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GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER - II

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

All questions carry equal mark of 1 each.
Attempt all questions.

Directions (Question No. 1 - 10) : Identify the Part of Speech of the underlined words:

1. He eats in this restaurant once a week.
(a) Noun (b) Adverb
(c) Adjective (d) Conjunction
2. He was fined a sum of 500 rupees for driving while drunk.
(a) Verb (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
3. Work hard else you will fail.
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Adverb (d) Interjection
4. Time is a valuable commodity.
(a) Adjective (b) Verb
(c) Adverb (d) Noun
5. Place your chair next to mine.
(a) Noun (b) Adjective
(c) Preposition (d) Conjunction
6. I long to see your face again.
(a) Verb (b) Noun
(c) Adverb (d) Adjective
7. This is a very long movie.
(a) Verb (b) Adverb
(c) Noun (d) Adjective
8. I ran after the thief, but was unable to catch him.
(a) Preposition (b) Conjunction
(c) Adjective (d) Verb
9. He wore a silver ring on his left hand.
(a) Adverb (b) Noun
(c) Adjective (d) Verb
10. He worked hard to provide for his family.
(a) Adverb (b) Noun
(c) Adjective (d) Preposition

Directions (Question No. 11 - 20) : Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb.

11. I _____ this man before tonight.
(a) has never seen (b) have never seen
(c) did not see (d) had never saw
12. I sympathized with him for the money that he _____.
(a) lost (b) had lost
(c) losed (d) had loosed
13. Right now, the contractor _____ a house next to mine.
(a) has built (b) builds
(c) is building (d) had builed
14. I _____ for you since 4:00 pm.
(a) waited (b) was waiting
(c) will have been waiting (d) have been waiting
15. She _____ her work by the time we reach home.
(a) was completing (b) will complete
(c) will have completed (d) had completed
16. She _____ that you are a complete liar.
(a) thinks (b) thought
(c) think (d) is thinking
17. When I see her, I _____ her that I love her.
(a) told (b) will have told
(c) will tell (d) will be telling
18. It was too hot to go for a walk, so we _____ indoors all day.
(a) stays (b) were staying
(c) stay (d) have been staying
19. She _____ to see me everyday.
(a) came (b) comes
(c) is coming (d) had come
20. We _____ to his lecture for over an hour when he suddenly ran out.
(a) listened (b) had been listening
(c) were listening (d) had listened

Directions (Question No. 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with the correct adverbs or adjectives.

21. There were a _____ questions that I could not answer.
(a) few (b) many
(c) little (d) some
22. I asked him how _____ money he had, and he refused to answer.
(a) much (b) many
(c) any (d) few
23. She worked _____ so that she could be financially stable.
(a) hardly (b) hardily
(c) hard (d) hardsomely
24. The Director said that he was _____ happy with our project.
(a) too (b) so
(c) much (d) very

25. She was _____ shocked by the appearance of the building.
(a) completely (b) completely
(c) complete (d) completedness
26. The new property is _____ in shape.
(a) circle (b) circuitous
(c) circuit (d) circular
27. My scooter can only go _____.
(a) foreword (b) forwardly
(c) forward (d) forwarded
28. He moved _____ into the room to see everything clearly.
(a) further (b) farther
(c) furthest (d) farly
29. There is _____ food for all of us.
(a) amplify (b) ample
(c) amplitude (d) amply
30. Jamie is my _____ friend.
(a) closed (b) closely
(c) close (d) closet

Directions (Question No. 31 - 40) : Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions or conjunctions.

31. I will not help you _____ you try your best as well.
(a) lest (b) if
(c) unless (d) as long as
32. I was beaten _____ a stick for my disobedience.
(a) with (b) through
(c) by (d) of
33. Not _____ he but his sister also is to blame.
(a) only (b) but
(c) just (d) except
34. My house is _____ the school.
(a) next (b) near
(c) nearly (d) nearest
35. The high-jumper jumped _____ the rope.
(a) on (b) above
(c) atop (d) over
36. He betrayed me, _____ I have punished him.
(a) since (b) therefore
(c) however (d) for
37. My grandparents live in a small cabin _____ that hill.
(a) between (b) beyond
(c) betwixt (d) besides
38. I rarely see him _____ he lived just a few rooms from mine.
(a) except (b) as though
(c) although (d) unless

39. I will not forgive you _____ if you begged me.
(a) but (b) as
(c) and (d) even
40. The four thieves divided the money equally _____ themselves.
(a) between (b) among
(c) unto (d) into

Directions (Question No.41 - 50) : Change the following as directed.

41. He ran out of money. He had to curb his spending habits. (to Compound sentence)
(a) He ran out of money, so he had to curb his spending habits.
(b) Running out of money, he had to curb his spending habits.
(c) He ran out of money, he had to curb his spending habits.
(d) He had to curb his spending habits, he ran out of money.
42. He was wealthy. He was unhappy. (to Complex)
(a) Although he was wealthy, he was unhappy. (b) He was wealthy and unhappy.
(c) Being wealthy, he was unhappy. (d) He was wealthy, he was unhappy.
43. Surdas was a poet. He was blind. (to Simple)
(a) Surdas was a poet and blind. (b) Surdas was a poet but blind.
(c) Surdas was blind and a poet. (d) Surdas was a blind poet.
44. You should finish your work. Then you can go home. (to Simple)
(a) You should finish your work and go home.
(b) After finishing your work, you can go home.
(c) You can go home if you finish your work.
(d) You should finish your work and only then, you can go home.
45. He worked hard. He still failed. (to Compound)
(a) Working hard, he still failed. (b) He worked hard, yet he still failed.
(c) He worked hard to fail. (d) Working hardly, he still failed.
46. Here comes the girl. She stole my heart. (to Complex)
(a) The girl stole my heart and is coming. (b) Here comes the girl and she stole my heart.
(c) Here comes the girl but she stole my heart. (d) Here comes the girl who stole my heart.
47. It is very spicy. I cannot eat it. (to Simple)
(a) It is too spicy to be eaten. (b) It is very spicy, so I cannot eat it.
(c) Since it is very spicy, I cannot eat it. (d) It is very spicy yet I cannot eat it.
48. Walking fast, he reached the station on time. (to Compound)
(a) He walked fast, he reached the station on time.
(b) He walked fast and hence he reached the station on time.
(c) He walked fast to reach the station on time.
(d) He walked too fast to reach the station on time.
49. She is an heiress. Everyone knows that. (to Complex)
(a) Everyone knows that she is an heiress. (b) She is an heiress and everyone knows that.
(c) She is an heiress, yet everyone knows that. (d) That she is an heiress is known to us.
50. This is the house. Michael was born here. (to Complex)
(a) This is the house and Michael was born here. (b) That Michael was born in this house.
(c) This is the house where Michael was born. (d) This is the house where Michael was born here.

Directions (Question No. 51 - 60) : Analyse the following by picking out the clause mentioned in brackets.

51. This is the boy who rescued my cat. (*Adjectival clause*)
(a) This is (b) the boy
(c) who rescued my cat (d) my cat
52. She is the girl whom I shall marry. (*Main clause*)
(a) She is (b) She is the girl
(c) the girl (d) whom I shall marry
53. Where she went is not known to me (*Noun clause*)
(a) Where she went (b) it is not known to me
(c) is not known (d) to me
54. Wait here till I come back (*adverbial clause*)
(a) Wait here (b) till i
(c) come back (d) till I come back
55. She failed because she did not work. (*main clause*)
(a) She failed (b) because she did not work
(c) she did not work (d) because
56. We work so that we may enjoy later. (*Adverbial clause*)
(a) We work (b) so that we may enjoy later
(c) so that (d) we may enjoy later
57. Nobody knows it better than I do. (*adverbial clause*)
(a) Nobody knows it (b) better than
(c) better than I do (d) than I do
58. It is certain that we are too late (*Noun clause*)
(a) It is certain (b) we are too late
(c) that we are too late (d) too late
59. The man who found the dog met me yesterday. (*adjectival clause*)
(a) The man (b) who found the dog
(c) met me yesterday (d) the man met me yesterday
60. I will do it since you want me to do it. (*Main clause*)
(a) I will do it (b) since
(c) since you want me to do it (d) to do it

Directions (Question No. 61 - 70) : Synthesize the following sentences as directed.

61. The baby cried for milk. It crawled to its mother. (*use a Participle*)
(a) The baby cried for milk and crawled to its mother.
(b) Crying for milk, the baby crawled to its mother.
(c) The baby cried for milk to crawl to its mother.
(d) The baby cried and crawled to its mother.
62. The class was over. The students left the classroom. (*use Participial phrase*)
(a) The class having been over, the students left the classroom.
(b) The class was over and the students left the classroom.
(c) Since the class was over, the students left the classroom.
(d) The students left the classroom as the class was over.

63. I have many people depending on me. I need a lot of strength. (*use Infinitives*)
(a) Since I have many people depending on me, I need a lot of strength.
(b) I have many people depending on me, therefore I need a lot of strength.
(c) I need a lot of strength to support the many people depending on me.
(d) Having many people depending on me, I need a lot of strength.
64. She could not complete her work. It was very sad. (*use Adverb*)
(a) Sadly, she could not complete her work.
(b) It was sad that she could not complete her work.
(c) She could not complete her work and it was sad.
(d) Unable to complete her work, it was sad.
65. He was punished. He was fined also. (*use Cumulative conjunction*)
(a) He was punished but he was fined. (b) He was punished for he was fined.
(c) Being fined, he was punished also. (d) He was punished as well as fined.
66. Her voice was too loud. I cannot enjoy her singing. (*remove 'too'*)
(a) Her voice was loud that I cannot enjoy her singing.
(b) Her voice was so loud that I cannot enjoy her singing.
(c) Her voice, being loud, I cannot enjoy her singing.
(d) I cannot enjoy her singing as her voice was too loud.
67. Para is smart. No other student can compare to him. (*change to Comparative degree*)
(a) Para is the smartest student. (b) Para is smartest among all the students.
(c) Para is smarter than any other student. (d) Para is smart than any other student.
68. He has died. The rumour is true. (*use Noun clause*)
(a) He has died and the rumour is true. (b) The rumour that he has died is true.
(c) The rumour is true as he has died. (d) He has died is a true rumour.
69. Do as you like. Don't blame me if you fail. (*use Adversative conjunction*)
(a) Do as you like if you don't blame me if you fail. (b) Don't blame me if you fail doing what you like.
(c) Do as you like and don't blame me if you fail. (d) Do as you like, only don't blame me if you fail.
70. It is so hot. I cannot function properly. (*use Infinitive*)
(a) It is too hot to function properly. (b) It is so hot that I cannot function properly too.
(c) It is too hot so that I cannot function properly. (d) It is so hot too that I cannot function properly.

Directions (Question No. 71 - 80) : Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

71. I was hungry but I could not find anything _____ in their kitchen.
(a) eligible (b) edible
(c) audible (d) legible
72. I offered her my sympathies at the _____ of their mother.
(a) lost (b) loose
(c) lose (d) loss
73. I offered her my help but she would not _____ it.
(a) accept (b) except
(c) expect (d) accede
74. Ever since his illness, he has become a _____ and no longer drinks alcohol.
(a) turn-coat (b) teetotaler
(c) teeter-totter (d) tattletale

75. He is an _____ painter and dancer.
(a) adopt (b) adept
(c) adapt (d) addict
76. The airplane will _____ from the clouds as it gets ready to land.
(a) decent (b) descend
(c) descent (d) dissent
77. I asked the gatekeeper to let us _____ the entrance.
(a) through (b) trough
(c) tough (d) thorough
78. I was _____ of the car slowly moving towards me.
(a) conscience (b) consensus
(c) consent (d) conscious
79. Death is an _____ part of human existence.
(a) inedible (b) indelible
(c) inevitable (d) ineligible
80. The king hired a _____ to kill all his enemies.
(a) mercenary (b) missionary
(c) mercer (d) machinery

Directions (Question No. 81 - 85) : Choose the correct antonym of the underlined words.

81. He was oblivious to the crowd around him.
(a) obvious (b) aware
(c) unaware (d) invisible
82. The king's army was so strong they were almost invincible.
(a) defenceless (b) perfect
(c) invisible (d) penetrable
83. We know our true friends during moments of adversity.
(a) misfortune (b) prosperity
(c) happiness (d) war
84. He is handsome but his apathy towards poor people makes him ugly.
(a) passion (b) sympathy
(c) mistreatment (d) cruelty
85. I asked the operator to magnify the image on the computer.
(a) reduce (b) maximize
(c) sharpen (d) dull

Directions (Question No. 86 - 90) : Choose the correct synonym of the underlined words.

86. His perseverance ultimately led to his success
(a) defeat (b) persistence
(c) corruption (d) kindness
87. He asked me discreetly whether I knew the thief or not.
(a) loudly (b) angrily
(c) cautiously (d) carelessly

88. I was amazed by the fortitude of the young man.
(a) courage (b) kindness
(c) cruelty (d) fickleness
89. John was a candid person whom I liked tremendously.
(a) humorous (b) sarcastic
(c) beautiful (d) frank
90. He was a peculiar man whom I met while travelling to Delhi.
(a) unusual (b) normal
(c) careful (d) intelligent

Directions (Question No. 91 - 100) : Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idioms.

91. He went over and above his duty in defending the townspeople.
(a) to be negligent (b) in addition to
(c) disobeying one's superiors (d) disregarding one's duty
92. He searched high and low for his dog.
(a) everywhere (b) dangerous places
(c) enlisting help (d) performing a task lazily
93. The community grew by leaps and bounds after he became their leader.
(a) slowly (b) rapidly
(c) illegally (d) to deteriorate
94. He attacked me without rhyme or reason.
(a) with full might (b) in a half-hearted manner
(c) with great anger (d) without a cause
95. My father was a close-fisted man.
(a) violent (b) kind
(c) silent (d) miserly
96. Peter liked to hold his cards close to his chest when dealing with people.
(a) secretive (b) effeminate
(c) talk too much (d) touch people needlessly
97. Tom caught the eye when he came to our town.
(a) to flirt with (b) to attract attention
(c) to cause disgust (d) to make people laugh
98. My efforts to marry her eventually ended in smoke.
(a) to have a happy ending (b) still undecided
(c) to come to nothing (d) leading to enmity
99. The decision to pardon him hangs in the balance.
(a) to be uncertain (b) favourable
(c) unfavourable (d) decided by voting
100. My marriage to her brother was the bone of contention between the two of us.
(a) a binding bond (b) cause of dispute
(c) reason for friendship (d) cause of happiness