

APPOLO STUDY CENTRE

GENERAL ENGLISH

1. Match the following phrases

| A | | | | B |
|----------------|---------------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Phrases | | | | Meaning |
| a. | to take a new turn | | | 1. in the middle of |
| b. | bereft of | | | 2. to get used to |
| c. | to be accustomed to | | | 3. to begin something |
| d. | in the midst of | | | 4. deprived of |

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

2. Complete the sentence : No other girl in the class is _____ Kamala.

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| A. most clever as | B. more clever as |
| C. as clever as | D. most cleverest |

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

| Column A | | | | Column B | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--|--|-----------------|-------------|--|--|
| a. | Electro + execute | | | 1. | Medicare | | |
| b. | Breakfast + lunch | | | 2. | Mobike | | |
| c. | Motor + bike | | | 3. | Brunch | | |
| d. | Medical + care | | | 4. | Electrocute | | |

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

4. Form a compound word using Noun + Adjective.
A. Sun rise B. Post man **C. Sky blue** D. Downfall
5. 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
6. The Selfish Giant is a famous short story written by
A. R.K. Narayanan B. Khushwant Singh
C. Ruskia Bound **D. Oscar Wilde**
7. _____ built the palace.
A. The Pandiya B. The Chola C. The Pallava **D. The Nayaks**
8. Gangadhar Rao married _____.
A. Manikarnika B. Mala C. Mathi D. Madhavi
9. 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
C. pink and white D. black and blue
10. 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
11. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Prize for peace in
A. 1799 B. 1899 **C. 1979** D. 1976
12. "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

13. In 'The Model Millionaire' the servant brought Hughie a card when he was

- A. lunch **B. breakfast** C. dinner D. tea

14. 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

15. The poem "You can't be that No you can't be that" by Brian Patten is about

- A. The importance of education to children
B. The role of teachers in shaping the lives of students
C. Trusting, respecting and valuing our children as individuals
D. The need to appreciate nature for a happy life

16. "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. Captain! My Captain

17. When was Rabindranath Tagore born?

- A. 18 May 1861 **B. 17 May 1816** C. 17 May 1861 D. 17 June 1861

18. 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**

19. Crocodiles are more than _____ years old.

- A. 300 million B. 400 million **C. 200 million** D. 100 million

20. 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 |
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| A. | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| B. | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| C. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| D. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

21. Match the characters in Column A with the story titles in Column B.

Column A

Column B

- a. Gomathi
- b. Mr. Dick
- c. Mme. Loisel
- d. Bagha Bagdi

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

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

22. Choose the odd pair from those given below.

- A. Bishrambar - Holiday
- B. Delia - The Gift of Magi
- C. Frisk - **Kaanchanai**
- D. Rowther - Reflowering

23. Walt Whitman's, 'O Captain! My Captain!' is a _____ written for the death of Abraham Lincoln.

- A. **Dirge**
- B. Sonnet
- C. Ballad
- D. Epic

24. Identify the poet who is not an Indian.

- A. Famida Y. Basheer
- B. Kamala Surayya
- C. V.K. Gokak
- D. **James Kirkup**

25. Which Nationality does the poet Famida Y Basheer belong to?

- A. Lebanese
- B. American
- C. British
- D. **Indian**

26. 'Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks'.
Choose the poem where you find the above lines :
- A Sonnet for my Incomparable Mother
 - My Grand-Mother's House
 - Sonnet No-116**
 - Nine Gold Medals
27. Rewrite the sentence in the passive voice :
The man completed his work. His master paid him.
- His work is completed by the man and he is paid by his mast
 - His work was completed by the man and he was paid by his master**
 - His work had completed by the man and he was paid by his master
 - His work has completed by the man and he has been paid by his master
28. Identify the simple sentence from the following sentences :
- I am sure that I will succeed
 - The boy saw the snake at once he ran
 - We reached station in time but the train had left
 - On waving the flag, the train started**
29. Choose the sentence which has no error :
- He is one of the talkative boys in the class**
 - He is one of the talkative boy in the class
 - He is the talkative boys in the class
 - He is one of the most talkative boy in the class
30. What is Euphemism?
- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. In offensive word | B. In the point of monotony |
| C. Individual's name | D. French word |
31. Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined word.
Endowed as you are with a unique personality.
- | | | | |
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| A. cursed | B. denied | C. blessed | D. abide |
|-----------|------------------|------------|----------|
32. Read the sentence to identify grammatical error. If there is any error 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 |

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

A. Abraham Lincoln

B. William Wordsworth

C. Gandhiji

D. Nehru

34. Match the following words from Shakespeare's English in Column A with their modern English equivalents in Column B :

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

35. "Ambition", according to _____ in Julius Caesar should be made of sterner stuff.

A. Caesar

B. Brutus

C. First citizen

D. Antony

36. The book "Ignited Minds" talks about

A. Pranab Muharjee

B. Abdul Kalam

C. Chidambaram

D. Narendra Modi

37. 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

38. 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**

39. 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 |

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| B. | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| C. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| D. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |

40. 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

41. Who is the headman in the Lesson "After The Storm" by Deepa Agarwal.?

A. Saruli **B. Diwan Singh** C. Lai Singh D. Radha

42. The Pillared Cloisters beside the main structure have a series of deities and 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

43. '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**

44. "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested;" - Identify the author

A. E.M. Forster **B. Francis Bacon** C. Ben Johnson D. Jane Austine

45. Annie Louisa Walker was educated in-----.

A. Delhi B. Moscow C. London **D. Ontario**

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

Column A

- a. H.W. Long fellow
- b. Annie Louisa Walker
- c. Walt Whitman
- d. V.K. Gokak

Column B

- 1. English Words
- 2. A Noiseless Pat
- 3. A Psalm of life
- 4. Women's rights

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

47. 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

48. 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

49. Match the words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B :

Column A

Words

- a. Mark
- b. Seer
- c. Delusive
- d. Squashed

Column B

Phrases

- 1. Misleading
- 2. Listen to
- 3. Silenced
- 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 |

50. Choose the accurate antonym for the word 'Inquisitive'

- A. Curious **B. Incurious** C. Notorious D. Eager

51. 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 |
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| B. | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| C. | 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| D. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |

52. Select correct "Tense".

Gayathri _____ (work) in this school since 2001.

- A. is working
B. works
C. has been working
D. had been working

53. Choose the correct conjunction from the options given below:

He is old _____ he walks quickly.

- A. because B. or **C. but** D. so

54. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition :

- a. I agree _____ your proposal.
b. Rani is worried _____ his health.
c. My uncle will visit me _____ May.
d. The cat hid _____ the door.

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| 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 |

55. 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 I O D O

56. "Kingdoms may forget their kings

And dogs forget their bites

But not till man forgets his wings

Will men forget the wrights?"

Identify the poet

A. F. Joanna

B. Jack Prelutsky

C. Stephen Vincent Benet

D. Paul Holmes

57. "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

58. "Most heartily I do beseech the court to give Judgement"

These are the words of _____.

A. Antonio

B. Shylock

C. Nerissa

D. Bassanio

59. In the line, "Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears" 'Harmonic cacophony' is an example of

A. Onomatopoeia

B. Anaphora

C. Apostrophe

D. Oxymoron

60. "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

61. 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

62. 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**
63. 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
64. 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**
65. 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 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
66. According to Gokhale what requires whole-hearted devotion?
A. Acquiring knowledge B. Spirit C. Instances D. Observation
67. "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
68. In which poem, do you find the following line? 'Go over the recipe, step-by-step'? (**These lines are not matching with the given options**)
A. A Tiger in the Zoo B. The Apology
C. To cook and eat D. No men are foreign
69. 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

70. Identify the work which is written by William Wordsworth.

- A. **The Lyrical Ballads** B. Hamlet
C. The Good Earth D. Gitanjali

71. The Poet Jack Prelutsky was born in

- A. New York **B. Brooklyn** C. Lebanon D. United States

72. Match the name of the author with these story:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. The selfish Giant | 1. Pearl S Buck |
| b. Out in the fields with God | 2. Oscar White |
| c. The Refugee | 3. Anton Chekhov |
| 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 |

73. 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**

74. Which nation does Stephen Vincent Benet belong to?

- A. England **B. America** C. Russia D. Africa

75. 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

76. In which year Einstein was given the Nobel Prize?

- A. 1920 **B. 1921** C. 1934 D. 1945

77. Match Column A with Column B to form gerunds in sentences:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| A | 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 |

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

78. Identify the sentence pattern.

One of the boys must go.

- A. AS B. ASV C. **SV** D. SVA

79. 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

80. 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**

81. Select the correct question tag for the given sentence.

Don't leave the fridge door open _____?

- A. **Do you?** B. Don't you? C. Will you? D. Won't you?

82. "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**

83. Find the odd one out.

- A. gradually B. slowly C. well D. **beautiful**

84. "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

85. Which will take place of fears when someone keeps trying in the poem "keep on keeping on"?

- A. worries B. joy C. motivation D. **success**

86. "..... 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

87. Match the titles of the poem 'A' with lines of the poem 'B' :

| | 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 | | | | |

88. 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

89. "I am sick of hearing them cheep cheep"
What is the figure of speech employed here?

- A. Metaphor B. **Onomatopoeia** C. Personification D. Oxymoron

90. 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

91. According to Karl Paulnack the first organized public expression of grief after the attack in 2011 of September 11th was

- A. Public meeting B. Prayer meeting C. **Concert** D. Peace rally

92. 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**

93. "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
94. Which Nationality does the Poet Khalil Gibran belong to?
- A. American **B. Lebanese** C. Canadian D. British
95. Who among the following is not a British poet?
- B. A. John Masfield B. Robert Frost
C. C. D.H. Lawrence D. Elizabeth Barret Browning
96. Match the following:
- | | Title (story) | | | | Author |
|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|------------------------|
| a. | Kaanchanai | | | | 1. Sundara Ramasamy |
| b. | Reflowering | | | | 2. Pudumaippittan |
| c. | The Necklace | | | | 3. Rabindranath Tagore |
| d. | Holiday | | | | 4. Guyde Mauppassant |
| | a | b | c | d | |
| A. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| B. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | |
| C. | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | |
| D. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | |
97. "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
98. "Why don't you join the others? What A peculiar child you are?"
Who said these words to Kamala in 'Punishment in Kindergarten'?
- A. Grandmother B. Mother **C. Teacher** D. Father
99. 'Here 'tis, most reverend Doctor'.
Who is the 'doctor' here?
- A. Shylock **B. Portia** C. Bassanio D. Duke
100. Who say this?
"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**