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Part - I

I) Choose the correct answer for each of the following from the options

(20 x 1 = 20)

A) Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences

(3 × 1 = 3)

1. He shrugged his shoulders to convey his disapproval.

- (a) bounced (b) release (c) be still (d) let go

2. We scrambled cautiously over the rock.

- (a) organize (b) order (c) peace (d) rush

3. Scrambling on the rocks and cutting hand holds on the snow.

- (a) retreating (b) climbing fast (c) stopping (d) stopping

B) Choose the most accurate of the four given words which is opposite to the usage of the underlined word in the following sentences.

(3 × 1 = 3)

4.which are not to be despised.

- (a) hated (b) liked (c) defeated (d) conquered

5. Be harsh or easy, conventional or odd .

- (a) usual (b) traditional (c) unusual (d) modern

6. These two children had given me a profound lesson.

- (a) large (b) deep (c) great (d) shallow

C) Answer all the questions.

7. Choose the correct expansion of the acronym of WTC

- a) World Trade Congress (b) World Trade Center
c) World Training Center (d) World Tourist Center

8. Choose the correct combination for the compound word “upstream”

- a) Noun+ Verb (b) Noun + Adjective (c) Noun + Noun (d) Noun + Adverb

9. Choose the correct combination for the blended word “tastelicious”

- a) taste + delicious (b) tasty + delicious (c) tasting+ delicious (d) tasteful + relicious

10. Choose the meaning of the foreign word in the sentence :

He put up a case with malafide intentions

- a) bad intention (b) real intention (c)for justice (d)for property

11. Choose the right definition for the given term ‘theophobia’

- (a) Fear of food (b) Fear of dreams (c) Fear of God (d) Fear of home

12. Choose the suitable meaning for the idiom found in the following sentence

The leader’s death came like a bolt from the blue

- a) unexpected event (b) expected happening (c) sudden happening (d) serious accident

13. Replace the underlined phrasal verb into a single word

You must go by the rules of the institution

- a) follow (b) avoid (c) check (d) watch

14. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word- paid

- a) mal___ (b) pre___ (c) post___ (d) tri___

15. Identify the sentence pattern of the following

Latha gifted me a jeans.

- a) SVIDO (b) SVOC (c) SVOA (d) SVCA

16. Fill in the blank choosing the correct preposition.

Prema is known for _____ her teaching skills.

- a) In (b)at (c)or (d) to

17. Choose the unclipped form of the word copter

- a) heliport (b) helicopter (c) hollowcopter (d) aircopter

18. Replace the underlined word with a euphemistic expression

My mother is an old woman

- a)Senior citizen (b) aged man (c) long aged (d) white haired

19. Add suitable question tag to the following statement

The new movie is about teachers,

- a) isn't it b) aren't it c) don't it d) does it

20. Fill in with a relative pronoun.

Kumar _____ father is an engineer, constructed this building

- a) who b) whose c) which d) whom

Part – II

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 × 2 = 14)

a) Read the given sets of poetic lines and answer the questions that follow : (Answer any four)

21. *For what, we thought, had we to fear*

With our arms and provender, load on load

- (a) Why were the soldiers confident that they were safe?
(b) Pick out the alliterated words.

22. *Unknown, yet well known to the eye of faith*

Ah, I have heard that wail far, far away

In distant lands, by many a sheltered bay

- a) What does the 'wail' denote?
b) What is the poetic device employed here?

23. *All the world's a stage*

And all the men and women merely players

- (a) What is the world compared to?
b) Which figure of speech has been used in the second line?

24. *Like a huge python, winding round and round*

The rugged trunk, indented deep with scars

- a) What is python?
b) What is the figure of speech employed here?

25. *Thro' scudding drifts the rainy Hyades*

Vext the dim sea: I am become a name

- a) What is meant by Hyades?
b) Identify the figure of speech employed here.

26. *Tell him solitude is creative if he is strong*

And the final decisions are made in silent rooms

- a) Can being in solitude help a strong human being?
b) Identify the figure of speech in the above line

b) Do as Directed: (Answer any three)

27. Report the following dialogue :

Sundar : I lost my wallet on the way.

Saira : Did you have money ?

Sundar : I had fifty rupees and my ID card in it.

28. The food was cheap. It was very tasty (**Combine using as well as**)

29. **Rewrite the sentence making an inversion in the conditional clause.**

If you should be late once again, you will lose your job.

30. Tom did not know Spanish. He did not get the job. (**Form a complex sentence using 'if'**)

Part – III

Answer any seven of the following:

(7 × 3 = 21)

a. Explain any two of the following with Reference to the Context:

31. *To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield*

32. *They have their exits and their entrances*

33. *I cannot rest from travel; I will drink*

Life to the Lees;

b. Answer any two of the following questions briefly:

34. Recount the untold sufferings undergone by the siblings after they were rendered homeless.
35. Why does Dr. Barnard describe the blind boy as a 'walking horror'??
36. How did the mountaineers belay?

c. Answer any three of the following: (any three)

37. Describe the process of binding a book
38. Write a dialogue between a tourist and a guide. (Minimum of three exchanges)
39. Describe the process of binding a book .
40. Complete the proverbs using the words given below:
 - a) All that glitters is not _____.
 - b) Make _____ while the sun shines.
 - c) Barking _____ seldom bites.
(Hay, Dog, Gold)

Part – IV

Answer the following:

(7 × 5 = 35)

- 41 Summarise Orwell's distinctive ideas in "A Nice Cup of Tea".
(OR)

Narrate the humorous incidents that happened in the authors home before and after the arrival of the chair.

42. What is Ulysses' clarion call to his sailors? How does he inspire them?
(OR)

Describe the various stages of man's life picturised in the poem "All the World's Stage" .

43. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints:

Ausable – spy – never looked like – fat – sloppy – Fowler – writer – enter room – Max – gun trotting – documents – Fowler thrilled – Ausable spins story – about balcony – Max believes there is balcony – knock on door – Ausable says – it is police – Max panicked – jumped out – dies – presence of mind.

(OR)

Lord Weston – judge – coward – finds paper – Remember Caesar – thinks – a threat to his life – steps to save – close doors – drenches a parcel – thinking it a bomb – his wife ridicules – hear a knock at the door – it was gardener Caesar – paper written by Weston – to remind – Humorous end.

44. Write a summary or Make notes of the following passage

The use of tobacco can also seriously impair the user's health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack, strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and less healthy than babies born to mothers who do not smoke. Bronchitis and pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults. We know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgment and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Larger amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death. People who become addicted to alcoholic beverages are called alcoholics. They drink so much of alcohol that it damages their health completely. They suffer from diseases such as cancer and ulcer more frequently than people who do not use alcohol.

45. Read the following advertisement and prepare a resume/bio-data/CV considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified:

WANTED

Wanted enterprising young men for the post of Salesmen for our new branch, dealing in textiles.
Minimum Qualification required : A degree from any of the recognised universities with at least 2 years experience in the field.

Apply with your curriculum vitae to:

RS. PVT. LTD.,
No. 10, Greams Road,
Chennai - 600 006.

(OR)

Write a paragraph on "uses of mobile phones"

46. Read the following sentences, spot the errors and correct them :

- a. I saw an one rupee note on the road.
- b. Catherine bought half litre of milk
- c. It has been raining since five hours
- d. The cat jumped on the wall
- e. One of his brother is in Srilanka.

(or)

Fill in the blanks appropriately.

- a) Our _____ is a man of _____. (Principle/ principal) (2)
- b) The sun _____(rise) in the east. (Correct Tense form) (1)
- c) Prizes were given at the end of the event. This is an example of _____passive form. (1)
- d) He continued to bowl _____his shoulder injury (Use a suitable phrase/preposition)(1)

47. Identify each of the following sentences with the field in the list given below, by understanding the word or words serving as the clue.

- a. It was thrilling win for Roger Federer
- b. Palestenians have decided to go to polls.
- c. A new software is adopted to make operations easier
- d. This oil massage will refresh you a lot.
- e. Britney Spears will release a new album next month

[Music , Computer , Politics , Sports , Health]

(or)

Read the following passage and answer in your own words

The origins of the English Dictionary are found in the late 16th century when people became aware of the two levels of English ('learned', 'literacy' distinct from 'spoken', 'popular') to an extent that made it desirable to gloss one's level in the other's terms. Cawdrey's 'Table Alphabetical of Hard Words' (1604) containing about 3000 words might be called the first English dictionary but it is 'The Dictionary of the English Language' brought out in 1755 by Dr. Samuel Johnson that stands as one of the two great landmarks in English lexicographical history. Johnson's objective was to produce "a dictionary by which the pronunciation of our language may be fixed, and its attainment facilitated; by which its purity may be preserved, its use ascertained, and its duration lengthened." He wrote the definitions, some playfully, of over 40,000 words illustrating them with about 114,000 quotations drawn from every field of learning and literature from the 16th century onwards. The work, though scanty in etymological knowledge remained without rival until the creation of the Oxford English Dictionary (OED) (1884-1926) edited by a group of lexicographers. The OED attempts to give a full history of the development of all English words since the 12th century with full illustrative quotations, ordered according to the principal distinct sense of the word. It has been updated by a series of supplements through the centuries. The possibility of one organized on synchronic, rather than historical, principles was brought close when in 1984 the OED files began to be converted into a computerized database.

- a. When was the first English dictionary compiled?
- b. Why was it compiled?
- c. What are the features of Johnson's dictionary?
- d. Of the two landmarks of English lexicographical history which is more in use today?
- e. What dictionary do you use and how often do you use it?

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