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GROUP IV GENERAL ENGLISH – 2016

1. Match the underlined words in Column A with their parts of speech in Column B and select the correct answer from the options given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
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| (a) He <u>walks</u> quickly | 1. Subject |
| (b) <u>Reena</u> taught him | 2. Object |
| Hindi | |
| (c) Rani ate <u>ice cream</u> | 3. Verb |
| (d) Radha is a <u>doctor</u> | 4. Compliment |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 3 1 2 4
 (B) 1 2 3 4
 (C) 4 1 2 3
 (D) 2 1 4 3
2. Choose correct prepositions from the options give:
 _____ the cupboard, very _____ the wall, there is a narrow gap, _____ which a few charts have been kept.
- (A) into, behind, near
(B) behind, near, into
 (C) into, near, behind
 (D) near, behind, into
3. Identify the sentence pattern:
 One of the boys had been singing well.
- (A) S V C (B) S V O C
(C) S V A (D) S V IO DO
4. Which of the following phrasal verbs suits the given sentence? _____ your bad habits.
- (A) get back (B) given in
(C) give up (D) get on
5. Identify the incorrect sentence from the following:
- (A) Apples are not so sweet as Mangoes
 (B) Mangoes are sweeter than Apples
(C) Japanese are the industrious people in the world
 (D) Gold is costlier than silver
6. Find out the correct sentence :
- (A) One of the bicycle is defective
(B) One of the bicycles is defective
 (C) One of the bicycle are defective
 (D) One of the bicycles were defective
7. Find out the correct question tag:
 "She goes to school by van"
- (A) is she?
 (B) aren't they?
 (C) are they?
(D) doesn't she?
8. Which of the following sentences is wrong?
- (A) Dad polished his shoes yesterday
 (B) Subhash has cut the vegetables just now
(C) The police have catch the motorcyclist for speeding
 (D) The ripe fruit has fallen from the tree
9. Choose the correct 'Synonym' of the underlined word from the given options.
 Sivasubramania Iyer's wife was very conservative.
- (A) traditional (B) ideal
 (C) liqeral (D) formal
10. What is "Possessive Adjectives"?
- (A) They answer the question which
(B) They answer to the question whose
 (C) They answer the question How many
 (D) They answer the question How much
11. Match the following identifying the phrase to complete the sentence and mark the correct code:
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (a) The cream Cake is | 1. harder and harder |
| (b) The new sweets are | 2. more expensive |
| (c) The new waiters are | 3. so costly |
| (d) It is getting | 4. Better |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 1 3 4 2
 (B) 3 2 1 4
(C) 2 3 4 1
 (D) 4 2 1 3

12. Find out the sentence where gerund is used:
 (A) Sujatha is wealthy but she is not generous
 (B) We sat on the floor
(C) Writing is always better than to read
 (D) She is a teacher and a singer
13. "If you can't be a highway, just be a trail,
 If you can't be the Sun, be a Star;
 It is not the si~e that you win or you fail
 Be the Best of whatever you are! "
 The Rhyme Scheme in the above given lines is
 (A) a a (B) a b a b
 (C) a b c (D) a a b
14. The Giant's final journey was to
 (A) his friends palace
 (B) his son's home
 (C) to the neighbouring village
(D) the paradise
15. "The attainment of a developed status by 2020 does not mean that we can, then rest on our laurels"
 Laurels mean
 (A) failures (B) rewards
 (C) wealth (D) criticisms
16. "To my immediate right the Nanda Pal glacier slopes down sharply -----ofcourse for the fact that ends in a cold and menacing snout-with icy waters flowing below".
 In the given passage the word menacing means
(A) threatening (B) pacifying
 (C) attracting (D) repelling
17. Match the British English words under Column A with their American English equivalents under Column B and choose the correct code.
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------|-----------------|
| (a) chips | 1. garbage can |
| (b) dustbin | 2. Jelly |
| (c) jam | 3. Guy |
| (d) fellow | 4. french fries |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| (D) 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
18. The American English equivalent of the word 'washbasin' is
 (A) zee (C) wash tank
 (B) wash room **(D) sink**
19. The first step in the road to success, according to Edwin C Bliss, is to
 (A) believe that success is not a bed of roses
 (B) steer clear of pitfalls
(C) set yourself clear goals
 (D) start devoting time and energy
20. Gopala Krishna Gokhale was
(A) a freedom fighter
 (B) a thespian
 (C) the first President of India
 (D) the first Prime Minister of India
21. "Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron
 In the factories, round and round"
 In which poem do these lines occur?
(A) The Cry of the Children
 (B) Migrant Bird
 (C) Shilpi
 (D.) Going for water
22. Which of the following is not a poem?
(A) The power of Laughter
 (B) No Men are Foreign
 (C) A Tiger in the Zoo
 (D) My Grandmother's House

23. "I won't look down. No I will not
With speed of wings I hasten past".
In whose poem do the following lines occur?
(A) Famida Y. Basheer
(B) Kamala Surrayya
(C) Archibald Lampman
(D) Rudyard Kipling
24. The Poem 'Laugh and be Merry' is written by
(A) H. W. Longfellow
(B) Robert Frost
(C) Ralph Waldo Emerson
(D) John Masefield
25. What is the theme observed in the story "The
mark of Vishnu"?
(A) Upholding patriotism
(B) Quest for freedom
(C) Abolition of communism
(D) Riddance of superstition
26. Which of the following is a poem?
Choose the right answer from the options
given below.
(A) Wings of Fire
(B) Gaia tells her tale
(C) To India -My Native Land
(D) The Golden Path
27. Match the names of the poets under column
A with the names of the poems., under
column B and choose the correct code.
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| Column A | Column B |
| (a) Thomas Hardy | 1. My Grandmother's house |
| (b) Elizabeth Barrett Browning | 2. Piano |
| (c) D.R. Lawrence | 3. The Cry of the Children |
| (d) Kamala Surayya | 4. The Man He Killed |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 1 2 3 4
(B) 1 4 3 2
(C) 4 3 1 2
(D) 4 3 2 1
28. "A note as from a single place,
A slender tinkling fall that made"
These above lines occur in the poem
(A) Going for Water
(B) Beautiful Inside
(C) The Cry of the Children
(D) Migrant Bird
29. Identify the figure of speech used in the
following poetic line.
In the world's broad field of battle
(A) Personification
(B) Simile
(C) Metaphor
(D) Oxymoron
30. Walt Whitman wrote the poem "O Captain!
My Captain!" as a dirge for the death of
(A) John F. Kennedy
(C) Woodrow Wilson
(B) Andrew Jackson
(D) Abraham Lincoln
31. Select the correct answer from the options
given below:
A statement tells something. But actually it
means the opposite is known as
(A) Paradox **(B) Irony**
(C) Apostrophe (D) Litotes
32. Which of the following lines belongs to
"Robert Frost"?
(A) With sixty seconds "worth of distance
run"
(B) Of childish days is upon me, my
manhood is cast
**(C) But once within the wood, we
paused**
(D) Is waiting its time to share?

33. In which of the poem the following line occurs?
"And You o my soul where you stand"
(A) Be the Best
(B) A noiseless patient spider
(C) Going for water
(D) Migrant Bird
34. Which of the following is a drama?
(A) The Farmer
(B) The Merchant of Venice
(C) Buds to Blossoms
(D) Hiroshima
35. In the poem "Migrant Bird" the poet contrasts the life of a migrant bird with that of the
(A) weapons **(B) human beings**
(C) animals (D) enemies
36. Which of the following works is not a poem?
(A) To The Land of Snow
(B) A Psalm of Life
(C) The Solitary Reaper
(D) Laugh and be Merry
37. Which of the following is not a Prose?
(A) A Dictionary of the English Language
(B) The Mark of Vishnu
(C) Snake
(D) Vision for the Nation
38. Which of the following literary works exhibits the theme of optimism?
(A) Laugh and be Merry
(B) Sonnet No: 116
(C) The Solitary Reaper
(D) The Man he Killed
39. During the Sepoy Mutiny, the queen who fought against the British was
(A) Lakshmibai
(C) Nana Sahib
(B) Bhagirathibai
(D) Durga devi
40. Who among the following is a Bengali poet and has won Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913?
(A) Mahasweta Devi
(B) Rabindranath Tagore
(C) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(D) Sunil Gangopadhyay
41. Identify the author who uttered the following sentence :
"Man is born free but is everywhere in chains".
(A) Rabindranath Tagore
(B) Jawaharlal Nehru
(C) Berton Braley
(D) Jean Jacques Rousseau
42. Match the short stories with the authors:
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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Swami and the Sam | 1. Mackinlay Kantor |
| (b) Sam | 2. Rex Coker |
| (c) A man who had no eyes | 3. Tammy Ruggles |
| (d) A Close Encounter | 4. R.K. Narayan |
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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (D) 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
43. Match the characters under Column 'B' with the relevant story titles under Column 'A'.
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| Column A | Column B |
| (a) The Necklace | 1. Behrman |
| (b) Lottery Ticket | 2. Morissot |
| (c) The Last Leaf | 3. Matilda |
| (d) Two friends | 4. Masha |
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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| (B) 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (D) 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |

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44. Identify the nationality of the author, of the story "The Lottery Ticket".
 (A) China **(B) Russia**
 (C) The U.S.A. (D) England
45. Whose autobiography is named "Wings of Fire"?
 (A) Dr. Samuel Johnson
 (B) Rabindranath Tagore
 (C) Gandhiji
(D) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
46. Match the characters given under Column 'A' with the stories given under Column 'B' and select the correct option from those given below :
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (a) Vera | 1. Holiday |
| (b) Johnsy | 2. The Last Leaf |
| (c) Phatik Chakrabarthi | 3. The Selfish Giant |
| (d) The Cornish Ogre | 4. Open Window |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (C) 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (D) 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
47. Which of the following is adapted from a short story written by Oscar Wilde?
 (A) A Close Encounter
(B) Caught Sneezing
 (C) The Summer Flight
 (D) Swept Away
48. Which one of the following pairs is matched correctly?
 (A) Manliness by D.H. Lawrence
 (B) The Piano by Rudyard Kipling
 (C) Going for Water by William Blake
(D) Beautiful Inside by Paul Holmes
49. Match the folk arts under Column A with their states under Column B :
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------------|----------------|
| (a) Bihu | 1. TamilNadu |
| (b) Dandya Das | 2. Maharashtra |
| (c) Kolattam | 3. Assam |
| (d) Tamasha | 4. Gujarat |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (D) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
50. From the given options, choose the poet who has written "Don't Quit"
 (A) John Masefield
 (B) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
 (C) Robert Frost
(D) Edgar A. Guest
51. Find the sentence from options given, which is in proper Reported Speech form
 (A) He told Sheela that if she were in town the day before
 (B) He asked Rehim that when did I intended paying him back
(C) He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match
 (D) He asked me where I had get this interesting novel from
52. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :
 _____ Woodcock flies from _____ Himalayas to _____ Nilgiris without _____ pause.
 (A) a, the, a, the
 (C) a, the, the, the
 (B) the, the, a, the
(D) the, the, the, a
53. Choose the correct antonyms for the underlined word.
 Knowledge is an exacting mistress.
(A) Contented (B) Demanding
 (C) Insecure (D) Surplussing

54. Match the sentences in Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the options given:
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| <p>Column A</p> <p>(a) I lost my purse</p> <p>(b) A book was written by Meera</p> <p>(c) The mountain is very steep and I cannot climb it</p> <p>(d) Though he is old, he walks quickly</p> <p>(a) (b) (c) (d)</p> <p>(A) 2 4 1 3</p> <p>(B) 4 1 2 3</p> <p>(C) 1 2 3 4</p> <p>(D) 3 1 2 4</p> | <p>Column B</p> <p>1. Compound Sentence</p> <p>2. Active Voice</p> <p>3. Complex Sentence</p> <p>4. Passive Voice</p> |
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55. Which of the following sentences are in active voice?
- I. They sing songs in the assembly.
 II. A notice was sent by the manager.
 III. You gave him your pen.
 IV. He has built a house in his native place.
- (A) Only I, III and IV are correct**
 (B) Only II, III and IV are correct
 (C) I, II and III are correct
 (D) All are correct
56. Find the odd ONE from the following sentences:
- (A) The sky was darker and the cold was more intense.
 (B) He sat down under a tree and wept bitterly.
(C) In spite of being hot, we managed to work.
 (D) Miriam married and left her father.
57. Identify the past perfect tense from the options given below:
- (A) They came immediately
(B) The rain had stopped
 (C) Rajesh entered the school
 (D) We called them back
58. Blend the following words and select the correct codes given below :
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|---|--|
| <p>(a) handy</p> <p>(b) fountain</p> <p>(c) kilo</p> <p>(d) pop</p> | <p>1. pen</p> <p>2. music</p> <p>3. cam</p> <p>4. Gram</p> |
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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| (B) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (C) 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (D) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
59. Identify the gerund form from the options given below:
- (A) Keeping left is always safe**
 (B) To find fault with others is easy
 (C) David wants to study Biology
 (D) He likes to read science fiction
60. Identify the simple sentence from the given options :
- (A) I promised that I will do my best
(B) I promised to do my best
 (C) I will do my best and I promised it
 (D) I promised so that I will do my best
61. Which of the following plural forms is correct?
- (A) Passers-by**
 (B) Brother-in-laws
 (C) Runner ups
 (D) Commander-in-chiefs

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62. Match the following phrases/idioms given under Column A with their meanings under Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below :
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------------|--|
| (a) to cash in on | 1. tell me what you are thinking about |
| (b) as good as gold | 2. a very slim chance |
| (c) a chance in a million | 3. to take advantage |
| (d) a penny for your thoughts | 4. very well behaved |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 3 4 2 1
 (B) 3 1 4 2
 (C) 4 1 2 3
 (D) 2 4 3 1
63. Match the following suffixes with the rootward and mark the codes given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------|----------|
| (a) migrate | 1. ment |
| (b) notice | 2. ern |
| (c) north | 3. ion |
| (d) excite | 4. Able |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(B) 3 4 2 1
 (C) 3 1 4 2
 (D) 2 4 3 1
64. Fluttering and twittering are the admirable actions of birds. Here twittering means
- (A) Chirping** (B) Picking
 (C) Dancing (D) Dropping
65. Identify the character who is not portrayed in 'The Merchant of Venice'.
- (A) Portia (B) Bassanio
 (C) Shylock **(D) Brutus**
66. Read the passage and select the correct answer from the options given below :
- The selfish giant in the short story of Oscar Wilde, finally longs for
- (A) food **(B) love**
 (C) power (D) wealth
67. When Gangadhar Rao married the Rani of Jhonsi, she was only _____ years old.
- (A) 15** (C) 18
 (B) 20 (D) 22
68. Hugh Erskine got----- pounds as his wedding present from Baron Hausberg.
- (A) 10,000**
 (B) 20,000
 (C) 30,000
 (D) 40,000
69. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow for, all day, we drag our burden tiring". Mention the figure of speech employed in the above lines.
- (A) Metaphor
(B) Simile
 (C) Oxymoron
 (D) Personification
70. Will no one tell me what she sings? Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow "She" refers to
- (A) the poet's mother
 (B) the poet's sister
 (C) the poet's daughter
(D) the solitary reaper
71. The speech in response to the student's address was rendered by Gokhale at the Victoria Hall in
- (A) Delhi (C) Agra
 (B) Calcutta **(D) Mumbai**

72. _____ said, "Don't let anyone tell you 'You can't do it!' "
- (A) Rakesh Sharma
(B) Sunita Williams
 (C) Kalpana Chawla
 (D) Buzz Aldrin
73. "The duty to Yourself is two fold", said
- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
 (B) Viswanathan Anand
(C) Gopala Kxishna Gokhale
 (D) Subash Chandra Bose
74. Which of the following is a poem?
- (A) The Road to success
 (B) The Helping Hand
 (C) Vision for the Nation
(D) o Captain! My Captain!
75. "Envy is ignorance and imitation is suicide"
 The above are the words of
- (A) Abraham Lincoln
 (B) Rajaji
 (C) Nelson Mandela
(D) Emerson
76. The Monolith, Yaanai Malai looks like an elephant only when it is viewed from this direction
- (A) Northeast (B) Southeast
 (C) Northwest **(D) Southwest**
77. Identify the poem in which the following lines occur
 'You loved me with a never- failing love
 You gave me strength and sweet security'
- (A) Be the Best
 (B) Earth
(C) A sonnet for my incomparable mother
 (D) Sonnet No. 116
78. Identify the odd pair
- (A) Swept Away - Susannah Hickling
(B) The lottery ticket - Oscar wilde
 (C) No men are foreign - James Kirkup
 (D) The wooden Bowl - Leo Tolstoy
79. What is the name of the British born poetess who wrote "Women's Rights"?
- (A) Elizabeth Barret Browning
 (B) Emily Dickinson
 (C) Sarojini Naidu
(D) Annie Lousia Walker
80. Read the lines and select the correct answer from the options given below
 "How often I think of going there, to peer through"
 Where does Kamala Surayya think of going?
- (A) to her uncle's house
 (B) to temple
(C) to her grandma's house
 (D) to her daughter's house
81. Match the poems in Column A with the poets in Column B:
- | Column A | Column B |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Solitary Reaper | 1. Khalil Gibran |
| (b) Is Life but a Dream? | 2. D.H. Lawrence |
| (c) The Earth | 3. Lewis Carroll |
| (d) Snake | 4. William Wordsworth |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| (D) 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |

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82. David Herbert Lawrence occupies a unique position among the leading -----of England.
(A) Modernist writers
(B) Classical writers
(C) Victorian writers
(D) Neo-classical writers
83. The theme portrayed in Elizabeth Barret Browning's poem "The Cry of the Children" is
(A) Socialism
(B) Women's Liberation
(C) Patriotism
(D) Child Labour
84. What is the theme of the poem, 'A Psalm of Life'?
(A) Optimism (B) Pessimism
(C) Patriotism (D) Friendship
85. "I was not born for one corner, the whole world is my native land". Who said this?
(A) Portia
(B) Kesavan Nair
(C) Kalpana Chawla
(D) Mrs. Hendorson
86. Complete the sentence choosing the correct answer :
Mr. Parsons is the character found in the lesson
(A) The Helping Hand
(B) The Mark of Vishnu
(C) Gaia Tells Her Tale
(D) A Man who had no Eyes
87. Choose the best answer and complete the sentence:
"Girl Star" a UNICEF project is a series of----
(A) dramas
(B) short stories
(C) films
(D) prose
88. How old is the Brihadeesvarar Temple?
(A) 2000 (B) 1200
(C) 1000 (D) 2100
89. Fill in the blank from the options given below:
ZIP codes are a system of Postal code used by _____ postal service.
(A) the Australian
(B) the Indian
(C) the United States
(D) the Japan
90. Which of the following is not a poem?
(A) The Piano
(B) The Cry of the Children
(C) The Model Millionaire
(D) Shilpi
91. One morning the giant was lying awake in bed and he heard some lovely music of a bird. The bird was
(A) Peacock
(B) Linnet
(C) Cuckoo
(D) Parrot
92. Olivier Messiaen composed the
(A) Sonnets of Sorrow
(B) Voice of America
(C) Quartet for the End of Time
(D) Brahms Requiem
93. Rabindranath Tagore won the----- for his 'Gitanjali'.
(A) Washington Prize
(B) Man Booker International P.rize
(C) Nobel Prize
(D) American Book Award
94. Robert Frost who wrote the poem "Going For Water" is from
(A) The United States of America
(B) England
(C) India
(D) France

95. Match the following phrasal verbs with their meanings :

Column A	Column B
(a) Look after	1. Wear
(b) Put on	2. Take care of
(c) Keep on	3. Cancelled
(d) Called off	4. Continue
(a) (b) (c) (d)	
(A) 2 1 4 3	
(B) 2 1 3 4	
(C) 1 2 3 4	
(D) 4 1 3 2	

96. "Empoli is a town in central-----"

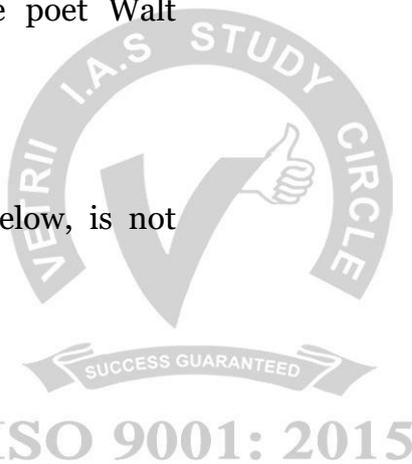
- (A) Italy** (B) India
 (C) Indiana (D) Indonesia

97. To which nationality does the poet Walt Whitman belong?

- (A) Africa (B) Canada
(C) The U.S.A. (D) France

98. Who among the poets given below, is not from England?

- (A) D.H. Lawrence
 (B) Rudyard Kipling
(C) Robert Frost
 (E) Elizabeth Barrett Browning
 (F)



99. The line, "It blesseth him that gives and him that takes". Occurs in the play

- (A) King Lear
 (B) Othello
 (C) Julius Caesar
(D) The Merchant of Venice

100. Khalil Gibran is from

- (A) Lebanon** (B) India
 (C) Pakistan (D) Iran