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PAPER-I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

FM : 200

PART-A
(150 Marks)

All questions carry equal marks of 2 each. Attempt all questions.

This Section should be answered only on the OMR Response Sheet provided.

1. Fathometer is used to measure
 (a) Ocean depth
 (b) Rainfall
 (c) Temperature
 (d) Sound intensity
2. One people, One State, One Leader' was the policy of
 (a) Stalin
 (b) Kim Jong Un
 (c) Lenin
 (d) Hitler
3. Who is known as 'the father of Indian missile program'?
 (a) Narendra Modi
 (b) Dr. Chidambaram
 (c) Dr. Homi Bhabha
 (d) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
4. An ant can see the objects all around it due to the presence of ____
 (a) Simple Eyes
 (b) Well-developed eyes
 (c) Compound eyes
 (d) Eyes over the head
5. Which of the following is the busiest international sea port in India?
 (a) Kochi
 (b) Kolkata
 (c) Mumbai
 (d) Tuticorin
6. At which specific place on earth are days and nights are of equal lengths?
 (a) Prime meridian
 (b) Mid- Poles
 (c) Equator
 (d) Antartica
7. Which of the following protein is found in hair?
 (a) Actin
 (b) Histone
 (c) Keratin
 (d) Elastin
8. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on 22 March 2024 successfully carried out the landing mission of its Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) named:
 (a) Pushpak
 (b) Agni
 (c) Chandrayaan
 (d) Surya

9. First Indian woman to win Man Booker Prize
(a) Daman Singh
(c) V.S. Naipaul
 (b) Arundhati Roy
(d) Salman Rushdie
10. In order to control inflation in the economy, the Reserve Bank of India
(a) Buys securities in the open market
(c) Reduces reverse repo rate
 (b) Sells securities in the open market
(d) Lowers statutory Liquidity Ratio
11. Who is the guardian of fundamental rights enumerated in Indian Constitution?
(a) Parliament
(c) Council of Ministers
 (b) Supreme Court
(d) Prime Minister
12. Which country won the Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 in Bhubaneswar?
(a) China
(c) Australia
 (b) Germany
(d) Belgium
13. Which country recently imposed a ban on its citizens from traveling to Russia or Ukraine for employment?
(a) Sri Lanka
(c) Bangladesh
 (b) Pakistan
(d) Nepal
14. Which countries have been recently designated as "Countries of Particular Concern" by the US for severe violations of religious freedom?
 (a) China, North Korea, Pakistan
(c) Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia
(b) Nepal, Burma, Cuba
(d) Syria, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan
15. Which city has been named the cleanest in India for the seventh consecutive year?
(a) Delhi
(c) Nagpur
 (b) Amritsar
(d) Indore
16. According to the 'Solar Policy 2024', what is the targeted installed capacity of solar power in Delhi by 2027?
(a) 5000 MW
(c) 4000 MW
 (b) 4500 MW
(d) 3500 MW
17. Nitish Kumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar on August 10, 2022 for the
(a) 7th time
 (c) 9th time
(b) 8th time
(d) 10th time
18. What is the scheme established by the Supreme Court of India to ensure the safety of witnesses facing threats?
(a) Witness Fostered Scheme
(c) Witness Security Scheme
 (b) Witness Protection Scheme
(d) Witness Present Scheme
19. What is the Free Movement Regime between India and Myanmar?
(a) Trade Pact between the two countries
 (b) A pact allowing visa-free movement across the border
(c) A cultural exchange program
(d) A mechanism for repatriation of refugees
20. What is the full form of FDI?
(a) Foreign Direct Investigation
(c) Future Direct Investment
 (b) Foreign Direct Investment
(d) Foreign Directing Investment

21. The NAMASTE Portal that was recently in news, is related to which of the following fields?
(a) Traditional Medicine (b) Space Technology
(c) Environmental Conservation (d) Digital Technology
22. Which bank of India has introduced the Green Rupee Term Deposit?
(a) Axis Bank (b) HDFC Bank
(c) Indian Bank (d) State Bank of India (SBI)
23. Who are the main targets of the PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme (PM YASASVI), recently seen in the news?
(a) OBCs, EBC, and DNT students
(b) Students from average social backgrounds
(c) General Category Students
(d) Only economically disadvantaged students
24. "Bharat 5G Portal- an integrated portal" is launched by which ministry?
(a) Ministry of Communications (b) Ministry of Education
(c) Ministry of Fisheries (d) Ministry of Trade and Industries
25. Recently, which neurotechnology company has implanted the first computer chip in a human brain?
(a) Kernel (b) Blackrock Neurotech
(c) Neuralink (d) Neurable
26. Which university is named the world's most sustainable university, as per "QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2024"?
(a) IISc Bengaluru (b) IIT Madras
(c) Delhi University (d) University of Toronto
27. Which of the following is NOT a Special Category State (SCS) as of 2023?
(a) Assam (b) Kerala
(c) Sikkim (d) Manipur
28. India's first Gymnosperm garden is established in which state?
(a) Arunachal Pradesh (b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) West Bengal (d) Uttarakhand
29. The GIFT City, a project launched in 2011 to become a financial capital to rival Mumbai, is located on the outskirts of?
(a) Delhi (b) Ahmedabad
(c) Sikkim (d) Bengaluru
30. Which Indian airline recently inducted India's first Airbus A350 aircraft into its fleet?
(a) Kingfisher (b) IndiGo
(c) Air India (d) SpiceJet
31. Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTTP) aims to connect Kolkata Seaport with which country?
(a) Sri Lanka (b) Bangladesh
(c) Cambodia (d) Myanmar
32. Which state legislative assembly approved a legislation that increases the reservation for SC/ST/EBE and OBC from 50% to 65%?
(a) Karnataka (b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Bihar (d) Kerala

33. Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) were first used in which state?
 (a) Kerala (b) Maharashtra
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Gujarat
34. Which Asian country announced visa-free entry for citizens of China and India for 30 days?
(a) South Korea (b) Indonesia
 (c) Malaysia (d) Singapore
35. When is the National Sports Day celebrated in India?
(a) August 25 (b) August 26
(c) August 27 (d) August 29
36. Which Union Ministry extended the deadline for enabling Aadhaar-based payment for MGNREGA workers?
(a) Ministry of Finance (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
 (c) Ministry of Rural Development (d) Ministry of Electronics and IT
37. The first woman to become a Chief Minister of any state in India was?
(a) Nandini Satpathy (b) Dr. J. Jayalalitha
 (c) Sucheta Kripalani (d) Ms. Mayawati
38. Which is set to become the first country to engage in commercial deep sea mining?
(a) India (b) China
 (c) Norway (d) Australia
39. In which year, the words "Socialist" and "Secular" were added to the Preamble of the Indian Constitution?
(a) 1972 (b) 1976
(c) 1978 (d) 1980
40. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Innovation Index 2023'?
(a) 55 (b) 50
 (c) 40 (d) 35
41. *Mizo Chanchin*, first published in 1938, was written by:
(a) K.Zawla (b) R.Vanlawma
 (c) Rev.Liangkhaia (d) Zatluanga
42. The first Mizo pastor was:
(a) Challiana (b) Liangkhaia
(c) Chhawna (d) Chhuahkhama
43. The author of *The Lakhers*(1932) was:
(a) J.Shakespear (b) Alexander Mackenzie
(c) A.G. MacCall (d) N.E.Parry
44. The *Upanishads* are books on:
(a) Politics (b) Philosophy
(c) Medicine (d) Social life
45. The last Hindu emperor of northern India was
 (a) Harshavardhana (b) Pulakesin II
(c) Rajyavardhana (d) Skandagupta

46. Which of the following is the name given to the original inhabitants of India?
(a) Aryans (b) Harappans
(c) Varmans (d) Dravidians
47. Who was the only Muslim woman ruler of Medieval India during the Delhi Sultanate?
(a) Mumtaz Mahal (b) Padma Nanda
 (c) Raziya (d) Noor Jahan
48. Which Indian State has the largest forest cover?
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Rajasthan (d) Madhya Pradesh
49. Which of the following Agency regulates the working of the share markets in India?
(a) FERA (b) SEBI
(c) MRTP Act (d) FEMA
50. The targeted fiscal deficit of India presented by the Union Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2024-25 is
(a) 4.6% (b) 4.9%
 (c) 5.1% (d) 5.8%

Directions (Question Nos. 51-55): Choose the correct synonyms of the underlined words:

51. The song had a soporific effect on the child.
(a) sad (b) terrifying
 (c) sleep-inducing (d) terrific
52. The pregnant lady said the pain had abated.
 (a) subsided (b) increased
(c) vanished (d) escalated
53. A wise man puts rancour behind and moves ahead.
(a) mistakes (b) hatred
(c) division (d) criticism
54. She adjusted quite well with her husband's idiosyncrasies.
 (a) peculiar habits (b) bad behaviour
(c) idiotic sins (d) weaknesses
55. There is not a singular word that is redundant in the report.
(a) boring (b) essential
(c) repulsive (d) superfluous

Directions (Question Nos. 56-70): Choose the correct antonyms of the underlined words:

56. He was charged with abetting the crime.
(a) instigating (b) supporting
 (c) dissuading (d) keeping in abeyance
57. The minister was accused of nepotism.
 (a) impartiality (b) hatred
(c) favouritism (d) indifference

58. The teacher glanced through the letter perfunctorily
(a) casually (b) hastily
(c) ceremoniously (d) carefully
59. Research has shown that the new drug has pernicious effect on the health of patients.
 (a) beneficial (b) detrimental
(c) destructive (d) baneful
60. There are many anecdotes about the new secretary who is an imperious personality.
(a) characterless (b) proud
 (c) submissive (d) secretive

Directions (Question Nos. 61-65): Complete the following by making the verb agree with its subject:

61. He gave me _____ advice.
(a) an (b) some
(c) a (d) the
62. Honour and glory _____ his reward.
 (a) is (b) are
(c) were (d) has
63. The committee _____ issued its report
(a) have (b) are
 (c) has (d) were
64. Each of the suspected men _____ arrested
 (a) was (b) were
(c) are being (d) were being
65. A good man and a useful citizen _____ passed away.
(a) are (b) is
(c) has (d) have

Directions (Question Nos. 66-70): Choose the correct meaning of the following idioms and phrases:

66. Rub shoulder with
 (a) Come in contact with (b) Quarrel with a person
(c) Have a cause to fight (d) Provide time to relax
67. Teething problems
(a) Difficulties at the end (b) Difficulties all the time
(c) Difficulties with speech (d) Difficulties at the beginning
68. To have an axe to grind
 (a) A private end to serve (b) To have a work to do
(c) To complete a task (d) To work for both sides
69. To drive home
(a) To find one's root (b) To return to place of rest
 (c) To emphasise (d) To encourage

70. To throw dust in one's eyes
(a) To harm someone
(c) To show false emotions
(b) To deceive
(d) To make someone cry

Directions (Questions Nos. 71-75): Complete the following sentences with the most suitable alternative provided below:

71. My mother upset the kettle of boiling water and _____ her right hand badly.
(a) scalded
(c) wounded
(b) scorched
(d) sizzled
72. Even a _____ glance will reveal the mystery.
(a) crude
(c) cursory
(b) critical
(d) curious
73. The Director treated the employees to a _____ dinner after they completed their project.
(a) precious
(c) stupendous
(b) thriving
(d) sumptuous
74. The soldiers were instructed to _____ restraint and handle the situation peacefully
(a) exercise
(c) prevent
(b) control
(d) enforce
75. The committee's appeal to the people for _____ little response.
(a) evoked
(c) gained
(b) provoked
(d) provided

PART-B
(50 Marks)

*This Section should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.
Marks for each question is indicated against it. Attempt all questions.*

1. Write a precis of the following passage, reducing it to 1/3rd of its original length, and giving it a suitable title. (10)

Pollution is a global challenge that poses a threat to the health of our planet and its inhabitants. It manifests in various forms, including air, water, soil, noise, and light pollution. The consequences of pollution are far-reaching, affecting ecosystems, biodiversity, and human well-being. Industrial activities, urbanization, and improper waste management contribute significantly to pollution.

Air pollution, caused by the release of pollutants into the atmosphere, leads to respiratory diseases, climate change, and environmental degradation. Water pollution results from the discharge of chemicals, sewage, and industrial waste into rivers, lakes, and oceans, harming aquatic life and contaminating drinking water sources. Soil pollution occurs when pollutants like pesticides and heavy metals degrade the quality of soil, affecting plant growth and food safety.

Noise pollution, generated by traffic, industrial machinery, and other human activities, can have adverse effects on human health, causing stress, sleep disturbances, and hearing loss. Light pollution, caused by excessive artificial light in urban areas, disrupts natural ecosystems and interferes with the behavior of nocturnal animals.

Addressing pollution requires collective efforts at individual, community, and governmental levels. Individuals can contribute by adopting eco-friendly practices, reducing waste, and using sustainable modes of transportation. Industries must invest in cleaner technologies and adhere to strict environmental standards.

2. Write an essay on **any one (1)** of the following: **(20)**
- Good governance
 - Ethics in the workplace
 - Education in Mizoram

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

King Louis XVI and Queen Marie Antoinette ruled France from 1774 to 1789, a time when the country was fighting bankruptcy. The royal couple did not let France's insecure financial situation limit their immoderate spending, however. Even though the minister of finance repeatedly warned the king and queen against wasting money, they continued to spend great fortunes on their personal pleasure. This lavish spending greatly enraged the people of France. They felt that the royal couple bought its luxurious lifestyle at the poor people's expense.

Marie Antoinette, the beautiful but exceedingly impractical queen, seemed uncaring about her subjects' misery. While French citizens begged for lower taxes, the queen embellished her palace with extravagant works of art. She also surrounded herself with artists, writers, and musicians, who encouraged the queen to spend money even more profusely.

While the queen's favorites gluttoned themselves on huge feasts at the royal table, many people in France were starving. The French government taxed the citizens outrageously. These high taxes paid for the entertainments the queen and her court so enjoyed. When the minister of finance tried to stop these royal spendthrifts, the queen replaced him. The intense hatred that the people felt for Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette kept building until it led to the French Revolution. During this time of struggle and violence (1789-1799), thousands of aristocrats, as well as the king and queen themselves, lost their lives at the guillotine. Perhaps if Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette had reined in their extravagant spending, the events that rocked France would not have occurred.

- (a) Why were the people of France enraged with the royal couple? **(4)**
- (b) How did Marie Antoniette act during her people's misery? **(4)**
- (c) What led to the French Revolution? **(5)**
- (d) How did the king and queen die? **(2)**
- (e) Find words in the passage with similar meanings to the following: **(3×1=3)**
 - (i) Financial ruin (ii) Decorated
 - (iii) Overfill
- (f) Give a suitable title to the passage. **(2)**

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