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1. Identify the compound sentence :
- (A) **The farmer was old and so he could not plough the field himself**
- (B) He is too tired to walk
- (C) After he had done the sums he went to bed
- (D) As he worked hard he completed the work
2. Identify the complex sentence :
- (A) He proved his innocence
- (B) **He proved that he is innocent**
- (C) Being innocent, he proved it
- (D) He was innocent so he proved it.
3. Identify the complex sentence :
- (A) Hearing the footsteps they ran away
- (B) **As the cat is away the mice are at play**
- (C) He is old so he is weak
- (D) David is poor yet he is happy.
4. Identify the simple sentence :
- (A) Be diligent and you will succeed
- (B) Be diligent or you will fail
- (C) **Be diligent to succeed**
- (D) Be diligent and you will be a success in life.
5. Identify the sentence :
- (A) compound (B) complex
- (C) **simple** (D) none of these.
6. Identify the superlative degree :
- (A) **Gold is the most precious metal**
- (B) Gold is more precious than many other metals
- (C) Very few metals are as precious as gold
- (D) Silver is not more precious than gold.
7. Identify the superlative degree :
- (A) Action speaks louder than words
- (B) **Leela is the oldest of the two sisters**
- (C) kumar is not so wise as kannan
- (D) Kannan is wiser than kumar.
8. Identify the degree:
- There are few districts in India as hot as Nellore.
- (A) comparative degree
- (B) **positive degree**
- (C) superlative degree
- (D) none of these
9. Identify the comparative degree :
- (A) Ravi is as strong as his brother
- (B) **This pony is better trained than yours**
- (C) This temple is the biggest temple in India
- (D) No other bowler is as good as Ramesh.
10. Identify the comparative degree :
- (A) Gandhiji is the greatest Indian leader
- (B) **Your painting is worse than mine**
- (C) Uranium is the heaviest of all elements
- (D) No Indian leader is as great as Gandhiji

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11. Find out the odd word (noun) :
- (A) hesitate **(B) hesitation**
 (C) hesitatingly (C) hesitated
12. Find out the odd word (noun):
- (A) waver **(B) wavering**
 (C) wavy (D) wavelet.
13. Find out the odd word (adverb) :
- (A) sport (B) sporter
(C) sportively (D) sportive.
14. Find out the odd word (verb) :
- (A) read** (B) reader
 (C) readable (D) readings
15. Find out the odd word (Adjective) :
- (A) oceanic** (B) ocean
 (C) oceanaut (D) oceanography
16. Select the correct plural form of man –
- (A) mans **(B) men**
 (C) manes (D) mens
17. Select the correct plural form of datum-
- (A) datums **(B) data**
 (C) datas (D) datem
18. Select the correct plural form of food-
- (A) foods** (B) foodes
 (C) foodies (D) food
19. select the correct plural form of traffic-
- (A) traffics (B) trafficks
(C) traffic (D) trafficking
20. Select the correct plural form of scenery-
- (A) scenerys **(B) scenery**
 (C) sceneryses (D) sceneries
21. Select the correct sentence :
- (A) If Raj had won the election, he would have become an M.P.**
 (B) If Raj had won the election, he will be an M.P.
 (C) If Raj had won the election, he would be an M.P.
 (D) If Raj had won the election, he shall be an M.P.
22. Select the correct sentence :
- (A) This is the house where Jack built
(B) This is the house that Jack built
 (C) This is the house when Jack built
 (D) This is the house that Jack build.
23. Select the correct sentence:
- (A) They found him guilty of murder**
 (B) They found him guilty for murder
 (C) They found him guilty about murder
 (D) They found him guilty as murder.

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24. Select the correct sentence:

- (A) **We hope to see him again**
 (B) We hope to seeing him again
 (C) We hope that to see him again
 (D) We hope that to saw him again.

- (A) **seen** (B) scene
 (C) see (D) sea.

25. Select the correct sentence :

- (A) Generally I liked ice-cream
 (B) **Generally I like ice-cream**
 (C) Generally I did not like ice-cream
 (D) Generally I will like ice-cream.

32. Fill in the blank with correct Homophone :

- I thought it might _____ .
 (A) **rain** (B) rein
 (C) reign (D) ruin.

26. Find out the error :

The news are not good at all.

- A B C D

27. Find out the error:

The three last chapters are difficult

- A B C D

28. Find out the error:

Though he prepared well he fails

- A B C **D**

29. Find out the error:

Bread and butter are available here

- A B **C** D

30. Find out the error :

Harischandra was a honest king

- A B **C** D

31. Fill in the blank with correct Homophone :

All animals will not be _____ in winter

33. Fill in the blank with correct Homophone:

_____ parents donated Rs. 10, 000 towards the school building extension.

- (A) **Some** (B) Sum
 (C) Seam (D) Seem.

34. Fill in the blank with correct Homophone:

The little boy had short _____ .

- (A) **sight** (B) cite
 (C) site (D) suit.

35. Fill in the blank with correct Homophone :

Sambu's _____ is sharp and hooked.

- (A) **nose** (B) knows
 (C) noose (D) nows.

36. Comprehension :

The street hawker is a familiar figure. He is a moving shop. He brings ar out doors the articles of our everyday use. In this way he saves much of our precious time and trouble.

Who brings articles at our doors?

- (A) shop owner (B) **street hawker**
 (C) servant (D) children.

37. Comprehension:

Cleanliness is a great virtue. It is next to godliness. Almost all the nations attach the

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greatest importance to cleanliness. In Hindu scriptures, it is said that cleanliness of body leads to purity of mind. Which elevates our moral as well as spiritual life, and at least brings us nearer to God.

What is next to godliness?

- (A) purity of mind (B) patriotism
(C) moral life **(D) cleanliness**

38. Comprehension :

A merchant had many clerks. One of them used to come late to the office. The merchant warned him that his habit would lead him into trouble and told him that he better mend his ways.

What was the habit of the clerk?

- (A) clerk never came late
(B) clerk came early
(C) clerk came late
(D) clerk came very late

39. Comprehension:

The Egyptians made a tiny hole in the bottom of a stone bowl which they filled with water. The inside of the bowl was marked to show the hours. Sand was sometimes used instead of water.

How do we tell the time today?

- (A) by using clocks and watches**
(B) by using stone bowls and sand
(C) by using water and stones
(D) by using watches and sand.

40. Comprehension:

The Chinese were the first to invent the art of printing. Before this invention, books were written by hand. The Chinese invented the art of printing with moveable types. With this invention, reading and learning became open to ordinary people as they were able to print the books in large numbers.

The Chinese invented the art of printing with

- (A) printing machine **(B) movable types**
(C) immovable types (D) ink pad.

41. Identify the sentence pattern :

They elected him their chairman yesterday.

- (A) S V O C A **(B) S V I O D O A**
(C) S C O A A (D) S V C A A

42. Identify the sentence pattern :

Our boss promoted him our manager.

- (A) S V I O D O** (B) S V O C
(C) S V O A (D) S V A A

43. Identify the sentence pattern :

We find the sum difficult.

- (A) S V O (B) S V C
(C) S V O C (D) S V I O D O

44. Identify the sentence pattern :

I chose her my wife last month.

- (A) S V I O D O (B) S V C A A
(C) S V O A **(D) S V O C A.**

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45. Identify the sentence pattern:

He sells apples.

- (A) S V O A (B) S V O C
(C) S V A **(D) S V O**

50. Change the following Adjective into Adverb form :

Quick-

- (A) quickness (B) quickful
(C) quickly (D) quits.

46. Change the following Verb into Noun form:

Imagine –

- (A) imaginative (B) imaginary
(C) imagination (C) imagined.

51. Select the correct voice form and fill in the blank :

I want the work _____ by him.

- (A) done **(B) to be done**
(C) did (D) is doing.

47. Change the following Noun into Verb form:

Knowledge –

- (A) known (B) knowingly
(C) know (D) knowing

52. Select the correct voice form and fill in the blank:

Radio _____ by Marconi.

- (A) is invented (B) has been invented
(C) was invented (D) invented.

48. Change the following Noun into Verb form:

Nominee-

- (A) nominative (B) nomination
(C) nominate (D) nominal

49. Change the following Adjective into Adverb form:

Sincere-

- (A) sincerely** (B) sincerity
(C) sincereness (D) sincereful.

53. Select the correct voice form and fill in the blank :

Where _____ the stolen idol _____?

- (A) was, hidden
(B) were, hidden
(C) have been, hidden
(D) will, hide.

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54. Select the correct voice form and fill in the blank:
The picture _____ by him.
(A) has drawn (B) had drawn
(C) draws (D) **has been drawn**
55. Select the correct voice form and fill in the blank:
The letters _____.
(A) finishes
(B) **haven't been finished**
(C) finish
(D) will finish
56. Fill in the blank with a gerund:
_____ French is easier than speaking it.
(A) To read (B) **To be read**
(C) Having read (D) Reading.
57. Fill in the blank with a suitable participle:
I heard him _____ a song.
(A) **sing** (B) is singing
(C) singing (D) sings
58. Fill in the blank with a suitable past participle:
'All is well that ends well' is a famous play
_____ by William Shakespeare.
(A) writes (B) wrote
(C) **written** (D) writing
59. Fill in the blank with a suitable infinitive :
I consider him _____ the best player in the team.
(A) is (B) being
(C) has been (D) **to be**
60. Fill in the blank with a suitable infinitive
I want you _____ the sum soon.
(A) finish (B) finishing
(C) **to finish** (D) to be finished
61. Select the correct question tag:
She seldom goes for swimming _____?
(A) doesn't she (B) **does she**
(C) isn't she (D) is she
62. Select the correct question tag:
I am no interested in politics, _____?
(A) amn't I (B) don't I
(C) do I (D) **am I**
63. Select the correct question tag:
This is the need of the hour, _____?
(A) **isn't** (B) is it
(C) need it (D) needn't it.

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64. Select the correct question tag:

You like him, _____?

- (A) do you (B) doesn't he
(C) don't you (D) doesn't you

69. Select the correct tense:

She wishes that she _____ the prime Minister of India.

- (A) is (B) was
(C) were **(D) will be**

65. Select the correct question tag:

I am honest, _____?

- (A) aren't I (B) are I
(C) am I **(D) amn't I.**

70. Select the correct tense:

When I arrived at the theatre, the movie _____

- (A) had already started**
(B) will be started

66. Select the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets:

I _____ (ask) him what his name was.

- (A) asked** (B) will ask
(C) would ask (D) will asked

- (C) started
(D) start.

71. Fill in the blank with suitable article:

He gave _____ one-rupee coin.

- (A) no article (B) the
(C) a (D) an.

67. Select the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets:

If I _____ (be) a dog, I would teach loyalty to men.

- (A) am **(B) were**
(C) is (D) was

72. Fill in the blank with suitable article:

He finished the work _____ hour ago.

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

68. Select the correct tense:

During my childhood, I _____ comedy shows.

- (A) was watching (B) watched
(C) used to watch (D) had watched

73. Fill in the blank with suitable article:

He finished the work _____ hour ago.

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

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74. Fill in the blank with suitable article:
Mohan and his mother went to _____
Chennai to meet their relatives.
(A) a (B) an
(C) the (D) no article.
75. Fill in the blank with suitable article:
Rahim met _____ boy in the street.
(A) a (B) the
(C) no article (D) an
76. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :
There is a television _____ the
corner.
(A) on (B) in
(C) next (D) above
77. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :
The party is _____ Thursday
(A) in (B) by
(C) near **(D) on**
78. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition :
Sitting _____ me, she is watching
the film.
(A) from **(B) beside.**
(C) next (D) at
79. Fill in the blank suitable preposition :
He stood _____ David and Daniel.
(A) among **(B) between**
(C) at (D) in
80. Fill in the blank with suitable preposition:
Did you see Shoba _____ the party?
(A) of **(B) at**
(C) over (D) into
81. Choose the correct 'antonym' for the
underlined word from the options given below:
He worked for the cause of the destitutes.
(A) poor (B) rich
(C) substitute (D) divine.
82. Choose the correct 'antonym' for the
underlined word from the options given below:
(A) drinks **(B) liked**
(C) nibbles (D) sales
83. Choose the correct 'antonym' for the
underlined word from the options given below:
The battle of Waterloo was won at the play
fields of Eton.
(A) got **(B) lost**
(C) succeeded (D) missed

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84. Choose the correct 'antonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

- (A) weak (B) defeat
(C) full (D) **yield.**

85. Choose the correct 'antonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

Today multimedia presentations are enhanced with graphics.

- (A) modernised (B) **reduced**
(C) increased (D) arranged

86. Select the word with the correct prefix:

- (A) **illegible** (B) illtechno
(C) illmarine (D) illviolence

87. Select the word with the correct prefix:

- (A) recash (B) uncash
(C) **encash** (D) decash

88. Select the word with the correct suffix:

- (A) bookful (B) **playful**
(C) roomful (D) hallful.

89. Select the word with the correct suffix:

- (A) **cardiology** (B) commonology
(C) gangalogy (D) philosophy

90. Select the word with the correct suffix :

- (A) heal (B) soal
(C) **nominal** (D) seal

91. Match the **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B** and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A	Column B
(A) triumph	1. powerless
(B) dreadful	2. victory
(C) elegant	3. very bad
(D) impotent	4. graceful

Codes:

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

92. Match the following g words given in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B** and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

Column A	Column B
(A) hurdles	1. a strong current of water
(B) portable	2. famous
(C) popular	3. difficulties
(D) tide	4. easy to carry

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Codes:

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

Codes:

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

93. Match the following words given in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B** and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

	Column A	Column B
(A)	bylane	1. stop
(B)	suspicion	2. street
(C)	pause	3. save
(D)	rescue	4. doubt

Codes:

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

95. Match the following words given in **Column A** with their meanings in **column B** and select the correct answer from the codes given below:

	Column A	Column B
(A)	pry	1. belief
(B)	credo	2. speed in walking
(C)	pace	3. go back
(D)	retreat	4. search

Codes:

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

94. Match the following phrases given in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B** select the correct answer from the codes given below:

	Column A	Column B
(A)	turned down	1. postponed
(B)	looked into	2. recovered
(C)	got over	3. investigated
(D)	put off	4. declined.

96. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

The Bishop slept tranquilly

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| (A) fast | (B) peacefully |
| (C) quickly | (D) carefully |

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97. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

Who is the person to entertain you?

- (A) eager (B) simple
(C) great (D) **enjoy**

98. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

Sambu stroked his nose in a characteristic gesture.

- (A) **action** (B) use
(C) present (D) study.

99. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

Before the advent of computers, people spend most of their time watching television.

- (A) exposure (B) entertainment
(C) **arrival** (D) focus

100. Choose the correct 'synonym' for the underlined word from the options given below:

The least little blemish drew tears from my eyes.

- (A) dust (B) merit
(C) **fault** (D) defeat.