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CCSE - 4 (2018) GENERAL ENGLISH KEY

1. Form a compound word using Noun + Adjective
 - a. Sun rise
 - b. Post man
 - c. **Sky blue** ✓
 - d. Down fall
2. Give the meaning of the idiom 'a bolt from the blue'
 - a. Extremely happy
 - b. Have no patience
 - c. **Unexpected surprise** ✓
 - d. Put on airs
3. The Selfish Giant is a famous short story written by
 - a. R.K Narayanan
 - b. Khushwant Singh
 - c. Ruskin Bond
 - d. **Oscar Wilde** ✓
4. _____ built the palace
 - a. The Pandiya
 - b. The Chola
 - c. The Pallava
 - d. **The Nayaks** ✓
5. Gangadhar Rao married _____
 - a. **Manikarnika** ✓
 - b. Mala
 - c. Mathi
 - d. Madhavi
6. Which of the following is not included as the main goals by Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam in his vision to achieve developed nation status in terms of the common people?
 - a. Transformation of our national economy
 - b. Bringing all-round prosperity for the people of the country
 - c. **Empowering the nation by enhancing our military power** ✓
 - d. Providing high standard education and health facilities to people
7. The poem "You can't be that No you can't be that by Brain Patten is about
 - a. The importance of education of children
 - b. The role of teachers in shaping the lives of students
 - c. **Trusting, respecting and valuing our children as individuals** ✓
 - d. The need of appreciate nature for a happy life
8. "You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish"
The above line is from the poem, _____
 - a. Cry of the Children
 - b. The Man he killed
 - c. **Women's Rights** ✓
 - d. O Captain! My Captain!
9. When was Rabindranath Tagore born?
 - a. 18 May 1861
 - b. **17 May 1861** ✓
 - c. 17 May 1816
 - d. 17 June 1861
10. A coarse _____ Cloak was flung over the shoulders of the old beggar at Alan Trevor's studio
 - a. Grey
 - b. Black
 - c. Blue
 - d. **Brown** ✓
11. Crocodiles are more than _____ years old
 - a. 300 million
 - b. 400 million
 - c. **200 million** ✓
 - d. 100 million
12. Walt Whiteman's, 'O Captain! My Captain!' is a _____ written for the the death of Abraham Lincoln
 - a. **Dirge** ✓
 - b. Sonnet
 - c. Ballad
 - d. Epic
13. Identify the poet who is not an Indian
 - a. Famida Y. Basheer
 - b. Kamala Surayya
 - c. V. K Gopal
 - d. **James Kirkup** ✓
14. Which nationality does the poet Famida Y. Basheer belong to?
 - a. Labanese
 - b. American
 - c. British
 - d. **Indian** ✓
15. 'Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks'
Choose the poem where you find above lines
 - a. A Sonnet for my Incomparable Mother
 - b. My Grand-Mother's House
 - c. **Sonnet No - 116** ✓
 - d. Nine Gold Medals
16. What is Euphemism?
 - a. **In offensive word** ✓
 - b. In the point of monotomy
 - c. Individual's name
 - d. French word
17. Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined word
Endowed as you are with a unique personality
 - a. **cursed** ✓
 - b. denied
 - c. blessed
 - d. abide
18. Read the sentence to identity grammatical error. If there is any error, mark the part A, B, C or D as the

case may be

Since You run fast you will not win the race

A B C D

- a. D b. A ✓
c. B d. C

19. "Democracy is for people by the people and of the people" Who said this?

- a. Abraham Lincoln ✓
b. William Wordsworth
c. Gandhiji
d. Nehru

20. Match the following by understanding the meaning

Word Meaning

- A. Xenophobia 1. Fear of water
B. Hydrophobia 2. Fear of enclosed space
C. Claustrophobia 3. Fear of heights
D. Acrophobia 4. Fear of strangers

A B C D

- a. 4 2 1 3
b. 4 1 2 3 ✓
c. 2 1 4 3
d. 2 3 4 1

21. Here comes our batting hero;

Salutes the crowd,

Takes guard

Who is the author of this poem?

- a. Ruskin Bond ✓ b. Douglas Malloch
c. Hope Spencer d. Kamala Das

22. Who is the headman in the lesson "After The Storm" by Deepa Agarwal

- a. Saruli b. Diwan Singh ✓
c. Lal Singh d. Radha

23. The Pillared Cloisters beside the main structure have a series of shivalingas, worthy to be admired

What is the meaning of underlined word Cloisters in the passage?

- a. Art Gallery
b. Covered passages ✓
c. Beautiful carvings
d. Monolithic statues

24. Match the names of the poets under Column A with Column B and choose the correct code:

Column A Column B

- A. H.W Long fellow 1. English words
B. Annie Louisa Walker 2. A Noiseless Patient Spider
C. Walt Whitman 3. A Psalm of life
D. V.K Gokak 4. Women's rights

A B C D

- a. 4 2 3 1
b. 1 3 4 2

c. 3 4 2 1 ✓

d. 2 3 1 4

25. Identify the poem which is wrongly matched with its poet

- a. Piano - D.H Lawrence
b. Manliness - Rudyard Kipling
c. The Cry of the children - Robert Browning ✓
d. The MAN he killed - Thomas Hardy

26. Choose the impersonal passive voice statement.

- a. His request had been rejected by Raja
b. Lots of things can be done on the internet ✓
c. The nets are carried in boats by fishermen
d. The captain was scolded by George Washington

27. Select correct 'Tense'

Gayathri _____ (work) in this school since 2001

- a. is working
b. works
c. has been working ✓
d. had been working

28. Choose the correct conjunction from the options given below

He is old _____ he walks quickly

- a. because b. or
c. but ✓ d. so

29. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions

- A. I agree _____ your proposal
B. Rani is worried _____ his death
C. My uncle will visit me _____ May
D. The cat hid _____ the door

1. behind 2. in
3. about 4. to

A B C D

- a. 4 3 2 1 ✓
b. 4 2 1 3
c. 2 1 3 4
d. 2 4 1 3

30. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence

Vani is going to school now

- a. S V C b. S V O
c. S V A A ✓ d. S V IO DO

31. If you can force your heart and nerve and Sinew

To serve your turn long after they are gone

Find out the meaning for a underlined word from the options given below

- a. limbs b. bone
c. tendon ✓ d. Organs

32. He did not hate the _____ now, for he knew that it was merely the "spring as sleep"

- a. Autumn b. Spring
c. Monsoon d. Winter ✓
33. Till the gossamer thread you Fling Catch somewhere,
O my soul,
What Figure of speech can you find in the underlined
part of the above line.
a. Onomatopoeia b. Anaphora
c. **Oxymoron** ✓ d. Apostrophe
34. In which poem do you find the following line?
“It isn’t by size that you win or you Fail”
a. O Captain! My Captain!
b. The Solitary Reaper
c. Sonnet No - 116
d. **Be the Best** ✓
35. Identify the statement which is not expressed by Dr.
Karl Paulnack in his essay “Music The Hope Raiser”
a. **Music is part of arts and entertainment** ✓
b. Music is a basic need of human survival
c. Music makes sense of our lives
d. Music is a way for us to understand things with
our hearts
36. According to Gokhale what requires whole-hearted
devotion?
a. **Acquiring knowledge** ✓
b. Spirit
c. Instances
d. Observation
37. The poet Jack Prelutsky was born in
a. New York b. **Brooklyn** ✓
c. Lebanon d. United States
38. Match the name of the author with the story
- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| A. The selfish Giant | 1. Pearl S Buck |
| B. Out in the fields
with God | 2. Oscar Wilde |
| C. The Refugee | 3. Anton Chekov |
| D. The Lottery Ticket | 4. Elizabeth Barrett
Browning |
- | | | | |
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| A | B | C | D |
| a. 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 ✓ |
| b. 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| c. 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| d. 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
39. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined
word from the options given below:
“Her face had an expression of absolute serenity”
a. Tranquility b. Calmness
c. Peacefulness d. **Unquietness** ✓
40. Which nation does Stephan Vincent Benet belong
to?
a. England b. **America** ✓
c. Russia d. Africa

41. Identify the sentence pattern
One of the boys must go
a. A S b. A S V
c. **S V** ✓ d. S V A
42. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word
from the options given:
She is known for her humane attitude, indomitable
will and fearless spirit
a. Weak b. Coward
c. **Strong** ✓ d. Bold
43. The leader craved for the power to redress the
grievances of the citizens under the care.
Choose the correct meaning for the underlined word
from the options given below
a. examine b. access
c. introspect d. **remedy** ✓
44. Select the correct question tag for the given below
Don’t leave the fridge door open. _____?
a. Do you? b. Don’t you?
c. **Won’t you?** ✓ d. Will you?
45. Match the titles of the poem ‘A’ with lines of the
poem ‘B’
- | | |
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| A | B |
| A. Art is long and time
is fleeting | 1. English words |
| B. Love’s not time’s
fool | 2. A psalm of life |
| C. Pinning for new
agony | 3. The man he killed |
| D. Right many a
nipper kin | 4. Sonnet - 116 |
- | | | | |
|-------------|----------|----------|------------|
| A | B | C | D |
| a. 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| b. 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| c. 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 ✓ |
| d. 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
46. Success is not something to wait for; it is something
to work for
Whose words are these?
a. **Jessica Cox** ✓ b. Anne Sullivan
c. Hellen Keller d. Ruskin Bond
47. “I’m sick of hearing them cheep-cheep”
What is the figure of speech employed here?
a. Metaphor b. **Onomatopoeia** ✓
c. Personification d. Oxymoron
48. What does ‘Hope Spencer’ ask us to do when “Good
luck is round the corner”?
a. To walk away from the place
b. To ignore it
c. **To show a smiling face** ✓
d. To laugh at it

49. According to Karl Paulnack, the first organised public expression of grief after the attack in 2011 of September 11th was

- a. Public Meeting b. Prayer Meeting
c. Concert ✓ d. Peace rally

50. "Ah darling, It's Behrman's masterpiece - he painted it there the night that the last leaf fell"

Who said these words to whom?

- a. Behrman to doctor **b. Sue to Johnsy ✓**
c. Johnsy to Sue d. Behrman to Sue

51. "Why don't you join the others? What A peculiar child you are?"

Who said these words to Kamala in "Punishment in Kindergarten"?

- a. Grand Mother b. Mother
c. Teacher ✓ d. Father

52. 'Here 'tis, most revered Doctor'.

Who is the 'doctor' here?

- a. Shylock **b. Portia ✓**
c. Bassanio d. Duke

53. Who say these?

"My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar, And I must pause till it come back to me"

- a. Calphurnia b. Marcus Brutus
c. Octavius Caesar **d. Mark Antony ✓**

54. Match the following phrases

A

Phrases

- A. to make a new turn
B. bereft of
C. to be accustomed to
D. in the midst of

A B C D

- a. 1 4 2 3
b. 3 4 2 1 ✓
c. 3 2 1 4
d. 1 2 4 3

B

Meaning

1. in the middle of
2. to get used to
3. to begin something
4. deprived of

55. Complete the sentence:

No other girl in the class is _____ Kamala

- a. most clever as b. more clever as
c. as clever as ✓ d. most cleverest

56. Match the following blending words in Column 'A' with their meaning in Column 'B'

Column A

- A. Electro + executive
B. Breakfast + lunch
C. Motor + bike
D. Medical + care

A B C D

- a. 4 3 2 1 ✓**

Column B

1. Medicare
2. Mobike
3. Brunch
4. Electrocute

b. 3 4 1 2

c. 4 3 1 2

d. 3 4 2 1

57. Choose the correct answer and complete the following sentence:

The twelve peach trees broke out into delicate blossoms of _____

- a. blue and pearl **b. pink and pearl ✓**
b. pink and white d. black and blue

58. It is twice blessed

It blesseth him that gives and him that takes

These are the words of _____

- a. Portia ✓** b. Shylock
c. Antony d. Bassanio

59. Mother Teresa won the Noble Prize for peace in

- a. 1799 b. 1899
c. 1979 ✓ d. 1976

60. "Yes; quaint and curious war is!

You shoot a fellow down"

What is the meaning of the phrase "quaint and curious war" is

- a. war is strange and old - fashioned ✓**
b. war is praise worthy
c. war is condemnable
d. war is essential

61. In "The Model Millionaire" the servant brought Hughie a card when he was at

- a. lunch **b. breakfast ✓**
c. dinner d. tea

62. Match the characters in Column 'A' with the story titles in Column 'B'

Column A

- A. Sue
B. Ivan Dmitritch
C. Monsieur Sauvage
D. Vera

Column B

1. The Open Window
2. The Last Leaf
3. Lottery Ticket
4. Two Friends

A B C D

- a. 1 3 4 2
b. 3 1 4 2
c. 2 1 4 3
d. 2 3 4 1 ✓

63. Match the characters in Column 'A' with the story titles in Column 'B'

Column A

- A. Gomathi
B. Mr. Dick
C. Mme. Loisel
D. Bagha Bagdi

Column B

1. Every living thing
2. Holiday
3. Reflowering
4. The Necklace

A B C D

- a. 3 1 4 2 ✓**

- b. 3 4 1 2
c. 3 2 4 1
d. 3 2 1 4
64. Choose the odd pair from those given below:
a. Bishrambar - Holiday
b. Della - The gift of Magi
c. Frisk - Kaanchanai ✓
d. Rowther - Reflowering
65. Rewrite the sentence in the passive voice:
The man completed his work. His master paid him
a. His work is completed by the man and he is paid by his master
b. His work was completed by the man and he was paid by his master ✓
c. His work had completed by the man and he was paid by his master
d. His work has completed by the man and he has been paid by his master
66. Identify the simple sentence from the following sentences
a. I am sure that I will succeed
b. The boy saw the snake at once he ran
c. We reached station in time but the train had left
d. On waving the flag, the train started ✓
67. Choose the sentence which has no error
a. He is one of the talkative boys in the class ✓
b. He is one of the talkative boy in the class
c. He is the talkative boys in the class
d. He is one of the most talkative boy in the class ✓
68. Match the following words from Shakespeare's English in Column 'A' with their modern English equivalents in Column 'B'
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|----------|----------|
| Column A | Column B |
| A. doth | 1. you |
| B. thy | 2. do |
| C. thou | 3. your |
| D. dost | 4. does |
- | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D |
| a. 4 3 1 2 ✓ | | | |
| b. 2 1 3 4 | | | |
| c. 2 1 4 3 | | | |
| d. 4 3 2 1 | | | |
69. "Ambition", according to _____ in Julius Caesar should be made of sterner stuff.
a. Caesar b. Brutus
c. First Citizen **d. Antony ✓**
70. The book "Ignited Minds" talks about
a. Pranab Muharjee **b. Abdul Kalam ✓**
c. Chidambaram d. Narendra Modi

71. Dale Carnegie in his 'The Road to success' insists on saying 'no' generally because
a. you can stay away from working hard
b. you can make others think high of yourself
c. it is incompatible with the necessary work you must do to reach you main goal ✓
d. it is stressful to get involved in many activities
72. The selfish Giant loved the little boy the best because _____
a. he had understood him
b. he had been kind to him
c. he had given him food
d. he had kissed him ✓
73. 'Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding' What figure of speech can be identified in the above line from the poem. "The Nation United"
a. Oxymoron b. Assonance
c. Synecdoche **d. Alliteration ✓**
74. "Some books are to be tasted, others to be allowed, and some few to be chewed and digested;" - Identify the author
a. E.M Forster **b. Francis Bacon ✓**
c. Ben Johnson d. Jane Austine
75. Annie Louisa Walker was educated in _____
a. Delhi b. Moscow
c. London **d. Ontario ✓**
76. Match the following words and phrases given in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B'
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|-------------|---------------|
| Column A | Column B |
| Words | Phrases |
| A. Mark | 1. misleading |
| B. Seer | 2. listen to |
| C. Delusive | 3. silenced |
| D. Squashed | 4. Visionary |
- | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D |
| a. 2 3 4 1 | | | |
| b. 1 4 2 3 | | | |
| c. 2 4 1 3 ✓ | | | |
| d. 3 2 1 4 | | | |
77. Choose the accurate antonym for the word 'Inquistive'
a. Curious **b. Incurious ✓**
c. Notorious d. Eager
78. Match the correct prefix with the root words
- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| A. Operate | 1. Ig |
| B. Clear | 2. Co |
| C. National | 3. un |
| D. Noble | 4. multi |
- | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D |
| a. 2 3 4 1 ✓ | | | |
| b. 2 3 1 4 | | | |

- c. 3 2 4 1
d. 4 1 3 2
79. "Kingdoms may forget their kings
And dogs forget their bites
But not till man forgets his wings
will men forget the wrights"
a. F. Joanna
b. Jack Prelutsky
c. **Stephen Vincent Benet** ✓
d. Paul Holmes
80. "There is no power in the Tongue of Man
To alter me I stay here on my Bond"
_____ utters these words
a. Portia b. Antony
c. **Shylock** ✓ d. Bassanio
81. "Most heartily I do beseech the court to give
judgement"
These are the words of _____
a. **Antonio** ✓ b. Shylock
c. Nerissa d. Bassanio
82. In the line, "Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears"
'Harmonic cacophony' is an example of
a. Onomatopoeia b. Anaphora
c. Apostrophe d. **Oxymoron** ✓
83. "the globe's my world. The cloud's my kin?"
Identify the figure of speech employed in the above
line
a. Simile b. **Metaphor** ✓
c. Apostrophe d. Ellipsis
84. "On such an earth my footprints
But I cannot reason why
All human roads are dark and dry
And all the other creatures die"
Identify the author
a. David Roth b. Brian Patten
c. **Anonymous** ✓ d. Leslie Norris
85. In which poem, do you find the following line?
'Go over the recipe, step-by-step'.
a. A Tiger in the Zoo
b. The Apology
c. **To cook and eat** ✓
d. No men are foreign
86. In which poem, do you find the following line?
The Splendid joy of the stars: the joy of the earth.
a. My Native Land
b. The Flying Wonder
c. **Laugh and be Merry** ✓
d. To India
87. Identify the work which is written by William
Wordsworth.

- a. **The Lyrical Ballads** ✓
b. Hamlet
c. The Good Earth
d. Gitanjali
88. Identify the correct degree:
Very few cities in India are _____ (populous)
Mumbai
a. **as populous as** ✓ b. more populous than
c. the most populous d. populous as
89. In which year Einstein was given the Noble Prize?
a. 1920 b. **1921** ✓
c. 1934 d. 1945
90. Match Column A with Column B to form gerunds in
sentences
Column A Column B
A. Eating too much 1. is forbidden
B. Swimming 2. is dangerous
C. Playing on the street 3. is bad for health
D. Walking on the roof 4. is a pleasant hobby
- | | | | |
|-------------|----------|----------|------------|
| A | B | C | D |
| a. 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| b. 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 ✓ |
| c. 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| d. 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
91. "The manager will cancel the meeting"
Find the correct 'phrasal verb' to the above underlined
word
a. call on b. call out
c. call in d. **call off** ✓
92. Find the odd one out
a. gradually b. slowly
c. well d. **beautiful** ✓
93. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow"
What is the figure of speech employed in this line?
a. Metaphor b. Personification
c. **Simile** ✓ d. Oxymoron
94. Which will take place of fears when some one keeps
trying in the poem, "keep on keeping on"?
a. worries b. **joy** ✓
c. motivation d. success
95. "_____ I'm not going to be an airport pilot, a
dancer, a lawyer, or an MC". MC means _____
a. Municipal Councilor
b. Marriage Contractor
c. **Master of Ceremonies** ✓
d. Master of Chemistry
96. Which among the following is a story by O'Henry?
a. The Tears of the Desert
b. The Wooden Bowl
c. The Face of Judas Iscariot
d. **The Last Leaf** ✓

97. "The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done, From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;"

What does Walt Whitman refer by 'object won'?

- a. the end of voyage
- b. the end of the trip
- c. the end of a battle
- d. the end of the civil war ✓**

98. Which Nationality does the poet Khalil Gibran belong to?

- a. American
- b. Lebanese ✓**
- c. Canadian
- d. British

99. Who among the following is not a British poet?

- a. John Masfield
- b. Robert Frost ✓**
- c. D.H Lawrence
- d. Elizabeth Barret Browning

100. Match the following

Title (story)	Author
A. Kaanchanai	1. Sundara Ramasamy
B. Reflowering	2. Pudumaippittan
C. The Nacklace	3. Rabindranath Tagore
D. Holiday	4. Guyde Maupassant

- | | A | B | C | D |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| a. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| b. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 ✓ |
| c. | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| d. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |