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GROUP – IV: GENERAL ENGLISH KEYS

1. Walt Whitman wrote the poem "O Captain! My Captain!" as a dirge for the death of
(A) John F. Kennedy (B) Andrew Jackson
(C) Woodrow Wilson (D) Abraham Lincoln
2. Select the correct answer from the options given below :
A statement tells something. But actually it means the opposite is known as
(A) Paradox (B) Irony
(C) Apostrophe (D) Litotes
3. Which of the following lines belongs to "Robert Frost"
(A) With sixty seconds "worth of distance run"
(B) Of childish days is upon me, my manhood is cast
(C) But once within the wood, we paused
(D) Is waiting its time to share?
4. In which of the poem the following line occurs?
"And You O my soul where you stand"
(A) Be the Best (B) A noiseless patient spider
(C) Going for water (D) Migrant Bird
5. Which of the following is a drama?
(A) The Farmer (B) The Merchant of Venice
(C) Buds to Blossoms (D) Hiroshima

6. Match the following suffixes with the rootward and mark the codes given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	migrate	1.	ment
(b)	notice	2.	ern
(c)	north	3.	ion
(d)	excite	4.	able

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	4	2	3
(B)	3	4	2	1
(C)	3	1	4	2
(D)	2	4	3	1

7. Fluttering and twittering are the admirable actions of birds. Here twittering mean

- (A) Chirping
- (B) Picking
- (C) Dancing
- (D) Dropping

8. Identify the character who is not portrayed in 'The Merchant of Venice'.

- (A) Portia
- (B) Bassanio
- (C) Shylock
- (D) Brutus

9. Read the passage and select the correct answer from the options given below :

The selfish giant in the short story of Oscar Wilde, finally longs for

- (A) food
- (B) love
- (C) power
- (D) wealth

10. To which nationality does the poet Walt Whitman belong?
- (A) Africa
 - (B) Canada
 - (C) The U.S.A.
 - (D) France
11. Who among the poets given below, is not from England?
- (A) D.H. Lawrence
 - (B) Rudyard Kipling
 - (C) Robert Frost
 - (D) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
12. The line, "It blesseth him that gives and him that takes". Occurs in the play
- (A) King Lear
 - (B) Othello
 - (C) Julius Caesar
 - (D) The Merchant of Venice
13. Khalil Gibran is from
- (A) Lebanon
 - (B) India
 - (C) Pakistan
 - (D) Iran

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14. What is the theme observed in the story "The mark of Vishnu"?
- (A) Upholding patriotism (B) Quest for freedom
(C) Abolition of communism (D) Riddance of superstition

15. Which of the following is a poem?
Choose the right answer from the options given below.

- (A) Wings of Fire
(B) Gaia tells her tale
(C) To India – My Native Land
(D) The Golden Path

16. Match the names of the poets under column A with the names of the poems, under column B and choose the correct code.

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Thomas Hardy	1.	My Grandmother's house
(b)	Elizabeth Barrett Browning	2.	Piano
(c)	D.H. Lawrence	3.	The Cry of the Children
(d)	Kamala Surayya	4.	The Man He Killed

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	2	3	4
(B)	1	4	3	2
(C)	4	3	1	2
(D)	4	3	2	1

17. "A note as from a single place,
A slender tinkling fall that made"
These above lines occur in the poem

- (A) Going for Water (B) Beautiful Inside
(C) The Cry of the Children (D) Migrant Bird

18. Identify the figure of speech used in the following poetic line.

In the world's broad field of battle

- (A) Personification (B) Simile
(C) Metaphor (D) Oxymoron

19. Identify the gerund form from the options given below :

- (A) Keeping left is always safe
- (B) To find fault with others is easy
- (C) David wants to study Biology
- (D) He likes to read science fiction

20. Identify the simple sentence from the given options :

- (A) I promised that I will do my best
- (B) I promised to do my best
- (C) I will do my best and I promised it
- (D) I promised so that I will do my best

21. Which of the following plural forms is correct?

- (A) Passers-by
- (B) Brother-in-laws
- (C) Runner ups
- (D) Commander-in-chiefs

22. Match the following phrases/idioms given under Column A with their meanings under Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A

- (a) to cash in on
- (b) as good as gold
- (c) a chance in a million
- (d) a penny for your thoughts

Column B

- 1. tell me what you are thinking about
- 2. a very slim chance
- 3. to take advantage
- 4. very well behaved

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| (A) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (D) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |

23. Rabindranath Tagore won the _____ for his 'Gitanjali'.

- (A) Washington Prize
- (B) Man Booker International Prize
- (C) Nobel Prize
- (D) American Book Award

24. Robert Frost who wrote the poem "Going For Water" is from

- (A) The United States of America
- (B) England
- (C) India
- (D) France

25. Match the following phrasal verbs with their meanings :

Column A

- (a) Look after
- (b) Put on
- (c) Keep on
- (d) Called off

Column B

- 1. Wear
- 2. Take care of
- 3. Cancelled
- 4. Continue

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (B) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

26. "Empoli is a town in central _____".

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|-------------|---------------|
| (A) Italy | (B) India |
| (C) Indiana | (D) Indonesia |

27. "Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron
In the factories, round and round"
In which poem do these lines occur?

- ☒ (A) The Cry of the Children
- (B) Migrant Bird
- (C) Shilpi
- (D) Going for water

28. Which of the following is not a poem?

- ☒ (A) The power of Laughter
- (B) No Men are Foreign
- (C) A Tiger in the Zoo
- (D) My Grandmother's House

29. "I won't look down. No I will not
With speed of wings I hasten on"
In whose poem do the following lines occur?

- ☒ (A) Famida Y. Basheer
- (B) Kamala Surrayya
- (C) Archibald Lampman
- (D) Rudyard Kipling

30. The Poem 'Laugh and be Merry' is written by

- (A) H.W. Longfellow
- (B) Robert Frost
- (C) Ralph Waldo Emerson
- ☒ (D) John Masefield

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31. Which of the following sentences are in active voice?

- I. They sing songs in the assembly.
- II. A notice was sent by the manager.
- III. You gave him your pen.
- IV. He has built a house in his native place.

- ☒ (A) Only I, III and IV are correct
- (B) Only II, III and IV are correct
- (C) I, II and III are correct
- (D) All are correct

32. Find the odd ONE from the following sentences :

- (A) The sky was darker and the cold was more intense.
- (B) He sat down under a tree and wept bitterly.
- ☒ (C) In spite of being hot, we managed to work.
- (D) Miriam married and left her father.

33. Identify the past perfect tense from the options given below :

- (A) They came immediately
- ☒ (B) The rain had stopped
- (C) Rajesh entered the school
- (D) We called them back

34. Blend the following words and select the correct codes given below :

- | | |
|--------------|----------|
| (a) handy | 1. pen |
| (b) fountain | 2. music |
| (c) kilo | 3. cam |
| (d) pop | 4. gram |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| (B) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (C) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (D) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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35. Fill in the blank from the options given below :

ZIP codes are a system of Postal code used by _____ postal service.

- (A) the Australian
- (B) the Indian
- (C) the United States
- (D) the Japan

36. Which of the following is not a poem?

- (A) The Piano
- (B) The Cry of the Children
- (C) The Model Millionaire
- (D) Shilpi

37. One morning the giant was lying awake in bed and he heard some lovely music of a bird
The bird was

- (A) Peacock
- (B) Linnet
- (C) Cuckoo
- (D) Parrot

38. Olivier Messiaen composed the

- (A) Sonnets of Sorrow
- (B) Voice of America
- (C) Quartet for the End of Time
- (D) Brahms Requiem

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39. Match the British English words under Column A with their American English equivalents under Column B and choose the correct code.

Column A

Column B

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|-------------|-----------------|
| (a) chips | 1. garbage can |
| (b) dustbin | 2. jelly |
| (c) jam | 3. guy |
| (d) fellow | 4. french fries |

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

40. The American English equivalent of the word 'washbasin' is

- (A) zee (B) wash room
(C) wash tank (D) sink

41. The first step in the road to success, according to Edwin C Bliss, is to

- (A) believe that success is not a bed of roses
(B) steer clear of pitfalls
(C) set yourself clear goals
(D) start devoting time and energy

42. Gopala Krishna Gokhale was

- (A) a freedom fighter
(B) a thespian
(C) the first President of India
(D) the first Prime Minister of India

43. Find the sentence from options given, which is in proper Reported Speech form

- (A) He told Sheela that if she were in town the day before
- (B) He asked Rehim that when did I intended paying him back
- (C) He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match
- (D) He asked me where I had get this interesting novel from

44. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

_____ Woodcock flies from _____ Himalayas to _____ Nilgiris without _____ pause.

- (A) a, the, a, the
- (B) the, the, a, the
- (C) a, the, the, the
- (D) the, the, the, a

45. Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined word.

Knowledge is an exacting mistress.

- (A) Contented
- (B) Demanding
- (C) Insecure
- (D) Surplussing

46. Match the sentences in Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the options given :

Column A

- (a) I lost my purse
- (b) A book was written by Meera
- (c) The mountain is very steep and I cannot climb it
- (d) Though he is old, he walks quickly

Column B

- 1. Compound Sentence
- 2. Active Voice
- 3. Complex Sentence
- 4. Passive Voice

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| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (C) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (D) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |

47. "I was not born for one corner, the whole world is my native land".

Who said this?

- (A) Portia
- (B) Kesavan Nair
- ☒ (C) Kalpana Chawla
- (D) Mrs. Hendorson

48. Complete the sentence choosing the correct answer :

Mr. Parsons is the character found in the lesson

- (A) The Helping Hand
- (B) The Mark of Vishnu
- (C) Gaia Tells Her Tale
- ☒ (D) A Man who had no Eyes

49. Choose the best answer and complete the sentence :

"Girl Star" a UNICEF project is a series of _____

- (A) dramas
- (B) short stories
- ☒ (C) films
- (D) prose

50. How old is the Brihadeesvarar Temple?

- (A) 2000
- ☒ (B) 1000
- (C) 1200
- (D) 2100

51. "If you can't be a highway, just be a trail,
If you can't be the Sun, be a Star;
It is not the size that you win or you fail
Be the Best of whatever you are !....."
The Rhyme Scheme in the above given lines is

- (A) a a
- ☒ (B) a b a b
- (C) a b c
- (D) a a b

52. The Giant's final journey was to

- (A) his friends palace
- (B) his son's home
- (C) to the neighbouring village
- ☒ (D) the paradise

53. "The attainment of a developed status by 2020 does not mean that we can then rest on our laurels"

Laurels mean

- (A) failures
- ☒ (B) rewards
- (C) wealth
- (D) criticisms

54. "To my immediate right the Nanda Pal glacier slopes down sharply _____
ofcourse for the fact that ends in a cold and menacing snout with icy waters flowing below".

In the given passage the word menacing means

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (A) threatening | (B) pacifying |
| (C) attracting | (D) repelling |

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55. Which of the following is adapted from a short story written by Oscar Wilde?

- (A) A Close Encounter
- (B) Caught Sneezing
- (C) The Summer Flight
- (D) Swept Away

56. Which one of the following pairs is matched correctly?

- (A) Manliness by D.H. Lawrence
- (B) The Piano by Rudyard Kipling
- (C) Going for Water by William Blake
- (D) Beautiful Inside by Paul Holmes

57. Match the folk arts under Column A with their states under Column B :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Bihu	1.	Tamil Nadu
(b)	Dandia Das	2.	Maharashtra
(c)	Kolattam	3.	Assam
(d)	Tamasha	4.	Gujarat

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	3	2	1
(B)	3	4	1	2
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	1	2	3	4

58. From the given options, choose the poet who has written "Don't Quit"

- (A) John Masefield
- (B) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- (C) Robert Frost
- (D) Edgar A. Guest

59. Match the poems in Column A with the poets in Column B :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Solitary Reaper	1.	Khalil Gibran
(b)	Is Life but a Dream?	2.	D.H. Lawrence
(c)	The Earth	3.	Lewis Carroll
(d)	Snake	4.	William Wordsworth

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	3	4	2	1
✓ (B)	4	3	1	2
(C)	3	1	2	4
(D)	4	2	3	1

60. David Herbert Lawrence occupies a unique position among the leading _____ of England.

- (A) Modernist writers
(B) Classical writers
(C) Victorian writers
(D) Neo-classical writers

61. The theme portrayed in Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poem "The Cry of the Children" is

- (A) Socialism
(B) Women's Liberation
(C) Patriotism
(D) Child Labour

62. What is the theme of the poem, 'A Psalm of Life'?

- (A) Optimism
(B) Pessimism
(C) Patriotism
(D) Friendship

63. Choose the correct 'Synonym' of the underlined word from the given option
Sivasubramania Iyer's wife was very conservative.

- (A) traditional (B) ideal
(C) liberal (D) formal

64. What is "Possessive Adjectives"?

- (A) They answer the question which
(B) They answer to the question whose
(C) They answer the question How many
(D) They answer the question How much

65. Match the following identifying the phrase to complete the sentence and mark the correct code :

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (a) The cream Cake is | 1. harder and harder |
| (b) The new sweets are | 2. more expensive |
| (c) The new waiters are | 3. so costly |
| (d) It is getting | 4. better |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (B) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (C) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| (D) | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

66. Find out the sentence where gerund is used :

- (A) Sujatha is wealthy but she is not generous
(B) We sat on the floor
(C) Writing is always better than to read
(D) She is a teacher and a singer

67. Match the characters under Column 'B' with the relevant story titles under Column 'A'.

Column A		Column B	
(a)	The Necklace	1.	Behrman
(b)	Lottery Ticket	2.	Morissot
(c)	The Last Leaf	3.	Matilda
(d)	Two friends	4.	Masha

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	1	3	2
(B)	3	4	1	2
(C)	3	1	2	4
(D)	2	3	1	4

68. Identify the nationality of the author, of the story "The Lottery Ticket".

- (A) China (B) Russia
(C) The U.S.A. (D) England

69. Whose autobiography is named "Wings of Fire"?

- (A) Dr. Samuel Johnson
(B) Rabindranath Tagore
(C) Gandhiji
(D) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

70. Match the characters given under Column 'A' with the stories given under Column 'B' and select the correct option from those given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Vera	1.	Holiday
(b)	Johnsy	2.	The Last Leaf
(c)	Phatik Chakrabarthi	3.	The Selfish Giant
(d)	The Cornish Ogre	4.	Open Window

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	2	1	3
(B)	3	4	2	1
(C)	1	3	4	2
(D)	2	1	3	4

71. Identify the poem in which the following lines occur

'You loved me with a never-failing love
You gave me strength and sweet security'

- (A) Be the Best
- (B) Earth
- ☒ (C) A sonnet for my incomparable mother
- (D) Sonnet No. 116

72. Identify the odd pair

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| (A) | Swept Away | — | Susannah Hickling |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (B) | The lottery ticket | — | Oscar Wilde |
| (C) | No men are foreign | — | James Kirkup |
| (D) | The wooden Bowl | — | Leo Tolstoy |

73. What is the name of the British born poetess who wrote "Women's Rights"?

- (A) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- (B) Emily Dickinson
- (C) Sarojini Naidu
- ☒ (D) Annie Louisa Walker

74. Read the lines and select the correct answer from the options given below

"How often I think of going
there, to peer through....."

Where does Kamala Surayya think of going?

- (A) to her uncle's house
- (B) to temple
- ☒ (C) to her grandma's house
- (D) to her daughter's house

75. Identify the incorrect sentence from the following :

- (A) Apples are not so sweet as Mangoes
- (B) Mangoes are sweeter than Apples
- ☒ (C) Japanese are the industrious people in the world
- (D) Gold is costlier than silver

76. Find out the correct sentence :

- (A) One of the bicycle is defective
- ☒ (B) One of the bicycles is defective
- (C) One of the bicycle are defective
- (D) One of the bicycles were defective

77. Find out the correct question tag

"She goes to school by van."

- (A) is she?
- (B) aren't they?
- (C) are they?
- ☒ (D) doesn't she?

78. Which of the following sentences is wrong?

- (A) Dad polished his shoes yesterday
- (B) Subhash has cut the vegetables just now
- ☒ (C) The police have catch the motorcyclist for speeding
- (D) The ripe fruit has fallen from the tree

79. During the Sepoy Mutiny, the queen who fought against the British was

- (A) Lakshmibai (B) Bhagirathibai
(C) Nana Sahib (D) Durga devi

80. Who among the following is a Bengali poet and has won Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913?

- (A) Mahasweta Devi
(B) Rabindranath Tagore
(C) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(D) Sunil Gangopadhyay

81. Identify the author who uttered the following sentence :

"Man is born free but is everywhere in chains"

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
(B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Berton Braley
(D) Jean Jacques Rousseau

82. Match the short stories with the authors :

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Swami and the Sam | 1. Mackinlay Kantor |
| (b) Sam | 2. Rex Coker |
| (c) A man who had no eyes | 3. Tammy Ruggles |
| (d) A Close Encounter | 4. R.K. Narayan |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |

83. _____ said, "Don't let anyone tell you 'You can't do it!' "
- (A) Rakesh Sharma (B) Sunita Williams
- (C) Kalpana Chawla (D) Buzz Aldrin
84. "The duty to Yourself is two fold", said
- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
- (B) Viswanathan Anand
- (C) Gopala Krishna Gokhale
- (D) Subash Chandra Bose
85. Which of the following is a poem?
- (A) The Road to success
- (B) The Helping Hand
- (C) Vision for the Nation
- (D) O Captain! My Captain!
86. "Envy is ignorance and imitation is suicide"
- The above are the words of
- (A) Abraham Lincoln (B) Rajaji
- (C) Nelson Mandela (D) Emerson
87. The Monolith, Yaanai Malai looks like an elephant only when it is viewed from this direction
- (A) Northeast (B) Southeast
- (C) Northwest (D) Southwest

88. Match the underlined words in Column A with their parts of speech in Column B and select the correct answer from the options given below :

Column A

- (a) He walks quickly
- (b) Reena taught him Hindi
- (c) Rani ate ice cream
- (d) Radha is a doctor

Column B

- 1. Subject
- 2. Object
- 3. Verb
- 4. Compliment

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (B) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (D) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |

89. Choose correct prepositions from the options given :

_____ the cupboard, very _____ the wall, there is a narrow gap, _____ which a few charts have been kept.

- (A) into, behind, near
- (B) behind, near, into
- (C) into, near, behind
- (D) near, behind, into

90. Identify the sentence pattern :

One of the boys had been singing well.

- | | |
|-----------|---------------|
| (A) S V C | (B) S V O C |
| (C) S V A | (D) S V IO DO |

91. Which of the following phrasal verbs suits the given sentence?

_____ your bad habits.

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| (A) get back | (B) give in |
| (C) give up | (D) get on |

92. In the poem "Migrant Bird" the poet contrasts the life of a migrant bird with that of the

- (A) weapons
- (B) human beings
- (C) animals
- (D) enemies

93. Which of the following works is not a poem?

- (A) To The Land of Snow
- (B) A Psalm of Life
- (C) The Solitary Reaper
- (D) Laugh and be Merry

94. Which of the following is not a Poem?

- (A) A Dictionary of the English Language
- (B) The Mark of Vishnu
- (C) Snake
- (D) Vision for the Nation

95. Which of the following literary works exhibits the theme of optimism?

- (A) Laugh and be Merry
- (B) Sonnet No: 116
- (C) The Solitary Reaper
- (D) The Man he Killed

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96. When Gangadhar Rao married the Rani of Jhonsi, she was only _____ years old.

- (A) 15 (B) 20
(C) 18 (D) 22

97. Hugh Erskine got _____ pounds as his wedding present from Baron Hausberg.

- (A) 10,000
(B) 20,000
(C) 30,000
(D) 40,000

98. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow for, all day, we drag our burden tiring".

Mention the figure of speech employed in the above lines.

- (A) Metaphor
(B) Simile
(C) Oxymoron
(D) Personification

99. Will no one tell me what she sings?

Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow "She" refers to

- (A) the poet's mother
(B) the poet's sister
(C) the poet's daughter
(D) the solitary reaper

100. The speech in response to the student's address was rendered by Gokhale at the Victoria Hall in

- (A) Delhi (B) Calcutta
(C) Agra (D) Mumbai

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