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PART A

1. If in a certain code EXIST is coded as ESIXT, how is PLUTO coded in the same language?

(a) OLUTP (b) PTUOL (c) PTULO (d) None of these

2. In a certain code SISTER is 535301, UNCLE as 84670, and BOY as 129, how is SON coded?

(a) 524 (b) 846 (C) 335 (d) None of these

3. How many 9's are there preceded by 3 in the given sequence?

8 9 6 7 3 9 3 7 8 3 9 4 5 6 3 9 6 9

(a) 1 (b) 2 (C) 3 (d) 4

4. Which of the missing numbers will complete the series?

7, 10, 9, 12, 11, _____, _____

(a) 10, 13 (b) 13, 14 (C) 14, 13 (d) None of these

5. If P denotes ÷, Q denotes × , R denotes +, and S denotes –

18Q12P4R5S6 = ?

(a) 52 (b) 57 (c) 95 (d) None of these

6. Three numbers are in the ratio 4:5:6 and the average are 25. The largest number is

(a) 42 (b) 30 (c)36 (d) None of these

7. Find out the missing number from the alternative in the following number series 118?27964:

(a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 9 (d) 16

8. The number of primes between 59 and 101 is _____

(a) 10 (b) 9 (c)8 (d) 7

9. Which of the following is a rational one?

(a) Answer missing (b) (c) (d)

10. What is the minimum number of cars that could move in the following format? Two cars in front of a car. Two cars behind a car and a car between two cars:

(a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6

11. Which one is odd from the others?

(a) Pilot (b) Driver (c) Singer (d) Teacher

12. Which is the different one in the following items?

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(a) Camel (b) Elephant (c) Dog (d) Cow

13. Complete the following series with a letter from the given alternatives:

BYCXDWE _____

(a) V (b) Z (c) F (d) E

14. Substitute the underlined words in 14 and 15 with suitable phrases from given alternatives:

The Prime Minister is to visit Clinton

(a) Call at (b) Call on (c) Call out (d) Call off

15. The poor villagers built the cowshed thrown off in the wind.

(a) Put on (b) Put off (c) Put up (d) Put aside

16. As a bird is to feather, so is a cat to _____.

(a) Fur (b) Hairs (c) Claws (d) Paw

17. As revolution is to change, so treaty is to _____.

(a) Disease: Medicine (b) Food : Energy

(c) Famous : Notorious (d) Treaty: _____

18. If E says that "his mother is the only daughter of A's mother how is A related to B?

(a) Son (b) Father (c) Brother (d) Uncle

19. A and B are brothers. C and D are sisters. A's son is D's brother. How is B related to D?

(a) Father (b) Uncle (c) Brother (d) Grandfather

20. Cyclone is related to anticyclone in the same as flood is related to _____?

(a) Havoc (b) River (c) Drought (d) Devastation

21. Starvation is related to nutrition. In the same way (some text missing)

(a) Energy (b) Bravery (c) Freshness (d) Courage

22. Pointing out to a lady a girl said "She is the daughter in law my father's son". How is the lady related to the girl?

(a) Sister-in-law (b) Aunt (c) Mother (d) Cousin

(In Q. No's.23 and 24, 3 interrelated words are given. Choose a word from the given alternatives that belongs to the same group)

23. Pituitary, Thyroid, pancreas, _____

(a) Adrenal (b) Heart (c) Liver (d) Kidney

24. Shark, Cod, Eel, _____

(a) Whale (b) Fish (c) Dolphin (d) Oyster

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25. A started from a point and went 4 kms north and turned left and moved 2 kms west. Then he turned left and moved 4 kms. How far is he away from his starting point?

(a) 4 kms (b) 2 kms (c) 6 kms (d) None of these

26. Achu remembers his father's birthday is between 17th and 20th September. But his sister remembers that their father's birthday is between 18th and 22nd September. On which day is their father's birthday?

(a) September 18 (b) September 19 (c) September 20 (d) September 21

27. How many days are there from January 20, 2000 to April 14, 2000 including both days?

(a) 84 (b) 85 (c) 86 (d) 87

28. Instruments can be shielded from outside magnetic effect by surrounding them with

(a) Glass shield (b) Brass shield (c) Rubber shield (d) Iron shield

29. If bat is racket, racket is football, football is shuttle, shuttle is ludo, ludo is carrom. What is cricket played with

(a) Racket (b) Football (c) Bat (d) Shuttle

30. If banana is apple, apple is grapes, grapes are mango, mango is nut, nut is guava, which of the folowing is a yellow fruit?

(a) Mango (b) Guava (c) Apple (d) Nuts

31. The sum of the digits of a two digit number is 10. If the places of the digits are exchanged, the new number is greater than the original number by 18, what is the original number?

(a) 73 (b) 64 (c) 37 (d) None of these

32. Present age of Krishna is 1/4th that of her father's present age. After 4 years the sum of their ages will be 68. What is the present age of Krishna?

(a) 19 (b) 15 (c) 16 (d) 12

33. Who was the Hindu king shown as playing veena in ancient coins?

(a) Vikramaditya (b) Ashoka (c) Samudragupta (d) None of these

34. Who among the following is credited with the invention of algebra?

(a) Aryabhatta (b) Bhaskara (c) Medhatithi (d) None of these

35. First general election in free India took place in _____

(a) 1950 (b) 1952 (c) 1951 (d) 1953

36.The constitution of India came into force in

(a) 1947 (b) 1948 (c) 1949 (d) 1950

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37. The collector arrived at the conference hall for a meeting at 10 mnts to 4.30 pm. He was early by 20 mnts than the Deputy Collector, who was late by 30 mnts. At what time was the meeting scheduled?

(a) 4.50 pm (b) 4.10 pm (c) 4.20 pm (d) 4.40 pm

38. The cost price of 20 articles is the same as selling price of 15 articles. The profit percentage in the transaction is

39. If Doctor is related to Patient, Teacher is related _____

(a) Respect (b) Salary (c) Job (d) Pupil

40. Which of the following is a star?

(a) Earth (b) Venus (c) Mars (d) None of these

PART-B

(Questions 41 to 80 carries 1 mark each)

41. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word "Analysis"

(a) Anarchy (b) Synthesis (c) Separation (d) Emphasis

(e) None of these

42. Which of the following means the same as "Remember"?

(a) Recoil (b) Forget (c) Recollect (d) Encumber

(e) None of these

43. Pick out the word or phrase nearest in meaning to "Burglary"?

(a) Unlawful entry (b) Crime committed at night (c) Mugging (d) Trespass

(e) None of these

44. In the list given below choose the word that includes all the others:

(a) Desk (b) Chair (c) Table (d) Furniture

(e) Cupboard

45. Which of the following words means "one who never takes alcoholic drinks"?

(a) Teetotaller (b) Vegan (c) Addict (d) Totalitarian

(e) None of these

46. Point out the word which is misspelt

(a) Beginning (b) Hygiene (c) Vacuum (d) Pronounciation

(e) None of these

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47. Choose the word spelt correctly:

(a) Cemetery (b) Vomitting (c) Hypocrate (d) Casuality

(e) None of these

48.The word “Low” expresses the cry of

(a) Crows (b) Dogs (c) Sheep (d) Cows

(e) None of these

(Questions 49 and 50. Express by a single word the idea contained in the talicized part.)

49. He is liked by the people.

50. She suffers from the habit of walking about in her sleep.

51. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives given.

“Oxygen” is _____.

(a) a form of oxygen (b) used in degrees of Oxford University

(c) the plural of OX (d) the plural of cow

52. The past participle of “lie” is_____.

(a) lane (b) lain (c) laid (d) None of these

(Questions 53 and 54. Fill in the blanks using suitable prepositions)

53. The cat is hiding _____ us _____ the table.

54. Come _____ 10 _____ Friday morning.

(Questions 55 and 56. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles)

55. We want _____ help of_____ few volunteers.

56. This is _____ European firm; it was established only _____ years ago.

(Questions 57 and 58. Insert “some” or “any” as required)

57. I want ___ new potatoes; have you _____ ?

58. Don’t make _____ noise; he wants to get _____ sleep.

(Questions 59 and 60. Put either “fairly” or “rather” in the blank spaces)

59. I’m afraid I’ve written it _____ quickly, but I think you’ll find it _____ correct.

60. I’ve got a _____ good memory for names, but I’m _____ bad on dates.

(Questions 61 – 65. Rewrite the following sentences correctly)

61. We could scarcely hear what he said, couldn’t we?

62. I and he are cousin brothers.

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63. I would do it if I was you.

64. Many a men run after wealth.

65. No sooner had I entered the room when I saw the cobra.

(Questions 66 – 74. Rewrite as directed).

66. Do you did what with the money you gave I? (Arrange the words properly to make a question).

67. A new company has taken the business over. (Turn into passive voice).

68. To be wise after the event is perfectly easy. (Rewrite using the introductory word "It").

69. *Hamlet* is the most play of Shakespeare. (Change into the positive degree).

70. He had many disciples. The greatest of them was Aristotle. (Combine into a simple sentence).

71. Here is the magazine. You were looking for it. (Combine the sentence to make a complex sentence).

72. He is too weak to walk. (Remove "too").

73. He (write) a novel for the last two years, but he (not finish) it yet. (Rewrite using the correct tense form of the verbs given in brackets).

74. Sheila angrily asked: "Mother, where is my purse?" Change into indirect speech)

(Read the following passage carefully and answer the comprehension questions below. Choose the correct the correct answers from the alternatives given).

Helping others physically, by removing their physical needs, is indeed a good thing, but help is more substantial according as it is more far reaching because the need is greater. If a man's wants can be removed an hour; it is helping him indeed; if his wants can be removed for a year, it will be more help to him; but if his wants can be removed for ever, it is surely the greatest help that can be given to him. It is only with the knowledge of the spirit that the faculty of want is annihilated forever: so helping a man spiritually is the best help that can be extended to him. Ho who gives spiritual knowledge is the greatest benefactor of mankind. A spiritually strong and sound man cen be powerful in every other respect, if he so wishes. Until there is spiritual strength in man even physical needs cannot be well satisfied. Next to spiritual comes intellectual help. The gift of knowledge is a far higher gift than that of food and clothes; it is even higher than giving life to a man, because the real life of man consists of knowledge. Ignorance is death, knowledge is life. Next comes, of course, physical help. Therefore, we must always strive not to commit mistake of thinking that physical help is the only kind of help that can be given. It is the least important, because it can never bring permanent satisfaction. Thus help which tends to make us strong

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spiritually is of the highest type, next comes intellectual help, and after that physical help.

75. The central idea of the passage is

a. The need for social change

b. The importance of spiritual strength.

c. That we can never put an end to wants.

d. The power of knowledge.

e. None of these.

76. What is considered the best form of help?

a. Gift of food and clothes.

b. Physical help.

c. Removal of ignorance.

d. Help which makes us strong spiritually.

e. None of these.

77. The author is of the view that

a. Spiritual help is supreme in the world.

b. Intellectual help is the least important.

c. Gift of knowledge is superior to the knowledge of the spirit.

d. We can re move wants forever by giving bodily needs such as food and clothes.

e. None of these.

78. The arguments in the paragraph suggest that the author is:

(a) A politician (b) Interested only in intellectual pursuits (c) A thinker and philisopher (d) A religious fanatic

79. Find words in the passage meaning:

(a) Destroy completely (b) One who gives kindly help

80. State whether the following sentence is True or False.

"To be an ignorant person is as good as being dead and to possess knowledge is to be alive".

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PART – C

(Each question carries 5 marks)

81. (a) Name the only Keralite in Central Cabinet and his portfolio.

(b) Name the woman MP in Loksabha from Kerala and the constituency she represents

(c) Name of the keralite working on particles which travel faster than light and name of the particle

(d) Name on district in kerala having a name different from that of its headquarters and give the name of the headquarters

(e) Name the keralite woman who received Booker prize and name the book for which the prize was awarded

82. (a) Who is credited with the green revolution in India?

(b) Who is credited with the white revolution in India?

(c) Who from India won the first Olympic medal at Sydney?

(d) Who is the ethinic Indian Prime Minister thrown out of office in civilian coup?

(e) Name the most abundant element on earth and in the universe.

83. Name any *five* Nobel laureates of India and the areas under which each prize was awarded.

84. The following dates are celebrated as

(a) January 30 (b) June 5 (c) July 11 (d) September 5

85. Expand the follwoing abbrevations

(a) AIDS (b) ANERT (c) ASEAN (d) CTBT

(e) GATT

86. Answer the following questions with respect to India

(a) States with highest and lowest literacy.

(b) Largest and smallest states in terms of area.

(c) Most densely populated and least densely populated states.

(d) Highest dame and longest dam.

(e) Highest civilian award and highest gallantry award.

87. Name the author of each of the following books

(a) My Presidential Years (b) Satanic verses (c) Jungle book (d) The Golden Gate

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(e) Lajja

88. (a) Name the nuclear submarine which recently sank in the Barents sea.

(b) Name the planet which was recently hit by an unusually big meteor.

(c) Name a rare and important mineral found along beach of Kerala abd Tamil Nadu.

(d) Name the hot water ocean current which reaches the Indian coast once in every seven to eight years and believed to cause wide spread rain fall.

(e) Name the element isolate from the waste of nuclear reactors.

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