

24. Which of the following should be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)
- (B) (2)
- (C) (3)

- (D) (4)  
(E) (5)

25. Which of the following should be the **SIXTH (LAST)** sentence after rearrangement ?

- (A) (1)  
(B) (2)  
(C) (3)  
(D) (4)  
(E) (5)

**Directions—(Q. 26–30)** In each question below a sentence with four words printed in **bold** type is given. These are **lettered** as (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these four words printed in **bold** may be either **wrongly spelt or inappropriate** in the context of the sentence. Find out the word, which is wrongly spelt or inappropriate, if any. The **letter** of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt and also appropriate in the context of the sentence, mark (E) i.e. ‘All Correct’ as your answer.

26. We have **incurred** (A) an **expense** (B) of over fifty **thousands** (C) this year **alone**.

(D) All correct (E)

27. World Earth Day is **celeberated** (A) as a **means** (B) to make people **aware** (C) about the **environment**. (D) All correct (E)

28. The key **issue** (A) **discused** (B) at the meeting was how to **resolve** (C) the food **crisis**.

(D) All correct (E)

29. He **deserves** (A) some **recognition** (B) for working **diligently** (C) for the **passed** (D) five years. All correct (E)

30. There are many **employment** (A) **opportunities** (B) for fresh **graduates** (C) in the **market** (D) today. All correct (E)

**Directions—(Q. 31–40)** In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words are suggested one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

I had **...(31)...** to become a multipurpose manager. I took three steps to accomplish this. First, I took very **...(32)...** part in professional associations. I **...(33)...** the National President of the Indian Society for Training and Development—one of the **...(34)...** organizations for HR professionals. This helped me to grow professionally. My communication skills **...(35)...** It also taught me **...(36)...** to conduct meetings in an effective manner. My job **...(37)...** me to different parts of the country and I **...(38)...** believe that **...(39)...** provided me with an education. I also wrote a lot. Newspaper editors often approached me with **...(40)...** to write articles for their publications.

31. (A) achieved  
(B) aim  
(C) try  
(D) dreamed  
(E) wanted

32. (A) selected  
(B) active  
(C) interesting  
(D) often  
(E) joint

33. (A) elected  
(B) voted  
(C) became  
(D) applied  
(E) decided

34. (A) respected  
(B) status  
(C) impressed  
(D) aged  
(E) common

35. (A) lacked  
(B) grown  
(C) learnt  
(D) improved  
(E) earned

36. (A) that  
(B) why  
(C) how  
(D) never  
(E) anyhow

37. (A) saw  
(B) showed  
(C) posted  
(D) discovered  
(E) took

38. (A) quiet  
(B) firmly  
(C) strong  
(D) first

(E) not

39. (A) travelling  
 (B) journey  
 (C) visit  
 (D) migrating  
 (E) shift

40. (A) wish  
 (B) offer  
 (C) appointments  
 (D) requests  
 (E) commands

### Answers with Explanations

1. (C) 2. (B) 3. (D) 4. (E) 5. (B)  
 6. (A) 7. (B) 8. (E) 9. (B) 10. (A)  
 11. (A) Write 'At' in place of 'In'.  
 12. (B) Write 'use'.  
 13. (D) Write 'possible'.  
 14. (C) Write 'no' in place of 'any'.  
 15. (E) 16. (C) 17. (E) 18. (E) 19. (D)  
 20. (A) 21. (C) 22. (E) 23. (A) 24. (D)  
 25. (B)  
 26. (C) Write change 'thousands' to 'thousand'.  
 27. (A) Write 'celebrated'.  
 28. (B) Write 'discussed'.  
 29. (D) Write 'past'.  
 30. (E) 31. (E) 32. (B) 33. (C) 34. (A)  
 35. (D) 36. (C) 37. (E) 38. (B) 39. (A)  
 40. (D)

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### [Andhra Bank Probationary Officer's Exam., 2008 : General Awareness \(Solved\)](#)

## Andhra Bank Probationary Officer's Exam., 2008 **General Awareness :Solved Paper** (Held on 14-09-2008)

1. Who amongst the following does not belong to political party which is normally referred as left front?

- (A) Prakash Karat
- (B) A. B. Bardhan
- (C) D. Raju
- (D) T. J. Chandrachoodan
- (E) M. Veerappa Moily

Ans (E)

**Hint :** M.Veerappa Moily is a congress leader.

2. Sujat and Balsara villages were in news recently as breach in main Narmada Canal made them flooded. Both these villages are in which of the following States?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Madhya Pradesh
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Rajasthan
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

3. As per the estimates given by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) the Indian Economy will grow at which of the following rates in 2008 ?

- (A) 7%
- (B) 7.5%
- (C) 8%
- (D) 8.5%
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

4. Which of the following is **NOT** one of the recommendations of the committee setup on Financial Sector Reforms under the Chairmanship of Raghuram G.Rajan ?

- (1) Give more freedoms to banks to setup branches and ATMS anywhere
- (2) Setup an office of financial ombudsmen
- (3) All deposits taking institutions should be free from the supervision of the RBI

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 & 3
- (E) Only 2 & 3

Ans : (A)

5. The Govt. of which of the following States has formed a Fisherman Debt Commission and a moratorium has been placed on proceedings relating to all debts incurred by poor fisherman from banks and cooperatives?

- (A) West Bengal
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Orissa
- (D) Karnataka
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)



6. Federal Reserves is the Central Bank of—

- (A) Britain
- (B) U.S.A.
- (C) Japan
- (D) Canada
- (E) China

Ans : (B)

7. Which of the following was the issue over which one section of the UPA withdrew its support and Union Govt. headed by Dr. Man Mohan Singh was required to prove its majority in the Lok Sabha ?

- (1) Inflation, which was on a rise consistently for some time
- (2) Reservations of Gurjars in Govt. jobs
- (3) Nuclear deal with USA

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 & 2
- (E) Only 2 & 3

Ans : (C)

8. As a gesture to promote denuclearization and also to end nuclear arms programme the cooling tower of a nuclear complex situated in "Youngbyon" was demolished recently. This nuclear complex is in which of the following countries?

- (A) South Korea
- (B) Iran
- (C) China
- (D) North Korea
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

9. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) keeps on modifying various rates / ratios to keep the flow of liquidity in the market in a balanced situation. Which of the following rates/ratios/indexes is NOT directly controlled by the RBI?

- (A) Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)
- (B) Bank Rate
- (C) Repo Rate
- (D) Reserve Repo Rate
- (E) Wholesale Price Index (WPI)

Ans : (E)

10. China has signed an agreement with which of the following countries, which will help both the parties to make the East China Sea "a sea of peace, co-operation and friendship"?

- (A) North Korea
- (B) South Korea

- (C) Japan
- (D) Russia
- (E) All of these

Ans : (C)

11. The former President of which of the following countries has taken over as the Prime Minister of the nation in May 2008 ?

- (A) Venezuela
- (B) Russia
- (C) Uganda
- (D) Tanzania
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

12. Which of the following companies of Indian origin has been placed amongst the World's seven Best Firms in Financial Sector ?

- (A) IDBI Bank
- (B) HDFC Bank
- (C) Bajaj Capitals
- (D) ICICI Bank
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

13. Michel Sleiman has taken over as the president of—

- (A) Lebanon
- (B) Cuba
- (C) Yemen
- (D) Zambia
- (E) Turkey

Ans : (A)

14. Which of the following is/are true about the "Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana" to be launched in the near future ?

- (1) This scheme is to develop those villages where SC/ST population is in prominence
- (2) About 70,000 villages are identified for the same
- (3) A special fund of Rs.7,000 Crore is setup for the scheme

- (A) Only 1
- (B) only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 & 3
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

15. Which of the following countries had decided to come out of the membership of OPEC ?

- (A) Iran
- (B) Indonesia

- (C) Kuwait
- (D) Saudi Arabia
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

16. Many Banks have adopted / launched "Core Banking Solution (CBS)". Core Banking Solution is—

- (A) a marketing strategy adopted by the Banks
- (B) a new type of ATM useful for rural population
- (C) a delivery channel for quick and fast delivery
- (D) a new product launched to help senior citizens only as they are not able to visit branches / ATMs frequently
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

17. As per the figures released recently, the rate of growth of agriculture during 2007-08 has been at the level of approximately—

- (A) 2.5 %
- (B) 3 %
- (C) 4.5 %
- (D) 5 %
- (E) 6.33 %

Ans : (C)

18. The import of which of the following has raised the Current Account Deficit of India by about 77 %?

- (A) Oil
- (B) Gas
- (C) Sugar
- (D) Foodgrain
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

19. The National e-Governance plan was launched by the Govt. of India in the year 2006 with which of the following intentions/objectives?

- (1) To provide qualitative service of Govt. business to the citizens of India
- (2) To promote IT sector in India so that trained IT personnel do not go out of the country for jobs
- (3) To keep a vigil on the business transaction of Indian population to avoid illegal transactions

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 & 3
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

20. As per the figure released recently what was the per capita income at Current Price in the year 2007-08 in India? About—

- (A) Rs. 20,000/-
- (B) Rs. 25,000/-
- (C) Rs. 23,000/-
- (D) Rs. 33,000/-
- (E) Rs. 48,000/-

Ans : (D)

21. Ana Ivanovic won the "French Open Women's Singles" of Lawn Tennis after defeating—

- (A) Katrina Srebnik
- (B) Dinara Safina
- (C) Virginia Ruano Pascual
- (D) Victoria Azarenka
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

22. The World Environment Day is celebrated on which of the following days?

- (A) 5th October
- (B) 5th August
- (C) 5th July
- (D) 5th June
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

23. Who amongst the following is included in the list of "Biggest Brains in Business"?

- (A) L. N. Mittal
- (B) Anil Ambani
- (C) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (D) Mukesh Ambani
- (E) Ratan Tata

Ans : (A)

24. Which of the following cannot be called as a value Added service offered by a Bank?

- (A) Special accounts for poor sections of the society
- (B) Accident insurance cover
- (C) Instant Credits of Outstation Cheques
- (D) Free cheque book
- (E) All are value Added services

Ans : (D)

25. Which of the following is the total amount Government of India has earmarked for Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme 2008?

- (A) Rs.10,000 Crore
- (B) Rs.25,000 Crore
- (C) Rs.45,000 Crore

(D) Rs.72,000 Crore

(E) Rs.83,000 Crore

Ans : (D)

26. Which of the following States of India was recognized as the Best e- Governed State in 2007 ?

(A) Jammu & Kashmir

(B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Madhya Pradesh

(D) Goa

(E) Delhi

Ans : (E)

27. Daiichi Sanyo which has taken a major stake in India's Pharma company Ranbaxy is a firm based in—

(A) China

(B) South Korea

(C) North Korea

(D) Japan

(E) USA

Ans : (D)

28. Which of the following airlines became the first Indian Based Airlines to operate flight to China?

(A) Indian

(B) Air India

(C) Kingfisher

(D) Jet Airways

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

29. Which of the following meets / summit was organized in Damascus in March 2008 ?

(A) Arab League Summit

(B) G-8 Summit

(C) G-15 Summit

(D) Meeting of trade Minister of WTO members

(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

30. India recently signed a Bilateral Investment Promotion Agreement (BIPA) with which of the following countries ?

(A) China

(B) Bangladesh

(C) Nepal

(D) Bhutan

(E) Myanmar

Ans : (E)

31. Opening the Saving Bank Account of a minor girl will be called as which of the following in Banking terminology ?

- (A) Retail Banking
- (B) Merchant Banking
- (C) Institutional Banking
- (D) Social Banking
- (E) Corporate Banking

Ans : (A)

32. Which of the following terms **NOT** used in Banking Sector?

- (A) SLR
- (B) NPA
- (C) Credit Rating
- (D) Fixed
- (E) PURA

Ans : (E)

33. Banking Sector will fall under which of the following sectors?

- (A) Agriculture Sector
- (B) Service Sector
- (C) Manufacturing
- (D) Industrial Sector
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

34. An account in which trading of shares in their electronic form is done is known as—

- (A) Demat Account
- (B) NRI Account
- (C) NRIO Account
- (D) Current Account
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

35. Which of the following is **NOT** a measure of the Risk Management in Banks ?

- (A) CRR
- (B) RTGS
- (C) SLR
- (D) Deposit Insurance
- (E) All are the measures of risk management

Ans : (B)

36. The foreign Direct Investment this year in India reached to the level of about US \$ 3.74 billion. In comparison to last years investment the increase is About \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) 50 %
- (B) 100%
- (C) 125 %

(D) 200 %

(E) 250 %

Ans : (C)

37. The duration of which of the following Policies / Schemes is from 2004–2009 ?

(A) Foreign Trade Policy

(B) 11th Five Year Plan

(C) 10th Five Year Plan

(D) National Rural Guarantee Act

(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

38. Which of the following test is conducted to know if a sportsman has taken any performance enhancing drugs ?

(A) EEG

(B) Narco Test

(C) ELISA Test

(D) Mind mapping

(E) DOPE tEST

Ans : (E)

39. Who amongst the following is the recipient of the IIFA Awards 2008 as Best Actress?

(A) Shamita Shetty

(B) Rani Mukherjee

(C) Priyanka Chopra

(D) Konkana Sen

(E) Kareena Kapoor

Ans : (E)

40. Who amongst the following is the author of the book "Toward a Hunger Free World" ?

(A) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

(B) Ashok Lahiri

(C) Amartya Sen

(D) M. S. Swaminathan

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

41. Which of the following awards is given in the field of cinema?

(A) Kalidas Samman

(B) Dronacharya Award

(C) Arjun Award

(D) Kalinga Award

(E) Dada Sahab Phalke Award

Ans : (E)

42. Sudan recently cut its relations with which of the following countries following an

attack on Khartoum by a Darfur Rebel Group ?

- (A) Chad
- (B) Uganda
- (C) Libya
- (D) Lebanon
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

43. Who amongst the following is the Chairperson of the Children's Film Society?

- (A) Kareena Kapoor
- (B) Jaya Bachchan
- (C) Shabana Azmi
- (D) Sridevi
- (E) None of these

Ans : (E)

**Hint :** Nafisa Ali

44. Which of the following is the abbreviated name of an autonomous organization under Ministry of Rural Development ?

- (A) NIMI
- (B) IGNOU
- (C) CAPART
- (D) NPCIL
- (E) ICRP

Ans : (C)

45. World's largest oil reserves (about 2/3rd) are located in—

- (A) Russia
- (B) Middle East
- (C) Africa
- (D) Europe
- (E) Canada

Ans : (B)

46. Who amongst the following is the author of "Animal People" which was adjudged as the Best Book of the Year?

- (A) V.S.Naipaul
- (B) Indra Sinha
- (C) William Darlymple
- (D) Bill Clinton
- (E) John Banville

Ans : (B)

47. What is India's rating in the "Doing Business Report" prepared by the World Bank ?

- (A) 55th
- (B) 80th
- (C) 100th



- (D) 120th  
(E) None of these  
Ans : (D)

**Hint :** According to 2008 India's rating in the "Doing Business Report" prepared by the World Bank was 120th but to 2009 India's rating in the "Doing Business Report" prepared by the World Bank is 122nd position.

48. Which of the following term related with the game of Cricket ?

- (A) Grand Slam  
(B) Half Nelson  
(C) Ashes  
(D) Screen  
(E) Love

Ans : (C)

49. The Russian President visited China in May 2008 and signed a deal for the security of which of the following?

- (A) Global Energy  
(B) China Sea  
(C) Intellectual Property Rights of the Chinese Scientists  
(D) Nuclear installation in China  
(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

50. Which of the following Programmes / Schemes of the Govt. of India is NOT directly related with agriculture activities ?

- (A) Drought Prone Areas Programmes (DPAP)  
(B) Promotion of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)  
(C) Integrated Westlands Development Programme (IWDP)  
(D) ANNAPURNA  
(E) Desert Development Programme (DDP)

Ans : (D)

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### **Indian Overseas Bank Probationary Officers Exam., 2008 : General Awareness (Solved)**



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## **General Awareness : Solved Paper**

(Held on 15-6-2008)

1. As we all know rise of the 'BRICs' has left a vast impact on almost all aspects of the global economy. However, which of the following cannot be called as the direct effect(s) of 'Rise of the BRICs' on global/other powerful economy/economies ?

1. Countries like China wish to learn more about outsourcing from India.
2. It has made countries to suffer from Sub-prime Crisis.
3. EURO has become a powerful currency and many non-Euro countries are in 'Swap Agreement' with various nations.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Only 3  
(D) All 1, 2 and 3  
(E) None of these

2. As per the reports published in the newspapers/journals how much amount the Govt. of India is planning to infuse in Public Sector Banks to make them competitive and strong globally ?

About—

- (A) Rs. 10,000 crore  
(B) Rs. 15,000 crore  
(C) Rs. 20,000 crore  
(D) Rs. 25,000 crore  
(E) Rs. 30,000 crore

3. What is the maximum stake the Govt. of India has in any public sector bank at present ?

- (A) 40%  
(B) 49%  
(C) 50%  
(D) 64%  
(E) 74%

4. Which of the following is not a major highlight of the Union Budget 2008-09 ?

1. A target of Rs. 2•80 lakhs crore is fixed for providing credit to agriculture sector.
2. Limit of the Banking Cash Transaction Tax is raised from present 1% to 1•5%.
3. PAN requirement is not mandatory for financial transactions. Other Ids are also acceptable.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Only 3  
(D) Both 2 and 3  
(E) All 1, 2 and 3

5. As per the news in major financial newspapers a 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' is launched in Delhi and Haryana States for members of unorganized sectors. Under the scheme each family is likely to get the benefit of Rs.....

- (A) 15,000

- (B) 20,000
- (C) 25,000
- (D) 30,000
- (E) 50,000

6. As proposed in the Union Budget 2008-09 a 'Risk Capital Fund' is set up by the Govt. of India. Who amongst the following will maintain and operate that fund ?

- (A) NABARD
- (B) SIDBI
- (C) ECGC
- (D) RBI
- (E) None of these

7. As per the Economic Survey 2007-08 presented in the Lok Sabha in February 2008, what has been the percentage growth in Bank credit ? About—

- (A) 10%
- (B) 15%
- (C) 18%
- (D) 21%
- (E) 26%

8. As per the budget of the Indian Railways for 2008-09 the operating ratio of the railways has—

- (A) Improved only by 0.5%
- (B) Decreased by 0.5%
- (C) Remained at the same level on which it was in 2007-08
- (D) Reached at the level of 81%
- (E) Reduced to the level of 63% which was the level of 2000-01

9. The government of India has launched a new scheme for the 'Girl Child'. What is the name of the scheme ?

- (A) Raj Lakshmi
- (B) Rani Bitia
- (C) Dhan Lakshmi
- (D) Aanandita
- (E) None of these

10. The President of India recently signed the much-awaited notification for the implementation of the suggestions made by the 'Delimitation Commission'.

What will be the effect of this notification ?

- (A) Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies will be redefined
- (B) Candidates from SC/ST categories will get all benefits for another 15 years' time
- (C) The boundaries of the National Capital, New Delhi will be extended further
- (D) Operations of the Cooperative Banks and Societies will not be limited to the state of their origin. They will also be like Public Sector Banks
- (E) None of these

11. As per the new policy the number of Judges in the Supreme Court would be now—

- (A) 21
- (B) 25
- (C) 26
- (D) 30
- (E) 31

12. As per the reports published in the newspapers the banks, particularly public sector banks are tying up with various rating agencies for providing a qualitative assessment of the credit needs of the borrowers. Which amongst the following is/are such credit rating agencies in India ?

- 1. CARE
  - 2. CRISIL
  - 3. ULIP
- (A) Only 1
  - (B) Only 2
  - (C) 1 and 2 only
  - (D) Only 3
  - (E) All 1, 2 and 3

13. As per the newspaper reports the RBI is planning to introduce 'Plastic Currency Notes'. What is/are the benefits of 'Plastic Notes' ?

- 1. Their Shelf life will be longer.
  - 2. It will replace plastic money or credit, debit cards which are giving birth to many fraudulent practices.
  - 3. Printing will be cheaper.
- (A) Only 3
  - (B) Only 2
  - (C) Only 1
  - (D) All 1, 2 and 3
  - (E) None of these

14. 'Sub Prime Lending' is a term applied to the loans made to—

- (A) Those borrowers who do not have a good credit history
- (B) Those who wish to take loan against the mortgage of tangible assets
- (C) Those who have a good credit history and are known to bank since 10 years
- (D) Those borrowers who are most preferred customers of the Bank
- (E) None of these

15. As per the reports published in various journals and newspapers the 'small borrowers' in rural areas still prefer to take informal route for their credit needs. Which of the following is the 'informal route' of credit in financial sector ?

- (A) Credit cards
- (B) Loan against gold from financial institute
- (C) Debit cards

- (D) Money lender
- (E) None of these

16. The Planning Commission of India has set up a 12 member committee on financial sector reforms. Who is the Chairman of the Committee ?

- (A) Janki Raman
- (B) Raghuram Rajan
- (C) Rakesh Mohan
- (D) K. V. Kamath
- (E) None of these

17. Basel-II norms are associated with which of the following aspects of the banking industry ?

- (A) Risk management
- (B) Manpower planning
- (C) Retirement benefits for the employees
- (D) Corporate Governance
- (E) None of these

18. What is meant by 'Underwriting' the term frequently used in financial sector ?

- (A) Under valuation of the assets
- (B) The Act of taking on a risk for a fee
- (C) Giving a Guarantee that a loan will not become a bad loan
- (D) The act of permission to float an IPO
- (E) None of these

19. The government of India recently constituted the New Finance Commission (13th). What are its major functions ? To decide—

1. The salary structure of the employees of the Central Government.
2. The distribution of the net proceeds of taxes between states and Central Govt.
3. Rate of Income Tax and other taxes collected by the Union Govt.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

20. Who amongst the following was the Captain of the Indian cricket team which registered its victory in tri-series ODI matches against Australia played in March 2008 ?

- (A) M.S. Dhoni
- (B) Anil Kumble
- (C) Rahul Dravid
- (D) Saurav Ganguly
- (E) Sachin Tendulkar

21. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy who was the chief guest during the Republic Day Function 2008

is the—

- (A) President of Brazil
- (B) Prime Minister of Brazil
- (C) President of France
- (D) Prime Minister of France
- (E) Foreign Secretary of USA

22. Who amongst the following has taken over as the President of Serbia after the General elections held there in February 2008 ?

- (A) Boris Tadic
- (B) Tomislav Nikolic
- (C) Samak Sundaravej
- (D) Novak Djokovic
- (E) None of these

23. Indra K. Nooyi who was elected as the Chairperson of the US-India Business Council is the CEO of which of the following Companies ?

- (A) Pepsi Co.
- (B) Infosys
- (C) Tata Consultancy Services
- (D) NIIT
- (E) None of these

24. Maria Sharapova won the Australian Open 2008 Women's singles by defeating—

- (A) Shahar Peer
- (B) Kateryna Bondarenko
- (C) Sania Mirza
- (D) Victoria Azarenka
- (E) Ana Ivanovic

25. Saina Nehwal won the Seniors' Championship match of which of the following games held in Goa in January 2008 ?

- (A) Golf
- (B) Tennis
- (C) Table tennis
- (D) Archery
- (E) Badminton

26. As per the news published in some newspapers magazines two PSUs National Thermal Power Corporation and Coal India Ltd. are going to float a joint venture 'SPV'. What is the full form of 'SPV' ?

- (A) Small Power Venture
- (B) Special Purpose Vehicle
- (C) Special Power Venture
- (D) Small Purpose Vehicle
- (E) None of these

27. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) recently agreed to allow foreign direct investment in the field of mobile television services. Upto what extent FDI is allowed in this field ?

- (A) 50%
- (B) 60%
- (C) 64%
- (D) 70%
- (E) 74%

28. As per the performance assessment data released by the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) in January 2008. Which of the following sectors registered a growth of 3.6 per cent ?

- (A) Agriculture Sector
- (B) Banking Sector
- (C) Tourism Sector
- (D) Aviation Services Sector
- (E) None of these

29. Which of the following is the name of very violent and serious types of winds which bring lot of disaster ?

- (A) Trade winds
- (B) Hurricane
- (C) Cirrus
- (D) Stratus
- (E) None of these

30. The Global Employment Trends Report 2008 published by the International Labour Organization has indicated that there may be increase in global unemployment. What according to them is/are the major reasons of this possibility ?

1. Turmoil in Credit Markets all over the world.
2. Rise in oil prices in international market.
3. Civil unrest in some under and undeveloped nations.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Only 1 and 2
- (E) None of these

31. As we have noticed many banks of Indian origin are opening offices/branches in foreign countries. Why is this trend emerging at a very fast pace ?

1. These Banks wish to provide banking facilities to foreigners as banking facilities are not plenty in many foreign countries. India wants to take an advantage of the situation.
2. These banks wish to help Indian firms to acquire funds at internationally competitive rates.
3. These banks wish to promote trade and investment between India and other countries.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) Only 2 and 3

32. Many economists, bankers and researchers in India often advocate that banks should equip themselves for new challenges. These challenges are in which of the following shapes/forms ?

1. As Indian economy is getting increasingly integrated with the rest of the world the demand of the Corporate banking is likely to change in terms of size, composition of services and also the quality.
2. The growing foreign trade in India will have to be financed by the local banks.
3. Foreigners are habitual of the comforts provided by the technology. India has to do a lot in this reference.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
- (B) Only 2 is correct
- (C) Only 3 is correct
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- (E) None of these

33. As per the reports published in the newspapers Indian Rupee is now fully accepted in Asian countries like, Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia etc. What does it really mean ?

1. Anybody from Asian country can purchase Indian Rupee and keep it in his/her bank account in his/her country without any restrictions.
2. Now people in these nations are not required to go for a double conversion first in dollar and then in rupee.
3. People travelling European/Asian countries can make their payments in rupee anywhere without any problem.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
- (B) Only 2 is correct
- (C) Only 3 is correct
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- (E) None of these

34. Which of the following is not a banking/finance related term ?

- (A) Credit wrap
- (B) EMI
- (C) Held to Maturity
- (D) Exposure limit
- (E) Diffusion

35. Very often we read about the Doha Ministerial Conference 2001 in reference to WTO negotiations. What were the major issues over which nations were of different opinions ?

1. Providing subsidy to agriculture.
2. Export of patented drugs/medicines by developed nations.



3. Restriction on natural movement of people from one nation to other.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 3
- (E) None of these

36. The Technology Mission on Cotton was launched during Xth plan. The scheme was designed to get increase in production of cotton by which of the following levels by the end of the plan ?

- (A) 100 lakh bales
- (B) 150 lakh bales
- (C) 175 lakh bales
- (D) 200 lakh bales
- (E) None of these

37. A National Development Fund was created by the Government of India a few years ago. What was the purpose of the fund ?

1. Boost investment in social sector projects to promote education, healthcare and employment.
2. Capital investments in selected profitable PSEs to yield adequate returns.
3. To fund revision in pay structure of Central Government employees.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) None of these

38. Olympic 2008 are scheduled to be held in—

- (A) Paris
- (B) Tokyo
- (C) London
- (D) Moscow
- (E) None of these

39. The general elections took place in which of the following countries in March 2008 ?

- (A) Iran
- (B) Iraq
- (C) Afghanistan
- (D) Myanmar
- (E) Sri Lanka

40. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Economic Nightmare of India' ?

- (A) Morarji Desai
- (B) K. Rajeshwar Rao

- (C) Charan Singh
- (D) Jyoti Basu
- (E) None of these

41. As per the targets for 11th plan educated unemployment is to be reduced to which of the following levels ?

- (A) 5%
- (B) 6%
- (C) 7%
- (D) 8%
- (E) 9%

42. 'Long Walk' to Freedom' is a book written by—

- (A) Sonia Gandhi
- (B) L. K. Advani
- (C) Nelson Mandela
- (D) Benazir Bhutto
- (E) Nawaz Sherif

43. India recently signed a pact with which of the following countries on solving the problems of Indian labour in that country ?

- (A) Iran
- (B) UAE
- (C) Malaysia
- (D) Kuwait
- (E) None of these

44. Which of the following countries is trying to launch a Satellite to study the sun ?

- (A) USA
- (B) India
- (C) Russia
- (D) China
- (E) None of these

45. Jang Hyun Jong who was adjudged as the 'Asian Hockey Player of the year' is from—

- (A) China
- (B) Singapore
- (C) South Korea
- (D) India
- (E) None of these

46. Who amongst the following is the winner of Padma Vibhushan Awards given away recently ?

- (A) Rahul Gandhi
- (B) Priya Dutt

- (C) Vinod Dua
- (D) Ratan Tata
- (E) None of these

47. Which of the following films was adjudged 'Best Film' in 14th Star Screen Awards given away in January 2008 ?

- (A) Om Shanti Om
- (B) Guru
- (C) Taare Zameen Par
- (D) Jab We Met
- (E) Chak De India

48. A meeting of the European Leaders was held in January 2008 at which of the following places to discuss 'Global Economic Turmoil' ?

- (A) London
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) New York
- (D) Tokyo
- (E) Milan

49. Castro Sibling is the new President of—

- (A) Romania
- (B) Cuba
- (C) Israel
- (D) Venezuela
- (E) None of these

50. Kosovo declared itself independent from which of the following countries ?

- (A) Ukraine
- (B) Croatia
- (C) Serbia
- (D) Russia
- (E) None of these

### Answers with Hint

1. (B) 2. (C) 3. (E) 4. (A) 5. (D) 6. (B)  
 7. (D) According to Economic Survey 2007-08, the percentage growth in bank credit is 21.5%.  
 8. (D) 9. (C) 10. (A) 11. (E) 12. (A)  
 13. (C) 14. (A) 15. (D) 16. (B) 17. (A)  
 18. (A) 19. (B) 20. (A) 21. (C) 22. (A)  
 23. (A) 24. (E) 25. (E) 26. (B) 27. (E)  
 28. (A) 29. (B) 30. (D) 31. (E) 32. (A)  
 33. (D) 34. (E) 35. (A) 36. (D) 37. (A)  
 38. (E) 39. (A) 40. (C) 41. (A) 42. (C)

43. (D) 44. (A) 45. (C) 46. (D) 47. (E)  
48. (A) 49. (E) 50. (E)

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### Allahabad Bank Clerk Exam, 2008 : Computer General Knowledge (Solved)



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**Computer General Knowledge : Solved Paper**  
**(Held on 30-08-2008)**

1. If a word is typed that is not in Word's dictionary, a \_\_\_\_\_ wavy underline appears below the word.

- (A) red
- (B) green
- (C) blue
- (D) black
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ button on the quick access Toolbar allows you to cancel your recent commands or actions.

- (A) Search
- (B) Cut
- (C) Document
- (D) Undo
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

3. In Excel, any set of characters containing a letter, hyphen, or space is considered—

- (A) a formula
- (B) text
- (C) a name
- (D) a title
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Software allows users to perform calculations on rows and columns of data.

- (A) Word processing
- (B) Presentation graphics
- (C) Database Management Systems
- (D) Electronic Spreadsheet

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

5. A \_\_\_\_\_ represent approximately one billion memory locations.

(A) kilobyte

(B) megabyte

(C) gigabyte

(D) terabyte

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ cells involves creating a single cell by combining two or more selected cells.

(A) Formatting

(B) Merging

(C) Embedding

(D) Splitting

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

7. The operating system is the most common type of \_\_\_\_\_ software.

(A) communication

(B) application

(C) system

(D) word-processing

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

8. When you quickly press and releases the left mouse button twice , you are—

(A) Primary-clicking

(B) pointing

(C) Double-clicking

(D) Secondary-clicking

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

9. The horizontal and vertical lines on a worksheet are called—

(A) cells

(B) sheets

(C) block lines

(D) gridlines

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

10. To delete an incorrect character in a document, \_\_\_\_\_ to erase to the right of the insertion point.

(A) press the left mouse key

- (B) double-click the right mouse key
  - (C) press the BACKSPACE key
  - (D) press the delete key
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (D)

11. The operating system does all of the following EXCEPT:
- (A) provide a way for the user to interact with the computer.
  - (B) manage the central processing unit (CPU).
  - (C) manage memory and storage.
  - (D) enable users to perform a specific task such as document editing.
- Ans : (D)

12. During the boot process, the \_\_\_\_\_ looks for the system files.
- (A) CD
  - B. BIOS
  - C. CPU
  - D. DVD
- Ans : (B)

13. \_\_\_\_\_ are lists of commands that appear on the screen.
- (A) GUIs
  - (B) Icons
  - (C) Menus
  - (D) Windows
- Ans : (C)

14. \_\_\_\_\_ is the ability of an operating system to control the activities of multiple programs at the same time.
- (A) Multitasking
  - (B) Streamlining
  - (C) Multiuser
  - (D) Simulcasting
- Ans : (A)

15. The unique signal, generated by a device, that tells the operating system that it is in need of immediate attention is called an:
- (A) action.
  - (B) event.
  - (C) interrupt.
  - (D) activity.
- Ans : (C)

16. The operating system controls access to the processor by assigning a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ to each task requiring the processor's attention.
- (A) CPU
  - (B) slice of time

- (C) stack
  - (D) event
- Ans : (B)

17. The blocks of code, included in the operating system, that software applications interact with are known as:

- (A) application programming interfaces (APIs).
- (B) complimentary metal-oxide conductors (CMOS).
- (C) device drivers.
- (D) bootstrap loaders.

Ans : (A)

18. MS-DOS is a \_\_\_\_\_ operating system.

- (A) point-and-click
- (B) user-friendly
- (C) command-driven
- (D) Mac

Ans : (C)

19. An interrupt handler is a(n):

- (A) location in memory that keeps track of recently generated interrupts.
- (B) peripheral device.
- (C) utility program.
- (D) special numeric code that indicates the priority of a request.

Ans : (D)

20. A spooler is a(n):

- (A) location in memory that maintains the contents of a document until it prints out.
- (B) print job.
- (C) program that coordinates the print jobs that are waiting to print.
- (D) message sent from the printer to the operating system when a print job is completed.

Ans : (C)

21. Virtual memory is typically located:

- (A) on a floppy disk.
- (B) in the CPU.
- (C) in a flash card.
- (D) on the hard drive.

Ans : (D)

22. The purpose of a swap (or page) file is to:

- (A) maintain pages of documents that are being spooled to the printer.
- (B) hold a program's data or instructions in virtual memory when it can't fit in RAM.
- (C) prevent thrashing in a multitasking environment.
- (D) allow multiple print jobs to print their pages out simultaneously.

Ans : (B)

23. The definition of thrashing is:

- (A) swapping data between virtual memory and RAM too frequently.
- (B) insufficient hard disk space.
- (C) too many processors being managed by the operating system.
- (D) inaccurate information stored in the registry.

Ans : (A)

24. All of the following are TRUE of Safe Mode EXCEPT:

- (A) Safe Mode is a special diagnostic mode.
- (B) Safe Mode loads all nonessential icons.
- (C) Safe Mode allows users to troubleshoot errors.
- (D) Safe Mode loads only the most essential devices.

Ans : (B)

25. Verification of a login name and password is known as:

- (A) configuration.
- (B) accessibility.
- (C) authentication.
- (D) logging in.

Ans : (C)

26. The combination of the operating system and the processor is referred to as the computer's:

- (A) CPU.
- (B) platform.
- (C) BIOS.
- (D) CMOS.

Ans : (B)

27. The following message generally means:

- (A) a nonsystem floppy has been left in the floppy disk drive.
- (B) the CD drive is not functioning.
- (C) the BIOS is corrupted.
- (D) there is a problem loading a device.

Ans : (A)

28. Which of the following is the correct sequence of actions that takes place during the boot-up process?

- (A) Load operating system ? Activate BIOS ? Perform POST ? Check configuration settings
- (B) Activate BIOS ? Perform POST ? Load operating system ? Check configuration settings
- (C) Perform POST ? Load operating system ? Activate BIOS ? Check configuration settings
- (D) Activate BIOS ? Check configuration settings ? Perform POST ? Load operating system

Ans : (B)



29. All of the following are steps involved in the boot process EXCEPT:

- (A) load the operating system into RAM.
- (B) the power-on self-test.
- (C) activate the basic input/output system (BIOS).
- (D) load application programs.

Ans : (D)

30. The \_\_\_\_\_, stored on a ROM chip, is responsible for loading the operating system from its permanent location on the hard drive into RAM.

- (A) BIOS
- (B) API
- (C) device driver
- (D) supervisor program

Ans : (A)

31. The basic input/output system (BIOS) is stored in:

- (A) RAM.
- (B) ROM.
- (C) the CPU.
- (D) the hard drive.

Ans : (B)

32. Ensuring that the essential peripheral devices are attached and operational is the \_\_\_\_\_ process.

- (A) configuration
- (B) CMOS
- (C) POST
- (D) ROM

Ans : (C)

33. The memory resident portion of the operating system is called the—

- (A) registry.
- (B) API.
- (C) CMOS.
- (D) kernel.

Ans : (D)

34. Which of the following does NOT occur during the power-on self-test (POST)?

- (A) The ScanDisk utility begins to run.
- (B) The video card and video memory are tested.
- (C) The BIOS identification process occurs.
- (D) Memory chips are checked to ensure they are working properly.

Ans : (A)

35. All of the following are TRUE regarding virtual memory EXCEPT—

- (A) any amount of RAM can be allocated to virtual memory.
- (B) the setting for the amount of hard drive space to allocate to virtual memory can be

manually changed.

(C) this temporary storage is called the swap file (or page file).

(D) virtual memory is physical space on the hard drive.

Ans : (A)

36. The operating system allows users to organize the computer's contents in a hierarchical structure of directories that include all of the following EXCEPT:

(A) files.

(B) folders.

(D) drives.

(D) systems.

Ans : (D)

37. All of the following statements concerning windows are true EXCEPT—

(A) windows are an example of a command-driven environment.

(B) windows can be resized and repositioned on the desktop.

(C) more than one window can be open at a time.

(D) toolbars and scrollbars are features of windows.

Ans : (A)

38. All of the following statements concerning files are true EXCEPT—

(A) A file is a collection of related pieces of information stored together for easy reference.

(B) Files can be generated from an application.

(C) Files are stored in RAM.

(D) Files should be organized in folders.

Ans : (C)

39. Using Windows Explorer, a plus (+) sign in front of a folder indicates—

(A) an open folder.

(B) the folder contains subfolders.

(C) a text file.

(D) a graphics file.

Ans : (B)

40. In Windows XP, if you want to see the file size and modified dates of all files in a folder, the best viewing option is the \_\_\_\_\_ view.

(A) List

(B) Thumbnails

(C) Details

(D) Icon

Ans : (C)

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**[Bank of Maharashtra Probationary Officers Exam, 2008 : General Awareness \(Solved\)](#)**



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## **General Awareness :** **Solved Paper** (Held on 25-5-2008)

1. The Govt. of India has taken a decision to open three more IITs during the year 2008-09. These IITs will be in which of the following groups of States ?

- (A) Bihar, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka
- (C) Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala
- (D) Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

2. Which of the following is/are **not** the highlights of the Union Budget 2008-09 ?

- 1. A Risk Capital Fund is to be set up and maintained by one of the financial institutes.
- 2. Allocation for Defence is reduced by 10% to make it Rs. 10,000 crore.
- 3. Several new schemes to be introduced for providing social security to the people in unorganized sectors.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (B)

3. To help farming community the Govt. of India has decided to raise the Minimum support price of paddy for current Kharif marketing season. What is that price ?

- (A) Rs. 800 per quintal
- (B) Rs. 900 per quintal
- (C) Rs. 950 per quintal
- (D) Rs. 1200 per quintal
- (E) None of these

Ans : (E)

4. Which of the following is the correct definition of the term commercial papers ?

- 1. It is nothing but the popular name of the Judicial stamp papers used to register financial transactions.
- 2. It is one of the instruments through which Corporates raise debt from the market.
- 3. It is the name of the 'Certificate of Deposits' provided by the Banks to its retail

customers.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (B)

5. As per the decision taken by the Govt. of India two financial inclusion funds are set up with an overall corpus of Rs. 500 crore each. These funds-Financial Inclusion Fund and Financial Inclusion Technology Fund are to be set up by the initial contribution made by the.....

- (A) SIDBI, NABARD and UTI
- (B) NABARD, UTI and RBI
- (C) Govt. of India, NABARD and RBI
- (D) SIDBI, Govt. of India and IDBI Bank
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

6. As per the Railway Budget 2008-09 the Operating ratio of Railways is pitched at which of the following levels ? Approximately.....

- (A) 70%
- (B) 75%
- (C) 98%
- (D) 90%
- (E) 81%

Ans : (E)

7. As per the Govt. policy the provision of the subsidy for interest subvention to co-operative Sugar Mills is done by which of the following agencies / organizations ?

- (A) Commission for Agricultural costs and prices
- (B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- (C) Ministry of Agriculture
- (D) National Commission on Farmers
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

8. Banks these days have launched a new scheme product known as 'Reverse Mortgage'. The scheme is designed keeping which of the following groups of society in consideration ?

- (A) Youngsters who have just started earning
- (B) Defence personnel whose life is always at high risk
- (C) Senior Citizen
- (D) Women who do not have independent source of income
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

9. As per the new figures released in recent past what has been the ratio of taxes to Gross Domestic Product (Tax-GDP) in 2007-08 ? Approximately.....

- (A) 8%
- (B) 9%
- (C) 10%
- (D) 11.5%
- (E) 12.5%

Ans : (E)

10. Many a times we read in the newspapers a term '**Hot Money**'. Which of the following is the correct definition of **Hot Money** ?

1. This is the fund which is dumped into a country to get the advantage of a favourable interest rate and hence brings higher returns.
2. This is the fund which is provided by a bank in US \$ at very short notice and at a very high rate of interest and for a longer period of repayment.
3. This is the fund which is pushed into market through Hawala or some other such illegal methods and sometimes referred also as Black Money.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
- (B) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- (C) Only 3 is correct
- (D) Both 1 and 3 are true
- (E) Only 2 is correct

Ans : (A)

11. As per the report released in the press the Govt. of India has done a study on Special Economic Zones. Which of the following is/are the highlights of the reports ?

1. Report says that SEZs should not be given much preference by the policy makers.
2. Study says that the end benefit in the next few years may be of the tune of Rs. 1,50,000 crores which will be much higher than the estimated revenue losses.
3. Since new SEZs are developed by the Private Sector the investment for infrastructural development is like a net saving for the Govt.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

12. As per the new figures released by the Govt. agencies the Foreign Direct Investment inflow to India is at higher level and has increased substantially in recent past. Which of the following is/are the contributory factors which has/have helped in this record growth ?

1. Progressive delicensing of various sectors.
2. Simplification of business procedures in India.
3. Sub Prime crisis in USA.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2

- (C) Both 1 and 2
  - (D) Only 3
  - (E) All 1, 2 and 3
- Ans : (C)

13. Which of the following Companies has got “Navratna Status” recently ?

- (A) National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- (B) National Textile Corporation (NTC)
- (C) Maruti Udyog Ltd.
- (D) IDBI Bank Ltd.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

14. The real return to the investor sometimes gets reduced due to sudden rise in the prices of the commodities. This phenomenon in financial market is known as...

- (A) Market risk
- (B) Inflation risk
- (C) Credit risk
- (D) Diversification of funds
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

15. In the recent times the RBI and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have taken various steps to control the flow of capital in Indian economy. Which of the following is/are **not** included in these step(s) ?

1. Guidelines are issued to restrict unregulated overseas investors through ‘p-notes’.
2. Rs. 60,000 crores out of this fund is being provided to waive the loans on farmers.
3. Borrowers raising external commercial borrowings of over \$ 20 million would have to park the proceeds overseas for use as foreign currency expenditure.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 3
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (E)

16. Which of the following countries has recently made an agreement with the World Trade Organization which will allow it to join the same as a permanent member ?

- (A) Russia
- (B) Afghanistan
- (C) Zambia
- (D) Uganda
- (E) Ukraine

Ans : (E)

17. Prime Minister of India on his visit to China a few months back signed a detailed

agreement with the same. What is/are the major highlights of the agreement ?

1. Both the countries agreed to continue high level exchange of views. Indian President is invited to China.
2. India to host joint military exercise in 2008.
3. India has decided to raise the issue of Tibet in UNO. China has agreed for the same.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Both 1 and 2  
(D) Only 3  
(E) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (C)

18. As per the reports in the leading newspapers Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has asked the Mutual Fund industry to stop 'Misselling' their schemes to investors. What is 'Misselling' of products ?

1. Misselling takes place when mutual funds are sold without telling the likely returns.
2. When agents sell the products without telling investors what are the risks involved in investing in mutual funds.
3. When agents invest somebody's money in mutual funds without their knowledge, it is called misselling.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Only 3  
(D) All 1, 2 and 3  
(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

19. As per the news report SEBI has allowed short selling by FIs/MFs from February 1, 2008. What is 'short selling' ?

1. Selling of shares that the seller does not own at the time of trading.
2. Selling of shares on the same day or on the day they were allotted to the trader.
3. Selling of shares on a much lower price due to turbulent market situations.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Only 3  
(D) All 1, 2 and 3  
(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

20. Which of the following countries is governed by the Norwegian mediated ceasefire Agreement to end its dispute with a group of rebellions ?

- (A) Nepal  
(B) Myanmar  
(C) Afghanistan  
(D) Sri Lanka  
(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

21. The USA, as reported in the leading newspapers is proceeding towards 'recession'. What happens when an economy goes in the grip of 'recession' ?

1. GDP growth slows down.
2. People lose their jobs.
3. Foreign exchange reserve goes up substantially as lot of loans/grants start pouring in.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Only 3  
(D) Only 1 and 2  
(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

22. The Sensitive Index of the Bombay Stock Exchange keeps on changing positively and negatively both. Which of the following is/are the main reasons which contribute for this sudden change in the same ?

1. Higher GDP Growth.
2. Continuous Foreign Funds Flow.
3. High Volume of Forex Reserves.
4. Recession in USA.

- (A) Only 1 and 2  
(B) Only 2 and 3  
(C) Only 3 and 4  
(D) Only 2  
(E) All 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans : (B)

23. The Jerusalem and Palestine made an agreement on their peace negotiations. Which of the following is/are the points included in the agreement ?

1. There should be an end to the occupation that began in 1967.
2. The agreement must establish Palestine as a homeland for the Palestinian people just as Israel is the homeland for Jewish people.
3. All the disputes should be solved with the mutual talks only and in presence of US Observers.

- (A) Only 1  
(B) Only 2  
(C) Only 3  
(D) Both 1 and 2  
(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

24. Who amongst the following agreed to supply aircraft carrier 'Gorshkov' to India for its defence services ?

- (A) Russia  
(B) France  
(C) Germany  
(D) Italy



(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

25. The Govt. of India has decided to set up a Committee to redraft Right to Education Bill 2005.

What was/were the objection(s) owing to which Govt. has to redraft the bill ?

1. State Governments are required to spend more money on education. Since education is the responsibility of centre and state both, expenditure should be shared equally by both of them.

2. States were advised to ensure that a school is available at the distance of one km for each child.

3. Children in Central schools are not allowed to get free education whereas schools run by States were asked to ensure that.

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Only 3

(D) Both 1 and 2

(E) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (B)

26. As per newspaper reports outsourcing has become a profitable business in India and countries like China are trying to learn about it from India. What are the main factors which has/have helped India in attaining this position ?

1. Availability of skilled manpower in abundance.

2. Knowledge of English language.

3. A switch over from farming to other sectors which are creating more job opportunities.

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 2

(D) Only 3

(E) All 1, 2 and 3

Ans : (C)

27. Who amongst the following established the 'Anandvan' a rehabilitation centre for Leprosy patients in Maharashtra ?

(A) Baba Amte

(B) Pandurang Shashtri Athawle

(C) Medha Patkar

(D) Asaram Babu

(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

28. Thaksin Shinawatra's name is associated with which of the following countries ?

(A) Singapore

(B) Thailand

(C) North Korea

(D) South Korea

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

29. Bhupen Hazarika is the recipient of the Life Time Achievement Award and is provided the status of a Cabinet Minister. Which of the following State Govt. has honoured him in this manner ?

(A) Orissa

(B) Assam

(C) West Bengal

(D) Maharashtra

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

30. The first ever Youth Olympic Games are scheduled to be held in 2010. These games will be organized in.....

(A) Moscow

(B) New Delhi

(C) Beijing

(D) Kuala Lumpur

(E) None of these

Ans : (E)

31. Who amongst the following has taken over as the President of Serbia ?

(A) Raul Castro

(B) Steven Spielberg

(C) Boris Tadic

(D) Joes Manuel Ramos Horta

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

32. International Desert Festival 2008 was organized in February 2008 in.....

(A) Bhuj

(B) Ganganagar

(C) Bikaner

(D) Jaiselmer

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

33. Who amongst the following is the recipient of the 'Kishore Kumar Award' given by the Madhya Pradesh Govt. ?

(A) Shabana Azmi

(B) Amitabh Bachchan

(C) Manoj Kumar

(D) Dev Anand

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

34. The Under 19 Cricket World Cup 2008 was won by which of the following teams ?

- (A) Malaysia
- (B) India
- (C) Pakistan
- (D) Australia
- (E) England

Ans : (B)

35. Why was the name of Anatolyevich Medvedev in news recently ?

- (A) He has taken over as the President of Russia
- (B) He has taken over as the Prime Minister of Russia
- (C) He is the new President of South Korea
- (D) He is the new Prime Minister of South Korea
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

36. Who amongst the following was the Chief Guest in India's Republic Day function ?

- (A) Samak Sundaravej
- (B) Gordon Brown
- (C) Boris Tadic
- (D) Nicolas Sarkozy
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

37. The General Elections in Iran are due in 2008. Iran elects its Parliament for a period of.....

- (A) 2 years only
- (B) 3 years only
- (C) 4 years only
- (D) 5 years only
- (E) 6 years only

Ans : (C)

38. Which of the following states tops in primary, upper primary education in India ?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Haryana
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Kerala
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

39. Who amongst the following is the recipient of Padma Vibhushan given away recently ?

- (A) Anu Malik
- (B) Shan
- (C) Asha Bhosle
- (D) Sonu Nigam

(E) None of these

Ans : (C)

40. Luciana Aymar who was adjudged the World Hockey Player 2007 is from which of the following countries ?

(A) Germany

(B) Argentina

(C) Italy

(D) Russia

(E) None of these

Ans : (B)

41. Which of the following State Governments has decided to provide ownership Rights to Tribals over forest land being cultivated by them since last 10 years.

(A) Madhya Pradesh

(B) Uttar Pradesh

(C) Maharashtra

(D) Andhra Pradesh

(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

42. Who amongst the following players has completed 16000 runs in One day International Cricket matches recently ?

(A) Anil Kumble

(B) Rahul Dravid

(C) Sourav Ganguly

(D) Irfan Pathan

(E) Sachin Tendulkar

Ans : (E)

43. The 11th Five Year Plan wishes to raise the existing 2% growth in agriculture and allied activities to which of the followings levels by the year 2012 ?

(A) 8%

(B) 6%

(C) 5%

(D) 4%

(E) None of these

Ans : (D)

44. As a policy the Reserve Bank of India wishes to contain inflation at which of the following levels ?

(A) 5%

(B) 4.5%

(C) 4%

(D) 6%

(E) None of these

Ans : (A)

45. The current trend in Agricultural sector in India is a matter of concern for the policy makers these days as it is not showing the expected results. What is/are the major areas of problem(s) being faced by the farmers ?

1. Irrigation facilities are not enough.
2. Use of chemical fertilizers has badly affected the fertility of the land.
3. Govt. has reduced the subsidy in the farming sector. Hence it is no more a profitable activity.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

46. Which of the following committees recommended the revival of Cooperative Credit institutions in states ?

- (A) Vaidyanathan Committee
- (B) Rangarajan Committee
- (C) Sachchar Committee
- (D) Rakesh Mohan Committee
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

47. 'World Day for Water' is observed on which of the following days ?

- (A) March 22
- (B) February 22
- (C) January 22
- (D) May 22
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

48. As we all know Chinese economy is a booming economy and its exports have played a significant role in it. What was the share of China's export as compared to its GDP in 2007 ?

- (A) 20%
- (B) 30%
- (C) 40%
- (D) 50%
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

49. Delhi won the Ranji Trophy for the seventh time in January 2008 by defeating...

- (A) Railways
- (B) Haryana
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Gujarat

(E) Uttar Pradesh

Ans : (E)

50. Gagan Narang, who got a silver medal in an international championship held in Munich, is a/an.....

- (A) 100 metre runner
- (B) Badminton player
- (C) Chess player
- (D) Swimmer
- (E) Air Rifle shooter

Ans : (E)

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**General Awareness :**

#### **Solved Paper**

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1. Who amongst the following is the author of the book 'Shame'?

- (A) Chandar S. Sundaram
- (B) Namita Gokhale
- (C) Jaswindar Sanghara
- (D) Anita Desai
- (E) None of these

2. As per the reports published by the 'Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)' has generated maximum new jobs in the past few years?

- (A) China
- (B) Russia
- (C) India
- (D) Brazil
- (E) None of these

3. Mr. Digambar V. Kamat took over as which of the following in 2007?

- (A) Governor of Goa
- (B) Chief Minister of Goa
- (C) Governor of Meghalaya
- (D) Governor of Rajasthan
- (E) None of these

4. Who amongst the following Indians was awarded King Charles II Medal by the UK in 2007?

- (A) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- (B) Smt. Sonia Gandhi
- (C) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- (D) Smt. Vasundhara Raje
- (E) None of these

5. Miss Riyo Mori who was crowned as Miss Universe 2007 belongs to which of the following countries?

- (A) Japan
- (B) U.S.A
- (C) China
- (D) Singapore
- (E) South Korea

6. Which of the following countries has decided to build a road to the base camp of Mt. Everest?

- (A) India
- (B) China
- (C) Nepal
- (D) Myanmar
- (E) None of these

7. 'Bharti-Airtel', the largest mobile company of India joined the elite club of companies earning profits of more than US \$1 billion. What was the net profit of the Company in the year 2006-07?

About –

- (A) Rs. 3500 crores
- (B) Rs. 4000 crores
- (C) Rs. 4250 cores
- (D) Rs. 4450 crores
- (E) Rs. 4500 crores

8. 'SEBI' bans some companies for their role in 'F&O Scam', was the news in some major newspapers in 2007. What is the full form of 'F&O'?

- (A) Fair & Optimum
- (B) Free & Operational
- (C) Future & Operations
- (D) Future & Options
- (E) None of these

9. Which of the following African countries launched its communication satellite in 2007 for the first time?

- (A) Nigeria

- (B) Kenya
- (C) Zimbabwe
- (D) Mauritius
- (E) None of these

10. The President of Brazil was on a visit to India in 2007 where he signed several trade agreements. Which of the following has been the major area of trade relations between the two countries?

- (A) Oil exploration
- (B) Supply of agro products
- (C) Production of nuclear fuel
- (D) Import of electronic goods
- (E) None of these

11. The World Islamic Economic Forum was held in 2007 in

- (A) Malaysia
- (B) Kuwait
- (C) Iran
- (D) Brazil
- (E) Indonesia

12. In an important meeting of the National Development Council held in New Delhi the Prime Minister of India made a special mention of a particular sector of Indian economy which in his opinion was suffering from a “Technological Fatigue for lack of break through in production”. He was talking of which of the following sectors?

- (A) Agriculture Sector
- (B) Oil Sector
- (C) Service Sector
- (D) Defence Sector
- (E) None of these

13. Which of the following was the major issue of discussion in the G-8 Summit held in Germany in 2007?

- (A) Subsidy to agro products
- (B) Climate protection
- (C) Financial aid to Iraq
- (D) Nuclear Technology and possibility of space war
- (E) None of these

14. As per the Economic Survey 2006-07 India's share in World Export has been

- (A) 0.5%
- (B) 0.75%
- (C) 1%
- (D) 1.25%
- (E) 1.5%



15. How much amount approximately the Govt. of India planned to provide for Mid Day Meal Scheme? (As per Budget 2007-08)

- (A) Rs. 5,000 crores
- (B) Rs. 6,000 crores
- (C) Rs. 7,300 crores
- (D) Rs. 8,000 crores
- (E) Rs. 8,300 crores

16. As per the figures given in the newspapers what is the approximate investment in various 'Special Economic Zones' till date in India?

- (A) Rs. 20,000 crores
- (B) Rs. 25,000 crores
- (C) Rs. 30,000 crores
- (D) Rs. 35,000 crores
- (E) Rs. 40,000 crores

17. Who amongst the following is the author of the famous classical book "A Passage to India"?

- (A) Mark Twain
- (B) Nayantara Sehgal
- (C) Nirad C. Choudhuri
- (D) E. M. Foster
- (E) None of these

18. The Government of India has bought RBI's entire stake in the State Bank of India in about Rs. 35, 531 crores. What is the share of the RBI in total stake of the State Bank?

About -

- (A) 40%
- (B) 48%
- (C) 50%
- (D) 52%
- (E) 60%

19. Which of the following countries has offered knighthood to Salman Rushdie?

- (A) France
- (B) Italy
- (C) Germany
- (D) U.K.
- (E) None of these

20. As per Union Budget 2007-08 how much amount the Government of India provided for Women Specific Schemes/Programmes for 2007-08?

- (A) Rs. 7,700 crores
- (B) Rs. 8,700 crores
- (C) Rs. 9,300 crores
- (D) Rs. 10,000 crores

(E) Rs. 10,500 crores

**Answers :**

1. (C) 2. (C) 3. (B) 4. (C) 5. (A)  
 6. (B) 7. (C) 8. (D) 9. (A) 10. (A)  
 11. (A) 12. (A) 13. (B) 14. (C) 15. (C)  
 16. (D) 17. (D) 18. (E) 19. (D) 20. (B)

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1. Which of the following Departments of the Govt. of India is helping banks in disbursement of rural credit by the banks ?

- (A) Railways  
 (B) State Road Transports  
 (C) Post and Telegraph  
 (D) Ministry of Health  
 (E) None of these

2. Which of the following organization/agencies has established a fund known as 'Investor protection fund' ?

- (A) SEBI  
 (B) NABARD  
 (C) Bombay Stock Exchange  
 (D) AMFI  
 (E) None of these

3. Who amongst the following is the Head of the RBI at present ?

- (A) Mr. K.V. Kamath  
 (B) Dr. Y.V. Reddey  
 (C) Mr. N.R. Narayanamurthy  
 (D) Mr. O.P. Bhatt  
 (E) None of these

4. Majority of Rural people still prefer to go to which of the following for their credit needs ?

- (A) Money Lenders
- (B) Foreign Banks
- (C) NABARD
- (D) RBI
- (E) All of these

5. India has different categories of Commercial Banks. Which of the following is NOT one such category ?

- (A) Private Banks
- (B) Commodity Banks
- (C) Nationalized Banks
- (D) Co-operative Banks
- (E) Foreign Banks

6. Which of the following types of Banks are allowed to operate foreign currency accounts ?

- (1) Foreign Banks
  - (2) Regional Rural Banks
  - (3) Nationalized Banks
- (A) Only 1
  - (B) Only 2
  - (C) Only 3
  - (D) All 1, 2 and 3
  - (E) None of these

7. Which of the following countries does not play International cricket ?

- (A) Russia
- (B) England
- (C) South Africa
- (D) Pakistan
- (E) India

8. The money which Govt. of India spends on the development of infrastructure in country comes from which of the following sources ? [Pick up the correct statement (s)]

- (1) Loan from World Bank/ADB etc.
  - (2) Taxes collected from the people.
  - (3) Loan from the RBI.
- (A) Only 1
  - (B) Only 2
  - (C) Only 3
  - (D) Both 1 and 2
  - (E) All 1, 2 and 3

9. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) recently imposed a restriction on money flow in equity through 'P-Notes'. What is the full form of 'P-Notes' ?

- (A) Permanent Notes

- (B) Purchase-Notes
- (C) Participatory-Notes
- (D) Private Notes
- (E) None of these

10. Who amongst the following was the Captain of the Indian Cricket Team who won the Twenty-20 World Cup–2007 ?

- (A) Yuvraj Singh
- (B) M.S. Dhoni
- (C) Rahul Dravid
- (D) Saurav Ganguly
- (E) None of these

11. Many times we read in financial newspapers about 'FII'. What is the full form of FII ?

- (A) Final Investment in India
- (B) Foreign Investment in India
- (C) Formal Investment in India
- (D) Fair Institutional Investment
- (E) Foreign Institutional Investment

12. Benazir Bhutto is associated with which of the following political parties ?

- (A) Muslim League
- (B) Pakistan Peoples Party
- (C) Pakistan National Congress
- (D) Islamic Movement of Pakistan
- (E) None of these

13. One of the former Prime Ministers of which of the following countries was detained in house arrest for a short period after his/her return from a long exile ?

- (A) Germany
- (B) France
- (C) Pakistan
- (D) Brazil
- (E) None of these

14. Who amongst the following leaders from USA visited Israel and Palestinian West Bank so that a solution to the Israel and Palestinian problem can be worked out ?

- (A) George Bush
- (B) Al Gore
- (C) Bill Clinton
- (D) Condeleeza Rice
- (E) None of these

15. Justine Henin won the Women's singles US Open Tennis championship-2007 after defeat-ing—

- (A) Svetlana Kuznetsova
- (B) Sania Mirza
- (C) Dinara Safina
- (D) Mathalie Dechy
- (E) None of these

16. As reported in papers the UN World Food Programmes stopped distributing food in Mogadishu town after its local head was abducted by the government soldiers of the country. Mogadishu is the capital town of—

- (A) Tanzania
- (B) Turkey
- (C) Cuba
- (D) Libya
- (E) Somalia

17. The financial markets of which of the following countries were badly affected by sub-prime crisis ?

- (A) Russia
- (B) Brazil
- (C) UK
- (D) USA
- (E) None of these

18. Which of the following countries in the world is the biggest consumer of gold ?

- (A) USA
- (B) Bangladesh
- (C) Russia
- (D) India
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- (D) Ministry of Health
- (E) None of these

2. Which of the following organization/agencies has established a fund known as 'Investor protection fund' ?

- (A) SEBI
- (B) NABARD
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- (D) AMFI
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- (A) Mr. K.V. Kamath
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- (B) Commodity Banks
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- (D) Co-operative Banks
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- (A) software suites
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- (A) Authentication
- (B) Main
- (C) Web
- (D) File
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- (C) viruses

- (D) identify theft
  - (E) None of these
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- (A) Data
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  - (E) None of these
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  - (B) processing
  - (C) utility
  - (D) application
  - (E) None of these
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  - (D) Mainframes
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  - (D) personal digital assistants
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- (A) To explain some observed event or condition
- (B) To confirm that data exists
- (C) To analyze data for expected relationships

- (D) To create a new data warehouse
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

16. URL stands for .....

- (A) Universal Research List
- (B) Universal Resource List
- (C) Uniform Resource Locator
- (D) Uniform Research Locator
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

17. A database management system (DBMS) is a .....

- (A) hardware system used to create , maintain and provide controlled access to a database
- (B) hardware system used to create, maintain, and provide uncontrolled access to a database.
- (C) software system used to create, maintain, and provide uncontrolled access to a database.
- (D) software system used to create, maintain, and provide controlled access to a database.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

18. Which of the following is NOT a goal of transaction processing system ?

- (A) Capture , process and store transactions
- (B) Produce a variety of documents related to routine business activities
- (C) Reduce manual effort associated with processing business transactions
- (D) Produce standard reports used for management decision making
- (E) None of these

Ans : (E)

19. A Proxy server is used for which of the following?

- (A) To provide security against unauthorized users
- (B) To process client requests for web pages
- (C) To process client requests for database access
- (D) To provide TCP/IP
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

20. When data changes in multiple lists and all lists are not updated, this causes:

- (A) data redundancy
- (B) information overload
- (C) duplicate data
- (D) data inconsistency
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

21. \_\_\_\_\_ are words that a programming language has set aside for its own use.

- (A) Control worlds
- (B) Reserved words
- (C) Control structures
- (D) Reserved keys
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

22. What is the primary difference between a virus and a worm?

- (A) A worm has the ability to self-propagate from an infected user's computer to other computers
- (B) A worm is usually written by a cracker: Script bunnies do not have the skills to develop a worm program
- (C) A virus is very harmful to the computers it infects : a worm is not a serious a problem
- (D) Anti-virus software is effective in fighting viruses but not worms
- (E) None of these

Ans : ( )

23. \_\_\_\_\_ describe what is database fields.

- (A) Structures
- (B) Field markers
- (C) Field definition
- (D) Field names
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

24. You must install a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ on a network if you want to share a broadband Internet connection.

- (A) router
- (B) modem
- (C) node
- (D) cable
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

25. A goal of normalization is to \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) minimize the number of relationships
- (B) minimize the number of entities
- (C) minimize the number of tables
- (D) minimize the number of redundancy
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

26. Granting an outside organization access to internet web pages is often implemented using a (n) \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) extranet
- (B) intranet
- (C) internet



- (D) hacker
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (A)

27. Which term identifies a specific computer on the web and the main page of the entire site

- (A) URL
- (B) Web site address
- (C) Hyperlink
- (D) Domain name
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

28. The code that relational database management systems use to perform their database task is referred to as .....

- (A) QBE
- (B) SQL
- (C) OLAP
- (D) Sequel Server
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

29. Chip is a common nickname for a (n):

- (A) transistor
- (B) resistor
- (C) integrated circuit
- (D) semiconductor
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

30. The purpose of the primary key in a database is to:

- (A) unlock the database
- (B) provide a map of the data
- (C) uniquely identify a record
- (D) establish constraints on database operations.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

31. A \_\_\_\_\_ contains specific rules and words that express the logical steps of an algorithm.

- (A) programming language
- (B) syntax
- (C) programming structure
- (D) logic chart
- (E) None of these

Ans : ( )

32. The design of the network is called the network:

- (A) architecture
- (B) server
- (C) transmission
- (D) type
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

33. The most frequently used instructions of a computer program are likely to be fetched from:

- (A) the hard disk
- (B) cache memory
- (C) RAM
- (D) registers
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

34. The \_\_\_\_\_ contains data descriptions and defines the name, data type, and length of each field in the database.

- (A) data dictionary
- (B) data table
- (C) data record
- (D) data field
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

35. Personal logs or journal entries posted on the Web are known as:

- (A) listservs
- (B) Webcasts
- (C) blogs
- (D) subject directories
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

36. A(n) \_\_\_\_\_ uses pictures (called icons) and menus displayed on the screen to send commands to the computer system.

- (A) command - based user interface
- (B) GUI
- (C) system utility
- (D) API
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ manual tells you how to use a software program.

- (A) documentation
- (B) programming
- (C) technical

- (D) user
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : ()

38. Which of the following is NOT a type of broadband Internet connection?

- (A) Cable
  - (B) DSL
  - (C) Dial-up
  - (D) Satellite
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (C)

39. Software, such as viruses, worms and Trojan horses, that has a malicious intent, is known as:

- (A) spyware
  - (B) adware
  - (C) spam
  - (D) malware
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (D)

40. Making a field \_\_\_\_\_ means : that it cannot be left blank.

- (A) numeric
  - (B) required
  - (C) calculated
  - (D) validated
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (B)

41. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of finding errors in software code.

- (A) Debugging
  - (B) Compiling
  - (C) Testing
  - (D) Running
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : ()

42. \_\_\_\_\_ are viruses that are triggered by the passage of time or on a certain date.

- (A) Boot-sector viruses
  - (B) Macro viruses
  - (C) Time bombs
  - (D) Worms
  - (E) None of these
- Ans : (C)

43. Linux is a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ operating system.

- (A) open-source
- (B) Microsoft
- (C) Windows
- (D) Mac
- (E) None of these

Ans : (A)

44. What is a backup?

- (A) Restoring the information backup
- (B) An exact copy of a system's information
- (C) The ability to get a system up and running in the event of a system crash or failure
- (D) All of these
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

45. Which of the following places the common data elements in order from smallest to largest

- (A) character, file, record, field, database
- (B) character, record, field, database, file
- (C) character, field, record, file, database
- (D) Bit, byte, character, record, field, file, database,
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

46. The internet is .....

- (A) a large network of networks
- (B) an internal communication system for a business
- (C) a communication system for the Indian government
- (D) All of these
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

47. \_\_\_\_\_ are lists of commands that appear on the screen.

- (A) GUIs
- (B) Icons
- (C) Menus
- (D) Windows
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

48. Which of the following statements is FALSE concerning file names?

- (A) Files may share the same name or the same extension but not both
- (B) Every file in the same folder must have a unique name
- (C) File extension is another name for file type
- (D) The file extension comes before the dot (.) followed by the file name
- (E) None of these

Ans : (D)

49. Verification of a login name and password is known as:

- (A) configuration
- (B) accessibility
- (C) authentication
- (D) logging in
- (E) None of these

Ans : (C)

50. Which of the following would most likely NOT be a symptom of a virus?

- (A) Existing program files and icons disappear.
- (B) The CD-ROM stops functioning.
- (C) The Web browser opens to an unusual home page.
- (D) Odd messages or images are displayed on the screen.
- (E) None of these

Ans : (B)

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### **Punjab National Bank P.O. Exam, 2008 : General Awareness (Solved)**



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1. Nav Krishi is a programme by—

- (1) Door Darshan
- (2) All India Radio
- (3) NIC
- (4) ICRISAT
- (5) MANAGE

2. One Acre is equal to.....hectare.

- (1) 0.0541
- (2) 0.8032
- (3) 0.1082
- (4) 0.2514
- (5) 0.4047

3. SRI technology is practiced for the cultivation of—

- (1) Fruits
- (2) Vegetables
- (3) Flowers
- (4) Rice
- (5) Wheat

4. If the soil pH 9.2, then the soil is—

- (1) Acidic
- (2) Neutral
- (3) Alkaline
- (4) Saline
- (5) Sodic

5. ....is used for the reclamation of acidic soil—

- (1) Lime
- (2) Gypsum
- (3) Sulphur
- (4) Calcium Chloride
- (5) Ferrous Sulphate

6. 2008 is declared as International Year of—

- (1) Rice
- (2) Wheat
- (3) Sugarcane
- (4) Potato
- (5) Apple

7. Golden revolution refers to the development of—

- (1) Oilseeds
- (2) Pulses
- (3) Horticulture
- (4) Cereals
- (5) Fodder

8. The most important rabi pulse crop in India is—

- (1) Chickpea
- (2) Soyabean
- (3) Pigeon pea
- (4) Green gram
- (5) Black gram

9. RFLP (Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism) is—

- (1) Growth promoter
- (2) Molecular marker
- (3) Growth retardant
- (4) Herbicide

(5) Germicide

10. National Commission on Farmers was chaired by—

- (1) Sri Som Pal
- (2) Sri Y.C. Nanda
- (3) Dr C. Rangarajan
- (4) Dr M.S. Swaminathan
- (5) Sri Sharad Pawar

11. Global Positioning Systems are useful for—

- (1) Determining precise location (latitude and longitude) based on radio signal
- (2) Determining precise distance based on radio signal
- (3) Determining general pest system
- (4) Determining disease forecast
- (5) Determining area of farm

12. Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) recommends—

- (1) Comfort Price
- (2) State Advised Price
- (3) Minimum Support Price
- (4) Minimum Export Price
- (5) Statutory Minimum Price

13. NPV (Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus) is—

- (1) Pest
- (2) Pathogen
- (3) Bio pesticide
- (4) Bio fungicide
- (5) Bio control agent

14. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation is known as—

- (1) NIAM
- (2) NAFED
- (3) MARKFED
- (4) NACMF
- (5) NACOM

15. Which insect is known as farmers' enemy No.1?

- (1) Bollworm
- (2) Desert locust
- (3) Aphids
- (4) Stem borer
- (5) Fruit fly

16. Indian Institute of Forest management is located at—

- (1) Chennai

- (2) Bhopal
- (3) Hissar
- (4) Dehradun
- (5) Imphal

17. In India forests account for about .....of land surface.

- (1) 11%
- (2) 22%
- (3) 33%
- (4) 14%
- (5) 25%

18. VAM is an alternative to inorganic fertilizer. VAM is—

- (1) Azospirillum
- (2) Mycorrhiza
- (3) Phosphate solubilising bacteria
- (4) Nitrogen fixing bacteria
- (5) Azotobacter

19. An example of Single Cell Protein is—

- (1) agar agar
- (2) spirulina
- (3) rhizobium
- (4) acetobacter
- (5) salmonella

20. Major producer of mulberry silk in India—

- (1) Karnataka
- (2) Jammu and Kashmir
- (3) Jharkhand
- (4) Assam
- (5) Himachal Pradesh

21. Bird flu affects—

- (1) Cattle
- (2) Poultry
- (3) Sheep
- (4) Prawn
- (5) Silkworm

22. Minor irrigation scheme comprises several types of works with capacities to irrigate upto—

- (1) 2000 acre
- (2) 2000 ha
- (3) 1000 ha
- (4) 1000 acre



(5) 2500 ha

23. Ideal NPK ratio for Indian soils is—

- (1) 8 : 4 : 2
- (2) 4 : 2 : 1
- (3) 9 : 5 : 3
- (4) 2 : 1 : 0.5
- (5) 10 : 4 : 2

24. Which of the following is a bio diesel plant?

- (1) Jatropha
- (2) Rose
- (3) Pepper
- (4) Noni
- (5) Teak

25. National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology is situated at—

- (1) Nagpur
- (2) New Delhi
- (3) Mumbai
- (4) Kolkata
- (5) Chennai

26. Carbon credit is meant for—

- (1) Deforestation
- (2) Protection of environment
- (3) Rural infrastructure
- (4) Diamond trading
- (5) Precision farming

27. Acetic acid is present in—

- (1) Vinegar
- (2) Curd
- (3) Lime
- (4) Fish
- (5) Rancid butter

28. Deep litter and cage systems are associated with—

- (1) Dairy development
- (2) Pig farming
- (3) Poultry growing
- (4) Quali farming
- (5) Sheep rearing

29. When milk is churned, the cream is separated due to—

- (1) Gravitational force

- (2) Centrifugal force
- (3) Frictional force
- (4) Electro magnetic effect
- (5) None of the above

30. Agricultural scientist who got Nobel prize for peace—

- (1) Dr Norman E. Borlaug
- (2) Dr M.S. Swaminathan
- (3) Dr Hargovind Khorana
- (4) Dr Chandrasekhar
- (5) Dr Watson

31. Free flow of capital, goods and services is envisaged under—

- (1) WTO
- (2) Food Bill
- (3) AEZ
- (4) Essential commodities Act
- (5) Warehouse Bill

32. Process involved in the conversion of milk to curd is—

- (1) Oxidation
- (2) Dehydration
- (3) Hydrogenation
- (4) Fermentation
- (5) Hydration

33. National Policy for Farmers 2007 is formulated based on the recommendations of—

- (1) Committee on Financial Inclusion
- (2) Vaidyanathan Committee
- (3) Forward Market Commission
- (4) Working Group on Agriculture
- (5) National Commission on Farmers

34. The Head Quarters of CFTRI—the leading institute for research on various food products is located at—

- (1) Mysore
- (2) New Delhi
- (3) Mumbai
- (4) Gurgaon
- (5) Jammu

35. Common refrigerant used in fridges and cold storages—

- (1) Neon
- (2) Freon
- (3) Crypton
- (4) Argon

(5) Ice

**ANSWERS :**

1. (1) 2. (5) 3. (4) 4. (3) 5. (1)  
 6. (4) 7. (3) 8. (1) 9. (2) 10. (4)  
 11. (1) 12. (3) 13. (3) 14. (2) 15. (3)  
 16. (4) 17. (2) 18. (2) 19. (2) 20. (1)  
 21. (2) 22. (3) 23. (2) 24. (1) 25. (2)  
 26. (2) 27. (1) 28. (3) 29. (2) 30. (1)  
 31. (1) 32. (4) 33. (5) 34. (1) 35. (2)

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1. A passive threat to computer security is—
  - (1) Malicious Intent
  - (2) Sabotage
  - (3) Accident Errors
  - (4) Espionage Agents
  - (5) None of these
  
2. The Secure Electronic Transaction (SET) specification—
  - (1) is a notice, issued and verified by a certificate authority, that guarantees a user or Web site is legitimate
  - (2) provides private-key encryption of all data that passes between a client and a server
  - (3) allows users to choose an encryption scheme for the data that passes between a client and a server
  - (4) uses a public-key encryption to secure credit-card transaction systems
  - (5) None of these
  
3. ....allows wireless mobile devices to access the Internet and its services such as the Web and e-mail—
  - (1) TCP/IP
  - (2) Ethernet
  - (3) WAP
  - (4) Token ring

(5) None of these

4. 'DOS' floppy disk does not have—

- (1) A Boot Record
- (2) A File Allocation Table
- (3) A Root Directory
- (4) Virtual Memory
- (5) BIOS

5. 'MICR' technology used for clearance of cheques by banks refers to—

- (1) Magnetic Ink Character Recognition
- (2) Magnetic Intelligence Character Recognition
- (3) Magnetic Information Cable Recognition
- (4) Magnetic Insurance Cases Recognition
- (5) None of these

6. All the information collected during database development is stored in a—

- (1) repository
- (2) data warehouse
- (3) RAD
- (4) CASE
- (5) None of these

7. The.....component is used by the data analyst to create the queries that access the database.

- (1) data extraction
- (2) end-user query tool
- (3) end-user presentation tool
- (4) data store
- (5) None of these

8. A(n).....allows network users to share a single copy of software, which resides on the network server.

- (1) single-user license agreement
- (2) network site license
- (3) end-user license agreement
- (4) business software license
- (5) None of these

9. A polymorphic virus—

- (1) modifies its program code each time it attaches itself to another program or file
- (2) is a malicious-logic program that copies itself repeatedly in memory or on a disk drive until no memory or disk space remains
- (3) a malicious-logic program that hides within or looks like a legitimate program
- (4) infects a program file, but still reports the size and creation date of the original, uninfected program

(5) None of these

10. Microwave transmission is used in environments where installing physical transmission media is—

- (1) difficult or impossible and where line-of-sight transmission is unavailable
- (2) easy or promising and where line-of-sight transmission is unavailable
- (3) difficult or impossible and where line-of-sight transmission is available
- (4) easy or promising and where line-of-sight transmission is available
- (5) None of these

11. Which is **NOT** a good Web security strategy?

- (1) Restrict access to the Web server; keep a minimum number of ports open
- (2) Limit the users who can load software, edit or add files.
- (3) Add demo programs, so users can test system without accessing production data.
- (4) Remove unnecessary compilers and interpreters.
- (5) None of these

12. The altering of data so that it is not usable unless the changes are undone is—

- (1) Biometrics
- (2) Compression
- (3) Encryption
- (4) Ergonomics
- (5) None of these

13. The word FIP stands for—

- (1) File Translate Protocol
- (2) File Transit Protocol
- (3) File Typing Protocol
- (4) File Transfer Protocol
- (5) None of these

14. Voice mail—

- (1) is the exchange of text messages and computer files transmitted via a communications network such as a local area network or the Internet
- (2) permits users to converse in real time with each other via the computer while connected to the Internet
- (3) functions much like an answering machine, allowing callers to leave a voice message for the called party
- (4) involves using video and computer technology to conduct a meeting between participants at geographically separate locations
- (5) None of these

15. A communication processor that connects dissimilar networks by providing the translation from one set of protocol to another is—

- (1) Bridge
- (2) Gateway

- (3) Router
- (4) Modem
- (5) All of these

16. Which of the following is a general-purpose programming language, designed by Sun Microsystems, and well suited for use on the Web?

- (1) VB Script
- (2) Java Script
- (3) CSS
- (4) Java
- (5) None of these

17. This.....tier processes HTTP protocol, scripting tasks, performs calculations, and provides access to data.

- (1) Client
- (2) Applications/Web server
- (3) Enterprise server
- (4) DBA
- (5) None of these

18. RSA is—

- (1) Symmetric Cryptosystem
- (2) Asymmetric Cryptosystem
- (3) Block Cypher
- (4) Digital Signature
- (5) None of these

19. A DVD-RAM is similar to a.....except it has storage capacities up to 5.2 GB.

- (1) CD-R
- (2) floppy disk
- (3) CD-RW
- (4) hard disk
- (5) None of these

20. When you are selecting a mouse for a particular computer system, what is the most important consideration?

- (1) The type of drivers that come with the mouse
- (2) The length of the mouse cord
- (3) The type of connector the mouse is equipped with
- (4) The number of buttons the mouse has
- (5) None of these

21. How is power supplied to a low-power USB device?

- (1) Through a power cable
- (2) From an external power supply

- (3) Directly from the computer's power supply  
(4) Through the USB cable  
(5) None of these
22. All of the following are basic principles of net works, except—  
(1) each computer must have a network card  
(2) there must be communications media connecting the network hardware devices  
(3) there must be at least one connecting device  
(4) each computer must have software that supports the movement of information  
(5) None of these
23. The.....data mining technique derives rules from real-world case examples.  
(1) Rule discover  
(2) Signal processing  
(3) Neural nets  
(4) Case-based reasoning  
(5) None of these
24. ....are used to identify a user who returns to a Website.  
(1) Cookies  
(2) Plug-ins  
(3) Scripts  
(4) ASPs  
(5) None of these
25. Which one of the following objects is passed to a JavaBean when one of its properties is set via a JSP action?  
(1) Servlet Request  
(2) Http Servlet Request  
(3) Servlet Response  
(4) Http Servlet Response  
(5) None of these
26. Programs that automatically submit your search request to several search engines simultaneously are called—  
(1) Metasearch engines  
(2) Webcrawlers  
(3) Spiders  
(4) Hits  
(5) None of these
27. Graphical diagrams used to represent different multiple perspectives of a system include—  
(1) use-case, class, and state diagrams  
(2) state, interaction, derivative diagrams  
(3) interaction, relationship, and class diagrams

- (4) deployment, relationship, and use-case diagrams
- (5) None of these

28. Database redesign is **not** terribly difficult if the—

- (1) database is structured
- (2) database is well-designed
- (3) database has no data
- (4) database is relatively small
- (5) database is relatively large

29. Which of the following are normally used to initialize a computer system's hardware?

- (1) Bootstrap memory
- (2) Volatile memory
- (3) Externanl mass memory
- (4) Static memory
- (5) Random access memory

30. If you wanted to locate the hardware address of a local device, which protocol would you use?

- (1) ARP
- (2) RARP
- (3) ICMP
- (4) PING
- (5) PONG

31. What is Internet 2?

- (1) A new type of cabling system for Wide Area Networks
- (2) A second local area network that can connect with another online LAN to share access
- (3) A new standard for Internet browsers
- (4) An association to develop advanced Internet technology
- (5) None of these

32. The term, "hypertext", means—

- (1) Non-sequential writing
- (2) Hypermedia
- (3) Blinking text
- (4) Text with heavy formatting
- (5) None of these

33. While searching a website, you have been unable to find information that was on the site several months ago. What might you do to attempt to locate that information?

- (1) Visit Google's cached page to view the older copy.
- (2) Forget about it, as there is no way to find this information.
- (3) Visit a partner site of the organization to see if it is there.
- (4) Use the wayback machine.



(5) None of these

34. Which kind of lock includes a keypad that can be used to control access into areas?

- (1) Cipher
- (2) Warded
- (3) Device
- (4) Tumbler
- (5) Typelock

35. A.....sometimes called a boot sector virus, executes when a computer boots up because it resides in the boot sector of a floppy disk or the master boot record of a hard disk.

- (1) system virus
- (2) trojan horse virus
- (3) file virus
- (4) macro virus
- (5) None of these

**ANSWERS:**

1. (1) 2. (4) 3. (3) 4. (4) 5. (1)  
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 11. (4) 12. (3) 13. (1) 14. (3) 15. (2)  
 16. (2) 17. (1) 18. (4) 19. (3) 20. (3)  
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1. Which of the following was the reason owing to which public unrest broke out in Pakistan and an Emergency was declared a few months back ?

- 1. Sudden death of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.
- 2. Announcement of General Elections.

3. Appointment of a new Chief of Army in place of Gen. Pervez Musharraf who was very popular leader there.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

2. India, Brazil and South Africa made a forum in 2003 which is playing a very significant role in dealing with the issues of common interest of all the three in general and their foreign policies in particular. What is the name of the forum ? (The Second Summit of the forum was organized in October 2007 in Pretoria)

- (A) SAGU
- (B) BRIC
- (C) G-20
- (D) IBSA
- (E) None of these

3. Read the following three statements carefully and answer the question asked immediately after that—

1. Hu Jintao has been reelected the General Secretary of the ruling CPC for the second term till 2012.
2. Vice President of the country Zeng Quinghing was removed from the powerful Central Committee of the party.
3. Country is now likely to proceed on a new agenda of progress and development as Jintao is a man of modern and scientific outlook.

All these three statements are about the political development in the country known as—

- (A) South Korea
- (B) North Korea
- (C) Singapore
- (D) China
- (E) Thailand

4. The mid term review of the Monetary and Credit Policy of the RBI (for 2007-08) took place in January 2008. Which of the following is true about the same ?

1. CRR hiked by 0.5 per cent to make it 7.5% w.e.f. 10th February, 2008.
2. GDP growth outlook at 8.5% for 2007-08.
3. Call and put options are now allowed in imports and exports.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3

- (D) Both 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

5. An International Organization with Robert B. Zoellick as its President sanctioned a loan of US\$ 944 million to India so that it can strengthen its rural finance system, vocational training and improve its water management projects. Which of the following is the name of that organization ?

- (A) International Monetary Fund
- (B) Asian Development Bank
- (C) UNESCO
- (D) World Bank
- (E) None of these

6. As per the news which appeared in some newspapers/magazines the police with the help of some NGOs rescued some children who had been forced in child labour illegally. Such children are protected under which of the following acts in India ?

1. Juvenile Justice Act.
2. Child Labour Act.
3. Immoral Trafficking Act.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

7. As per the news published in the media, India, China and some other countries are trying to grapple with money flooding the economy from a record trade surplus, and swelling of foreign exchange reserves of the country. Why do the Central Banks of such countries have to make special efforts to check the flooding of money and foreign exchange in economy whereas for an ordinary man more money means richness and prosperity ?

1. It generates artificial inflation in economy.
2. It makes the Govt. of that country to reevaluate its currency.
3. It creates a situation where rate of interest on loans and advances starts coming down sharply.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) All 1, 2 and 3
- (D) Both 1 and 3
- (E) None of these

8. The Govt. of India recently established a fund known as National Investment Fund (NIF). Which of the following statement(s) is/are true in this regard ?

1. This fund is generated through the money received from the sale of equity in State run companies.
2. The fund will help in revival of sick units of the public sector companies of the Govt. of India.
3. The money deposited in the fund will be used for social welfare schemes.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

9. The Govt. of India is making special efforts to help the farmer community in the country as they are in distress and demand special attention from all of us. Which of the following is correct in this regard ?

1. Govt. of India has announced a substantial hike in minimum support price of wheat for Rabi season.
2. A relief package is announced for the Sugar Industry.
3. All farmers are being given a cash assistance of Rs. 5 lakhs to make them comfortable financially.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Only 3
- (E) None of these

10. Which of the following taxes is collected by the Govt. on sale of goods and services in the country ?

- (A) NAT
- (B) GET
- (C) SAT
- (D) VAT
- (E) None of these

11. The N. D. Kumaraswamy Govt. came into minority in Karnataka because one segment of the coalition government withdrew its support from it in October 2007. Which of the following was that segment ?

- (A) SP
- (B) Congress
- (C) BSP
- (D) Telugu Desam
- (E) None of these

12. The newly elected President of which of the following countries took over the charge from her husband who was the President of the country immediately prior to the general presidential elections there ?

- (A) Pakistan
- (B) Sri Lanka
- (C) Romania
- (D) Peru
- (E) Argentina

13. The latest European Union Summit took place in which of the following cities in October 2007 ?

- (A) Brussels
- (B) Paris
- (C) Luxembourg
- (D) Lisbon
- (E) None of these

14. The UN Climate change Conference 2007 was organized in which of the following places ?

- (A) Manila
- (B) London
- (C) Brussels
- (D) Lisbon
- (E) Bali

15. India ranks 128 in the recently published Human Development Index (HDI). The index measures

which of the following to decide the rank of a country ?

1. Life expectancy
2. Literacy and Education
3. Forex reserves as a percentage of total GDP

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) All 1, 2 and 3
- (E) None of these

16. Kevin Rudd recently took over as the Prime Minister of Australia from John Howard. Which of the following policies of John Howard went wrong and against him who otherwise was holding the post since last four terms of four years each ?

1. Refusal to ratify Kyoto protocol
2. Policy of hiring and firing workers any time
3. Support to non-democratic govt. in some countries

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Both 1 and 2
- (C) Only 3

- (D) Only 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

17. Many a time we read a term 'PPP' in financial newspapers. What is the full form of the same as used in financial world ?

- (A) Public Per Capita Power
- (B) Per Capita Potential Purchases
- (C) Purchasing Power Parity
- (D) Present Purchasing Power
- (E) None of these

18. 'Cryogenic Engines' are being developed indigenously by an Indian organization. These engines are normally used for which of the following purposes ?

- (A) Used for space programme
- (B) Used for generating nuclear power
- (C) Used by Railways as they are very fast and fuel efficient
- (D) Used in fighter planes
- (E) None of these

19. The UN has revealed that the emergency phase is now over in Chernobyl where a disastrous accident had taken place in 1986. The affected people there will now be treated as normal and not as victims. What had happened in Chernobyl in 1986 ?

- (A) A train accident in which about 1000 people had died
- (B) A bomb blast in which around 500 people died and 5000 were injured
- (C) A nuclear plant exploded and the entire city became a radioactive zone
- (D) A powerful earthquake rocked the entire city leaving thousands dead and several thousands injured
- (E) None of these

20. Who amongst the following is the Chairman of the 13th Finance Commission constituted recently ?

- (A) Vijay Kelkar
- (B) B. K. Chaturvedi
- (C) K. V. Kamath
- (D) A. K. Purwar
- (E) None of these

21. Many a time we read in newspapers about the "Doha Round" of talks. It was related with the talks of which of the following organizations ?

- (A) European Union
- (B) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- (C) International Atomic Energy Agencies (IAEA)
- (D) G-8 talks
- (E) None of these

22. Dinar is the currency of which of the following countries ?

- (A) Sudan
- (B) Myanmar
- (C) Afghanistan
- (D) Pakistan
- (E) None of these

23. The former President of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano was honoured by the first ever international prize to an African leader, the prestigious “Mo Ibrahim Leadership Prize”. The Prize was given to him in 2007 October. What was the contribution of Chissano owing to which he was selected for the same ?  
(Pick up the correct statement)

1. He was instrumental in bringing peace, reconciliation, stable democracy and economic progress to Mozambique.
2. He played a crucial role in diffusing tension between Iran and IAEA over the issue of Iran’s nuclear facilities.
3. He played a crucial role in diffusing conflict between India and some western countries over the issue of subsidy to agriculture in WTO conference held in 2007.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

24. Who amongst the following Indian leaders became the second World Leader to receive the British Royal Society’s prestigious King Charles II Medal ?  
(Given in October 2007)

- (A) Dr. Manmohan Singh
- (B) Mrs. Sonia Gandhi
- (C) Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
- (D) Dr. M. S. Swaminathan
- (E) None of these

25. The “Outstanding Business Leader Award–2007” was given to whom amongst the following in October 2007 ?

- (A) Lakshmi Mittal
- (B) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- (C) Rahul Bajaj
- (D) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- (E) None of these

26. The Doing Business Report, an international publication, is published every year by which of the following organization(s) ?

1. World Bank

2. WTO

3. Reserve Bank of India

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

27. The fourth Military World Games–2007 were organized in which of the following places in India ?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Hyderabad
- (C) Jaipur
- (D) Bangalore
- (E) Cochin

28. The 47th Open National Athletic Championship 2007 was organized in which of the following places ?

- (A) Jamshedpur
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Lucknow
- (D) Bangalore
- (E) None of these

29. Who amongst the following is not a famous Lawn tennis player ?

- (A) Roger Federer
- (B) Leander Paes
- (C) Svetlana Kuznetsova
- (D) Justin Henin
- (E) Kimi Raikkonen

30. Lot of discussion is going on these days on the issue of 'Participatory Note' (P Notes) used in financial sector/money market. What is Participatory Note ?

[Pick up the correct statement(s)]

1. It is nothing but another name of the banking operation by which banks exchange Indian Rupees into US Dollars without depositing a single rupee in the account of the party who are NRIs. The entire operation is carried out by the banks solely on the basis of the credit and goodwill of the NRI party.
2. It is an offshore derivative instrument used by overseas buyers/investors who buy shares of Indian companies listed in Indian Stock Exchange anonymously.
3. It is nothing but a type of undertaking given to the banks that they should continue investing money in stock markets on behalf of the NRIs and in case the market crashes NRI's will make the losses good without delay.



- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

31. As we all see every now and then many countries are in the race of launching space shuttles or rockets or satellites. What exactly are the benefits of space programmes which otherwise are very costly affairs for the countries ?

1. It is nothing but a fun to have a visit to space. It has no real benefit as such.
2. Humanity can be served/benefited by getting data on weather, disaster alerts and/or resource centres connected through satellites.
3. Since earth is no longer a place to live we have to find out a place where in the next few years we can shift and survive. Such programmes help us in all this.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) None of these

32. As we all see oil prices have a special place in economic folklore. Almost all countries keep an eagle eye on the oil prices in the international market. Why is oil so important for the countries and their economies to survive ?

[Pick up the correct statement(s)]

1. Two nastiest global recessions of the recent decades were preceded by huge and sudden rises in prices of oil, first in 1973 and then in 1979. Leaders are scared of their repetition.
2. What makes oil so special is that it is a uniquely dense and portable form of energy. It is not easy to switch to alternatives very quickly, hence any disruptions to supply are damaging for economies.
3. Oil exporting countries are most powerful and violent nations. Countries do not want to invite trouble with them.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

33. Which of the following is the name of Tata's small car launched recently ?

- (A) Micro
- (B) Sapna
- (C) Nano

- (D) Lakhtakia
- (E) None of these

34. The House of Representatives of USA recently approved a US\$ 50 billion War Funding Bill. If passed it would require President Bush to start withdrawing troops from—

- (A) Iraq
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Sudan
- (D) China
- (E) South Africa

35. The public protest on which of the following issues recently brought the whole of the France to a near standstill for the second time in a month ?

1. Irregularities in Presidential elections held in 2007.
2. President Sarkozy's plan to reform public sector pensions.
3. France's support to USA on Iraq's rebuilding

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 3
- (C) Only 2
- (D) Both 1 and 3
- (E) None of these

36. Who amongst the following was adjudged as Miss Earth-Air 2007 ?

- (A) Pooja Chitgopekar
- (B) Pooja Gupta
- (C) Amruta Patki
- (D) Sarah Jane Dias
- (E) None of these

37. As per the news which appeared in newspapers/magazines thousands of civilians have to flee the fighting in North Kivu province as there is a war going on between the army of the country and rebels of General Laurent Nkunda. This is the story of which of the following countries ?

- (A) Congo
- (B) Sudan
- (C) Mozambique
- (D) Argentina
- (E) None of these

38. About 20,000 students demonstrated against plans to President Hugo Chavez to change the constitution of the country. Chavez is the President of—

- (A) Sudan
- (B) Congo
- (C) Venezuela

- (D) Poland
- (E) None of these

39. Govt. of India recently announced its action plan on Sachchar Committee Report. What actions are being taken on the report ?

1. Govt. to bear all expenses of poor students who get into top institutions on merit basis.
2. Revision of Madarsa Modernization programme.
3. Special Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme for minority population.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
- (B) Only 2 is correct
- (C) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- (D) Only 3 is correct
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3 are correct

40. As we read in the newspapers the 123 Agreement with USA will have strategic implications on India. Which of the following is/are these implications ?

1. India will get recognition as a state with advanced nuclear technology.
2. The deal will not be offered to Pakistan.
3. India will be free to develop nuclear weapon for its military purposes.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
- (B) Only 2 is correct
- (C) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- (D) Only 3 is correct
- (E) None is correct

41. The Govt. of India recently gave its clearance to the new Agriculture scheme which will provide additional central assistance to the agri. sector. What is/are the main points of this scheme ?

1. Public Investment in agriculture sector will be banned.
2. Govt. will help state govts. to achieve the targeted growth rates in agri. sector.
3. State Govt. will get Rs. 40,000 crores to provide subsidy to agri. sector.

- (A) Only 1 is correct
- (B) Only 2 is correct
- (C) Only 3 is correct
- (D) Both 1 and 2 are correct
- (E) None is correct

42. Who amongst the following are the members of BRIC the summit of which was organized recently ?

1. India
2. Indonesia
3. Brazil

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) Both 1 and 3

43. Abuja Declaration was in news a few months back. This is the pact signed between which of the following two nations ?

- (A) India-Sudan
- (B) Sudan-China
- (C) India-China
- (D) Nigeria-Nepal
- (E) India-Nigeria

44. USA recently decided to slap few sanctions against Iran which include ouster of Iranian military and banking institutions from US financial system. Why did US resort to such harsh steps against Iran ?

1. Iran's alleged support to Pakistan's military rule.
2. Iran's support to terrorism and nuclear programme.
3. Iran is against any financial help to Iraq as both are old enemies.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 2
- (C) Only 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) All 1, 2 and 3

45. As reported in the newspapers Aung San Suu Kyi has agreed to cooperate with the military ruler of her country. She is a citizen of—

- (A) Nepal
- (B) Myanmar
- (C) Brazil
- (D) Indonesia
- (E) Hong Kong

46. India won Future Cup Twenty-20 cricket match held in October 2007 in Mumbai. The match was played against—

- (A) Pakistan
- (B) England
- (C) South Africa
- (D) New Zealand
- (E) Australia

47. Who amongst the following is not one of the Nobel Prize Winners of 2007 ?  
(A) Ms. Doris Lessing  
(B) Albert Fert  
(C) Roger B. Myerson  
(D) Al Gore  
(E) Yulia Sindzeyeva
48. Who amongst the following won the Man Booker Prize 2007 ?  
(A) K. Narayana Kurup  
(B) Eric S. Maskin  
(C) Mario R. Capecchi  
(D) Anne Enright  
(E) None of these
49. Who amongst the following was made the Chairman/Chairperson of the National Land Reforms Commission ?  
(A) Somnath Chatterjee  
(B) Manmohan Singh  
(C) Smt. Sonia Gandhi  
(D) Murli Deora  
(E) None of these
50. The prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for 2006 was recently conferred upon—  
(A) Prof. Wangari Maathai  
(B) Mr. Kevin Rudd  
(C) Mr. Ratan Tata  
(D) Mr. Mahmoud Abbas  
(E) None of these

### Answers :

1. (B) 2. (D) 3. (D) 4. (A) 5. (D)  
6. (B) 7. (A) 8. (D) 9. (C) 10. (D)  
11. (E) 12. (E) 13. (D) 14. (E) 15. (C)  
16. (E) 17. (C) 18. (A) 19. (C) 20. (A)  
21. (B) 22. (E) 23. (A) 24. (C) 25. (B)  
26. (A) 27. (B) 28. (A) 29. (E) 30. (B)  
31. (B) 32. (B) 33. (C) 34. (A) 35. (C)  
36. (A) 37. (A) 38. (C) 39. (B) 40. (D)  
41. (D) 42. (E) 43. (E) 44. (B) 45. (B)  
46. (E) 47. (E) 48. (D) 49. (B) 50. (A)

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**NABARD Bank Officers Exam., 2008 : Reasoning (Solved)****NATIONAL BANK FOR AGRICULTURE  
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT****Reasoning****(Held on 30–3–2008)**

1. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to the group ?  
(A) Clove  
(B) Cinnamon  
(C) Pepper  
(D) Cardamom  
(E) Apricot
2. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word EXPERIMENT each of which have as many letters between them in the word as they have in the English alphabet ?  
(A) None  
(B) One  
(C) Two  
(D) Three  
(E) More than three
3. How many meaningful English words can be made from the letters EOPR, using each letter only once ?  
(A) None  
(B) One  
(C) Two  
(D) Three  
(E) More than three
4. Pointing to a photograph Rasika said “He is the grandson of my grandmother’s only son.” How is the boy in photograph related to Rasika ?  
(A) Son  
(B) Nephew  
(C) Brother  
(D) Cannot be determined  
(E) None of these
5. In a certain code ‘open the door’ is written as ‘ka te jo’ ‘door is closed’ is written as ‘jo pa ma’ and ‘this is good’ is written as ‘la ra pa’. What is the code for ‘closed’ ?  
(A) ma  
(B) pa  
(C) jo

- (D) ka
- (E) None of these

**Directions**—(Q. 6 to 10) These questions are based on the following letter / number / symbol arrangement. Study it carefully and answer the questions :

7 D 5 # A B 1 % K \$ 4 E J F 3 \* 2 H I @ L 6 Q U © 9 M T 8 W

6. How many such symbols are there in the above arrangement each of which is immediately preceded by a vowel and also immediately followed by a number ?
- (A) None
  - (B) One
  - (C) Two
  - (D) Three
  - (E) Four
7. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way on the basis of their positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which is the one that does not belong to the group ?
- (A) K41
  - (B) \*HF
  - (C) #B5
  - (D) M8©
  - (E) LQI
8. Which of the following pairs of elements does not have the second element, immediately followed by the first element ?
- (A) 5#
  - (B) MT
  - (C) \$4
  - (D) 3F
  - (E) @L
9. How many such numbers are there in the above arrangement, each of which is immediately followed by a symbol and also immediately preceded by a consonant ?
- (A) None
  - (B) One
  - (C) Two
  - (D) Three
  - (E) More than three
10. What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following series based on the above arrangement ?
- A # D \$K1 3FE ?
- (A) @I2
  - (B) \*HI
  - (C) H2@

- (D) HIL
- (E) None of these

**Directions**—(Q. 11 to 15) In each of the questions below are given four statements followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. You have to take the given statements to

be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

**11. Statements :**

Some shoes are socks.  
All socks are towels.  
All towels are bedsheets.  
No bedsheets is blanket.

**Conclusions :**

I. No towel is blanket.  
II. Some shoes are towels.  
III. Some shoes are bedsheets.

- (A) Only I and II follow
- (B) Only II and III follow
- (C) Only I and III follow
- (D) All follow
- (E) None of these

**12. Statements :**

Some fruits are flowers.  
Some flowers are buds.  
No bud is leaf.  
All leaves are plants.

**Conclusions :**

I. No plant is bud.  
II. Some plants are flowers.  
III. Some buds are fruits.

- (A) None follows
- (B) Only I follows
- (C) Only II and III follow
- (D) Only III follows
- (E) None of these

**13. Statements :**

Some pearls are gems.  
Some gems are diamonds.  
All diamonds are rings.  
All rings are bangles.

**Conclusions :**



- I. Some bangles are rings.  
II. All rings are diamonds.  
III. All diamonds are bangles.  
(A) Only I follows  
(B) Only I and II follow  
(C) Only I and III follow  
(D) All follow  
(E) None of these

**14. Statements :**

- All chairs are tables.  
All tables are telephones.  
All telephones are cell phones.  
No cell phone is computer.

**Conclusions :**

- I. All cell phones are tables.  
II. Some chairs are computers.  
III. No chair is computer.  
(A) Only I follows  
(B) Only II follows  
(C) Only III follows  
(D) Only either II or III follows  
(E) None of these

**15. Statements :**

- Some rocks are hills.  
All hills are mountains.  
All mountains are rivers.  
No river is Canal.

**Conclusions :**

- I. All rocks are rivers.  
II. Some hills are canals.  
III. Some rivers are canals.  
(A) Only I follows  
(B) Only II and III follow  
(C) Only I and III follow  
(D) Only II follows  
(E) None follows

**Directions**—(Q. 16 to 20) Study the following information carefully to answer these questions.

Eight friends Savita, Radhika, Amita, Nisha, Rani, Jyoti, Meeta and Anjali are sitting around a circle facing the centre. Savita is second to the right of Anjali, but is not a neighbour of Amita. Nisha is third to the left of Amita but is not next to Savita. Jyoti is second to the right of Rani and third to the left of Meeta.

16. Who is second to the left of Anjali ?

- (A) Radhika
- (B) Rani
- (C) Amita
- (D) Meeta
- (E) None of these

17. Who is to the immediate right of Nisha ?

- (A) Jyoti
- (B) Radhika
- (C) Meeta
- (D) Jyoti or Radhika
- (E) None of these

18. Which of the following is the correct position of Rani ?

- (A) To the immediate right of Anjali
- (B) To the immediate left of Anjali
- (C) To the immediate right of Savita
- (D) Next to Jyoti
- (E) None of these

19. Which of the following pairs represents the immediate neighbours of Nisha ?

- (A) Jyoti and Meeta
- (B) Radhika and Meeta
- (C) Savita and Jyoti
- (D) Radhika and Jyoti
- (E) None of these

20. Who is to the immediate left of Savita ?

- (A) Jyoti
- (B) Anjali
- (C) Rani
- (D) Meeta
- (E) None of these

**Directions**—(Q. 21 to 25) In each of the following questions two rows of numbers are given. The resultant number in each row is to be worked out separately based on the following rules and the questions below the rows of numbers is to be answered. The operations of numbers progress from left to right.

**Rules :**

- (i) If a two digit even number is followed by another even number the first one is to be divided by the second one.
- (ii) If an even number is followed by a prime number, the two are to be multiplied.
- (iii) If an odd number is followed by another odd number the two are to be added.
- (iv) If a three digit number is followed by a two digit number which is the perfect square,

the second number is to be subtracted from the first number.

(v) If a three digit number is followed by a two digit number which is not the perfect square, the first number is to be divided by the second number.

21.  $16725$

$m2322$

If 'm' is the resultant of the first row, what the resultant of the second row ?

(A) 132

(B) 88

(C) 122

(D) 78

(E) None of these

22.  $974571$

$48811$

What is the sum of the resultants of the two rows ?

(A) 68

(B) 19

(C) 147

(D) 64

(E) None of these

23.  $1256433$

$282 \times 39$

If 'x' is resultant of the first row, what is the resultant of the second row ?

(A) 45

(B) 42

(C) 39

(D) 36

(E) None of these

24.  $841413$

$3602417$

What the difference between the resultant of the first row and the second row ?

(A) 100

(B) 46

(C) 56 (D) 90

(E) None of these

25.  $24781$

$x2719$

If 'x' is the resultant of the first row, what is the resultant of the second row ?

(A) 87

(B) 114

(C) 4

(D) 6

(E) None of these

**Directions**—(Q. 26 to 30) Study the following information carefully to answer the questions given below it—

Seven professionals A, B, C, D, E, F and G are practicing their professions in different cities Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Jaipur and Bhubaneshwar not necessarily in the same order. Each has a different profession Doctor, Engineer, Pharmacist, Lawyer, Counsellor, Professor and Artist not necessarily in the same order.

A is a Pharmacist and practises in Bhubaneshwar. D practises in Bangalore but is not a Doctor or an Artist. The one who practises in Hyderabad is a Professor. G is a Counsellor and does not practise in Mumbai or Chennai. E is a Lawyer and practises in Ahmedabad. F practises in Chennai but is not an artist. C practises in Mumbai.

26. What is D's profession ?

- (A) Doctor
- (B) Professor
- (C) Engineer
- (D) Cannot be determined
- (E) None of these

27. Who is the professor ?

- (A) B
- (B) C
- (C) D
- (D) E
- (E) None of these

28. Which of the following combinations of profession and place is correct ?

- (A) Pharmacist—Jaipur
- (B) Engineer—Chennai
- (C) Doctor—Bangalore
- (D) Artist—Mumbai
- (E) None of these

29. Which of the following persons work in Jaipur ?

- (A) B
- (B) G
- (C) C
- (D) B or G
- (E) None of these

30. Who is the Doctor ?

- (A) D
- (B) B
- (C) C

- (D) B or C  
(E) None of these

**Directions**—(Q. 31 to 35) In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing. Give answer :

- (A) If only I follows.  
(B) If only II follows.  
(C) If either I or II follows.  
(D) If neither I nor II follows.  
(E) If both I and II follow.

31. **Statement :** Cases of road accidents are increasing constantly, particularly in the urban areas.

**Courses of action :**

- I. Transport Authorities in the urban areas should impose stringent norms for maintenance of vehicles.  
II. Traffic police should severely punish those found to be violating traffic rules.

32. **Statement :** Despite good economic progress of the country, significant number of undernourished children has been observed in the rural parts of the country.

**Courses of action :**

- I. Government should increase Wealth Tax/Income Tax and use that money for upliftment of the deprived class.  
II. Govt. should introduce schemes like free meals in primary schools and make primary education compulsory.

33. **Statement :** Launching of new brands of four wheelers is adding to the traffic congestion in the metro cities.

**Courses of action :**

- I. Public should be encouraged to share their private vehicles while travelling to their work places.  
II. Govt. should levy heavy taxes on motor cars in metro cities.

34. **Statement :** Increasing levels of air-pollution is creating health hazards for people living in the cities.

**Courses of action :**

- I. All industries should be shifted to the outskirts of the cities.  
II. Transport Authorities should take steps for converting all public transport vehicles to run on CNG.

35. **Statement :** Large number of college students are found to be focusing more on fashion than on studies.

**Courses of action :**

- I. Colleges should impose restrictions on use of fashionable clothes and accessories.  
 II. Colleges should keep the students busy enough with studies, so that they don't find time for other things like fashion.

**Directions**—(Q. 36 to 40) Below in each question are given two statements (A) and (B). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes

or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements. Mark answer :

- (A) If statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.  
 (B) If statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.  
 (C) If both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.  
 (D) If both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.  
 (E) If both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

36. (A) Parents in the locality decided to stop sending their children to school by private vehicles.  
 (B) A major accident of a private van carrying school children lead to deaths of few and injuries for many children.

37. (A) The city observed lowest temperature of the last decade accompanied by heavy fog during the week.  
 (B) Most of the flights from the city were indefinitely delayed causing panic among the passengers.

38. (A) In the past few years the job market has improved for the professionally qualified youth.  
 (B) Many youth are not able to get jobs upto their expectations.

39. (A) During peak hours roads are overcrowded with vehicles causing traffic jams in most parts of the city.  
 (B) Many companies are planning to launch low priced vehicles.

40. (A) During evening hours roads are overcrowded with vehicles causing very slow movement of vehicles.  
 (B) Pollution level in the air has substantially increased in the recent past.

**Answers**

1. (E) 2. (B) 3. (C) 4. (D) 5. (A) 6. (B) 7. (C) 8. (D) 9. (D) 10. (A) 11. (D) 12. (A) 13. (C) 14. (C) 15. (E) 16. (D) 17. (B) 18. (A) 19. (D) 20. (C) 21. (E) 22. (A) 23. (B) 24. (B) 25. (D) 26. (C) 27. (A) 28. (D) 29. (B) 30. (E) 31. (B) 32. (B) 33. (E) 34. (E) 35. (E) 36. (B) 37. (A) 38. (D) 39. (C) 40. (D)

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Bank of India Clerk Exam., 2008 : English Language (Solved)**English Language :****Solved Paper****Bank of India Clerk Exam., 2008****(Held on 22-6-2008)**

**Directions**—(Q. 1–15) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases are printed in **bold** to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

The King of Kanchi set off to conquer Karnat. He was victorious in battle. The elephants were laden with sandalwood, ivory, gold and precious stones taken from the conquered kingdom of Karnat. They would be a part of the victory parade for his subjects. On his way back home he stopped at a temple, finished his prayers to the goddess and turned to leave. Around his neck was a garland of scarlet hibiscus and as was the custom for all, his forehead was anointed with red sandal paste. His Minister and the court jester were his only companions. At one spot, in a mango grove by the wayside, they spied some children play. The King said, "Let me go and see what they are playing."

The children had lined up two rows of clay dolls and were playing warriors and battles. The King asked, "Who is fighting whom?" They said, "Karnat is at battle with Kanchi." The King asked, "Who is winning and who is the loser?" The children puffed their chests up and said, "Karnat will win and Kanchi will lose." The Minister **froze** in disbelief, the King was furious and the jester burst into laughter.

The King was soon joined by his troops and the children were still **immersed** in their game. The King commanded, "Cane them hard." The children's parents came running from the nearby village and said, "They are naive, it was just a game, please grant them pardon." The King called his commander and ordered, "Teach these children and the village a lesson so that they never forget the King of Kanchi." He went back to his camp.

That evening the Commander stood before the King. He bowed low in shame and said, "Your Majesty, with the exception of hyenas and vultures, all lie silent in the village." The Minister said, "His Majesty's honour has been saved." The priest said, "The goddess has blessed our King." The jester said, "Your Highness, please grant me **leave** to go now." The King asked, "But why?" The jester said, "I cannot kill, I cannot maim, I can only laugh at God's gift of life." Trembling in the face of the king's anger he bravely

continued, “If I stay in your Majesty’s court, I shall become like you and I shall forget how to laugh.”

1. Why were the elephants carrying loads of gold and other valuables ?
  - (A) This was what the king had looted from Karnat to distribute among his soldiers as a reward
  - (B) This was the king’s offering to the deity out of gratitude for making him victorious
  - (C) It was what the king had plundered from Karnat to display to the people of his kingdom as a sign of victory
  - (D) So that the people of the kingdom of Karnat acknowledged him as their new ruler
  - (E) None of these
  
2. Why did the king anoint his head with red sandal paste ?
  - (A) As a mark of celebration to show he had been victorious
  - (B) It was the usual practice for all devotees at the temple
  - (C) To show other devotees that he was king
  - (D) The priest requested him to do so
  - (E) To show his soldiers that he had visited the temple
  
3. Which of the following **cannot** be said about the jester ?
  1. He was not a loyal subject of the king.
  2. He was afraid of the king’s temper.
  3. He did not support the king’s war against Karnat.
  - (A) Both 1 and 3
  - (B) Only 1
  - (C) Both 1 and 2
  - (D) All 1, 2 and 3
  - (E) None of these
  
4. What excuse was given for the childrens’ behaviour ?
  - (A) They were disobedient to their parent’s wishes
  - (B) They were unaware of the true facts of the battle
  - (C) They were upset that their army had lost
  - (D) They were in the habit of lying
  - (E) None of these
  
5. Why did the jester laugh at the children’s reply to the king ?
  1. They correctly predicted the outcome of the battle.
  2. Their reply was cheeky because they knew he was the king.
  3. He wanted to show that their reply was a joke to save them from being punished by the king.
  - (A) Only 1
  - (B) Both 1 and 2
  - (C) Only 3
  - (D) Both 2 and 3
  - (E) None of these



6. Which of the following is **true** in the context of the passage ?
- (A) The king stopped at the temple to see what else could be plundered
  - (B) The people of the village to which the children belonged developed great respect for the king
  - (C) The Commander was ashamed at having obeyed the king's orders to cane the children
  - (D) The jester was unhappy that the king had defeated the army of Karnat
  - (E) The children had shown disrespect to the goddess by playing so close to the temple

7. Why did the jester resign from his post ?
- (A) He felt that the king was too influenced by the Minister
  - (B) To show that he disapproved of the king's action of punishing the children
  - (C) He did not want to accompany the king on his war campaign
  - (D) He was no longer able to make the king laugh
  - (E) None of these

8. Which of the following describes the Minister ?

- 1. He was jealous of the jester.
- 2. He was the king's most valuable advisor.
- 3. He did not have a good sense of humour.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) Only 3
- (C) Both 1 and 3
- (D) Both 1 and 2
- (E) None of these

9. Which of the following was/were the outcome(s) of the soldiers beating the children ?

- 1. The animals began to howl and wanted to attack the soldiers.
- 2. The children's parents went to the king to beg for mercy.
- 3. The priest offered prayers to the goddess of the temple.

- (A) Only 1
- (B) All 1, 2 and 3
- (C) Both 1 and 2
- (D) Only 2
- (E) None of these

10. Why was the king angry with the children ?

- (A) Because the game they were playing was dangerous
- (B) They had lied to him
- (C) They did not recognize him as king
- (D) They had unknowingly insulted him
- (E) They were rude to him

**Directions**—(Q. 11–13) Choose the word which is most nearly the **SAME** in meaning as the word printed in **bold** as used in the passage.

11. **froze**  
(A) cold  
(B) numb  
(C) shivered  
(D) stood still  
(E) chill

12. **leave**  
(A) holiday  
(B) transfer  
(C) exit  
(D) permission  
(E) farewell

13. **spied**  
(A) noticed  
(B) keep watch  
(C) followed  
(D) spot  
(E) caught

**Directions**—(Q. 14–15) Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning of the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

14. immersed in  
(A) safe from  
(B) distracted from  
(C) boring  
(D) drowning in  
(E) entertained by

15. pardon  
(A) punishment  
(B) excuse  
(C) convict  
(D) intolerance  
(E) imprison

**Directions**—(Q. 16–20) Which of the phrases (A), (B), (C) and (D) given below should replace the phrase given in bold in the following sentence to make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. If the sentence is correct as it is and 'No correction is required', mark (E) as the answer.

16. Your bonus will dependent the quality of your work.  
(A) is dependable

- (B) depends on
- (C) being dependent
- (D) going to depend
- (E) No correction required

17. He did not ask for a raise since he had fear to lose his job.

- (A) was fearful of
- (B) was feared to
- (C) was afraid to
- (D) had been afraid to
- (E) No correction required

18. The organizers agreed to shift the conference at some place convenience to all participants.

- (A) any of the place convenient
- (B) at places convenient
- (C) from a place of convenience
- (D) to a place convenient
- (E) No correction required

19. As compared to last year there has been a sharp rise in interest rates.

- (A) sharper rise of
- (B) as sharp a rise
- (C) sharp rises in
- (D) sharply rising
- (E) No correction required

20. In the 1970s banks required to submit their detailed plans of expansion to RBI.

- (A) were required to submit
- (B) required for submission
- (C) are required to submit
- (D) requirement of submitting
- (E) No correction required

Directions—(Q. 21–25) Rearrange the following Six sentences (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them—

1. I had paid a lot of attention during training and could easily answer the questions till I came to the last one. What is the name of the lady who cleans your floor ?
2. ‘Yes’, he replied. “In your career you will meet many people all of whom are significant even if all you do is greet them.”
3. I thought the question was a joke. I had seen her but how would I know her name ?

4. During my internship we were given a quiz to see how much we had learnt.
5. I have never forgotten this lesson.
6. I submitted my paper leaving the last question blank and asked the manager if it would count for assessment.
21. Which of the following will be the **SECOND** sentence after rearrangement ?
- (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 3
  - (D) 4
  - (E) 5
22. Which of the following will be the **SIXTH (LAST)** sentence after rearrangement ?
- (A) 2
  - (B) 3
  - (C) 4
  - (D) 6
  - (E) 5
23. Which of the following will be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement ?
- (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 3
  - (D) 4
  - (E) 5
24. Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement ?
- (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 3
  - (D) 4
  - (E) 5
25. Which of the following will be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement ?
- (A) 1
  - (B) 2
  - (C) 3
  - (D) 4
  - (E) 5

Directions—(Q. 26–30) In each sentence below four words have been printed in bold which are lettered (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these words may be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the wrongly spelt or inappropriate word. The letter of that word is the answer. If all the words are correctly spelt and are

appropriate the answer is (E), i.e. 'All correct'.

26. My goal (A) is to acquire (B) a position (C) of authority (D) and respect within the organization. All correct (E)
27. The refusal (A) of the Ministry to clear pending (B) dues is a course (C) for concern (D) . All correct (E)
28. He was convinced (A) that discipline (B) and hard work would result (C) in dividends (D) in the long run. All correct (E)
29. This is a company which believes (A) in transparency (B) and appointment is done strictly (C) on merit (D). All correct (E)
30. There will be a decline (A) in the probability (B) of oil companies because of the hike (C) in oil prices (D). All correct (E)

Directions—(Q. 31–40) Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (E) i.e. 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

31. The revised government's (A) / guidelines have reduced (B) / the number of mergers (C) / taking place among banks. (D) No error (E)
32. I do not know (A) / who of the (B) / new trainees should (C) / be confirmed. (D) No error (E)
33. To promote India as (A) / a tourist destination (B) / the government has organized (C) / many cultural programmes. (D) No error (E)
34. Banks in India (A) / cannot open ATMs (B) / except obtaining (C) / approval from RBI. (D) No error (E)
35. Today the success of (A) / companies depends on the (B) / quality of their products and (C) / efficient managing staff. (D) No error (E)
36. Ashok has managed to (A) / achieve his sales targets (B) / for the quarter very easily (C) / than we expected. (D) No error (E)
37. He did not grant (A) / their request for a loan (B) / although it would (C) / displease his boss. (D) No error (E)
38. At present oil companies (A) / are making a loss of (B) / rupees five on all (C) / litre of petrol that they sell. (D) No error (E)

39. The manager's belief that (A) / Ramesh is (B)/ incompetent is not (C) / necessary true. (D) No error (E)
40. Since I was doing (A) / my MBA I initially (B)/ chose to specialize (C) / in marketing management. (D) No error (E)

Directions—(Q. 41–50) In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

He was a charismatic leader, an entrepreneur and a highly effective manager all rolled into one. As a leader, he ...(41)... the company's growth plan in a dedicated manner and he never ...(42)... focus. The cement industry in those days was doing badly. ...(43)... to everyone's expectations he sanctioned an additional plant in ...(44)... time. He was ...(45)... that since the cement industry was cyclic in nature, by the time the plant was ...(46)... the market would have improved. It did happen and the decision brought rich ...(47)... when the plant was commissioned.

Not only was he a great entrepreneur but he also ...(48)... all his senior people to be 'practising entrepreneurs'. I have seen a similar example at the Asian Institute of Management, which allows its professors to ...(49)... their own business. This made their lectures more practical and less theoretical. It is the ...(50)... of the Institute's success.

41. (A) achieved  
(B) implemented  
(C) visualised  
(D) persevered  
(E) aimed

42. (A) moved  
(B) shifts  
(C) missed  
(D) changes  
(E) lost

43. (A) Contrary  
(B) Opposite  
(C) Yet  
(D) Obedient  
(E) Different

44. (A) any  
(B) mean  
(C) short  
(D) no  
(E) less

45. (A) known  
(B) calculating  
(C) certain  
(D) dreamt  
(E) surely
46. (A) operational  
(B) install  
(C) use  
(D) produced  
(E) new
47. (A) supply  
(B) diversity  
(C) rewards  
(D) pay  
(E) knowledge
48. (A) thought  
(B) tried  
(C) wished  
(D) encourage  
(E) wanted
49. (A) expand  
(B) function  
(C) chose  
(D) run  
(E) risk
50. (A) responsibility  
(B) secret  
(C) guarantee  
(D) prize  
(E) value

#### Answers with Hints

1. (C) 2. (B) 3. (B) 4. (B) 5. (E)  
6. (C) 7. (E) 8. (B) 9. (D) 10. (D)  
11. (B) 12. (D) 13. (B) 14. (B) 15. (A)  
16. (B) 17. (C) 18. (D) 19. (E) 20. (A)  
21. (A) 22. (E) 23. (B) 24. (D) 25. (C)  
26. (A) Correct spelling is 'goal'.  
27. (C) Correct spelling is 'cause'.

28. (D) Correct spelling is 'dividends'.  
29. (E) 30. (B)  
31. (A) Write 'the government's revised'.  
32. (B) Write 'which of the'.  
33. (C) Write 'the government is organizing'.  
34. (C) Write 'without obtaining'.  
35. (D) Write 'efficient managerial staff'.  
36. (C) Change 'very easily' to 'more easily'.  
37. (C) Write 'even though it would'.  
38. (C) Write 'each in place of 'all'.  
39. (D) Write 'necessarily true'.  
40. (B) Delete 'my'.  
41. (B) 42. (C) 43. (A) 44. (D) 45. (B)  
46. (A) 47. (C) 48. (E) 49. (D) 50. (B)