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1. Match the words under Column 'A' with the suitable infinitives under Column 'B' and select the right option from the codes given below :
- | Column A | | Column B | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| (a) The parcel was heavy | | 1. To wear | |
| (b) These clothes are Comfortable | | 2. To learn | |
| (c) English is easy | | 3. To follow | |
| (d) Her speech was difficult | | 4. To carry | |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 4 1 2 3
 (B) 3 2 1 4
 (C) 2 4 3 1
 (D) 1 2 3 4
2. Choose the statement that takes the question tag 'should they'?
- (A) People could not be rude to one another, _____
- (B) People should be rude to one another, _____
- (C) People must be rude to one another, _____
- (D) **People should not be rude to one another, _____**
3. "Success does not mean the absence of failures It means winning the war, not every battle" is a famous quote by
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
 (B) **Edwin C. Bliss**
 (C) Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam
 (D) H.W. Longfellow
4. 'I thought how paltry, how vulgar. What a mean act'? What is referred to as a 'mean act'?
- (A) **Throwing a log at the snake**
 (B) Killing the albatross
 (C) Bringing water
 (D) Allowing the snake to leave
5. Choose the option that contains the name of speaker and the play from which these lines are taken :
- 'The quality of mercy is not strain'd
 It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven'.
 (A) Shylock from 'The Merchant of Venice'
 (B) Brutus from 'Julius Caesar'
 (C) Antony from 'Julius Caesar'
 (D) **Portia from 'The Merchant of Venice'**
6. Choose the correct tense of the verb given in bracket from the options given below:
 When I reached the station, the train _____ (leave).
 (A) has left (B) leaves
 (C) left (D) **had left**
7. Fill in the blank with the correct question tag :
- The sun sets in the west, _____
 (A) did it? (B) **doesn't it?**
 (C) don't it? (D) do it?
8. Of the following works, which is not that of Pearl S. Buck?
- (A) The Good Earth
 (B) My Several Worlds
 (C) **The Happy Prince**
 (D) The Child Who Never Grew
9. In which poem do the following lines occur?
 "And kingdoms may forget their kings
 And dogs forget their bites"
 (A) A Tiger in the Zoo
 (B) My Faithful Dog
 (C) No Men are Foreign
 (D) **The Flying Wonder**

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10. Choose the correct Synonym of the underlined word from the options given below :
- They reflect the munificence of the Cholas.
- (A) Paucity
(B) Miserliness
(C) Atrocity
(D) Generosity
11. Which of the following works is not a drama by Shakespeare?
- (A) Richard III (B) Henry V
(C) Charles II (D) King John
12. Identify the nationality of the author of story. 'The Last Leaf'
- (A) Russia (B) China
(C) France **(D) The U.S.A.**
13. The Shakespearean character, Bassanio is from the play.....
- (A) Julius Caesar
(B) The Merchant of Venice
(C) Macbeth
(D) King Lear
14. Complete the blank in the given sentence with the suitable option given below :
Walt Whitman is _____ poet.
- (A) An American**
(B) An Australian
(C) A British
(D) A Scottish
15. Name the poet in whose poem the following line occurs :
'Life is real ! Life is earnest !'
- (A) V.K. Gokak
(B) Douglas Malloch
(C) H.W. Longfellow
(D) Rabindranath Tagore
16. Identify the sentence in which the comparative form of the adjective is used.
- (A) This is the most interesting book that I have read
(B) Prevention is better than cure
(C) This is the longest lesson in this book
(D) No other animal runs as fast as the cheetah
17. Identify the words which blend to form the word Interpol and choose the correct answer from the codes given below.
- (A) Inter + police
(B) Information + police
(C) International + police
(D) Internal + police
18. Select the correct meaningful sentence from the following :
- (A) The Quality of the apples were good
(B) The Quality of apples were good
(C) The Quality of apples was good
(D) The Qualities of the apple was good
19. Match Column A with Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Be the best | 1. Thomas Hardy |
| (b) Manliness | 2. D.H. Lawrence |
| (c) The Piano | 3. Rudyard Kipling |
| (d) The Man He Killed | 4. Douglas Malloch |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (B) 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (C) 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (D) 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
20. Find the Wrong pair from those given below.
- (A) Snake - D.H. Lawrence
(B) The Solitary Reaper - William Wordsworth
(C) The Cry of the Children - William Shakespeare
(D) A sonnet for my Incomparable mother - F. Joanna

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21. Name the poet who describes the search for water in his poem. "Going for water".
 (A) Lord Tennyson
 (B) Robert Browning
 (C) Wilfred Owen
(D) Robert Frost
22. Match the characters in Column 'A' with the relevant titles with Column 'B'
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) Morissot | 1. The selfish giant |
| (b) Noodle Vendor | 2. Two friends |
| (c) Djinn | 3. The refugee |
| (d) Cornish Ogre | 4. How the camel got His hump |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 2 3 4 1
 (B) 3 2 1 4
 (C) 2 4 1 3
 (D) 1 4 3 2
23. Which one of the following drama is not written by William Shakespeare?
 (A) Othello
 (B) Coriolanus
(C) Dr. Faustus
 (D) Timon of Athens
24. "He hath brought many captives home to Rome
 Whose ransom did the general coffers fill"
 In the above quote, "He" refers to _____.
 (A) Mark Antony
(B) Julius Caesar
 (C) Decius Brutus
 (D) Octavius Caesar
25. Identify the sentence that contains the passive form of the verb :
 (A) The workers are painting the walls
 (B) Ram was driving the car at that time
(C) A laptop will have been sent to me by my mother
 (D) Antony touched the hearts of the people
26. Choose the option containing the right sequence of articles that would complete the passage given below :
 _____ Mettur dam is _____ old multipurpose project of _____ South Indian state of Tamil Nadu across _____ Cauvery river.
 (A) A, an, no article, the
(B) The, an, the, the
 (C) an, a, the, no article
 (D) no article, a, the, an
27. 'To live unknown beyond the cherished circle'
 The phrase 'Cherished Circle' refers to _____.
 (A) A big circle
(B) Family members and friends
 (C) Memorable days
 (D) Dead people
28. Fill in the blank with a suitable Gerund
 _____ tigers is a popular sport in this country.
 (A) To hunt
(B) Hunting
 (C) Hunted
 (D) Hunt
29. Fill in the blank with the suitable participial form of the verb I saw the storm _____.
 (A) Had approached
(B) Approaching
 (C) Was approach
 (D) Approaches
30. Identify the type of this sentence :
 The teacher punished the boy for disobedience
 (A) Compound
 (B) Complex
(C) Simple
 (D) None of these

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31. The line, “The evil that men do lives after them” occurs in the play
(A) Julius Caesar
 (B) As You like it
 (C) Twelfth Night
 (D) The Merchant of Venice
32. Identify the author of the story “The Wooden Bowl”.
 (A) Saki
 (B) Zai Whitaker
 (C) Mackinlay Kantor
(D) Leo Tolstoy
33. William Shakespeare was born at
(A) Stratford (B) Stanford
 (C) Cumberland (D) Stratfort
34. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence :
 If I were your employer, _____.
 (A) I may treat you with friendliness
 (B) I will treat you with friendliness
 (C) I would have treated you with friendliness
(D) I would treat you with friendliness
35. Match the patterns given under Column A with the compound words under Column B and select the answer from the codes given below :
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Verb + Noun | 1. Dining table |
| (b) Gerund + Noun | 2. Newspaper |
| (c) Noun + Noun | 3. Sunrise |
| (d) Noun + Verb | 4. Playmate |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 4 1 2 3
 (B) 3 4 1 2
 (C) 1 2 3 4
 (D) 2 3 4 1
36. In Oscar Wilde’s “The Model Millionaire” The wedding present from the ‘Old beggar’ to Hughie was a cheque for
 (A) Five thousand pounds
(B) Ten thousand pounds
 (C) Fifteen thousand pounds
 (D) Twenty thousand pounds
37. ‘It isn’t by size that you win or you fail’ – The given lines are taken from the poem
 (A) A Psalm of Life
 (B) Where the Mind is Without Fear
(C) Be the best
 (D) Sonnet No : 116
38. Who among the following wrote the play “Julius Caesar”?
(A) William Shakespeare
 (B) Ben Jonson
 (C) Marlow
 (D) John Keats
39. Match the prefixes under Column ‘A’ with the words under Column ‘B’ and select the answer from the codes given below :
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------|--------------|
| (a) Mal | 1. Claim |
| (b) Un | 2. Nutrition |
| (c) Mis | 3. Aware |
| (d) Pro | 4. Spell |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 2 3 4 1
 (B) 1 2 4 3
 (C) 3 4 2 1
 (D) 4 2 1 3
40. Choose the suitable Question tag from the list given below :
 Our team will win the match,

 (A) will it? (B) don’t it?
(C) won’t it? (D) doesn’t it?

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41. Match the words under Column ‘A’ with the suffixes under Column ‘B’ and select the answer from the codes given below :

| Column A | Column B |
|----------|----------|
| (a) Hero | 1. Less |
| (b) Hope | 2. Ist |
| (c) Art | 3. Cracy |
| (d) Demo | 4. Ism |

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

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

| Homophones | Meanings |
|-------------|------------------------|
| (a) Counsel | 1. Route |
| (b) Council | 2. Rough |
| (c) Counse | 3. Advice |
| (d) Coarse | 4. Administrative body |

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

42. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form of the verb from the options given below.

The cabinet _____ (decide) on the bill next week

- (A) has decided
- (B) wil decide**
- (C) decided
- (D) had decided

46. During his life time, H.W. Longfellow became a _____

- (A) ‘National Institution’**
- (B) ‘Stylish Institution’
- (C) ‘Popular Institution’
- (D) ‘Global Institution’

43. From whose work is following utterance taken?

“I tried hard to control my thoughts and my mind to influence destiny”

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
- (B) A.P.J. Abdulkalam**
- (C) Sarojini Naidu
- (D) R.K. Narayan

47. Replace the underlined British word with its American equivalent.

She is having a holiday

- (A) Vacation**
- (B) Vocation
- (C) Package
- (D) Permission

44. Identify the simple sentence from the options given below :

- (A) Having completed my homework, I set out to play**
- (B) I completed my homework and I set out to play
- (C) After I had completed my homework, I set out to play
- (D) I had to completed my homework but I set out to play

48. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition :
Chawla started off _____ her path to the milky way

- (A) of
- (B) at
- (C) on**
- (D) beside

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49. To Which nationality does the poet H.W. Longfellow belong?
 (A) India
(B) The U.S.A
 (C) China
 (D) France
50. Choose the correct 'antonym' of the underlined word from the given options :
 Similarly Women's marvellous power is lying dormant.
 (A) sluggish (B) passive
 (C) unused **(D) active**
51. 'This was the most unkindest cut of all'.
 By whom was the most unkindest cut inflicted?
 (A) Casca (B) Deciu Brutus
(C) Marcus Brutus
 (D) Cassius
52. Match the characters listed under Column A with the stories they appear in listed under Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------------|--------------------|
| (a) Makhan Lal | 1. Reflowering |
| (b) Matilda | 2. Holiday |
| (c) Rowther | 3. The Open Window |
| (d) Vera | 4. The Necklace |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| (B) 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (D) 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
53. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition :
 There is not enough space _____ the desk and the bench.
(A) between (B) among
 (C) with (D) besides
54. 'There is no power in the tongue of man To alter me'.
 Who uttered these words?
(A) Shylock (B) Antonio
 (C) Portia (D) Bassanio
55. The attainment of a developed status by 2020 does not mean that we can then rest on our laurels.
 'rest on one's laurels' means
(A) Stop seeking further success
 (B) Have a good rest and sleep
 (C) Have no rest at all
 (D) Not to let anyone take rest
56. Identify the adverb from the following list.
 (A) heavy (B) dirty
(C) brightly (D) value
57. Match the patterns under Column A with the corresponding sentences under Column B and select the answer from the codes given below.
- | Column A | Column B |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) S V C A | 1. She sent me a parcel |
| (b) S V IO DO | 2. He gave prizes to the winners |
| (c) S V C | 3. The weather is hot In chennai |
| (d) S V DO IO | 4. She is a teacher |
- | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (B) 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (C) 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| (D) 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
58. 'Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds'
 Who said this?
 (A) Rabindranath Tagore
 (B) William Wordsworth
 (C) H.W. Longfellow
(D) William Shakespeare

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59. Of the following poets, who was known as the 'People's Poet' for having contributed 11,000 poems to English Literature?
 (A) Stephen Vincent Benet
(B) Edgar Albert Guest
 (C) F. Joanna
 (D) Rudyard Kipling
60. A Close Encounter is written by _____
 (A) Rob Reilly
 (B) Rudyard Kipling
 (C) Robert Frost
(D) Rex Coker
61. Which of the following characters is not from the drama, "Julius Caesar"?
 (A) Casca (B) Cassius
(C) Antonia (D) Amelius Lepidus
62. Which of the words given below can be placed after the word Spell to form a compound word?
 (A) work (B) word
 (C) fine **(D) bound**
63. Shakespeare's sonnets are _____ in number.
 (A) 159 (B) 156
 (C) 134 **(D) 154**
64. Choose the correct option and complete the following sentence :
 Kalpan Chawla married _____.
 (A) An astronaut
(B) A flight instructor
 (C) Her neighbour
 (D) A doctor
65. The theme of the story, 'The Model Millionaire' is _____
 (A) Work is worship
 (B) Hard work never fails
 (C) Art is long
(D) Kindness begets kindness
66. Fill in the blanks with a suitable article.
 He works at _____ university.
 (A) an (B) the
(C) a (D) no article
67. Identify the figure of speech employed in the following line :
 The reddest flower would look as pale as snow
 (A) Metaphor
 (B) Oxymoron
(C) Simile
 (D) Irony
68. Match the poets under Column A with the lines from their works under Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|---|
| (a) Robert Frost | 1. Let us, then, be up And doing |
| (b) H.W. Longfellow | 2. It isn't by size that You win or you fail |
| (c) William Shakespeare | 3. Like gnomes that did us from the Moon |
| (d) Douglas Malloch | 4. Love alters not With his brief Hours and weeks |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 3 1 4 2
 (B) 1 2 4 3
 (C) 4 3 1 2
 (D) 2 4 3 1
69. "Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read And labour not different from our own".
 In which poem do these lines occur?
 (A) The Flying Wonder
 (B) The Apology
(C) No Men Are Foreign
 (D) My Native Land

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70. Match the characters under Column A with their utterances given under Column B :

| Column A | Column B |
|-------------|---|
| (a) Brutus | 1. Most learned judge ! A Sentence ! come, prepare |
| (b) Portia | 2. For Brutus, as you know, Was Caesar's angel ! |
| (c) Antony | 3. It blesseth him that Gives and him that takes |
| (d) Shylock | 4. Not that I loved Caesar Less, but that I loved Rome more |

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

71. "There is a house now far Away where once"
"This line is by the Indian Author?"
(A) Kamala Das
(B) Rabindranath Tagore
(C) R.K. Narayan
(D) Sarojini Naidu

72. Match the following words given under Column A with the blended words under Column B and select the answer from the codes given below :

| Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| (a) Motor + Pedal Cycle | 1. Medicare |
| (b) Medical + Care | 2. Mobike |
| (c) Motor + Bike | 3. Motel |
| (d) Motor + Hotel | 4. Moped |

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

73. Find out the part containing an error
Sangeetha has left for Mumbai last night
A B C D

- (A) Sangeetha
(B) has left
(C) for Mumbai
(D) last night

74. This rose looks beautiful.
Identify the sentence pattern from the options given below.

- (A) SVO (B) SVOA
(C) SVA **(D) SVC**

75. The selfish giant saw a little boy standing under a _____ in a corner of the garden.

- (A) Rock **(B) Tree**
(C) Fountain (D) Plant

76. If you miss the bus, take a taxi.
Identify the correct type of sentence from the options given below :

- (A) A simple sentence
(B) A complex sentence
(C) A compound sentence
(D) A negative sentence

77. When Trevor informed Hughie that he had clearly explained Hughie's condition to the old model, Hughie _____.

- (A) Became very sad
(B) Praised him
(C) Became very angry
(D) Smiled at him

78. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given :
... Seek to restore the harmony of bygone days.

- (A) Future
(B) Present
(C) Olden
(D) Modern

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79. Identify the type of sentence from the options given below :
The source of the Nile was difficult to discover.

- (A) **A simple sentence**
- (B) A compound sentence
- (C) A complex sentence
- (D) An exclamatory sentence

80. Identify the compound sentence from the options given below :

- (A) **He must not be late, or he will be punished**
- (B) In the event of his being late, he will be punished
- (C) If he is late he will be punished
- (D) Unless he comes early, he will be punished

