

Instructions:

Question no. 1 to 40 carries 1 mark each.

Question no. 41 to 45 carries 2 marks each.

For Question no. 1—20, choose the correct options to fill in the blanks

1. The synonym of the word 'conspicuous' is _____.
a) Frightened b) Prominent c) Eager d) Contaminate
2. The antonym of the word 'convalescence' is _____.
a) Recuperation b) Revival c) Rehabilitation d) Degeneration
3. A collection of wild animals kept in captivity for exhibition is known as _____.
a) Menagerie b) Infirmary c) Aviary d) Apiary
4. If you _____ Rahul to your birthday celebration last week, he _____.
a) Had invited, may come b) Have invited, might have come
c) Invited, would come d) Had invited, might have come
5. It was revealed this week that Ravi faked his own _____ to become viral on social media.
a) Obstruction b) Induction c) Conviction d) Abduction
6. Vedansh is extremely _____, always flaunting his new purchases.
a) Ostentatious b) Surreptitious c) Pertinacious d) Inconspicuous
7. Amita could read very well from such a tender age that she naturally began _____ after books.
a) Contorting b) Divulging c) Pining d) Slandering
8. **Everybody rushed out when the fire alarm _____ because of some technical fault.**
a) Went about b) Went out **c) Went in** d) Went off
9. The idiom 'blow smoke' means _____.
a) To exaggerate or boast about oneself b) To initiate a conversation
c) To reveal someone's secret d) To engage in a favourite habitual activity
10. Adi: How did the matter get sorted?
Avi: I just waited for the right time, and finally, I _____ to her and asked straight out.
a) Simmer down b) Sidled up c) Skived off d) Spewed out
11. The sports teacher has _____ screened every participating athlete to make sure they are not at the risk of _____ doping.
a) Frenziedly, deliberately b) Slatternly, rigged
c) Scrupulously, coincident d) Intently, vigilantly
12. Ravi said, "I was going through a rough phase in my life last year."
Ravi said that _____ through a rough phase in _____.
a) I was going, my life now b) He had been going, his life the previous year
c) He was going, his life then d) I had been, my life back then
13. **In the given sentence, which modal correctly expresses past obligation that was not fulfilled: You _____ submitted the form yesterday.**
a) should b) must
c) should have d) may have
14. _____ book you just read is one of _____ finest works of _____ Sigmund Freud. You can find more of his works in that section.
a) A, the, the b) The, a, no article
c) The, the, no article d) The, no article, a
15. *Swara said to her mother, "Mom, have you seen my purple skirt? I am unable to find it."*
Swara asked her mother _____ purple skirt. She was unable to find it.
a) Whether has she seen her b) That she saw her
c) If she had seen me d) Whether she had seen her

16. The word 'facsimile' is synonymous with _____.
 a) Original b) Paradigm c) Replica d) Archetype
17. The proverb 'a flower blooms more than once' means _____.
 a) Flowers bring happiness
 b) If you miss an occasion, you can avail it at another time
 c) An occasion that is missed will not come another time
 d) Both a) and b)
18. Mona had to face a _____ but they were all proved false.
 a) String of allegations b) Thread of allegations
 c) Set of allegations d) Dime of allegations
19. The children were told to _____ their toys by their mother.
 a) Put away b) Throw away c) Break away d) Look away
20. The crop of wheat _____ by the heavy storm.
 a) Will be ruin b) Will ruin c) Had been ruined d) Had been ruining

For Question no. 21—25, read the passage and answer the questions that follow

'He who hesitates is lost' is a well-known proverb. A leader who cannot decide on a plan of action will not be able to accomplish anything worthwhile. Indecision leads to confusion because people don't know what to do. Prompt decision-making is of great use in an emergency. A young doctor once had a patient who complained of intense pain. The doctor consulted two other doctors to find out if an operation should be performed. The other doctors felt that the patient's condition should be observed for a few days. But the young doctor, who felt responsible for the patient, examined him once again and decided to operate immediately. When the operation was performed, the other doctors realised that a delay of even a few hours would have proved fatal to the patient. A prompt decision by the young doctor saved the life of his patient.

We are often faced with difficult problems. It is up to us to take prompt decisions that could make the difference between success and failure. We must be able to say 'yes' or 'no' without delay, and no 'maybe' or 'perhaps' after hours of deliberations.

This does not mean we should say 'yes' or 'no' without thinking. We must cultivate the ability to quickly think out all the favourable and unfavourable circumstances of a situation and then decide whether we should say 'yes' or 'no'. To linger over a decision for days and months will get us nowhere. Hence, prompt decision-making is very important, if one wants to achieve success.

21. Choose a suitable title for this passage:
 a) A Doctor and a Patient b) Qualities of a Leader
 c) Prompt Decision-making: Tool for Success d) Say Yes or No
22. How is indecision harmful?
 a) It leads to pain b) It leads to confusion
 c) It does not work in hospital d) It leads to success.
23. The young doctor saved the life of his patient by _____.
 a) Giving him medicine
 b) Operating on him immediately
 c) Consulting with other doctors and waiting
 d) Deciding 'yes' or 'no' without thinking
24. How should we decide 'yes' or 'no' in an emergency?
 a) Promptly, without thinking
 b) By consulting others
 c) By pondering over it again and again
 d) By thinking out all the favourable and unfavourable results, but promptly, of course

25. Which word in the passage means 'to achieve'?

- a) Prompt b) Accomplish c) To linger over d) To perform

For Question no. 26—30, find out the appropriate word/ phrase given below and fill in the blanks

The 26 of Bengal tigers left in the world has 27 from 100,000 to 4000 over the last century. The main threats are 28 of habitat, poaching and the trade in tiger parts for Eastern medicines. Most Bengal tigers live in protected areas of India. Anti-poaching task-forces have been 29 up and there is also a trade 30 on tiger products in many countries, as a measure to save this rare species.

26.

- a) Form b) Kind c) Glory d) Number

27.

- a) Limited b) Shrunk c) Abolished d) Eliminated

28.

- a) Prevention b) Encroaching c) Condition d) Loss

29.

- a) Set b) Brought c) Swept d) Deployed

30.

- a) Agreement b) Contract c) Ban d) Link

For Question no. 31—35, choose the correct answer of the given questions

31. Choose one word for the underlined phrase:

They organized a house party for Sarah's birthday but she does not get excited easily even if we put in a lot of effort and emotion.

- a) Gregarious b) Placid
c) Inclement d) Frenzied

32. Change the following sentence into passive voice:

People have referred to the jellyfish, the starfish, the cuttlefish and the crayfish as fish though they are not.

- a) The jellyfish, the starfish, the cuttlefish and the crayfish are being referred to as fish though they are not.
b) The jellyfish, the starfish, the cuttlefish and the crayfish have been referred to as fish though they are not.
c) The jellyfish, the starfish, the cuttlefish and the crayfish will be referred to as fish though they are not.
d) The jellyfish, the starfish, the cuttlefish and the crayfish had been said to be as fish though they are not.

33. How do you spell the word that mean 'courtliness' ?

- a) Courtoise b) Courtiosis c) Courtoisie d) Courtiosce

34. Choose the appropriate objective for the underlined phrase:

When Subbu was young, he looked very handsome, but now with growing age, his face shows signs of tiredness and age.

- a) Fresh b) Robust c) Haggard d) Vigorous

35. Rearrange the given phrases to make meaningful sentence:

M. as expected, but
N. our manufacturing division
O. all in all,
P. we had a good year
Q. didn't do as well

- a) MNOPQ b) MNQOP c) POMNQ d) NQMOP

For Question no. 36 - 40, choose the best response from the options provided

36. Shobha: I can't sit with you. Your voice ____.

Srijita: I am really sorry for that. I will keep that in mind.

a) Stuck my neck out

b) Get on my nerves

c) Keep a level head

d) Make a mark

37. Choose the option that is closest to the meaning of the given phrase:

Although Nancy has studied Italian in her school, she knows it after a fashion.

a) Thorough knowledge

b) To a certain extent but not perfectly

c) In depth information

d) A talent for knowledge

38. Choose the word with the correct spelling:

a) Hamorrhage

b) Haemorrhage

c) Hammerage

d) Hammorage

39. Kartik: It's been a wonderful time. Thank you for being with us.

Aryan: ____ .

a) I always oblige my friends

b) Oh! But the pleasure is mine

c) So you like my company

d) I don't know about a good time.

40. 'All his plans are built upon sand' it means ____.

a) It is based on experience

b) It is resting on immature ideas

c) It is resting on cheap materials

d) It is established on secure foundations

ACHIEVER'S SECTION

For Question no. 41 - 45, choose the correct options

41. In a moment of ____, Malti praised her most competent opponent and wanted to befriend her. It was very unusual of her.

a) Corpulence

b) Regularity

c) Abjure

d) Aberration

42. Choose the correct antonym of the word 'boisterous' :

a) Exuberant

b) Turbulent

c) Capricious

d) Restrained

43. Jamini: Why isn't their channel broadcast in other states?

Shashi: Obviously, as they only deal with ____ matters, which cannot gain wide attention.

a) Thwart

b) Parochial

c) Convivial

d) Plenary

44. Choose the word with the correct spelling:

a) Obscurrantist

b) Obscuranitist

c) Obscurantest

d) Obscurantist

45. Chamomile tea has been said to induce sleep as it has ____ properties and is often used to treat sleep- related issues.

a) Somnifacient

b) Sorbefacient

c) Solivagant

d) Acaulescent