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GENERAL ENGLISH

Sl. No. **14645**

Time Allowed : 1 Hour

Maximum Marks : 50

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1. Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank.

His father is addicted _____ drinking.

- (A) with
- (B) for
- (C) to
- (D) in

2. Which of the words given below is spelt correctly ?

- (A) Faxsimile
- (B) Facsimile
- (C) Factsimile
- (D) Fachsimile

3. The following sentence is split in three parts and each one is labelled (A), (B) and (C). Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in any part. Letter (D) signifies 'No error'.

I have lost (A)
my watch and umbrella (B)
yesterday. (C)

- (A) I have lost
- (B) my watch and umbrella
- (C) yesterday.
- (D) No error

4. Fill in the blank :

I _____ a laptop last month.

- (A) have bought

- (B) buy
- (C) bought
- (D) am buying

5. Find the odd word out :

Content, Upset, Willing, Gratified.

- (A) Content
- (B) Upset
- (C) Willing
- (D) Gratified

6. What is the antonym of 'Sluggish' ?

- (A) Lethargic
- (B) Heavy
- (C) Stagnant
- (D) Alert

7. What is the synonym of curious ?

- (A) Unconcerned
- (B) Inquisitive
- (C) Disinterested
- (D) Ordinary

8. Identify the type in the following sentence :

I arrived but everyone had already left.

- (A) Compound
- (B) Imperative
- (C) Simple
- (D) Complex

9. Out of the given options, choose the one which is the correct indirect speech of the sentence given below :

She said to me, "Lend me your book for a few days."

(A) She commanded me for lending her my book for few days.

(B) She ordered me for lending her my book for few days.

(C) She pleaded me in order to lend her my book for a few days.

(D) She requested me to lend her my book for a few days.

10. Out of the given options, choose the one which is the correct passive voice of the sentence given below :

The priest gave him the Bible.

(A) The Bible was given to him by the priest.

(B) The Bible has been given to him by the priest.

(C) The Bible had been given to him by the priest.

(D) The Bible is given to him by the priest.

11. Fill in the blank with the correct option :

We need _____ butter for this cake.

(A) few

(B) a few

(C) a little

(D) the little

12. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition :

There was a small table _____ the bed, on which there was a book.

(A) into

(B) in

(C) besides

(D) beside

13. Fill in the blank with the correct article :

Slow and steady wins _____ race.

(A) a

(B) the

(C) an

(D) No article required

Direction (Q. Nos. 14 to 18) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

Terrorism means the policy of striking terror in the minds of the people by violent methods to achieve some ends. It is a law of the jungle to use muscle power and force to get things done. It is a barbarian act. Of late, terrorism has become the order of the day. People who are disgruntled and who are unable to get their desires fulfilled by normal and accepted methods in society are resorting to terrorism. Some other causes for which terrorism is resorted to may be genuine like a protest from people to come out of bondage or fight for

freedom. Even such causes do not support terrorism, when there are other channels and methods to solve the problem.

14. What does the author intend to say by the line, "Of late, terrorism has become the order of the day" ?

- (A) Terrorism is rarely seen in recent days
- (B) Terrorism or acts of terrorism have become very common in recent times
- (C) Terrorism is diminishing or disappearing
- (D) Terrorism can bring in order for now

15. What is the meaning of the phrase, "law of the jungle" ?

- (A) That those who are strong will be most successful in getting their things done
- (B) That those who are illiterate are the worst
- (C) That those who are terrorists are most powerful and wealthy
- (D) That the jungle has a law all its own

16. What is the meaning of the expression, "striking terror in the minds of the people" in the opening line of the passage ?

- (A) Encouraging someone

- (B) Create division among the people

- (C) Making someone extremely frightened

- (D) Making fun of someone

17. Who are turning to or adopting terrorism ?

- (A) People who want to gain name and fame

- (B) People who want to become wealthy

- (C) People who want to become martyrs

- (D) People who are angry or dissatisfied and their wishes are not fulfilled

18. What is the meaning of the word, "barbarian" ?

- (A) Civilized

- (B) Uncivilized

- (C) Sophisticated

- (D) Cultured

19. Fill in the blank with the correct conjunction :

I have the greatest respect for the ideas, _____ I don't agree with them.

- (A) because

- (B) hence

- (C) since

- (D) although

20. Fill in the blank with the correct option :

The air was clear and fresh, _____
all the traffic.

- (A) because of
- (B) according to
- (C) in spite of
- (D) even though

21. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition :

I always leave my desk clear _____
the end of the day.

- (A) for
- (B) at
- (C) from
- (D) into

22. The following sentence is split in three parts and each one is labelled (A), (B) and (C). Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in any part. Letter (D) signifies 'No error'.

As soon as we will get (A)
the tickets, (B)

we'll send them to you. (C)

- (A) As soon as we will get
- (B) the tickets,
- (C) we'll send them to you.
- (D) No error

23. Fill in the blank with the correct option :

It was so noisy that we _____
hear ourselves speak.

- (A) won't

(B) cannot

(C) mustn't

(D) couldn't

24. A sentence with an underlined word is given below. From the given options find the word which is opposite of this underlined word :

He was a feeble, helpless old man.

(A) Weak

(B) Sick

(C) Slim

(D) Strong

25. Out of the given four words one is spelt incorrectly. Find the word that is incorrectly spelt :

(A) Scarcity

(B) Abundant

(C) Absollute

(D) Criteria

Direction (Q. Nos. 26 to 30) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

The "Little Tramp", the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, outsize shoes and a brush-like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music Hall comedian. The U. S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world. But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage. Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That's when a star was born. Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother's death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs.

Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

26. What does the word 'acknowledge' mean ?
 - (A) To contradict
 - (B) To accept or recognize
 - (C) To deny the truth
 - (D) To ascertain
27. Which word in the passage means 'To take hold of something or someone suddenly and roughly' ?
 - (A) Grabbed
 - (B) Broke
 - (C) Emerged
 - (D) Insisted
28. What was the reason of Chaplin's disturbed childhood ?
 - (A) Harassment and torture at orphanage
 - (B) Psychological illness
 - (C) Separation of his parents and low income of his mother
 - (D) Inadequate sleep
29. What was the name of the great character created by Charlie Chaplin ?
 - (A) Music Hall Artist
 - (B) The Great British Comedian
 - (C) Little Angel
 - (D) Little Tramp

30. What was Charlie denied on a particular Christmas for breaking a rule at the orphanage ?
- (A) Apples and Sweets
 - (B) Oranges and Sweets
 - (C) Apples and Cakes
 - (D) Oranges and Cakes
31. Fill in the blank with the correct option :
- _____ you put the jar back into the cupboard for me, please ?
- (A) Might
 - (B) May
 - (C) Would
 - (D) Should
32. Out of the given options choose the long grammatically correct sentence :
- (A) When you buy a new computer, you usually get software included at no extra cost.
 - (B) When you buy every new computer, you usually get software included at no extra cost.
 - (C) When you buy an new computer, you usually get software included at no extra cost.
 - (D) When you buy new computer, you usually get software included at no extra cost.
33. The following sentence is split in three parts and each one is labelled (A), (B) and (C). Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in any part. Letter (D) signifies 'No error'.
- A man is the only creature (A) that is endowed with (B) the faculty of reasoning. (C)
No error (D)
- (A) A man is the only creature
 - (B) that is endowed with
 - (C) the faculty of reasoning.
 - (D) No error
34. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition :
- There was a series of explosions and the van burst _____ flames.
- (A) with
 - (B) in
 - (C) from
 - (D) into
35. Fill in the blank with the correct article :
- Discretion is _____ better part of valour.
- (A) a
 - (B) an
 - (C) the
 - (D) No article required

Direction (Q. Nos. 36 to 40) : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions.

Poverty refers to a situation when people are deprived to basic necessities of life. It is often characterized by inadequacy of food, shelter and clothes. In other words, poverty refers to a state of privation where there is a lack of essential needs for subsistence. India is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many Indians do not get two meals a day. They do not have good houses to live in. Their children do not get proper schooling. Poor people are the depressed and deprived class. They do not get proper nutrition and diet. Their conditions have not sufficiently improved even long after over 70 years of our Independence.

36. What is the meaning of the word, 'depressed' ?
- (A) Happy
 - (B) Dejected
 - (C) Optimistic
 - (D) Cheerful
37. What does the author mean by the expression, 'people are deprived of basic necessities of life' ?
- (A) People are provided everything that they require.
 - (B) People do not get even the bare minimum things required.
 - (C) Life is made comfortable and luxurious.
 - (D) People find necessities plentifully available.
38. What does the word 'inadequacy' mean ?
- (A) Shortage
 - (B) Impervious
 - (C) Indeterminacy
 - (D) Superiority
39. Whose condition has not improved even after 70 years of our Independence ?
- (A) General masses
 - (B) Indian people
 - (C) Poor people
 - (D) The minorities
40. The phrase, 'a state of privation' suggests :
- (A) Plenty
 - (B) Impoverishment
 - (C) Ecstasy
 - (D) Equipoise
41. Find the word incorrectly spelt in the list of four words given below :
- (A) Dedication
 - (B) Ambition
 - (C) Excellence
 - (D) Pinacle

42. Out of the given options which best expresses the meaning of the following proverb ?

People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

- (A) Poor and homeless people try to damage beautiful buildings made of glass.
- (B) The owner of a glass house should not look down on others.
- (C) Don't criticize others if you're not perfect yourself.
- (D) Rich and sophisticated people never throw stones at others.

43. Out of the given options choose the correct passive form of the sentence given below :

All trust an honest man.

- (A) An honest man was trusted by all.
- (B) An honest man is trusted by all.
- (C) An honest man should be trusted by all.
- (D) An honest man can be trusted by all.

44. Choose a word that can replace the following group of words :

The scientific study of the sun, the moon, the stars etc.

- (A) Astronomy

- (B) Palmistry
- (C) Anthropology
- (D) Horoscope

45. Out of the given options choose the correct meaning of the following idiom :

Burn the midnight oil

- (A) To venture out at midnight
- (B) To study only in the light of the lamp
- (C) To pour extra oil in the lamp
- (D) To read or work late into the night

46. Choose the right option to fill in the blank :

Before the police arrived, the thief _____ already disappeared.

- (A) have
- (B) had
- (C) has
- (D) was

47. Choose the best option to fill in the blank :

There aren't _____ people here.

- (A) some
- (B) much
- (C) many
- (D) a lot

48. Choose the best option to fill in the blank :

Is Mukesh _____ Mohan ?

- (A) taller than
- (B) taller
- (C) as tall as
- (D) more tall

49. Pick out the correct sentence :

- (A) You should not meddle in his business.
- (B) You should not mettles in his business.

(C) You should not muddle in his business.

(D) You should not meddle in his business.

50. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :

_____ shall I say is calling ?

- (A) Who
- (B) Whom
- (C) Whose
- (D) Who's



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