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1. The period of William Wordsworth is
(A) 1770 - 1850 (B) 1807 - 1882
 (C) 1836 - 1907 (D) 1840 - 1928
2. Which one of the following poems has not been written by the poet “H.W. Longfellow”?
(A) Be The Best
 (B) A Psalm of Life
 (C) Tales of a Wayside Inn
 (D) Hiawatha
3. “Ahimsa’ means infinite love, which again means infinite capacity for suffering”.
 The above is a quote by
 (A) Rabindranath Tagore
 (B) Abdul Kalam
 (C) Swami Vivekananda
(D) Mahatma Gandhiji
4. Identify the poem in which this line occurs.
 “I often contemplate my Childhood Mom”
 (A) The Flying Wonder
(B) A Sonnet for my Incomparable Mother
 (C) In Search of a Friend
 (D) Laugh and be Merry
5. Identify the correct degree.
 No other metal is as useful as iron.
 (A) Comparative **(B) Positive**
 (C) Superlative (D) None of these
6. Find out the odd word.
 (A) Bless
 (B) Praise
 (C) Raise
(D) Talkative
7. Abandoned Bhuta villages dot our path and I increasingly get the feeling that we are traversing a long-forgotten route. On the fourth day we cross the ghost villages of Burfu and Bilju before we reach Milam. ‘Ghost Villages’ are
 (A) villages full of ghosts
 (B) villages ruled by ghosts
(C) villages without people
 (D) villages often visited by ghosts
8. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence.
 If you do not submit your assignment today,
 (A) the teacher will have punished you.
(B) the teacher will punish you.
 (C) the teacher punished you.
 (D) the teacher had punished you.
9. Identify the part containing an error.
One of the boys look happy in my class.
 a b c d
 (A) One of the boys
(B) look
 (C) happy
 (D) in my class
10. Match the characters given under Column A with the titles given under Column B :
- | Column A | Column B |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Vera | 1. Holiday |
| (b) Old man | 2. Open Window |
| (c) Phatik | 3. Lottery Ticket |
| (d) Masha | 4. The Refugee |
| (a) (b) (c) (d) | |
| (A) 2 4 1 3 | |
| (B) 2 1 3 4 | |
| (C) 3 2 4 1 | |
| (D) 3 2 1 4 | |

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11. He taught me Hindi.

Identify the sentence pattern

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

12. Fill in the blank with an appropriate infinitive.

He refused _____ the orders.

- (A) obey (B) obeying
(C) to obey (D) obeyed

13. To which nationality does the poet V.K. Gokak belong?

- (A) China **(B) India**
 (C) Australia (D) England

14. Identify the sentence.

The boy was disobedient, so the teacher punished him.

- (A) Simple **(B) Compound**
 (C) Complex (D) None

15. Match the following words given in Column A with the blending words in Column B and select the answer from the codes given below:

Column A

- (a) Electro + execute
 (b) Helicopter + airport
 (c) Smoke + fog
 (d) Teleprinter + exchange

Column B

1. Heliport
 2. Smog
 3. Telex
 4. Electrocute

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

16. Identify the sentence that contains the Superlative form of the adjective.

- (A) Mr. Soundar is one of the most helpful persons**
 (B) Very few persons are as helpful as Mr. Soundar
 (C) Mr. Soundar is more helpful than most other persons
 (D) No other street in this area is as busy as this one

17. Identify the sentence :

I had to walk back home as the transport workers were on strike.

- (A) Simple
(B) Complex
 (C) Compound
 (D) None of the above

18. The following lines are taken from the poem

The music in my heart I bore
 Long after it was heard no more’.

- (A) ‘A Psalm of Life’
 (B) ‘Sonnet No. 116’
 (C) ‘Be The Best’
(D) ‘The Solitary Reaper’

19. Who said this?

‘Woman is the companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacities’.

- (A) Kalpana Chawla
(B) Mahatma Gandhi
 (C) Rani of Jhansi
 (D) Helen Keller

20. ‘Sonnet No’: 116’ is written by

- (A) William Wordsworth
 (B) Wadsworth Longfellow
(C) William Shakespeare
 (D) William Blake

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21. Name the greedy moneylender in the play 'The Merchant of Venice'.
- (A) Antonio (B) Bassanio
(C) Shylock (D) Lorenzo
22. 'Failure is an accepted procedure in experimenting, research, testing and all scientific forms of "finding out". Failure is simply the means of finding out what will not work so that it can be eliminated in the search for what will work'.
What can be eliminated?
- (A) things that will not work**
(B) failures in life
(C) scientific processes
(D) searcheds for success
23. Choose the appropriate prefix for the word : 'Fortune'
- (A) dis- **(B) mis-** (C) il- (D) un-
24. "Knowledge is an exacting mistress; she needs devotion, whole-hearted, on the part of the person who seeks her".
What requires whole-hearted devotion?
- (A) A mistress (B) A nation
(C) The pursuer **(D) Knowledge**
25. "Any organisation, society or even a nation without a vision is like a ship cruising on the high seas without any aim or direction. It is clarity of national vision which constantly drives the people towards the goal".
What drives the people towards the goal?
- (A) a ship in the high seas
(B) a clear national vision
(C) a guide in the sea
(D) an organisation or society
26. A Boat beneath a sunny sky
Lingering onward dreamily
What is lingering onward?
- (A) a ship (B) a sunny sky
(C) a fish **(D) a boat**
27. 'In solit'ry confinement as complete as any goal'.
Solit'ry refers to
- (A) being alone** (B) a pain
(C) a group (D) a dormitory
28. 'We ran as if to meet the moon
That slowly dawned behind the trees"
These lines are taken from the poem
- (A) A Psalm of Life
(B) Sonnet No : 116
(C) Going for Water
(D) The Solitary Reaper
29. The man who posed as a beggar in the story 'The Model Millionaire' was
- (A) Austin Ronaldo
(B) Bebetto
(C) Thomas Kaka
(D) Baron Hausberg
30. I like to eat Maize
Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent
- (A) Candy (B) Chips
(C) Corn (D) Cookies
31. Identify the sentence with the verb in its passive form.
- (A) The symposium was inaugurated by the Director.**
(B) The Director inaugurated the symposium.
(C) The workers are painting the walls.
(D) Gopi has written a poem.

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- 32.** Identify the sentence that contains a verb in its active form.
- (A) The work was completed by the students.
(B) The old man completed his work.
 (C) The gifts were issued to the children.
 (D) The culprits must be arrested by the police.
- 33.** Choose the correct verb :
 Tendulkar _____ (bat) since the match started this morning.
- (A) batted
 (B) is batting
(C) has been batting
 (D) has batted
- 34.** Fill in the blanks with a suitable tense form :
 I _____ (talk) to my mother, when the guests arrived.
- (A) talked (B) is talking
 (C) talk **(D) was talking**
- 35.** Select the correct question tag :
 His mother cooks well,
- (A) did she? **(B) doesn't she?**
 (C) does she? (D) don't she?
- 36.** Match the word child with the correct suffix.
- (A) ism **(B) ish** (C) ful (D) ness
- 37.** Match the following synonym from Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the given codes
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Logic | 1. Focus |
| (b) Electron | 2. Inability to wait |
| (c) Concentration | 3. Reasoning |
| (d) Impatience | 4. Particle in a cell |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
 (A) 1 4 2 3
 (B) 4 3 1 2
 (C) 2 1 3 4
(D) 3 4 1 2
- 38.** Fill in the blank with a suitable gerund.
 _____ well is an art.
- (A) To cook (B) Having cooked
(C) Cooking (D) Cook
- 39.** Kalpana Chawla was born in
- (A) Pakistan (B) California
(C) Karnal (D) New Delhi
- 40.** He lives in a flat
 Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.
- (A) hotel (B) cottage
(C) apartment (D) bungalow
- 41.** She hired a taxi to the airport.
 Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.
- (A) cycle **(B) cab** (C) bike (D) tricycle
- 42.** Identify the author of the short story 'The Selfish Giant'.
- (A) Anton Chekhov (B) O' Henry
(C) Oscar Wilde (D) Rudyard Kipling
- 43.** Shylock was envious of Antonio, a
- (A) merchant** (B) teacher
 (C) farmer (D) lawyer
- 44.** The Selfish Giant stayed with his friend for
- (A) ten years (B) five years
 (C) three years **(D) seven years**

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45. Match the following poems under Column A with the poets under Column B and select the correct code :

Column A

- (A) The Cry of the Children
- (B) Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face
- (C) The Flying Wonder
- (D) Snake

Column B

- 1. Jack Prelutsky
- 2. Stephen Vincent Benet
- 3. D.H. Lawrence
- 4. Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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

46. Choose the option that completes the given sentence.

Rabindranath Tagore was awarded the Nobel prize for his work

- (A) Galpaguccha
- (B) Chitra
- (C) Binodini
- (D) Gitanjali**

47. In which story do you come across the character 'Saruli'?

- (A) After the Storm**
- (B) Kari, the Elephant
- (C) The Neem Tree
- (D) The Farmer

48. 'Ingratitude, more strong than traitor's arms'.

Who utters these words?

- (A) Antonio in, 'The Merchant of Venice'
- (B) Antony in, 'Antony and Cleopatra'
- (C) Mark Antony in, 'Julius Caesar'**
- (D) Romeo in, 'Romeo and Julius Caesar'

49. Fill in the blank with a suitable article.

Where there is _____ will there is a way.

- (A) an
- (B) a**
- (C) the
- (D) no

50. Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines:

'Through the coal-dark underground -
Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron
In the factories round and round'

- (A) the, through
- (B) we, wheels
- (C) underground, round**
- (D) dark, drive

51. To which nationality does the poet Robert Frost belong?

- (A) Lebanon
- (B) France
- (C) America**
- (D) England

52. Mention the theme observed in the poem, 'Be The Best'.

- (A) Optimism**
- (B) Naturalism
- (C) Humanism
- (D) Existentialism

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53. Identify the poet in whose work do the following lines occur?
‘Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds’.
- (A) William Wordsworth
(B) H.W. Longfellow
(C) William Blake
(D) William Shakespeare
54. Which one of the following literary works is concerned with ‘Global Warming’?
- (A) Migrant Bird
(B) To the Land of Snow
(C) The Sun Beam
(D) Gaia Tells Her Tale
55. In which poem do the following lines occur?
‘We extract your elements to make
Cannons and bombs out of
Our elements you create lilies and roses’.
- (A) Shilpi (B) With a Friend
(C) The Flying Wonder **(D) Earth**
56. “For the soul is dead that slumbers”
Identify the option with words in alliteration.
- (A) that, dead (B) for, is
(C) soul, slumbers (D) soul, dead
57. Select the correct plural form of the word “Story”.
- (A) Storys (B) Storeys
(C) Storyses **(D) Stories**
58. Find out the odd word.
- (A) Donkey (B) Dew
(C) Dawn **(D) Draw**
59. Identify the correct sentence.
- (A) Either of the dogs bark ferociously.
(B) Road accident at Anna Salai was a horrible sight.
(C) The hospital has three lady doctors.
(D) He lived in the village since 2001.
60. The post came late.
Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.
- (A) letter (B) news
(C) message **(D) mail**
61. ‘Tell me not in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream’.
These lines are from the poem
- (A) ‘A Psalm of Life’**
(B) ‘The Solitary Reaper’
(C) ‘Sonnet No. 116’
(D) ‘Where the Mind is Without Fear’
62. ‘Listen to the sounds of nature
Take good care of our fragile planet’.
Who said this?
- (A) Dr. Salim Ali
(B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Kalpana Chawla
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru
63. Identify. the part containing an error :
- Raghu prefers milk than tea
- a b c d
- (A) Raghu
(B) prefers
(C) milk
(D) than tea

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64. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophones.
I paid the _____ to go to the _____.
- (A) fare, fair (B) fair, fire
(C) fare, fear (D) fair, fare
65. Identify the author of the short story 'The Refugee'.
- (A) Guy de Maupassant
(B) Pearl S Buck
(C) Anton Chekhov
(D) Oscar Wilde
66. Who is the author of the short story "Swept Away"?
- (A) Saki
(B) Pearl S Buck
(C) Sundara Ramaswamy
(D) Susannah Hickling
67. In which country does the story "Two Friends" take place?
- (A) England **(B) France**
(C) India (D) Africa
68. How many plays have been written by the famous Playwright William Shakespeare?
- (A) 37** (B) 38 (C) 36 (D) 27
69. Identify the correct degree.
Usha Kiran is not the tallest of all the buildings in the city.
- (A) Positive
(B) Negative
(C) Comparative
(D) Superlative
70. Identify the figure of speech in the line :
'O winging words ! Like homing bees you borrow'.
- (A) Simile** (B) Metaphor
(C) Oxymoron (D) Onomatopoeia
71. 'And the grave is not its goal'
The word 'grave' refers to
- (A) Winning **(B) Death**
(C) Defeat (D) Victory
72. 'For I'm off to outer space tomorrow morning'.
Where is the poet going?
- (A) office (B) abroad
(C) outer space (D) home
73. 'Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron'
What do the children do all day?
- (A) drive the car
(B) play with the wheels
(C) drive the wheels
(D) Beat the iron
74. 'Where the mind is without fear
And the head is held high'
The given lines are written by
- (A) Rudyard Kipling
(B) Rabindranath Tagore
(C) Robert Frost
(D) Robert Browning
75. Where did Antony address the public while displaying Caesar's body to the Romans?
- (A) from the graveyard
(B) at the market place
(C) at the senate house
(D) from Caesar's palace

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76. Alan Trevor was a
(A) writer (B) **painter**
(C) teacher (D) colonel
77. In the story 'The Selfish Giant', the Giant was covered with _____ blossoms when he lay dead under the tree in his garden.
(A) **White** (B) Golden
(C) Yellow (D) Silver
78. 'The Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre' is situated in
(A) **New York** (B) New Delhi
(C) New Jersey (D) New Zealand
79. 'It is heartening to meet Laxmi, our porter, the following morning. He is a sturdy young man'.
Sturdy means
(A) Learned (B) Tall
(C) Short (D) **Strong**
80. Match the British English words under Column A with their American English equivalents under Column B :
- | Column A | | Column B | |
|-------------|--|-------------|--|
| (a) Autumn | | 1. Truck | |
| (b) Holiday | | 2. Freight | |
| (c) Lorry | | 3. Fall | |
| (d) Goods | | 4. Vacation | |
- | | | | |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| (B) 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
81. What is the American English word for the British English word 'Underground'?
(A) Pavement (B) First floor
(C) **Subway** (D) Pathway
82. What is the American English word for the British English word, 'Terminus'?
(A) Final (B) **Depot**
(C) Bus stand (D) Shop
83. Baron Hausberg was one of the _____ in Europe.
(A) famous Scientists
(B) greatest Football Players
(C) **richest Men**
(D) talented Neurosurgeons
84. Use a torch when there is no power supply. Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.
(A) **flash light** (B) candle
(C) tube light (D) pen torch
85. Identify the words in alliteration in the lines:
'Like gnomes that hid us from the moon
Ready to run to hiding new
With laughter when she found us soon'.
(A) moon, soon (B) like, from
(C) laughter, found (D) **ready, run**
86. Fill in the blanks with a gerund.
_____ is his favourite pastime.
(A) To read (B) **Reading**
(C) The read (D) Read

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- 87.** Which of the following words is formed with a prefix attached to it?
(A) International (B) Interest
 (C) Interior (D) Interim
- 88.** Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word from the options given :
 Nowadays, the criteria to avail Educational Loan is flexible.
 (A) Supple **(B) Stiff**
 (C) Stupid (D) Expandable
- 89.** Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word from the options given :
 Napoleon faced a catastrophic defeat.
(A) Success (B) Failure
 (C) Excitement (D) Danger
- 90.** Choose the correct synonym of the underlined word :
 Most of its inhabitants were still in the arms of sleep.
 (A) Habitats **(B) Residents**
 (C) Truants (D) Tyrants
- 91.** Match the following poems under Column A with the poets under Column B and select the correct code :
- | Column A | Column B |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (A) A Psalm of Life | 1. Khalil Gibran |
| (B) The Man He Killed | 2. Douglas Malloch |
| (C) Be The Best | 3. Thomas Hardy |
| (D) Earth | 4. H.W. Longfellow |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 2 1 3 4
 (B) 3 4 1 2
(C) 4 3 2 1
 (D) 2 4 3 1
- 92.** Which one of the following options is not a famous tragedy of William Shakespeare?
 (A) Hamlet
 (B) King Lear
 (C) Othello
(D) A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 93.** Acquiring knowledge is one's primary duty - not only for one's success in the examination but also for one's life.
 What is one's primary duty?
 (A) Playing well
 (B) Succeeding in the examination
 (C) Working earnestly
(D) Acquiring knowledge
- 94.** Kalpana Chawla was a famous
 (A) astrologer
(B) astronaut
 (C) teacher
 (D) doctor
- 95.** Who is the 'Bird Man' of India?
 (A) Dr. Abdul Kalam
(B) Dr. Salim Ali
 (C) R.K. Narayanan
 (D) Thakazhi Sivasankaran Pillai
- 96.** "Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit"
 These lines are taken from the poem
 (A) A Psalm of Life
 (B) Be The Best
(C) Where the Mind is Without Fear
 (D) The Solitary Reaper

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97. ‘The 16th century palace complex was built by the Nayaks and later renovated by the Marathas’.

Who renovated the palace complex?

- (A) Nayaks **(B) Marathas**
(C) Cholas (D) Pallavas

98. Match the authors given under Column A with the characters given under Column B and choose the correct answer from the codes given :

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| (a) Sundara Ramasamy | 1. Hughie |
| (b) Oscar Wilde | 2. Mark Antony |
| (c) William Shakespeare | 3. Gunga Ram |
| (d) Kushwant Singh | 4. Rowther |

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

99. “I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him”

Whose words are these?

- (A) Marcus Brutus
(B) Mark Antony
(C) Casca
(D) Cassius

100. “Good Heavens! I gave him a sovereign!”.

Identify the speaker.

- (A) Alan Trevor
(B) Hughie
(C) Shelley
(D) Diane