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- 1) Name the fricative/s that does/do not occur in word final positions.
1. /ð/
 2. /h/
 3. /ŋ/
 4. /w/
- A. 1, 2
B. 2, 3
C. 2
D. 2, 3, 4
- 2) Which of the following description is correct about /k/ sound in the word 'call'?
- A. Voiced velaric plosive
B. Voiceless velaric plosive
C. Voiceless alveolar plosive
D. Voiced alveolar plosive
- 3) Which of the following are correct about 'Pure Vowels'?
1. Cardinal Vowels
 2. Monophthongs
 3. Single vowel sounds
 4. Gliding vowels
- A. 1 and 4
B. 2 and 3
C. 2 and 4
D. 3 and 4
- 4) The tip of the tongue the back of the alveolar ridge forming the complete obstruction. The sides of the tongue are lowered and the air can pass between them. The vocal cords are brought together and are vibrating. Which sound is produced here?
- A. Post-alveolar
B. Alveolar
C. Palatal
D. Palato-Alveolar

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- 5) Identify the word which has the diphthong '/ei/'?
- play
 - coy
 - happy
 - boy
- 6) Air is supplied to the alveoli by small tubes called the _____ (PG – 2019)
- trachea
 - bronchioles
 - vocal cords
 - wind pipe
- 7) Which of the following divisions are correct under manner of articulation?
- Palatal
 - Lateral
 - Fricatives
 - Glottal
 - Approximations
- A. 2, 3
B. 2, 3, 5
C. 1, 4
D. 1, 4, 5
- 8) _____ a flap of cartilage in the throat that prevents food from entering the trachea and the lungs.
- Pharynx
 - Larynx
 - Glottis
 - Epiglottis
- 9) _____ are produced with stricture of open approximation.
- Semi-vowels
 - Lateral
 - Plosives
 - Fricatives
 - Vowels
- A. 1, 5
B. 2, 3
C. 2, 3, 4
D. 4 only

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10) The phonic medium can be studied for at least three points of view. What are they?

- A. Phonemic, Phonetic, Acquisitive
- B. Articulatory, Acoustic, Auditory
- C. Articulatory, Acoustic, Audition
- D. Phonemic, Phonetic, Articulatory

11) Which of the following are the examples of rising intonation?

- 1. Have you lived here a long time?
 - 2. Could you please, open the window?
 - 3. When did you arrive last night?
 - 4. Oh, My god, what a fantastic score!
- A. 1, 3
 - B. 3, 4
 - C. 1, 2, 3
 - D. 1, 2

12) _____ are produced with the tip of the tongue firmly pressed against the middle part of the teeth ridge.

- A. Alveolar plosives
- B. Velaric plosives
- C. Labio-dental fricatives
- D. Dental fricatives

13) Which of the following consonant sounds that occurred in the word 'rose'?

- A. Voiced post-alveolar semi-vowel, Voiced alveolar fricative
- B. Voiceless post-alveolar semi-vowel, Voiceless alveolar fricative
- C. Voiced post-alveolar semi-vowel, Voiceless alveolar fricative
- D. Voiceless post-alveolar semi-vowel, Voiced alveolar fricative

14) Which of the following speech sounds in English are called as labio-dental fricatives?

- A. /f/ and /dʒ/
- B. /θ/ and /ð/
- C. /s/ and /z/
- D. /f/ and /v/

15) The rules governing phonemes into words in a language is known as _____

- A. Transcription
- B. Orthography
- C. Phonotactics
- D. Phonetics

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- 16) A label for the speech organs most directly involved in producing a consonant is termed as _____
- A. Manner of articulation
 - B. Place of articulation
 - C. Time of articulation
 - D. Classification of speech sounds
- 17) 'Acoustic Phonetics' is the branch of phonetics concerned with _____
- A. the sounds of speech in terms of their frequency, duration, intensity etc
 - B. the processes by which speech sounds are made
 - C. the hearing of speech sounds and with speech perception
 - D. anatomy involved in the production of the sounds of speech
- 18) Sounds which articulation the mainstream is stopped by a brief closure of two speech organs and then released in a quick burst are known as:
- A. Fricatives
 - B. Plosives
 - C. Nasals
 - D. Affricates
- 19) Velar sounds are produced when _____
- A. the middle of the tongue raises against the hard palate
 - B. the tip of the tongue raises towards the teeth ridge
 - C. the back of the tongue against the soft palate
 - D. the upper lip touches the lower lip
- 20) Which of the following is the smallest unit of sound that can be altered to change the meaning of a word?
- A. morpheme
 - B. bound morpheme
 - C. phoneme
 - D. sememe
- 21) What is the correct definition about minimal pair?
- A. A pair of words differing by only one speech sound
 - B. A pair of words differing by only two speech sounds
 - C. A pair of words resembling by only one speech sound
 - D. A pair of words resembling by only two speech sounds

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- 22) Phonemic distinctions in a language can be tested via _____ and _____ (POLY - 2021)
- A. Innateness and hypothesis
 - B. Free and bound morphemes
 - C. Syllables and cluster
 - D. Pairs and set of words
- 23) The initial sounds in 'led' and 'red' are described as _____ (POLY - 2021)
- A. liquids
 - B. solids
 - C. semi - solids
 - D. semi - liquids
- 24) How did Hockett call the code related morphemes to phonemes system? (PG - 2022)
- A. Structural system
 - B. Phoneme system
 - C. Moneme system
 - D. Morphophonemic system
- 25) In the production of a fricative consonant, the stricture is one of _____ (DIET - 2016)
- A. Complete Closure
 - B. Close Approximation
 - C. Open Approximation
 - D. Complete Closure and Slow Release
- 26) A phonological system of a language includes _____ (POLY - 2017)
- A. Rules for sound interaction
 - B. an inventory of sounds
 - C. an inventory of sound features
 - D. All of the above
- 27) _____ are called suprasegmental phonemes. (PG - 2017)
- A. Plosives
 - B. Affricatives
 - C. Stress, Pitch and Intonation
 - D. Allophones

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- 28) The term “Received Pronunciation” was coined by ____
- A. Daniel Jones
 - B. Henry Cockeram
 - C. Noah Webster
 - D. C.L.Wren
- 29) A group of consonants that have no intervening vowel is called as _____
- A. Consonant cluster
 - B. Syllabic Consonants
 - C. Abutting Consonants
 - D. Arresting Consonants
- 30) How many consonant sounds in English?
- A. 12
 - B. 8
 - C. 20
 - D. 24
- 31) In English almost all speech sounds are made using _____ air stream mechanism.
- A. Pulmonic egressive
 - B. Velaric
 - C. Glottalic
 - D. Palatal
- 32) The degree of force with which syllable of a word is uttered is called _____
- A. Intonation
 - B. Stress
 - C. Rhythm
 - D. Pause
- 33) The study of articulation, transmission and reception of speech sound is called _____
- A. Phonology
 - B. Phonetics
 - C. Morphology
 - D. Received Pronunciation

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- 34) The concave surface just behind the upper front teeth is called _____
- A. Alveolar Ridge
 - B. Teeth Ridge
 - C. Soft palate
 - D. Hard palate
- 35) Diphthong is a mixed vowel sound that is known as _____
- A. Vowel glide
 - B. Consonant
 - C. Vowel
 - D. Semi-vowel
- 36) The sounds made by holding the lips together and then releasing the sound, such as /p/ and /b/ are _____
- A. Alveolar
 - B. Velaric
 - C. Bilabial
 - D. Glottalic
- 37) How many cardinal vowels are in English?
- A. 6
 - B. 7
 - C. 8
 - D. 9
- 38) Which is called as Nucleus of a syllable?
- A. Consonants
 - B. Morpheme
 - C. Plosive
 - D. Vowel
- 39) How is the /g/ in 'goat' described?
- A. Voiced velaric plosive
 - B. Voiceless velaric plosive
 - C. Voiceless alveolar plosive
 - D. Voiced alveolar plosive

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- 40) _____ are produced with a partial or complete blockage of the airflow from the lungs through of the mouth or nose.
- A. Plosives
 - B. Fricatives
 - C. Affricatives
 - D. Nasals
- 41) Which is the smallest phonetic unit in a language?
- A. Morpheme
 - B. Phoneme
 - C. Word
 - D. Syllable
- 42) Which sound is called as frictionless continuant?
- A. /r/
 - B. /w/
 - C. /j/
 - D. /l/
- 43) The syllable on which a pitch movement is initiated known as _____
- A. Primary Accent
 - B. Secondary Accent
 - C. Stress
 - D. Intonation
- 44) _____ sounds are produced by raising the tip of the tongue towards the teeth ridge.
- A. Alveolar
 - B. Palatal
 - C. Platao-Alveolar
 - D. Glottalic
- 45) A phonemic transcription indicates the sequence of distinctive sound which is called as _____
- A. Narrow Phonetic Transcription
 - B. Broad Phonetic Transcription
 - C. British Phonetic Transcription
 - D. American Phonetic Transcription

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- 46) Which part of speech organ is called as 'Adam's Apple'?
- A. Soft Palate
 - B. Velum
 - C. Pharynx
 - D. Larynx
- 47) How many voiceless sounds are in English produced without vibration of vocal cords?
- A. 12
 - B. 9
 - C. 8
 - D. 15
- 48) Which sound is a combination of two adjacent vowel sounds within the same syllable?
- A. Consonants
 - B. Diphthongs
 - C. Pure Vowels
 - D. Semi Vowels
- 49) Consonant which occupies nuclear position of a syllable is called as _____
- A. Releasing consonant
 - B. Arresting consonant
 - C. Abutting consonant
 - D. Syllabic consonants
- 50) The word 'jelly' has _____ consonant sounds.
- A. Voiceless palato-alveolar affricative, Voiceless alveolar lateral
 - B. Voiced palato-alveolar affricative, Voiced alveolar lateral
 - C. Voiced palatal semi-vowel, Voiceless palato-alveolar fricative
 - D. Voiceless palatal semi-vowel, Voiced palato-alveolar fricative