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1. Match the words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column A

(Words)

- (a) Mark
(b) Seer
(c) Delusive
(d) Squashed

Column B

(Phrases)

1. misleading
2. Listen to
3. silenced
4. visionary

Codes :

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

2. Choose the accurate antonym for the word “Inquisitive”:

Curious

Incurious

Notorious

Eager

3. Match the correct prefix with the root words :

- (a) Operate
(b) Clear
(c) National
(d) Noble

- 1. Ig
- 2. Co
- 3. un
- 4. Multi

Codes :

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(D)	4	1	3	2

4. Match the following phrases :

A

(Phrases)

- (a) to take a new turn
(b) bereft of
(c) to be accustomed to
(d) in the midst of

B

(Meaning)

- 1. in the middle of
- 2. to get used to
- 3. to begin something
- 4. deprived of

Codes :

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

5. Complete the sentence :

No other girl in the class is _____ Kamala.

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| (A) most clever as | (B) more clever as |
| (C) as clever as | (D) most cleverest |

6. Match the following blending words in Column A with their meaning in Column B.

Column A	Column B
a) Electro + execute	- 1. Medicare
b) Breakfast + lunch	- 2. Mobike
c) Motor + bike	- 3. Brunch
d) Medical + care	- 4. Electrocute

Codes :

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



7. Select correct "Tense".

Gayathri _____ (work) in this school since 2001.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| (A) is working | (B) works |
| (C) has been working | (D) had been working |

8. Choose the correct conjunction from the options given below :

He is old _____ he walks quickly.

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| (A) because | (B) or | (C) but | (D) so |
|-------------|--------|----------------|--------|

9. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition :

(A) I agree ____ your proposal.	-	1. behind
(B) Rani is worried ____ his health.	-	2. in
(C) My uncle will visit me ____ May.	-	3. about
(D) The cat hid ____ the door.	-	4. To

Codes :

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

10. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence :
Vani is going to school now.
(A) S V C (B) S V O **(C) S V A A** (D) S V IO DO
11. Form a compound word using Noun + Adjective.
(A) Sun rise (B) Post man **(C) Sky blue** (D) Down fall
12. Give the meaning of the idiom „a bolt from the blue“.
(A) Extremely happy (B) Have no patience
(C) Unexpected surprise (D) Put on airs
13. The Selfish Giant is a famous short story written by :
(A) R.K. Narayanan (B) Khushwant Singh
(C) Ruskia Bound **(D) Oscar Wilde**
14. _____ built the palace.
(A) The Pandiya (B) The Chola
(C) The Pallava **(D) The Nayaks**
15. Gangadhar Rao married _____.
(A) Manikarnika (B) Mala (C) Mathi (D) Madhavi
16. “Kingdoms may forget their kings
And dogs forget their bites
But not till man forgets his wings
Will men forget the wrights”.
Identify the poet :
(A) F. Joanna (B) Jack Prelutsky
(C) Stephen Vincent Benet (D) Paul Holmes
17. “There is no power in the Tongue of Man To alter me I stay here on my Bond”
_____ utters these words.
(A) Portia (B) Antony **(C) Shylock** (D) Bassanio

18. "Most heartily I do beseech the court to give judgement"
These are the words of _____.
(A) Antonio (B) Shylock (C) Nerissa (D) Bassanio
19. In the line, "Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears", Harmonic cacophony" is an example of :
(A) Onomatopoeia (B) Anaphora (C) Apostrophe **(D) Oxymoron**
20. "The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin?" Identify the figure of speech employed in the above line.
(A) Simile **(B) Metaphor** (C) Apostrophe (D) Ellipsis
21. Choose the correct answer and complete the following sentence :
The twelve peach trees broke out into delicate blossoms of _____.
(A) blue and pearl **(B) pink and pearl**
(C) pink and white (D) black and blue
22. It is twice blessed
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes
There are the words of _____.
(A) Portia (B) Shylock (C) Antony (D) Bassanio
23. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Prize for peace in :
(A) 1799 (B) 1899 **(C) 1979** (D) 1976
24. "Yes; quaint and curious war is!
You shoot a fellow down"
What is the meaning of the phrase "quaint and curious war" is :
(A) war is strange and old – fashioned
(B) war is praise worthy
(C) war is condemnable
(D) war is essential
25. In "The Model Millionaire" the servant brought Hughie a card when he was at
(A) lunch **(B) breakfast** (C) dinner (D) tea
26. If you can force your heart and nerve and Sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone.
Find out the meaning for a underlined word from the options given below :
(A) limbs (B) bone **(C) tendon** (D) Organs

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27. He did not hate the _____ now, for he knew that it was merely the spring as sleep. In “The Selfish Giant” which season is considered by the giant as “spring asleep”.
(A) Autumn (B) Spring (C) Monsoon (D) **Winter**
28. Till the gossamer thread you Fling Catch somewhere, O my soul,
What Figure of speech can you find in the underlined part of the above line?
(A) Onomatopoeia (B) Anaphora
(C) **Oxymoron** (D) Apostrophe
29. In which poem do you find the following line?
“It isn’t by size that you win or you Fail”
(A) O Captain! My Captain (B) The Solitary Reaper
(C) Sonnet No – 116 (D) **Be the Best**
30. Identify the statement which is not expressed by Dr. Karl Paulnack in his essay “Music The Hope Raiser”.
(A) **Music is part of arts and entertainment.**
(B) Music is a basic need of human survival.
(C) Music makes sense of our lives.
(D) Music is a way for us to understand things with our hearts.
31. According to the Gokhale what requires whole-hearted devotion?
(A) **Acquiring knowledge** (B) Spirit
(C) Instances (D) Observation
32. Which of the following is not included as the main goals by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in his vision to achieve developed nation status in terms of the common people?
(A) Transformation of our national economy.
(B) Bringing all-round prosperity for the people of the country.
(C) **Empowering the nation by enhancing our military power.**
(D) Providing high standard education and health facilities to people.
33. The poem “You can’t be that No You can’t be that by Brain Patten is about
(A) The importance of education to children.
(B) The role of teachers in shaping the lives of students.
(C) **Trusting, respecting and valuing our children as individuals.**
(D) The need to appreciate nature for a happy life.
The appropriate answer may be (C) or (D)

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34. "You can't rob us of the rights we cherish" The above line is from the poem _____.
 (A) Cry of the Children (B) The Man he killed
(C) Women's Rights (D) O Captain! My Captain!
35. When was Rabindranath Tagore born?
 (A) 18 May 1861 (B) **17 May 1861**
 (C) 17 May 1816 (D) 17 June 1861
36. A coarse _____ cloak was flung over the shoulders of the old beggar at Alan Trevor's studio.
 (A) Grey (B) Black (C) Blue **(D) Brown**
37. Crocodiles are more than _____ years old.
 (A) 300 million (B) 400 million **(C) 200 million** (D) 100 million
38. "On such an earth my footprints
 But I cannot reason why
 All human roads are dark and dry
 And all the other creatures die".
 Identify the author :
 (A) David Roth (B) Brian Patten **(C) Anonymous** (D) Leslie Norris
39. In which poem, do you find the following line?
 "Go over the recipe, step-by-step".
 (A) A Tiger in the Zoo (B) The Apology
(C) To cook and eat (D) No men are foreign
40. In which poem, do you find the following line?
 The Splendid joy of the stars: the joy of the earth.
 (A) My Native Land (B) The Flying Wonder
(C) Laugh and be Merry (D) To India
41. Identify the work which is written by William Wordsworth.
(A) The Lyrical Ballads (B) Hamlet
 (C) The Good Earth (D) Gitanjali
42. Match the characters in Column A with the story titles in Column B.
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| (a) Sue | - 1. The Open Window |
| (b) Ivan Dmitritch | - 2. The Last Leaf |
| (c) Monsieur Sauvage | - 3. Lottery Ticket |
| (d) Vera | - 4. Two Friends |

Codes :

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(B)	3	1	4	2
(C)	2	1	4	3
(D)	2	3	4	1

43. Match the characters in Column A with the story titles in Column B.

Column A	-	Column B
(a) Gomathi	-	1. Every living thing
(b) Mr. Dick	-	2. Holiday
(c) Mme Loisel	-	3. Reflowering
(d) Bagha Bagdi	-	4. The Necklace

Codes :

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44. Choose the odd pair from these given below :

(A) Bishrambar	-	Holiday
(B) Della	-	The gift of Magi
(C) Frisk	-	Kaanchanai
(D) Rowther	-	Reflowering

45. The Poet Jack Prelutsky was born in :

(A) New York	(B) Brooklyn	(C) Lebanon	(D) United States
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46. Match the name of the author with the story :

(a) The selfish Giant	-	1. Pearl S Buck
(b) Out in the fields with God	-	2. Oscar Wilde
(c) The Refugee	-	3. Anton Chekhov
(d) The Lottery Ticket	-	4. Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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47. Choose the appropriate antonym of the underlined word from the options given below :
- “Her face had an expression of absolute serenity”.
- (A) Tranquility (B) Calmness
(C) Peacefulness (D) **Unquietness**
48. Which nation does Stephen Vincent Benet belong to?
- (A) England (B) **America** (C) Russia (D) Africa
49. Walt Whitman’s, “O Captain! My Captain!” is a _____ written for the death of Abraham Lincoln.
- (A) **Dirge** (B) Sonnet (C) Ballad (D) Epic
50. Identify the poet who is not an Indian.
- (A) Famida Y. Basheer (B) Kamala Surayya
(C) V.K. Gokak (D) **James Kirkup**
51. Which Nationality does the poet Famida Y Basheer belong to?
- (A) Lebanese (B) American (C) British (D) **Indian**
52. “Love’s not Time’s fool, though rosy lips and cheeks”
Choose the poem where you find the above lines :
- (A) A Sonnet for my incomparable Mother
(B) My Grand-Mother’s House
(C) **Sonnet No – 116**
(D) Nine Gold Medals
53. Identify the correct degree :
Very few cities in India are _____ (populous) Mumbai.
- (A) **as populous as** (B) more populous than
(C) the most populous (D) populous as
54. In which year Einstein was given the Nobel Prize?
- (A) 1920 (B) **1921** (C) 1934 (D) 1945
55. Match Column A with Column B to form gerunds in sentences :
- | A | B |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) Earing too much | 1. is forbidden |
| (b) Swimming | 2. is dangerous |
| (c) Playing on the street | 3. is bad for health |
| (d) Walking on the roof | 4. is a pleasant hobby |

62. Select the correct question tag for the given sentence :
Don't leave the fridge door open _____?
(A) Do you? (B) Don't you? (C) **Will you?** (D) Won't you?
63. What is Euphemism?
(A) **In offensive word** (B) In the point of monotony
(C) Individual's name (D) French word
64. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word.
Endowed as you are with a unique personality.
(A) **cursed** (B) denied (C) blessed (D) abide
65. Read the sentence to identify grammatical error. If there is any error. Mark the part A, B, C or D as the case may be.
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Since you | run fast |
| A | B |
| you will not | win the race |
| C | D |
- (A) D (B) **A** (C) B (D) C
66. "Democracy is for the people by the people and of people". Who said this?
(A) **Abraham Lincoln** (B) William Wordsworth
(C) Gandhiji (D) Nehru
67. "The manager will cancel the meeting".
Find the correct „phrasal verb“ to the above underlined word.
(A) call on (B) call out (C) call in (D) **call off**
68. Find the odd one out :
(A) gradually (B) slowly (C) well (D) **beautiful**
69. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow"
What is the figure of speech employed in his line?
(A) Metaphor (B) Personification (C) **Simile** (D) Oxymoron
70. Which will take place of fears when someone keeps trying in the poem "keep on keeping on"?
(A) worries (B) **joy** (C) motivation (D) success

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71. “..... I’m not going to be an airport pilot, a dancer, a lawyer, or an MC”. MC means _____.
- (A) Municipal Councilor (B) Municipal Contractor
(C) **Master of Ceremonies** (D) Master of Chemistry
72. Match the following words from Shakespeare’s English in Column A with their modern English equivalents in Column B.
- | Column A | - | Column B |
|----------|---|----------|
| (a) doth | - | 1. you |
| (b) thy | - | 2. do |
| (c) thou | - | 3. your |
| (d) dost | - | 4. Does |
- Codes :
- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (B) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| (C) | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| (D) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
73. “Ambition”, according to _____ in Julius Caesar should be made of sterner stuff.
- (A) Caesar (B) Brutus (C) First citizen (D) **Antony**
74. The book “Ignited Minda” talks about _____.
- (A) Pranab Muharjee (B) **Abdul Kalam**
(C) Chidambaram (D) Narendra Modi
75. Dale Carnegie in his “The Road to success” insists on saying, no” generally because
- (A) you can stay away from working hard.
(B) you can make others think high of yourself.
(C) **it is incompatible with the necessary work you must do to reach you main goal.**
(D) it is stressful to get involved in many activities.
76. The selfish giant loved the little boy the best because _____.
- (A) he had understood him. (B) he had been kind to him.
(C) he had given him food. (D) **he had kissed him.**
77. Success is not something to wait for; it is something to work for
Whose words are these?
- (A) **Jessica Cox** (B) Anne Sullivan
(C) Hellen Keller (D) Ruskin Bond

78. Match the titles of the poem 'A' with lines of the poem 'B'.

A		B
(a) Art is long and time is fleeting	-	1. English words
(b) Love's not time's fool	-	2. A Psalm of life
(c) Pinning for new agony	-	3. The man he killed
(d) Right many a nipper kin	-	4. Sonnet – 116

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79. "I'm sick of hearing them cheep-cheep"

What is the figure of speech employed here?

- (A) Metaphor **(B) Onomatopoeia**
 (C) Personification (D) Oxymoron

80. What does „Hope Spencer“ ask us to do when “Good luck is round the corner”?

- (A) To walk away from the place
 (B) To ignore it
(C) To show a smiling face
 (D) To laugh at it

81. According to Karl Paulnack the first organised public expression of grief after the attack in 2011 of September 11th was

- (A) Public meeting (B) Prayer meeting
(C) Concert (D) Peace rally

82. Match the following by understanding the meaning :

Word Meaning

(a) Xenophobia	-	1. Fear of water
(b) Bydrophobia	-	2. Fear of enclosed space
(c) Claustrophobia	-	3. Fear of heights
(d) Acrophobia	-	4. Fear of strangers

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83. Here comes our batting hero;
Salutes the crowd,
Takes guard.

Who is the author of this poem?

(A) Ruskin Bond

(B) Douglas Malloch

(C) Hope Spencer

(D) Kamala Das

84. Who is the headman in the Lesson “After The Storm” by Deepa Agarwal?

(A) Saruli

(B) Diwan Singh

(C) Lal Singh

(D) Radha

85. The Pillared Cloisters beside the main structure have a series of deities and shivalingas worthy to be admired.

What is the meaning of underlined word Cloisters in the passage?

(A) Art Gallery

(B) Covered passages

(C) Beautiful carvings

(D) Monolithic statues

86. Which among the following is a story by O’Henry?

(A) The Tears of the Desert

(B) The Wooden Bown

(C) The Face of Judas Iscariot

(D) The Last Leaf

87. “The ship is anchored safe and sound, its voyage closed and done, From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won”;

What does Walt Whitman refer by „object won“?

(A) the end of voyage

(B) the end of the trip

(C) the end of a battle

(D) the end of the civil war

88. Which Nationality does the Poet Khalil Gibran belong to?

(A) American

(B) Lebanese

(C) Canadian

(D) British

89. Who among the following is not a British poet?

(A) John Masfield

(B) Robert Frost

(C) D.H. Lawrence

(D) Elizabeth Barret Browning

90. Match the following :

Title (story)	-	Author
(a) Kaanchanai	-	1. Sundara Ramasamy
(b) Reflowering	-	2. Pudumalppittan
(c) The Necklace	-	3. Rabindranath Tagore
(d) Holiday	-	4. Guyde Maupassant

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91. “Mark’d how to explore the vacant vast surrounding”

What figure of speech can be identified in the above line from the poem, “The Nation United”?

- (A) Oxymoron (B) Assonance
(C) Synecdoche **(D) Alliteration**

92. “Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested;” – Identify the author.

- (A) E.M. Forster (B) **Francis Bacon**
(C) Ben Johnson (D) Jane Austine

93. Annie Louisa Walker was educated in _____.

- (A) Delhi (B) Moscow (C) London **(D) Ontario**

94. “Ah darling, it’s Behrman’s masterpiece – he painted it there the night that the last leaf fell”.

Who said these words to whom?

- (A) Behrman to doctor
(B) Sue to Johnsy
(C) Johnsy to Sue
(D) Behrman to Sue

95. “Why don’t you join the others? What A peculiar child you are?” Who said these words to Kamala in “Punishment in Kindergarten”?

- (A) Grandmother (B) Mother **(C) Teacher** (D) Father

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96. Here “tis, most revered Doctor”.
Who is the “doctor” here?
(A) Shylock **(B) Portia** (C) Bassanio (D) Duke
97. Who says this?
“My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar, And I must pause till it come back to me”.
(A) Calphurnia (B) Marcus Brutus
(C) Octavius Caesar **(D) Mark Antony**
98. Match the names of the poets under Column A with Column B and choose the correct code :
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) H.W. Long Fellow | 1. English Words |
| (b) Annie Louisa Walker | 2. A Noiseless Patient Spider |
| (c) Walt Whitman | 3. A Psalm of life |
| (d) V.K. Gokak | 4. Women’s rights |
- Codes :
- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| (B) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (D) | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
99. Identify the poem which is wrongly matched with its poet :
- (A) Piano – D.H. Lawrence
(B) Manliness – Rudyard Kipling
(C) The Cry of the children – Robert Browning
(D) The Man he killed – Thomas Hardy
100. Choose the impersonal passive voice statement :
- (A) His request had been rejected by Raja.
(B) Lots of things can be done on the internet.
(C) The nets are carried in boats by fishermen.
(D) The captain was scolded by George Washington.