

# TNPSC – GROUP II

## GENERAL ENGLISH – 2012 (English)

1. Which one of the following sentences has a participle in it?

- (A) He saw the sunshine and threw open the window  
 (B) He is seeing the sunshine through the window  
 (C) As he saw the sunshine, he threw open the window

**(D) Seeing the sunshine, he threw open the window**

2. Find out the meaning for the underlined word  
 A terrible fatigue and inertia had come over me.

- |             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 1. Tiresome | 2. Laborious       |
| 3. Final    | 4. Exhaustive      |
| 5. Entire   |                    |
| (A) 1, 2, 5 | <b>(B) 1, 2, 4</b> |
| (C) 1, 3, 4 | (D) 1, 2, 3        |

3. Match the following phrases/idioms given in Column A with their meaning in Column B

- |                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Column A            | Column B                        |
| (a) Kick the bucket | 1. Walk fast in anger           |
| (b) Take a look     | 2. Lose one's emotional balance |
| (c) March off       | 3. To die                       |
| (d) Melt down       | 4. Tried to find something      |

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

4. Match the following:

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| A               | B              |
| (a) Absolute    | 1. Union       |
| (b) Segregation | 2. Subjugation |
| (c) Universal   | 3. Peculiar    |
| (d) Uniformity  | 4. Disorder    |
|                 | 5. Approximate |

**Codes:**

- |            |          |          |          |          |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|            | (a)      | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| (A)        | 5        | 2        | 3        | 4        |
| <b>(B)</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> |
| (C)        | 5        | 1        | 4        | 3        |
| (D)        | 5        | 2        | 4        | 3        |

5. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options given.

I want to pursue my studies.

- (A) Discontinue** (B) Continue  
 (C) Prolong (D) Discomfort

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable options

My grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ seventy five years old when she \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) was, died** (B) is, died  
 (C) was, will die (D) was, die

7. When you \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ my dinner

- (A) telephoned, was having**  
 (B) telephoned, am having  
 (C) telephoned, will be having  
 (D) were telephoning, would have

8. Pick out the sentence without an adverb

- (A) He speaks cheerfully  
**(B) Sankaran received the badge**  
 (C) He walks fast  
 (D) I get up early

9. Select the incorrect sentence from the following:

- (A) The sun rises in the east  
 (B) Stars shine at night  
 (C) India became independent in 1947  
**(D) Akbar rules India well in the 16<sup>th</sup> century**

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10. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence:  
If I were you \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) I would do it at once**  
(B) I would have done it at once  
(C) I will do it at once  
(D) I can do it at once
11. Select the correct sentence from the options given below:  
(A) River Mississippi is one of the longer river in the world  
(B) My dress is old than yours  
**(C) Stephen drives as rash as Rafi**  
(D) No other road is more narrow as this one
12. Find out the correct plural form for the underlined word.  
The hunter saw some ten bison near the pond
- (A) bison** (B) bisons  
(C) bisonse (D) none of these
13. Fill in the blank with correct 'Homophone'.  
If you want to reach God, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ worldly pleasures.
- (A) fore go (B) four go  
**(C) for go** (D) four pass
14. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?  
(A) If you pay the bill you will punished  
**(B) Unless you pay the bill, you will be punished**  
(C) Unless you paid the bill you will be punished  
(D) Unless you don't pay the bill, you will be punished
15. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?  
**(A) More jobs will be provided for graduates**  
(B) More jobs are providing for graduates  
(C) More jobs to provided for graduates  
(D) More jobs will provide for graduates
16. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.
- | Column A    | Column B |          |               |          |
|-------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| (a) Panic   |          |          | 1. Refused    |          |
| (b) Torrent |          |          | 2. Chase      |          |
| (c) Pursuit |          |          | 3. An outpour |          |
| (d) Denied  |          |          | 4. Fear       |          |
|             | (a)      | (b)      | (c)           | (d)      |
| (A)         | 3        | 1        | 4             | 2        |
| (B)         | 4        | 2        | 3             | 1        |
| (C)         | 3        | 2        | 1             | 4        |
| <b>(D)</b>  | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>      | <b>1</b> |
17. Find out the part of speech that is not used in the underlined words.
- (a) His brother is a diligent man  
(b) The cat is away  
(c) He is very hopeful  
(d) He shared his experience with me
- (A) Noun **(B) Verb**  
(C) Adjective (D) Adverb
18. Select the appropriate active voice for the following sentence: When will the bridge be completed?
- (A) When can the bridge complete?  
(B) When shall we complete the bridge?  
**(C) When will they complete the bridge?**  
(D) When will the bridge being completed?
19. Choose the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence:  
Little strokes fell great oaks.
- (A) Great oaks are felled by little strokes**  
(B) Great oaks are being felled by Little strokes  
(C) Great oaks are being felt by little strokes  
(D) Great oaks are felt by Little strokes

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20. Select the appropriate active voice for the underlined words.  
I may be considered for the promotion by the secretary.  
(A) will consider            (B) considered  
(C) will be considered    **(D) may consider**
21. It \_\_\_\_\_ to rain, while we \_\_\_\_\_ tennis  
(A) started, had been playing  
(B) had started, had played  
**(C) started, were playing**  
(D) starts were playing
22. Match Column A with Column B.
- | Column A                     | Column B                              |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (a) Even if it rains         | 1. As I had told him                  |
| (b) He did it                | 2. The meeting broke up               |
| (c) He kept on writing       | 3. I shall come                       |
| (d) After the vote was taken | 4. As though he did not hear the bell |
- |            | (a)      | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A)        | 3        | 1        | 2        | 4        |
| (B)        | 3        | 4        | 1        | 2        |
| <b>(C)</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> |
| (D)        | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        |
23. Identify the sentence.  
Time flies fast, yet it sometimes appears to move slowly  
(A) complex                      (B) simple  
**(C) compound**                    (D) none
24. Identify the sentence.  
You must either pay the bill at once or return the goods.  
**(A) compound**                    (B) complex  
(C) simple                          (D) none
25. Fill in the blank with suitable article.  
He is \_\_\_\_\_ honour to the profession.  
**(A) an**                                      (B) no article  
(C) a    (D) the
26. Identify the compound sentence.  
(A) It he is at home, I shall see him  
**(B) He may be at home and in that case I shall see him**  
(C) In the event of his being at home, I shall see him  
(D) In case of his being at home, I shall see him
27. Find out the antonyms for the underlined word:  
The students confessed that they had lost taste for Mathematics.  
1. Allowed                                      2. Repudiate  
3. Refused                                      4. Denied  
5. Admit  
**(A) 2, 3 and 4**                              (B) 1, 2 and 3  
(C) 2, 3 and 5                              (D) 1, 3 and 4
28. Hindu philosophy advises equanimity under all circumstances it says, man should try to remain calm in face of both pleasure and pain, success and failure whatever may happen he should remain unperturbed.  
Find out the relevant option/options.  
1. Man should appreciate success.  
2. Man should not be disturbed by success or failure  
3. Man should react to every incident  
4. Men are rewarded for their right deeds  
(A) 1    (B) 4  
(C) 3    **(D) 2**

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29. Match the following phrases given in Column 'A' with their meaning in Column 'B'

Column A		Column B			
(a) Pass on		1. Begin a journey			
(b) Put up with		2. Postpone			
(c) Set out		3. Convey			
(d) Put off		4. Tolerate			
	(a) (b) (c) (d)				
<b>(A)</b>	<b>3 4 1 2</b>				
(B)	3 2 4 1				
(C)	1 2 3 4				
(D)	4 1 3 2				

30. Match Column A with Column B to make meaningful sentences by using suitable preposition.

Column A		Column B			
(a) Latha learnt French		1. At 45			
(b) Smitha		2. Between two of us			
(c) This is		3. By Thomas Hardy			
(d) This book was written		4. Got off the bus			
	(a) (b) (c) (d)				
(A)	1 4 3 2				
(B)	1 3 4 2				
(C)	1 2 4 3				
<b>(D)</b>	<b>1 4 2 3</b>				

31. Identify the sentence with the correct question tag.

- (A) Stop adding sugar, will you?**  
 (B) Stop making notice, can you?  
 (C) Stop spreading rumours, wouldn't you?  
 (D) Stop adding sugar, won't you?

32. Pick out the sentence with the wrong question tag

- (A) They never give up. do they?  
 (B) They will leave soon. won't they?  
 (C) Your father smokes a lot, doesn't he?  
**(D) You never listen to what we say, don't you?**

33. Match the statements in Column A with their suitable tags in Column B and select the correct.

Column A		Column B			
(a) Pass me the salt		1. Can't you?			
(b) You can get me some books		2. Hasn't he?			
(c) It's a good film		3. Will you?			
(d) Mohan has a dictionary		4. Isn't it?			
	(a) (b) (c) (d)				
<b>(A)</b>	<b>3 1 4 2</b>				
(B)	4 2 3 1				
(C)	4 3 2 1				
(D)	2 4 1 3				

34. Which of these statements take the following question tag?

- don't they?  
 (A) Hard working people alone must succeed  
 (B) Hard working people alone don't succeed  
**(C) Hard working people alone succeed**  
 (D) Hard working people alone should succeed

35. Select the incorrect sentence from the following

- (A) Swarna cannot run fast, can she?  
 (B) The lessons are quite interesting, aren't they?  
**(C) You know this story, didn't you?**  
 (D) He should see a doctor, shouldn't he?

36. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column A		Column B				
(a) Take away		1. Retract				
(b) Take against		2. Remove				
(c) Take after		3. Dislike				
(d) Take back		4. Resemble				
		5. Make smaller				

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Codes:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	3	4	5
<b>(B)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
(C)	2	4	3	1
(D)	2	4	3	5

**37.** Match the following words given in column A with their meanings in column B.

Column A	Column B			
(a) Summoned	1. Plenty			
(b) Endowed	2. Shaking			
(c) Quivering	3. Called			
(d) Abundance	4. Blessed			
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	3	1	4	2
<b>(B)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	3	4	1	2

**38.** Find out the odd.

1. Antedate	2. Backdate
3. Sedate	4. Consolidate
5. Update	
(A) 1	(B) 2
(C) 4	<b>(D) 3</b>

**39.** Find out the odd:

1. Antipathy	2. Antibiotic
3. Anticlimax	4. Anti-oxidant
(A) 4	(B) 2
(C) 3	<b>(D) 1</b>

**40.** Match the following to coin new words.

Column A	Column B			
(a) Commit	1. Sion			
(b) Common	2. Or			
(c) Govern	3. Tion			
(d) Permit	4. Er			
	5. ment			
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	5	2	4	3
(B)	5	4	2	3
<b>(C)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
(D)	5	4	3	1

**41.** Match the sentences in Column A with the sentence pattern in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below

Column A	Column B			
(a) Cosmetics are costly nowadays	1. SVOC			
(b) She became the secretary of lioness club	2. SVOA			
(c) A gas plant was set up	3. SVC			
(d) He won the prize last year	4. SV			
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	4	4	3
<b>(B)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
(C)	4	3	3	2
(D)	1	4	2	3

**42.** Identify the odd sentence out.

- (A) He is fond of books  
 (B) He longs for true friends  
 (C) He depends on his parents  
**(D) He is an honest man**

**43.** Which sentence pattern is not repeated?

- Mother cooks food daily  
 1. We relished at for a long time.  
 2. We shall visit Delhi next month.  
 3. They are busy nowadays.  
**(A) SVCA** (B) SVOA  
 (C) SVIODO (D) SVAA

**44.** Choose the appropriate positive degree for the following sentence:

- Brain surgery is the most complicated in medical field  
**(A) No other surgery is as complicated as brain surgery in medical field**  
 (B) Brain surgery is highly complicated  
 (C) Brain surgery is more complicated than and surgery in medical field  
 (D) Brain surgery is more complicated than most other surgery.

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45. Find out the superlative degree  
 (A) zero is a fascinating number  
 (B) zero is a more fascinating than most other numbers  
 (C) zero is called a fascinating number  
**(D) zero is the most fascinating number**
46. Find the sentence in which the underlined words is used as an adverb  
 (A) The wound was skin-deep  
**(B) The sooner the better**  
 (C) He is not the man  
 (D) There is no exception to the rule
47. Identify the degree and choose the correct answer:  
 Hari is inferior to Ram in intelligence.  
 (A) Superlative degree  
**(B) Comparative degree**  
 (C) Positive degree  
 (D) None of these
48. Identify the degree of the following sentence:  
 Singapore is cleaner than most other countries in the world.  
 (A) Superlative  
**(B) Comparative**  
 (C) Positive  
 (D) None
49. Identify the complex sentence:  
 (A) On seeing my friend, I greeted him  
 (B) I saw my friend and I greeted him  
**(C) When I saw my friend, I greeted him**  
 (D) I saw my friend and so I greeted him
50. Fill in the blank with the current 'Homophone'  
 He is an \_\_\_\_\_ Scientist.  
 (A) Imminent (B) Imminent  
**(C) Eminent** (D) Eminent
51. Match the following homophones with their related meanings, and select the answer from the codes given below:
- |            | Homophones |          | Meanings |          |
|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
|            | (a)        | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| (A)        | 1          | 2        | 3        | 4        |
| <b>(B)</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |
| (C)        | 3          | 2        | 1        | 4        |
| (D)        | 2          | 1        | 4        | 3        |
52. Match the following words given in Column A with their meanings in Column B
- |            | Column A |          | Column B |          |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|            | (a)      | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| (A)        | 1        | 3        | 2        | 4        |
| (B)        | 4        | 1        | 3        | 2        |
| <b>(C)</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> |
| (D)        | 3        | 2        | 1        | 4        |
53. Match the statements given in Column A with the question tags in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- |            | Column A |          | Column B |          |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|            | (a)      | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| (A)        | 2        | 3        | 1        | 2        |
| (B)        | 3        | 2        | 3        | 1        |
| (C)        | 1        | 2        | 3        | 3        |
| <b>(D)</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> |

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54. Identify the degree and choose the correct answer:  
Very few batsmen in the world are so powerful as Tendulkar  
(A) Comparative degree  
**(B) Positive degree**  
(C) Superlative degree  
(D) None of these
55. Choose the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence:  
When did they send the telegram?  
(A) Will the telegram be sent by them?  
(B) When will they send the telegram?  
**(C) When was the telegram sent?**  
(D) Was the telegram sent by them?
56. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage. Choose the correct code given below:  
\_\_\_\_\_ year 2002 was declared “\_\_\_\_\_ year of books” by \_\_\_\_\_ National Book Trust of India. with this note the Nation’s capital played host to \_\_\_\_\_ world Book Fair.  
(A) a, an, the, the  
**(B) the, the, the, the**  
(C) a, the, an, the  
(D) an, the, the, the
57. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage and choose the correct code given below:  
James Kirkup was \_\_\_\_\_ English poet, translator and travel writer. He won \_\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Award for literature. He worked as \_\_\_\_\_ farm labourer during \_\_\_\_\_ period of the war.  
(A) a, the, the, the      (B) an, an, the, the  
**(C) an, the, a, the**      (D) a, an, the, the
58. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage and choose the correct code given below:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mettur Dam is \_\_\_\_\_ large dam in India built in 1934. It was constructed in a gorge where \_\_\_\_\_ Kaveri enters \_\_\_\_\_ plains.  
(A) the, the, the, an      **(B) the, a, the, the**  
(C) the, an, a, the      (D) the, a, a, the
59. Find out the sentence that has an adjective.  
(A) He is clever  
(B) Rama writes well  
(C) She never comes late  
**(D) It is a fair deal**
60. Find the sentence in which the underlined word is used as a verb?  
(A) Watch the sign      **(B) Sign the papers**  
(C) Show me a sign      (D) A sign was given.
61. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meaning in Column B
- | Column A                               | Column B         |
|--|------------------|
| (a) On the edge of                     | 1. Afraid        |
| (b) Frightened of                      | 2. At the Lip of |
| (c) Burn with                          | 3. Confident     |
| (d) Be sure of                         | 4. Overwhelmed   |
| (a)      (b)      (c)      (d)         |                  |
| (A)      4      3      1      2        |                  |
| (B)      1      2      3      4        |                  |
| (C)      3      1      4      2        |                  |
| <b>(D)      2      1      4      3</b> |                  |
62. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?  
(A) The work will be over on evening  
(B) The work will be over in evening  
(C) The work will be over at evening  
**(D) The work will be over by this evening**

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63. Which one of the following is a correct sentence?
- (A) The four brothers shared the property between themselves
- (B) The four brothers shared the property among them self
- (C) The four brothers shared the property among themselves**
- (D) The four brothers shared the property in between themselves
64. Match the following phrases/idioms given in Column 'A' with their meaning in Column 'B'
- | Column A           | Column B                                  |          |          |          |
|--------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) Behind bars    | 1. Finish a task a head of the fixed time |          |          |          |
| (b) Bring in       | 2. Interrupt                              |          |          |          |
| (c) Cut off        | 3. Earn                                   |          |          |          |
| (d) Beat the clock | 4. In prison                              |          |          |          |
|                    | (a)                                       | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| (A)                | 1   | 4        | 3        | 2        |
| (B)                | 4   | 2        | 3        | 1        |
| <b>(C)</b>         | <b>4</b>                                  | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> |
| (D)                | 4   | 1        | 3        | 2        |
65. What I most detest is \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) to smoke                      (B) to be smoked
- (C) smoking**                      (D) having smoked
66. Fill in the blank with suitable gerund:  
We were prevented from \_\_\_\_\_ the prisoner.
- (A) being seen
- (B) having been seen
- (C) having seen
- (D) seeing**
67. Fill in the blank with suitable participle.  
It was a very \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.
- (A) tiring**                      (B) tiresome
- (C) tired                      (D) tedious
68. Which one of the following has the correct gerund?
- (A) Having hunted deer is not allowed in this country.
- (B) To hunt deer is not allowed in this country.
- (C) Having been hunted deer is not allowed in this country.
- (D) Hunting deer is not allowed in this country.**
69. Find out the passive voice from the options
- (A) They ask silly questions
- (B) They were given freedom**
- (C) They found it easy
- (D) They made their point clear
70. Select the appropriate passive voice form and fill in the blanks:  
The problem \_\_\_\_\_ by them.
- (A) had been solving      **(B) had been solved**
- (C) has been solving      (D) will be solving
71. Find out the correct tense form and fill in the blanks:  
I \_\_\_\_\_ the railway station after the train \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) reached, left
- (B) had reached, had left
- (C) reached, had left**
- (D) has reached, has left
72. Select the correct sequence of prepositions:  
The leader impressed \_\_\_\_\_ us the value of honesty and we were impressed \_\_\_\_\_ what he said.
- (A) on, in                      (B) on, over
- (C) on, with**                      (D) on, on
73. Choose the correct phrase to complete the following sentence:  
She has great fondness \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) for children**                      (B) in children
- (C) against children                      (D) over children



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74. I \_\_\_\_\_ the bus until the conductor \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) would not get off, apologise  
**(B) won't get off, apologies**  
 (C) can't get off, apologises  
 (D) would not got off, apologies
75. The farmer \_\_\_\_\_ the wheat which \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) was cutting, has ripened  
**(B) is cutting, has opened**  
 (C) is cutting, had ripen  
 (D) is cutting, is ripping
76. Identify the sentence:  
 He remarked how impudent the boy was.
- (A) compound **(B) complex**  
 (C) simple (D) none
77. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meaning in Column B
- | Column A       | Column B             |
|----------------|----------------------|
| (a) See over   | 1. Noticeable        |
| (b) Turndown   | 2. Be criticised     |
| (c) Under fire | 3. Examine carefully |
| (d) Stand out  | 4. Refused           |
- | (a)          | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>(A) 3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> |
| (B) 3        | 2        | 4        | 1        |
| (C) 1        | 3        | 4        | 2        |
| (D) 2        | 1        | 3        | 4        |
78. Identify the incorrect prepositional phrase:  
 She found a purse \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) full of money  
 (B) with gold coins  
**(C) empty and turn**  
 (D) of blue colour
79. Match the following words given in Column A with their antonyms in Column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below:
- | Column A    | Column B   |
|-------------|------------|
| (a) Vanish  | 1. Release |
| (b) Narrow  | 2. Novice  |
| (c) Veteran | 3. Appear  |
| (d) Retain  | 4. Wide    |
- | (a)          | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| <b>(A) 3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> |
| (B) 1        | 3        | 2        | 4        |
| (C) 4        | 2        | 1        | 3        |
| (D) 3        | 1        | 4        | 2        |
80. Pick out the sentence with SVA pattern
- (A) He is our leader  
 (B) I love him  
**(C) He was going to school**  
 (D) Raju woke up
81. Find out the set of antonyms for the underlined words:  
 He reputation increased Proportionately.
- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Desirable, entirely | 2. Fame, completely |
| 3. Notorious, entirely | 4. Lost fame, wholl |
| 5. Name, solely        |                     |
- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| (A) 3 and 5        | (B) 1 and 2 |
| <b>(C) 3 and 4</b> | (D) 2 and 4 |
82. Without the basic helpful and optimistic approach and attitude of mind one will find it difficult to sustain one's efforts, especially over long periods, under severe stress and strain in the face of stiff opposition and competition.
1. Pick out the irrelevant statement:  
 2. Goals are the definite objectives  
 3. It is easy to try till the end  
 4. Optimistic approach is the essential quality required  
 5. A negative frame of mind infects courage into one's mind
- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| (A) 2 and 3        | (B) 1 and 2 |
| <b>(C) 2 and 4</b> | (D) 3 and 4 |

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- 83.** Select the correct sequence of prepositions.  
We heard the news \_\_\_\_\_ the radio  
\_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- (A) in, on  
**(B) on, no preposition**  
(C) with, on  
(D) by, over

- 88.** Find out meaning for the underlined word:  
She reproached herself.
- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Praised    | 2. Looked     |
| 3. Questioned | 4. Picturised |
| 5. Criticised |               |
| (A) 3, 4      | (B) 3, 5      |
| <b>(C) 5</b>  | (D) 3         |

- 84.** Choose the sentence with the correct question tag.
- (A) I had my tea just now. didn't I?**  
(B) I had my tea just now, hadn't I?  
(C) I had been to my native place, haven't I?  
(D) I had been to my native place, had I?

- 89.** Match the following:
- |                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) Mirth, novice     | 1. Overwhelming, unpleasant smell |
| (b) Insuperable, reek | 2. Bright, clear                  |
| (c) Lurid, lucid      | 3. Laughter, apprentice           |
| (d) Coax, farce       | 4. Focus, banquet                 |
|                       | 5. Persuade, comedy               |

- 85.** Which one of the following has a correct gerund?
- (A) He likes having played cricket  
(B) He likes to play cricket  
**(C) He likes playing cricket**  
(D) He likes having been played cricket

- Codes:
- |              |          |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a)          | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| <b>(A) 3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>5</b> |
| (B) 2        | 4        | 1        | 3        |
| (C) 4        | 5        | 1        | 3        |
| (D) 2        | 4        | 3        | 1        |

- 86.** Fill in the blanks with suitable phrasal verbs:  
I thought we were going to win the match I felt \_\_\_\_\_ when we lost.
- (A) let down**                      (B) let up  
(C) let in                              (D) let off

- 90.** Match the following:
- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| (a) Freelance | 1. Temporary stay |
| (b) preak     | 2. Self employed  |
| (c) Sojourn   | 3. Cheating       |
| (d) Sneaky    | 4. Sensible       |
|               | 5. Extraordinary  |

- Codes:
- |              |          |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a)          | (b)      | (c)      | (d)      |
| (A) 4        | 3        | 5        | 2        |
| (B) 2        | 3        | 1        | 5        |
| (C) 3        | 5        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>(D) 2</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> |

- 87.** Match the following.
- | Phrasal verbs   | Meanings      |          |          |          |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (a) Get over    | 1. Reach      |          |          |          |
| (b) Get through | 2. Accessible |          |          |          |
| (c) Get on      | 3. Pass       |          |          |          |
| (d) Get to      | 4. Recover    |          |          |          |
|                 | 5. Manage     |          |          |          |
|                 |               | (a)      | (b)      | (c)      |
| (A)             | 4             | 3        | 5        | 2        |
| (B)             | 4             | 3        | 2        | 5        |
| <b>(C)</b>      | <b>4</b>      | <b>3</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>1</b> |
| (D)             | 4             | 2        | 1        | 3        |

- 91.** Match the following:
- | Phrasal verbs | Meanings   |
|---------------|------------|
| (a) Get in    | 1. Accord  |
| (b) Get along | 2. Revenge |
| (c) Get even  | 3. Reach   |
| (d) Get into  | 4. Involve |

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Codes:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	1	3	4
<b>(B)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
(C)	2	3	1	5
(D)	2	3	4	5

92. Match the following:

A	B
(a) Engine	1. some
(b) Moderate	2. or
(c) Hand	3. er
(d) Half	4. em
	5. way

Codes:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	3	1	5
(B)	3	2	1	4
<b>(C)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
(D)	2	3	1	4

93. Pick out the sentence with SVO pattern.

- (A) He is a student
- (B) we are clever
- (C) Ram sells tea**
- (D) The radio is cheap

94. They squeezed past irritated people who moved their legs thus way and that to make space. The seats of the chairs had to be pulled down. She climbed on. She wasn't heavy enough. So the chair folded her into itself like sandwich stuffing and she watched from between her knees.

Find out the irrelevant word for the phrase used in the passage:

- (A) Retreated**
- (B) Demolished
- (C) Ascended
- (D) Squeeze in between

95. Newton returned to Cambridge in order to formulate this simple key to the riddle of the universe. As a result of his leisurely observation of the unimportant little things of his daily life. he had made one of the most important discoveries of history.

Pick out the false statement.

- (A) He always looks at little things
- (B) Little things are not important**
- (C) His observation of the trivial things had helped him to discover a theory
- (D) His theories are always the outcome of his keen observation.

96. Dried pulses are rich in proteins containing about 19.24 percent. They are good sources of many B-vitamins and minerals, but are deficient in vitamins A, D, B12 and C they supplement cereals effectively.

Pick out the irrelevant option which is not used in the passage:

- (A) consist of
- (B) lack of
- (C) none of these**
- (D) substitute

97. Match the following phrases given in Column A with their meaning in Column B

Column A	Column B
(a) Laugh at	1. Emerge
(b) Inquire of	2. Make fun of
(c) Conscious of	3. Ask for
(d) Step of	4. Aware of

Codes:

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

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98. Match the following homophones with their related meanings and select the answer from the codes given below:

Homophones		Meanings			
(a) Pair		1. Cut off			
(b) Pear		2. Equal value			
(c) Pare		3. A fruit			
(d) Par		4. To similar things			
	(a) (b) (c) (d)				
(A)	3 1 2 4				
(B)	4 3 2 1				
<b>(C)</b>	<b>4 3 1 2</b>				
(D)	1 2 3 4				

100. Find out the appropriate positive degree for the following sentence:

Jasmine is more fragrant than many other flowers.

- (A) No other flower is as fragrant as Jasmine  
 (B) Jasmine is known for its fragrance  
**(C) Very few flowers are as fragrant as Jasmine**  
 (D) Flowers like Jasmine, lily and rose are fragrant flowers.

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99. Fill in the blank with correct 'Homophone'.  
 The Doctor's attempt ended in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Vain** (B) Vein  
 (C) Vine (D) Vane

