

Instructions :

1. There are total 100 questions in this question paper.
2. Each question carries 1 mark.
3. All questions are compulsory.
4. The OMR sheet is given for answering the questions. The answer to each question is represented by (A) O, (B) O, (C) O, (D) O. Darken the circle of the correct answer with a ball - pen.
- 1 Read the following extracts and answer the questions selecting the most appropriate options given below them. (Questions 1 to 25) (25)

Pigeons abounded in all the gaols I went to, except in the mountain prison of Almora. There are thousands of them. Sometimes the gaol officials would shoot them down and feed on them.

1. Find out the correct sentence.
(a) The prison of Almora had no pigeons
(b) The Almora gaol had the highest number of pigeons.
(c) All other jails had more pigeons than Almora prison.
(d) All other prisons except Almora had thousands of pigeons.

2. Find out the word similar to 'jail'.
(a) prison (b) gaol
(c) a & b both (d) None

The ambulance doctor bent down. "Blind !" he said, looking into Pierre's eyes. "Of course, the man was blind. See those cataracts ! This man has been blind for five years." Then he turned to Jacques and said, "You say he worked for you ! Didn't you know he was blind ?".

3. Owing to cataracts, the lenses of Pierre's eyes had become _____
(a) intransparent (b) semi - transparent
(c) opaque (d) a and c both

4. 'This man' refers to _____
(a) the truck driver (b) the ambulance doctor.
(c) the milk - wagon - driver (d) the foreman of the stables

I was taken aback. Such poverty and yet such honesty !

5. The narrator was greatly _____
(a) amazed (b) surprised (c) astonished (d) all the three
6. Which of the following sentences isn't incorrect ?
(a) Despite being rich, he was honest. (b) Despite being poor, he was honest.
(c) Being honest, he was poor. (d) His poverty despite honesty took her aback.

But the poor old gentleman leaned heavily on Alan's sturdy little arm and tottered along like a baby. So slowly did he walk that five minutes had gone before they were half - way up the road.

7. 'The old man tottered along like a baby' means _____
 (a) He crawled like a baby. (b) He crept about as if he were a baby.
 (c) He toddled along like a toddler. (d) He walked unsteadily like a baby does.
8. Which one is true one ?
 (a) They were half - way up the road after five minutes had past.
 (b) They were half - way up the road in five minutes.
 (c) Half of the distance was cleared in less than five minutes.
 (d) They couldn't clear half of the distance in five minutes.
- Jill : Why, just one more instalment and the BABY's REALLY OURS !
 [She is holding out the infant, a little pathetically, as we Black Out.]
9. The noun form of 'pathetically' is _____
 (a) path (b) pathos (c) pathet (d) apathy
10. Pick out the appropriate sentence.
 (a) Now the baby is really theirs.
 (b) They have no more instalment to pay.
 (c) There is still one more instalment left to pay.
 (d) They have purchased the baby on instalment.
11. Who is supposed to be paid ?
 (a) The doctor (b) Jack (c) Jill (d) b & c both
 "His luck won't last forever. Already Mabel is talking of going to New Zealand and once India is free - in just a year or two from now - Emily and Beryl will probably go to England, because their husbands are in the Army and all British officers will be leaving."
12. Name the country that all British officers will be leaving for.
 (a) England (b) India (c) New Zealand (d) a & c both
13. 'His luck won't last forever' - What is this sentence ?
 (a) a boon (b) a conviction (c) a suggestion (d) a bane
 Experience has taught me that honesty is not the mark of any particular class nor is it related to education or wealth. It can't be taught at any university. In most people, it springs naturally from the heart.
14. Find out the correct sentence.
 (a) Honesty can be imparted. (b) Honesty is not an asset.
 (c) Honesty lies in heart and mind. (d) Honesty is the best policy.
15. Which of the following is an appropriate proverb for this passage ?
 (a) Experience is the best teacher. (b) Knowledge is power.
 (c) Honesty is the best policy. (d) Brain reigns supreme.
 See him home ? And they were still a long way off ! If only he could walk a little faster. Why, the teams would be already on the field, and the captain would be wondering why he did not come.
16. "See him home ?" which expression is this ?
 (a) astonishment (b) worry (c) dislike (d) surprise
17. "If only he could walk a little faster" means _____
 (a) He regretted the old man's tottering like a baby.
 (b) He instigated him to walk fast.

(c) His insistence for making him walk faster.

(d) He wished the old man could walk a little faster.

Aunt Jane : Well, I'm not going to sit on - Mr. Sage's part for anyone. (She stands up). Now, tell me, how much do all these instalments come to ?

Jack : Well, actually - (He takes out his pocket - book and consults it.) - actually to seven pounds eight and eight pence a week.

Aunt Jane : Good heavens ! And how much do you earn ?

Jack : As a matter of fact - er - that is - six pounds.

18. "Mr. Sage's part" refers to _____
(a) a chair (b) a sofa (c) a couch (d) a bed
19. Choose a suitable saying for this extract.
(a) Cut your coat according to your cloth. (b) Time and tide wait for none.
(c) Prevention is better than cure. (d) A bird in hand is better than two in bush.
- I came in contact with animals far more in prison than I had done outside. I had always been fond of dogs, and had kept some, but I could never look after them properly as other matters claimed my attention. In prison I was grateful for their company. (abridged)
20. The synonym for 'abridge' is _____
(a) abbreviate (b) contract (c) diminish (d) All
21. Nehru came across more animals during his _____
(a) confinement (b) imprisonment (c) captivity (d) all
- The Maharaja was furious. "Mr. Bond", he said sternly, "I don't think you realize the importance of losing. We can't all win, you know. Where would the world be without losers ?"
22. Uncle Ken's victory _____ the Maharaja.
(a) infuriated (b) furified (c) furied (d) furiated
23. According to the Maharaja,
(a) Mr. Bond realizes the importance of losing.
(b) Mr. Bond can win sometimes.
(c) Mr. Bond mustn't win.
(d) The world without losers would be somewhere.
- Then one morning, Jacques had dreadful news for Pierre. He said, "Pierre, Joseph did not wake this morning. He was very old; Pierre, you know he was twenty - five and that is like seventy - five for man."
24. "Joseph did not wake this morning." It means _____
(a) Joseph has died. (b) Joseph was died.
(c) Joseph had death. (d) None of these.
25. Here Pierre is offered _____ by Jacques.
(a) condolences (b) solace (c) a & b both (d) None of these.

• Read the following stanza and answer the questions selecting the most appropriate options given below them. (Questions 26 to 35) (10)

Thus said he; and did not turn away;

Waiting to hear what I might have to say !

But I fled quickly : fearing, if I stayed,

I might have kissed him, as I would a maid.

26. Which is the correct one ?
 (a) James Stephen kissed his foe. (b) James Stephen took to his heels.
 (c) James Stephen didn't turn away. (d) James' enemy was a maid.
27. What is the bare infinitive of 'fled' ?
 (a) to flee (b) flee (c) to fleed (d) fleed
 And whether it is right or wrong
 He does not wait
 For the time
 No prayers will help
 No love shall hold
28. Who is 'He' ?
 (a) Karma (b) Time (c) God (d) The poet
29. Which time is mentioned here ?
 (a) time to wait for the result. (b) time to love beloved one.
 (c) time to pray to God. (d) time to suffer from consequences.
 Woodman, spare that tree !
 Touch not a single bough !
 In youth it sheltered me,
 And I'll protect it now.
 'Twas my forefather's hand
 That placed it near his cot;
 There, woodman, let it stand,
 Thy ax shall harm it not.
30. How many pairs of rhyming words are there in this stanza ?
 (a) three (b) four (c) six (d) eight
31. 'hatchet' means _____
 (a) bough (b) ax (c) cot (d) forefather
 Now A runs ninety yards to score,
 B knocks the champion to the floor.
 C risking vertebrae and spine,
 Lashes his steed across the line.
 You'd think my ego it would please
 To swap positions with one of these.
32. How would Ogdan's ego be pleased ?
 (a) By running ninety yards to score. (b) By knocking the champion to the floor.
 (c) By lashing his steed across the line. (d) By doing any one of these.
33. What is 'C' ?
 (a) Centre (b) Jockey (c) Horse-racing (d) Batter
34. What does 'A' play ?
 (a) Foot-ball (b) Cricket (c) Baseball (d) Running race
35. Which game is referred to in the second line of the stanza ?
 (a) wrestling (b) boxing (c) kabaddi (d) chess

Read the following questions and answer them selecting the most appropriate options given below them. (Questions 36 to 40) (10)

36. The full form of the acronym C.V. is _____
(a) Curriculum Vitae (b) Curriculum Vitei
(c) Curriculam Vetie (d) Curriculum Vitea
37. _____ can tempt one to read the report.
(a) convincing end.
(b) striking caption.
(c) an elaborated description of the event
(d) dignities and designations of persons or guests involved in the event.
38. Precis writing should be written.
(a) omitting important points.
(b) including details like examples, repetition, etc.
(c) in a single paragraph.
(d) writing the first, the middle and the last lines.
39. The proper complimentary close for an official letter should be _____
(a) Yours truly (b) Lovingly yours
(c) Your affectionate (d) Sincerely yours
40. An application for the post of a P.R.O. to the university ought to be addressed to _____
(a) The Registrar (b) The Chancellor
(c) The Vice-Chancellor (d) The Education Minister

I Read the following passages and select the most appropriate options given below them. (Questions 41 to 50) (10)

Gandhiji does not reject machinery as such. He observes : How can I be against all machinery, when I know that even this body is a most delicate piece of machinery ? The spinning wheel is machinery, a little tooth-pick is a machine. What I object to is the craze for machinery, not machinery as such. The craze is for what they call labour saving machinery. Men go on "saving labour" till thousands are without work and thrown on the open space to die of starvation. I want to save time and labour not for a fraction of mankind but for all. I want the concentration of wealth, not in the hands of a few but in the hands of all. Today machinery nearly helps a few to ride on the back of millions.

41. The writer of the passage is _____
(a) Gandhiji (b) Someone else except Gandhiji
(c) A and B both (d) None of these
42. Mr. Gandhi has an objection to _____
(a) machinery (b) being crazy for machinery
(c) saving labour (d) being wealthy
43. Gandhi wants everyone _____
(a) to be a machine (b) to concentrate wealth
(c) to ride on the back of millions (d) to become a labourer
44. Find out the word, which means 'a part'
(a) piece (b) a fraction (c) concentration (d) none of the these

45. Find out the correct sentence.
- (a) Gandhiji completely accepts machinery.
 (b) His body is the most delicate piece of machinery.
 (c) Gandhi wants the concentration of riches in the hands of a few.
 (d) Gandhi wants to save time and labour for each and everyone.

Plastics arouse passions. The technos say plastics are omnipotent, that man's future will be fully served by its miracles. The greens say, plastics have no merits whatsoever and must be un-invented. Amidst slogans of "ban plastics" and "Use plastics with care", the debate rages. Keeping a low public profile, Petrochemical plants keep loading sacks of plastic granules on to an endless line of trucks. The people - you, me, the rich, the poor, the savvy and the innocent are using and throwing away plastic. The most committed amongst us are startled from time to time to learn how, despite our best efforts, plastic has crept into our lives. Damage done by plastic litter is getting deeper and more wide - spread; we have everywhere, the surreal slow-burn of piles.

46. Miracles of _____ will fully serve man's future.
 (a) the technos (b) plastics (c) the greens (d) petrochemical plants
47. According to the greens, plastics _____
 (a) must not have been invented (b) must be reinvented
 (c) should not be invented (d) none of these
48. The greens are the people _____
 (a) Whose skin - colour is green. (b) who are made of green leaves.
 (c) Who are against the environment. (d) Who are in favour of protecting the environment.
49. Find out the word from the passage which means 'wise'.
 (a) technos (b) savvy (c) innocent (d) public
50. 'garbage thrown anywhere carelessly' means _____
 (a) piles (b) damage (c) litter (d) merits

• **Read the following passages and answer the questions selecting the most appropriate options given below them. (Q. 51 to 60)**

I focused my energy on a favourite pastime: writing. I was able to produce work of art in the silence and solace of my mind and spirit. Although I was not in physical control of half of my body, I still had control of my mind.

Looking back on the situation as a whole I am glad that the final game was in fact, my final game. I have no regrets. I said "I would give it best of my abilities" and I did that and ultimately, I came out a winner. Although my accident robbed me of my physical abilities, it left me with power of mind and forced me to discover my inner self. That final game was more rewarding. Not only did we win, but I was able to discover a new level within. I guess I gained two victories that day.

51. "I have no regrets" means.
 (a) The narrator is sorry. (b) The narrator isn't sorry.
 (c) The narrator isn't sorrowful. (d) The narrator isn't glad.
52. The narrator had to abandon playing after the final game.
 (a) True (b) False (c) not given (d) uncertain fact
53. _____ gave her mind-power making her discover her inner self.
 (a) The victory (b) Physical inabilities (c) physical abilities (d) The accident.

54. 'I gained two victories that day' means _____
 (a) She won the match and the game of life too.
 (b) She and her team both got victory.
 (c) Not only she but also her team was victorious.
 (d) B and C, both

55. Find out the synonym for 'at length'.
 (a) final (b) as a whole (c) in fact (d) ultimately
 Yesterday I saw a child on a merry-go-round. He waved at his parents every round. The parents waved back too. The incident ran through my mind the whole day and I kept asking a question to myself: 'Where do the parents get patience from to express love for their child in trivial activities of life?' For searching the answer, I went back to my childhood and realized that on each day of your life, you made deposits in the memory banks of your children. In bringing me and Asmi up, you had built self-esteem first and our house later. You had finger-painted more and pointed the finger less. You had done less correcting but more connecting. You had run through more fields and gazed at more stars for us.

56. Who are 'you' here?
 (a) Parents (b) the narrator's parents
 (c) Asmi's parents (d) B and C both.

57. 'trivial' means _____
 (a) important (b) foolish (c) small (d) none of these

58. 'Pointed the finger less' means
 (a) guided less (b) avoided showing faults
 (c) did not show the right way (d) A and C both

59. Here the parents are _____
 (a) criticised (b) appreciated (c) criticized (d) A and C both

60. To express love for their child in trivial activities of life, the parents
 (a) should be patient (b) should have impatience.
 (c) needn't be patient (d) should get rid of patience.

Edit the following passage by selecting the most appropriate options from those given below
the passage : (Q. 61 to 66)

In our day to day life we come (61) many people, some of (62) we like and love (63) we feel they are good (64) us. Some we dislike because we (65) that they (66) us.

- 61. (a) along (b) in (c) across (d) with
- 62. (a) them (b) whom (c) who (d) they
- 63. (a) so (b) and (c) then (d) for
- 64. (a) to (b) for (c) at (d) with
- 65. (a) suspicion (b) suspected (c) suspecting (d) none of these
- 66. (a) condemn (b) console (c) condole (d) criticism

Fill in the blanks in the following text selecting the most appropriate forms of verbs given below. (Q. 67 to 72)

Look, Sanjay (67) again. I think he (68) some mischief. It's useless to thrash him. We have (69) with him since long. (70) once, he was (71) well, but all in vain! People believe

that he might not have indulged in bad company (72) he not (72) at a hostel. Everyone wish he were a noble boy.

67. (a) is beaten (b) is being beaten (c) is been beaten (d) has been beating
68. (a) should have committed (b) ought to have committed
(c) must have committed (d) must be committed
69. (a) to put up (b) been putting up
(c) had to put up (d) been put up
70. (a) having been punished (b) Having punished
(c) Having been punished (d) A and C both
71. (a) should behaved (b) supposed to behave
(c) should have behaved (d) supposing to be behaving
72. (a) had, reared (b) had been, reared (c) had, been reared (d) was, reared

- **Fill the blanks in the following text selecting the most appropriate conjunctions given below it. (Q. 73 to 75)**

Addressing the people (73) were pelting the sinner with stones, the old wise man asked them (74), among them, there was (75) a man (75) had not committed a single sin till then.

73. (a) who (b) which (c) whom (d) as
74. (a) that (b) weather (c) unless (d) none of these
75. (a) such, as (b) either, or (c) so, who (d) such, that

- **Complete the following sentences selecting the most appropriate options given below them. (Q. 76 to 80)**

76. TV is one of the _____
(a) more effective medium of communication.
(b) the most effective media of communication.
(c) most effective media of communication.
(d) more effective mediums of communication.
77. _____ than it was sold out.
(a) No sooner did the painting display (b) No sooner had the painting displayed.
(c) No sooner was the painting displayed. (d) No sooner is the painting displayed.
78. _____, the more loss you will have to suffer.
(a) The more late you come (b) the later you come
(c) The latter you come (d) The later you come
79. We oughtn't _____
(a) to make students study against their will.
(b) make students to study against their will.
(c) to make students to study against their will.
(d) should make students study against their will.
80. You are supposed to do _____
(a) like you adviced. (b) as you are adviced to do.
(c) according to your adviced. (d) as you are adviced.

• **Fill the blanks in the following passage selecting the most appropriate options given below them. (Q. 81 to 85)**

The (81) of milk has also (82) (83) because of (84) (85) .

81. (a) distributor (b) distributive (c) distribution (d) distribute
82. (a) improved (b) improving (c) worsened (d) improvement
83. (a) tremendous (b) termendously (c) termendous (d) tremendously
84. (a) technological (b) technology (c) technos (d) technologically
85. (a) advanced (b) advances (c) progressive (d) advance

• **Replace the underlined words/phrases selecting the most appropriate options given below it. (Q. 86 to 90)**

As I went out to (86) see my daughter off , I (87) was taken a back to see our compound (88) teeming with eerie insects again. However hard we tried to (89) get rid of them, we had to (90) put up with them.

86. (a) bade farewell (b) to bide adieu (c) to farewell (d) bid farewell
87. (a) was astonished (b) surprised greatly (c) was amused (d) was moved
88. (a) filled (b) fill in (c) full of (d) fulling of
89. (a) free (b) be free from (c) ride on (d) to free
90. (a) bear with (b) bore with (c) boar with (d) beer with

• **Read the following conversation. Then complete the following dialogue in reported speech selecting the most appropriate options given below it. (Q. 91 to 95)**

“Let’s visit the science exhibition, bhaiya, shall we ?”, said my sister to me.

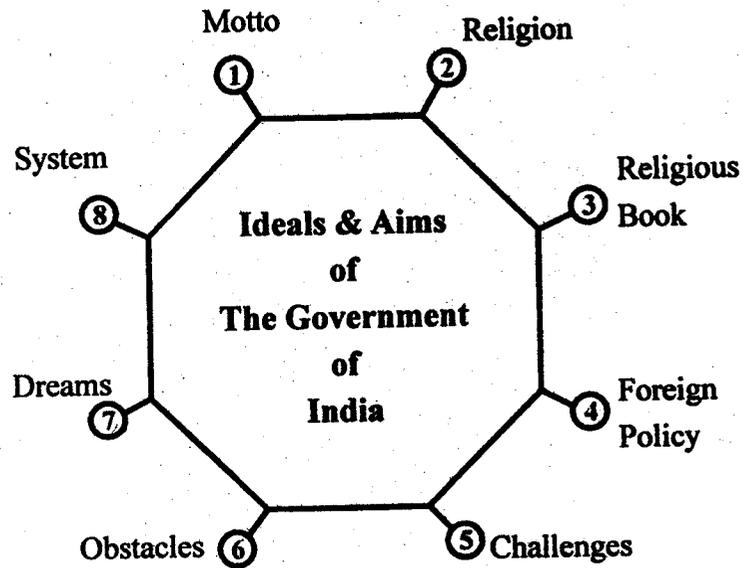
“What a suggestion ! We will surely go. By the way, is it worth visiting” ?

“Of course, it is. Now give me the key of the bike.”

“OK ! Here you are, didi.”

91. Addressing me as bhaiya, my sister suggested that _____
(a) they should visit the science exhibition. (b) to visit the science exhibition.
(c) we ought to visit the science exhibition. (d) I should visit the science exhibition.
92. and
(a) demand the confirmation from me. (b) conformed it.
(c) asked if we should. (d) asked for my confirmation.
93. Praising her suggestion, I agreed to go and _____
(a) diverting the topic asked her if it was worth visiting.
(b) asked by the way if it was worth visiting.
(c) inquired weather it was worth visiting.
(d) None of these.
94. Then she asked me _____
(a) give her the key of the bike. (b) to give her the key of the bike.
(c) if I should give her the key of the bike. (d) that to give her the key of the bike.
95. Addressing her as ‘didi’ _____
(a) I told her that there she was. (b) I gave her the key.
(c) I handed the key to her. (d) B and C, both

Study the following information and answer the questions selecting the most appropriate options given below them : (Q. 96 to 100) (5)



- (1) Sab ka sath, Sab ka Vikas
- (2) Nationalism
- (3) The constitution of India
- (4) India First
- (5) Corruption, Crime, illiteracy
- (6) Poverty, Unemployment, Terrorism
- (7) Digital India, Green India, Swacch Barat
- (8) Less Government, More Governance

96. This information is about _____
- (a) Indian Culture (b) the progress of the GOI
(c) how to develop India and her people. (d) A and B both.
97. A government should religiously be _____
- (a) Communist (b) Terrorist (c) Nationalist (d) Capitalist
98. What are the hurdles to achieving the dreams ?
- (a) Corruption (b) illiteracy (c) terrorism (d) All of these
99. The correct statement is : _____
- (a) Each and every Indian citizen should be developed.
(b) While dealing with foreign countries national interests can be compromised with.
(c) The government should intervene more with development projects.
(d) B and C both.
100. Which number of point symbolizes the bright future of India ?
- (a) 1 (b) 6 (c) 7 (d) 8