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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Section I has two parts- Part I and Part II.
   (a) Part I – Essay in English (30 Marks).
   (b) Part II – English Comprehension and language (10 Marks).

2. Section II consists of objective type questions (60 Marks), in which question numbers 1 to 10 carry one (1) mark each and question number 11 to 110 carry half a mark (1/2) each

3. Erasure and overwriting in objective type questions will not be awarded any marks. Candidates may use reverse side of the question paper for rough work, however, it should be scored out.

4. Candidates are required to tick (√) most appropriate or correct answer for Section I, part II question numbers 1 to 5 and Section II question number 1 to 110. There will be no negative marking

5. To be eligible to qualify, one must obtain 40% marks each in Sections 1 and 2 and minimum 50 % aggregate marks.

6. Two additional sheets of papers duly stamped by the conducting TA Group HQ are to be provided along with each question paper to the candidates. Please staple these properly. Pages not being used to scored out

SECTION-I

PART I (Essay in English)

Q1. Write an essay in about 300 words on any one of the topics mentioned below :- (Marks 30)
   2. Indian Mars Orbiter Mission- Latest steps
   3. Digital Governance in India.
   4. Indo- Bhutan Relations – Invaluable Strategic Partnership
   5. Islamic States in Iraq and Syria - New Dimension of Threat to Global Peace

PART – II ENGLISH COMPREHENSION AND LANGUAGE

In this section, you have one short passage. Read carefully the passage and then answer the questions on the basis of what is stated or implied. You are required to answer all the five questions based on the passage. Each question carries Two (2) Marks. (Marks 10)

PASSAGE-I

To avoid the various foolish opinions to which mankind is prone, no superhuman brain is required. A few simple rules will keep you free, not from all errors, but from silly errors. If the matter is one that can be settled by observation, make the observation yourself. Aristotle could have avoided the mistake of thinking that women have fewer teeth than men, by the simple device of asking Mrs. Aristotle to keep her mouth open while he counted. Thinking that you know when, in fact, you do not is a bad mistake, to which we are all prone. I believe myself that hedgehogs eat black beetles, because I have been told that they do; but if I was writing a book on the habits of hedgehogs, I should not commit myself until I had seen one enjoying this diet. Aristotle, however, was less cautious. Ancient and medieval writers knew all about ancient unicorns and salamanders; not one of them thought it necessary to avoid dogmatic statements about them because he had never seen one of them.

Q1. The author portrays mankind as :-
   (a) very intelligent (b) having superhuman qualities (c) nervous and weak (d) by and large lazy and ignorant

Q2. The author is in favour of drawing conclusions on the basis of :-
   (a) reasoning (b) empirical evidence (c) study of eminent thinkers (d) discussion and consultation

Q3. According to the author, unicorns and salamanders :-
   (a) existed in the past but now have become extinct (b) never really existed (c) are invisible (d) have caused strange stories to be written about them
Q4. The author implies that :-
(a) hedgehogs eat black beetles
(b) he is writing a book about hedgehogs
(c) hedgehogs do not really eat black beetles
(d) he has never seen a hedgehog eating beetles

Q5. The attitude of the author is :-
(a) philosophical (b) cultural (c) scientific
(d) commonsensical

SECTION II
GENERAL AWARENESS  (Marks 60)
In this section you have 110 Questions. Question numbers 1 to 10 carry one (1) mark each, balance question number 11 to 110 carry half a mark (1/2) each.

Q1. Find the odd one out:-
(a) TRAINING = GARNINIT
(b) SURROUND = DROUORNUS
(c) DROWNED = DORNNED
(d) WATERY = AWETYR

Q2. A sum of Rs 700/- has to be used to give seven cash prizes to the students of the school for the overall performance. If each prize is Rs 20/- less than its preceding prize, what is the least value of the prize:-
(a) Rs 30/-
(b) Rs 40/-
(c) Rs 60/-
(d) Rs 80/-

Q3. In a family, there are five members, viz parents and three children. The members are ‘A’ ‘B’ ‘C’ ‘D’ and ‘E’ out of which two are males and three are females. ‘A’ has three children, two daughters & one son, ‘C’ is ‘B’s son, ‘A’ is ‘D’s father. How is ‘E’ related to ‘B’:-
(a) Son
(b) Daughter
(c) Sister
(d) Mother

Q4. If ‘SECRET’ is written as ‘CRETSE’ then “CHOICE’ is written as :-
(a) OICHEC
(b) OHCEIL
(c) YSLRYV
(d) OICECH

Q5. Roshan is taller than Hardik who is shorter than Susheel, Niza is taller than Harry but shorter than Hardik, Susheel is shorter than Roshan. Who is the tallest:-
(a) Roshan
(b) Susheel
(c) Hardik
(d) Harry

Q6. In a family, there are five members, viz parents and three children. The members are ‘A’ ‘B’ ‘C’ ‘D’ and ‘E’ out of which two are males and three are females. ‘A’ has three children, two daughters & one son, ‘C’ is ‘B’s son, ‘A’ is ‘D’s father. Who is ‘D’s mother:-
(a) B is D’s mother
(b) E is D’s mother
(c) C is D’s mother
(d) A is D’s mother

Q7. If in a certain code ‘COVET’ is written as ‘FRYHW’, which word would be written as ‘SHDUO’ :-
(a) QUAKE
(b) REPAY
(c) VKGXR
(d) PEARL

Q8. A Gardner has 1000 plants. He wants to plant them in such a way that the number of columns remains the same. What is the minimum number of plants that he needs more for this purpose:-
(a) 14
(b) 24
(c) 32
(d) 34

Choose the best way to complete the sentence below :-

Q9. Please tell me .............
(a) where is the bus stop
(b) where the bus stop be
(c) where stops the bus
(d) where the bus stop is

Q10. I told him .............
(a) what is the homework
(b) what was the homework
(c) what was to be the homework
(d) what the homework is

Q11. A base ball team has lost 7 games and won 13 games. What per cent of the games played did they win :-
(a) 35
(b) 65
(c) 50
(d) 30

Q12. 60% of 35 is what percentage of 400 :-
(a) 5/4%
(b) 10 %
(c) 12%
(d) 6%

Q13. If one out of every 50 people who play a certain games win a prize, what per cent of people lose :-
(a) 1%
(b) 2%
(c) 99%
(d) 98%

Q14. 15% loss on selling price is what percentage loss on cost :-
(a) 17.64%
(b) 20%
(c) 30%
(d) 13.04%

Q15. If Ashok makes a profit of 25% on the selling price, what is his profit on cost price :-
(a) 20%
(b) 25%
(c) 33 1/3%
(d) 30%

Q16. Find out the ratio whose values are 2/3 and the antecedent is 18 :-
(a) 18 : 27
(b) 2 : 3
(c) 20:30
(d) 180:270

Q17. A : B = 2 : 3, B : C = 4 : 5, C : D = 6 : 7 find the ratio of A and D :-
(a) 4:13
(b) 16 : 35
(c) 7 : 24
(d) 8 : 22

Q18. A, B and C invested Rs. 500, 630 and 700. If A gets Rs 75 as profit what will C get :-
(a) Rs 57
(b) 105
(c) 90
(d) 126

Q19. The average of the following five numbers is 8. Find the missing number in 7, 5, ?, 3, 12 :-
(a) 14
(b) 8
(c) 13
(d) 12

Q20. The average weight of A, B and C is 45 kg. A and B is 40 kg and of B and C is 43 kg. What is the weight of B:-
(a) 17 kg
(b) 26 kg
(c) 20 kg
(d) 31 kg

Q21. Find out the capital required to earn a monthly interest of Rs.600 per month at 6% simple interest :-
(a) 10,00,000
(b) 1,20,000
(c) 1,10,000
(d) 1,30,000

Q22. The ratio between the present ages of Sudhir and Madan is 4 : 5, if after 5 years the ratio of their age becomes 5 : 6, What is the present age of Sudhir :-
(a) 18 Years
(b) 20 Years
(c) 22 Years
(d) 21 Years

Q23. 5 Years ago, the age of Lata was two times the age of Arun. 10 Years hence from today the age of Lata will be 4/3 times the age of Arun. What is the present age of Lata:-
(a) 20 Years
(b) 22 Years
(c) 24 Years
(d) 16 Years

Q24. Air : Atmosphere :: Water :?
(a) Island
(b) Earth
(c) Ocean
(d) Drop
Q25. Light : Sun :: Heat : ?
(a) Electricity  (b) Moon  (c) Fire  (d) Stars

Q26. Trouble : Safety :: Freedom : ?
(a) Independence  (b) Slavery  (c) Liberty  (d) Patient

Q27. House : Wall :: Wall : ?
(a) Cement  (b) Sand  (c) Roof  (d) Brick

Q28. Soft : Sponge :: Sharp : ?
(a) Blunt  (b) Cut  (c) Pierce  (d) Knife

Q29. Army : Soldier :: Galaxy : ?
(a) Planet  (b) Satellite  (c) Meteor  (d) Star

Q30. Newspaper : Press :: Cloth : ?
(a) Cotton  (b) Mill  (c) Tailor  (d) Market

Q31. Technology must used to feed the force to change :-
(a) must be used to feed  (b) must have been using to feed  (c) must use having feed  (d) must using to feed  (e) No correction required

Q32. He is too impatient to tolerating any delay :-
(a) to tolerate  (b) to tolerating  (c) at tolerating  (d) tolerating  (e) No correction required

Q33. Whom did you intend to offer the job, besides the two young boys?
(a) Who are you intending to  (b) Whom do you intended to  (c) Who do you intend for  (d) Whom had you been intended for  (e) No correction required

Q34. (a) I will give you a copy of it.
(b) The book was published in New York.
(c) It is a very interesting book
(d) It deals with mankind’s political future.
The proper sequence should be :-
(a) DCBA  (b) CBDA  (c) BDCA  (d) DBCA

Q35. (a) They were generally fed in the afternoon
(b) But father said that it was most interesting to see them being fed.
(c) Gopal wanted to see the tigers and the lions first
(d) When we entered the gate, it was difficult to decide which way to go first.
The proper sequence should be:-
(a) ACDB  (b) DCBA  (c) BCDA  (d) CBAD

Q36. The passengers were afraid but the captain …………………. them that there was no danger:
(a) promise  (b) advised  (c) assured  (d) counseled

Q37. Do you know………………..
(a) where she comes from  (b) where does she come from  (c) from where does she come  (d) from where does she come

Q38. Students will go on an ………………
(a) excusion  (b) excurtion  (c) ascursion  (d) excursion

Q39. PROFANE:
(a) Assert  (b) Benefit  (c) Lengthen  (d) Desecrate

Q40. VIA MEDIA:
(a) By the way  (b) Through the communication  (c) A middle course  (d) The reverse order

Q41. IN TOTO:
(a) In the heart  (b) In space  (c) Within the walls  (d) Entirely

Q42. Legend:
(a) Allegory  (b) Fictitious story  (c) Fact  (d) Parable

Q43. Eccentric:
(a) Normal  (b) Deviating from normal practice  (c) Peculiar  (d) Abnormal

Q44. Licentious:
(a) Libertine  (b) Restrained  (c) Profligate  (d) Economical

Q45. To read between the lines:
(a) To suspect  (b) To read carefully  (c) To understand the hidden meaning of the word  (d) To do useless things

Q46. To meet one’s waterloo:
(a) To meet a strong adversary  (b) To meet with humiliation  (c) To die fighting  (d) To meet one’s final defeat
Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence, the alphabet number of that part is the answer, If there is no error then the answer is 'E' :-

Q47. Chinese (a)/ are (b)/ fond of (c)/ chowmin (d)/ No error (e)
   (Solution: 'The' is used before nationality.)

Q48. My mother (a)/ is cooking (b)/ in a (c)/ kitchen (d)/ No error (e)
   (Solution: 'The' is used before the noun which can be understood easily)

Q49. The more (a)/ I learn history (b)/ the more (c)/ I get bored (d)/ No error (e)
   (Solution: 'The' is used with comparative degree to show that two things increase or decrease in the same proportion.)

Q50. To fight teeth and nails :-
   (a) To fight a losing battle (b) To fight heroically
   (c) To make every possible efforts to win (d) To fight cowardly

Q51. The first battle of Panipat was fought between the forces of :-
   (a) Akbar and Hemu (b) Abdali and the Marathas
   (c) Humayun and Sher Shah Suri (d) Babar and Ibrahim Lodhi

Q52. Which of the following Sikh Guru rose against Shah Jahan and defeated an imperial army at Sangrampa, near Amritsar, in the first half of 17th century:-
   (a) Guru Arjan Dev (b) Guru Har Gobind
   (c) Guru Har Rai (d) Guru Har Kishan

Q53. Which of the following battle marked the real beginning of the Mughal Empire in India :-
   (a) Battle of Talikota (b) Battle of Haldighati
   (c) First Battle of Panipat (d) Second Battle of Panipat

Q54. Two of the great Mughal Emperor wrote their own memoirs. They were :-
   (a) Babar and Jahangir (b) Humayun and Jahangir
   (c) Babar and Humayun (d) Jahangir and Shah Jahan

Q55. Which of the following two kingdoms were conquered by Akbar :-
   (a) Bijapur and Khandesh (b) Ahmadnagar and Golconda
   (c) Khandesh and Ahmadnagar (d) Khandesh and Golconda

Q56. Constitutionally, who has the power to make a law on subject mentionable in the union list :-
   (a) Lok Sabha (b) Parliament
   (c) Rajya Sabha (d) Legislative Council

Q57. National Development Council of India was constituted on :-
   (a) August 16, 1950, (b) April 1, 1951,
   (c) August 6, 1952, (d) August 16, 1952

Q58. In India, when both offices of President and Vice-President happen to be vacant simultaneously who will discharge the duties of the President :-
   (a) Prime Minister (b) Union Home Minister
   (c) Speaker of Lok Sabha (d) Chief Justice of India

Q59. Who had the longest tenure as Speaker of Lok Sabha:-
   (a) G. V. Mavlankar (b) G.S Dhillon
   (c) Balram Jakhar (d) P.A Sangma

Q60. Sarkaria Commission was concerned with:-
   (a) Judicial Reforms (b) Financial Reforms
   (c) Centre- State Relations (d) Electoral Reforms

Q61. Jalal-Ud-Din Muhammad Akbar was proclaimed Emperor in :-
   (a) 1556 AD (b) 1557 AD
   (c) 1558 AD (d) 1560 AD

Q62. Who is the present Chief of the Air Staff of Indian Air Force :-
   (a) Air Chief Marshal F.H Major (b) Air Chief Marshal P.V Naik
   (c) Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha (d) Chief Marshal N.A.K. Browne

Q63. Within three decades after the death of Aurangzeb, the Mughal Empire in India had almost disintegrated entirely. Whose invasion dealt a staggering blow to the Empire :-
   (a) Ahmad Shah Abdali (b) Nadir Shah
   (c) Nizam-Ul-Mulk (d) None of the above

Q64. Who amongst the following, after succeeding to the throne, was known as emperor Shah Jahan :-
   (a) Jalal-Ud-Din (b) Nor-Ud-Din Muhammad
   (c) Muhi-Ud-Din Muhammad (d) Khurram Shaib-Ud-Din

Q65. English is the official language of which of the following states of India :-
   (a) Karnataka (b) Manipur
   (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Nagaland

Q66. Finance Commission in India is set from time to time :-
   (a) To lay financial policies of union Govt.
   (b) To evolve a satisfactory tax structure for economic development of the country.
   (c) To promote foreign trade
   (d) For transfer of economic resources from Centre to States

Q67. The method of proportional representation is adopted in India in the election of :-
   (a) Governor (b) Prime Minister
   (c) President (d) Vice President

Q68. Which one of the following Articles empower the President to appoint the Prime Minister of India :-
   (a) Article-74 (b) Article-75
   (c) Article-76 (d) Article-77

Q69. Before his coming to Akbar’s court, Miya Tansen was in the service of :-
   (a) Raja of Jaipur (b) Raja of Jodhpur
   (c) Rani of Guwahati (d) Raja Ramchandra Baghel of Bhatha

Q70. When offered the choice between death and conversion by Aurangzeb, the Sikh Guru chose the former and was executed. Who was this Guru :-
   (a) Guru Arjan Dev (b) Guru Hargobind
   (c) Guru Teg Bhadur (d) Guru Gobind Singh

Q71. The Third Battle of Panipat was fought between :-
   (a) Afghans and the Marathas (b) Afghans and the Sikhs
   (c) Marathas and Mughals under Shah Alam II (d) None of the above
Q72. To express it is modern terms, the Mughal Forces were composed of :-
   (a) Cavalry and Infantry  (b) Cavalry and Artillery
   (c) Navy, Artillery and Infantry
   (d) Navy, Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry

Q73. Who among the following, after marriage, became to be known as ‘Mumtaz’ the beloved wife of Shah Jahan:-
   (a) Anjuman Banu Begam  (b) Asmat Begam
   (c) Ladli Begam  (d) Mehr-Un-Nisa

Q74. Recently Reserve Bank of India had decided to withdraw from the circulation all currency notes issued before:-
   (a) 2006  (b) 2007  (c) 2004  (d) 2005

Q75. India’s nuclear capable ballistic missile ready for induction into the Army is :-
   (a) Aryabhata  (b) PSLV-C 25
   (c) GSLV  (d) PSLV-II

Q76. In 2014 India created history by becoming 1st nation in the world to successfully reach Mars Orbit on its maiden attempt. Name the Launch Vehicle used for the same :-
   (a) Aryabhitt  (b) PSLV-C25
   (c) GSLV  (d) PSLV-II

Q77. Name the Indian Environmentalist who won the prestigious Golden Environment Prize, also known as ‘Green Nobel’ :-
   (a) Ramesh Aggarwal  (b) Sunder Lal Bahuguna
   (c) Rajender Singh  (d) Medha Patkar

Q78. The longest railway platform in the world :-
   (a) Kharagpur  (b) Chennai
   (c) Gorakhpur  (d) Shanghi

Q79. In last Lok Sabha election, BJP won the following number of seats :-
   (a) 272  (b) 300  (c) 295  (d) 282

Q80. Telangana is the new bone India’s state. It has become the country’s……………… state :-
   (a) 27th  (b) 28th  (c) 30th  (d) 29th

Q81. With which of the following country India signed a civil nuclear agreement in September 2014 :-
   (a) USA  (b) Russia  (c) France  (d) Australia

Q82. Which state became the first State to legally ban smokeless tobacco :-
   (a) Sikkim  (b) Assam  (c) Uttarakhand  (d) Haryana

Q83. ‘Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas’ was celebrated recently at :-
   (a) Ahmadabad  (b) Pune
   (c) Gandhi Nagar  (d) Delhi

Q84. 'Chipko Movement' was started by Sunderlal Bahuguna in 1973:-
   (a) Conservation of river water  (b) Protection of birds
   (c) Protection of Cheetahs  (d) Conservation of forest

Q85. ‘Gayatri’ mantra contained in the Rig-Veda is dedicated to which deity :-
   (a) Agni  (b) Marut  (c) Surya  (d) Savitri

Q86. ‘Dashakumarcharita’ was written by Kalidas :-
   (a) Malavikagnimitra  (b) Daridra Charudatta
   (c) Vitarkoravashiya  (d) Abhigyan Shakuntalam

Q87. Which of the following state has become the first State to adopt the provisions of the Lokpal Act with the Vidhan Sabha passing the Lokayukta Bill 2014 :-
   (a) Madhya Pradesh  (b) Haryana
   (c) Uttarakhand  (d) Karnataka

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Q89. Name the Mughal Forces were composed of :-
   (a) Cavalry and Infantry  (b) Cavalry and Artillery
   (c) Navy, Artillery and Infantry
   (d) Navy, Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry

Q90. According to a study by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) recently, which state is fast emerging as major destination for domestic tourists :-
   (a) Maharashtra  (b) Rajasthan
   (c) Uttarakhand  (d) Haryana

Q91. Which of the following animal has, on June 31, 2014, been declared as the state animal of Rajasthan :-
   (a) Goat  (b) Camel
   (c) Cow  (d) Horse

Q92. Which country in the world has had maximum number of air accident in the year 2014 :-
   (a) USA  (b) Russia  (c) France  (d) Australia

Q93. Which disease was the biggest killer in 2013 with almost 5.5 lakh deaths :-
   (a) HIV/ADIS  (b) Tuberculosis
   (c) Malaria  (d) None of the above

Q94. The Vedic name of river Ravi is :-
   (a) Agni  (b) Marut  (c) Surya  (d) Savitri

Q95. Which one of the following is not a play written by Kalidas :-
   (a) Malavikagnimitra  (b) Daridra Charudatta
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   (c) Vitarkoravashiya  (d) Abhigyan Shakuntalam
Q103. Which of the following Cup/Trophy is associated with the game of the Lawn Tennis:
(a) Durand Cup  (b) Davis Cup  (c) Ranji Trophy  (d) Subroto Cup

Q104. Which award is given to the coaches of sportspersons:
(a) Dronacharya Award  (b) Arjun Award  (c) Kalidas Samman  (d) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna

Q105. A new Nuclear Power Plant is being set up in which of the following places of India:
(a) Singur  (b) Raipur  (c) Jaitapur  (d) Joshi Math

Q106. On 09 October the ‘Territorial Army’ was raised at the behest of:
(a) Jawahar Lal Nehru  (b) C Raj Gopalachari  (c) Rajender Prasad  (d) B. R Ambedkar

Q107. Nobel peace prize for 2014 was given to which of the following Pakistani National:
(a) Heena Rabaani Kher  (b) Naizia Hassan  (c) Veena Malik  (d) Malala Yousafzay

Q108. The Secretary General of United Nation Organisation at present is:
(a) Kofi Annan  (b) Sophie Sangreal  (c) Ban-Ki-Moon  (d) Boutros Boutros Ghali

Q109. Nobel peace prize for 2014 was given which of the following Indian national:
(a) M M Malviya  (b) Kailash Satyarthi  (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee  (d) Khushwant Singh

Q110. ‘National Anthem’ of India was written by:
(a) Lata Mangeshkar  (b) Noor Jehan  (c) Ravindra Nath Tagore  (d) Bankim Chandra Chatterji

ANSWERS ARE BOLD