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## **Section – I**

### **(General English)**

**Direction (Q. Nos. 1 to 4) :** Which of the following phrases given below should replace the phrase printed in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct. If you think that the sentence is correct as it is, choose the option, "No correction required" from the options as your answer.



Grace

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**Direction (Q. Nos. 5 to 8) :** In below questions two words will be given and these two words will have some kind of a relationship which relates them in a particular way. After finding this relationship, pick the correct option which has words related in a similar way.

**Direction (Q. Nos. 9 to 10) :** Read the below sentences carefully and choose the right kind of clause.

9. They told us why they are doing that.  
(A) Noun Clause  
(C) Declarative Clause
- (B) Adjective Clause  
(D) Wh-Clause

10. They left early.  
(A) Noun Clause  
(C) Declarative Clause
- (B) Adjective Clause  
(D) Wh-Clause

**Direction (Q. Nos. 11 to 15) :** In each of the following sentences, a proverb is highlighted. Select the alternative which best describes its use in the sentence.

11. In the last budget, the government brought forward a new scheme of taxation.

- (A) Prioritized ✓  
(C) Notified ✗
- (B) Displayed ✗  
(D) Introduced ✗

12. The sales of the company are increasing by leaps and bounds.

- (A) As proposed ✗  
(C) Very slowly ✗
- (B) In calculated ways ✓  
(D) Quickly ✗

13. The police made considerable headway in sorting of the papers.

- (A) Progress ✓  
(C) Action
- (B) Movement  
(D) Measurement

14. The kind old woman received the stranger with open arms.

- (A) With her arms free  
(C) With restraint
- (B) With warmth ✓  
(D) With care

15. My friend ran off helter-skelter down the slope.

- (A) Unknowingly  
(C) Purposefully
- (B) With recklessness ✗  
(D) Hurriedly ✗

16. Find the mis-spelt word :

- (A) Mendacious  
(C) Pernicious
- (B) Obnoxious ✗  
(D) Ferocious

17. Find the mis-spelt word :

- (A) Temperature  
(C) Tempastuous
- (B) Temperament  
(D) Temptation

18. Find the word with correct spelling :

- (A) Accommodate  
(C) Acommodate

- (B) Accommodate  
(D) Accommorate



19. Find the word with correct spelling :

- (A) Collaegue  
(C) Collegue

- (B) Colleague  
(D) Coleague

20. Find the word with correct spelling :

- (A) Entrepreneur  
(C) Entrepeneur

- (B) Enterpreneur  
(D) Entreprenur

**Direction (Q. Nos. 21 to 25) :** In each of the following find the best suited opposite or nearly opposite word.

21. 'EXCITED' *Bored*

- (A) Hyper  
(C) Tantalized

- (B) Thrilled  
(D) Tranquil

Free from disturbance  
calm

22. 'CANDID'

- (A) Blunt  
(C) Upfront

- (B) Frank  
(D) Guarded

23. 'TIRED'

- (A) Fatigued  
(C) Sluggish

- (B) Beaten  
(D) Vitalized

24. 'ABOLISH'

- (A) Setup  
(C) Annul

- (B) Abrogate  
(D) Delete

25. 'ELOQUENCE'

- (A) Expression  
(C) Halting

- (B) Fluency  
(D) Rhetoric

**Direction (Q. Nos. 26 to 30) :** Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option.

26. Be pure \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

- (A) of  
(C) in

- (B) on  
(D) with

27. The Chairman is ill and we will have to \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting for a week.

- (A) put on  
(C) put off

- (B) put up  
(D) put down

28. It took the child a long time to recover \_\_\_\_\_ the shock.

- (A) over  
(C) under  
(D) from

29. When he died, Ramanujan \_\_\_\_\_ behind three notebooks.

- (A) left  
(C) was leaving  
(D) had left want

grave.

30. He was \_\_\_\_\_ a mile of hotel when he ran out of petrol.

- (A) within  
(C) only  
(B) inside  
(D) hardly

**Direction (Q. Nos. 31 and 32) :** In the following some parts have been jumbled up. You are required to rearrange these parts, which are labelled P, Q, R and S to make the correct sentence.

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31. In life, some rules are (P) /, as business (Q) /, they seem almost instinctive (R) /, learnt so early that (S) :

- (A) RSPQ  
(C) RPSQ  
(B) QPSR  
(D) QSPR

32. The concept of death, that it has reduced (P) /, as an inevitability (Q) /, is so ancient (R) /, to a cliché (S) :

- (A) SPRQ  
(C) SRPQ  
(B) QRPS  
(D) QPRS

**Direction (Q. Nos. 33 to 35) :** Choose the most appropriate synonym to the given words.

33. Foment

- (A) Vex  
(C) Renounce  
(B) Waste  
(D) Instigate



34. Solicitous

- (A) Obscene  
(C) Wholesome  
(B) Wise  
(D) Confident



35. Falter

- (A) Wobble  
(C) Bounce  
(B) Animate  
(D) Active



**Direction (Q. Nos. 36 to 40) :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Political independence came to Ceylon in a totally different manner than it did to Burma. In the case of Ceylon there was no Japanese occupation, no revolutionary fervent and no sudden break with the past. The colony did not even experience the sort of liberation struggle the Indian National Congress organised. There was no civil disobedience and no imprisonment of national leaders.

As there was no struggle in Ceylon, neither was there the usual concomitant of a struggle, the hardening of national solidarity through national sacrifice. Ceylon emerged from colonial rule through a process of peaceful negotiations, but this was not an altogether unmixed blessing. An essential element in the explanation of the unique way in which Ceylon achieved Political Independence is the fact that the process of Westernisation had gone further there than in other colonial territories. To start with, Ceylon had experienced nearly four hundred and fifty years of colonial rule, first under the Portuguese, then the Dutch, and finally the British. From schools founded and run by Christian missions and in the British era more and more modelled on British lines, even to the extent in some cases of emulating English public schools- there emerged a thoroughly Anglicised upper class with generally conservative political leanings. These Ceylonese were so much like their colonial masters in outlook, manners, and social habits that they were often called "brown sahibs".

36. The Political Independence of the Ceylonese people can be related to that of :

- |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| (A) India   | (B) Burma         |
| (C) Britain | (D) None of these |

37. How was the Ceylonese struggle for freedom nurtured ?

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A) Revolutionary fervent | (B) Non-cooperation       |
| (C) Civil disobedience    | (D) Peaceful negotiations |

38. The word 'Emulating' nearly means :

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|------------------|---------------|
| (A) Promulgating | (B) Imitating |
| (C) Accepting    | (D) Hiding    |

39. What forms an essential element behind the unusual way of Ceylon achieving its political independence ?

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|---|
| (A) They struggled hard.                    |
| (B) They were called "Brown sahibs".        |
| (C) The process of Westernisation was more. |
| (D) There was no Japanese occupation.       |

40. Antonym of word 'Concomitant' is :

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|----------------|---------------|
| (A) Related    | (B) Connected |
| (C) Consequent | (D) Unrelated |

## Section – II

### (General Knowledge)

48. Which among the following is negated with the help of Insurance ?  
(A) Liability (B) Needs  
 (C) Risk (D) Ownership

49. When was Odisha made into a separate province by Britishers ?  
(A) 12th March, 1948 (B) 1st April, 1948  
 (C) 1st April, 1936 (D) 12th March, 1901

50. Which district has lowest population in Odisha according to Census 2011 ?  
(A) Nuapada (B) Boudh  
 (C) Deogarh (D) Subarnapur

51. Washing soda is the common name for :  
 (A) Sodium carbonate  $Na_2CO_3$  (B) Calcium bicarbonate  
(C) Sodium bicarbonate (D) Calcium carbonate

52. The power to decide an election petition is vested in the :  
(A) Parliament (B) Supreme Court  
 (C) High Courts (D) Election Commission

53. Made from a variety of materials, such as carbon, what inhibits the flow of current ?  
(A) Choke (B) Inductor  
 (C) Resistor (D) Capacitor

54. Which Schedule of the Constitution of India incorporates provisions regarding Anti-defection ?  
(A) 5<sup>th</sup> Schedule (B) 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule  
 (C) 10<sup>th</sup> Schedule (D) 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule

55. Who is known as 'Indian Bismarck' ?  
(A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel  
(C) Lal Bahadur Shastri (D) Indira Gandhi

56. What was the strength of the Bench of Supreme Court of India, which declared 'Triple talaq' to be unconstitutional ?  
(A) 3 (B) 5  
(C) 7 (D) 9

57. The unit of which quantity is taken from Ohm's law ?  
(A) Electric current  
(B) Resistance  
(C) Potential difference  
(D) Electric capacitance
58. Bimbisara was the founder of which one of the following dynasties ?  
(A) Nanda  
(B) Haryanka  
(C) Maurya  
(D) Shunga
59. Which poet is known as 'Kabi Samrat' ?  
(A) Raddhanath Ray  
(B) Baladev Ratha  
(C) Upendra Bhanja  
(D) Gopabandhu Das
60. What is the new name of the 'Raj Path', the iconic avenue in New Delhi ?  
(A) Atmanirbhar Path  
(B) Kartavya Path  
(C) Vikas Path  
(D) Jan Path
61. 'Moonlighting', which was seen in the news, is related to which field ?  
(A) Space science  
(B) Employment IT sector  
(C) Psychology  
(D) Finance
62. Which company was awarded the 'Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway' project ?  
(A) Dilip Buildcon  
(B) Larsen and Toubro  
(C) Shapoorji Pallonji Group  
(D) GMR Group
63. Which is the new location of the Uttarakhand High Court, as of 2022 ?  
(A) Dehradun  
(B) Nainital  
(C) Haldwani  
(D) Mussoorie
64. Which Union Ministry awards the National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Awards ?  
(A) Ministry of Finance  
(B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
(C) Ministry of Home Affairs  
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment





**Section - III**  
**(Logical Reasoning)**

**Direction (Q. Nos. 81 to 85) :** A good way to figure out the relationship in a given question is to make up a sentence that describes the relationship between the first two words. Then, try to use the same sentence to find out which of the answer choices completes the same relationship with the third word.

81. Marathon is to race as hibernation is to :

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|-------------|-----------|
| (A) Glimpse | (B) Think |
| (C) Dream   | (D) Sleep |

82. Yard is to inch as quart is to :

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|-----------|-----------|
| (A) Water | (B) Ounce |
| (C) Milk  | (D) Oil   |

83. If oceans are deserts, then waves are :

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|----------------|----------------|
| (A) Sand dunes | (B) Ripples    |
| (C) Ridges     | (D) Hurricanes |

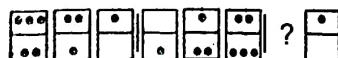
84. Elated is to despondent as enlightened is to :

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|---------------|--------------|
| (A) Miserable | (B) Tolerant |
| (C) Aware     | (D) Ignorant |

85. Optimist is to cheerful as pessimist is to :

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|-------------|------------|
| (A) Petty   | (B) Mean   |
| (C) Helpful | (D) Gloomy |

86.



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(1) (2) (3) (4)

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|---------|---------|
| (A) (1) | (B) (2) |
| (C) (3) | (D) (4) |

87. If  $P \% Q$  means P is the father of Q ;  $P ! Q$  means P is the sister of Q and  $P * Q$  means Q is the daughter of P, which of the following shows that I is the sister of K's husband ?

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| * (A) $I \% G ! H * K$ | (B) $I ! G \% H * K$ |
| (C) $I ! G * H \% K$   | (D) $I \% G * H ! K$ |

**Direction (Q. Nos. 88 to 92) :** Study the following information and answer the given questions.

Few friends decided to organize a dinner and invited their a few friends. Only the host and hostess were sitting at the opposite ends of a rectangular table, with three persons on each side. The prerequisite of the seating arrangement was that each person must be seated such that at least on one side he / she has a person of the opposite sex.

- Mayank is opposite to Sangeeta, who is not the hostess.
  - Ranveer has a woman on his right and is seating opposite of a woman.
  - Meenakshi is seating to the hostess right, next to Deepak.
  - One person is seated between Mayuri and Urvashi. Urvashi is not the hostess.
  - The men were Mayank, Ranveer, Deepak and Joni, while the women were Mayuri, Urvashi, Sangeeta and Meenakshi.

88. Joni must be :

- (I) the host  
(II) seated to Sangeeta's right  
(III) seated opposite of Urvashi

(A) Only (I) (B) Only (III)  
(C) Both (I) and (II) (D) None of these

89. Which of the following persons is definitely not seated next to a person of the same sex?



90. If Ranveer would have exchanged seat with a person four places to his left, which of the following would have been true after the exchange ?

- (I) No person of the opposite sex was seated between two persons of the same sex (e.g. no man was seated between two women)

(II) One side of the table considered entirely of persons of the same sex.

(III) Either the host or the hostess changed their seats.

(A) Only (I) (B) Only (II)

(C) Both (I) and (II) (D) Both (II) and (III)

91. If each person is placed directly opposite of his/her spouse, which of the following pair must be married?

- (A) Ranveer and Meenakshi      (B) Mayuri and Deepak  
(C) Urvashi and Joni              (D) Ranveer and Mayuri

**Direction (Q. Nos. 98 and 99) :** Each of the following questions contains a small paragraph followed by a question on it. Read each paragraph carefully and answer the question given below it.

98. The future of women in India is quite bright and let us hope that they will justify their abilities by rising to the occasion. Napoleon was right when he declared that by educating the women we can educate the whole nation. Because a country can never rise without the contribution of 50% of their population.

The passage best supports the statement that :

(A) India is striving hard for the emancipation of women.

- (B) All women should be well educated.

(C) A nation can progress only when women are given equal rights and opportunities as men.

(D) Women ought to be imparted full freedom to prove their worth and contribute to the progress of the nation.

99. Satisfaction with co-workers, promotion opportunities, the nature of work, and pay goes with high performance among those with strong growth needs. Among those with weak growth needs, no such relationship is present - and, in fact, satisfaction with promotion opportunities goes with low performance.

**Direction (Q. Nos. 100 and 101) :** In each question below are given two statements followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to take the given two statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read the conclusion and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the two given statements.

- 100 Statements : All roads are waters. Some waters are boats.

### **Conclusions :**

- (I) Some boats are roads.  
(II) All waters are boats.

(A) Only conclusion (I) follows      (B) Only conclusion (II) follows  
(C) Both (I) and (II) follow      (D) Neither (I) nor (II) follows

101. Statements : All flowers are trees. No fruit is tree.

### **Conclusions :**

- (I) No fruit is flower.  
(II) Some trees are flowers.

(A) Only conclusion (I) follows      (B) Only conclusion (II) follows  
(C) Neither (I) nor (II) follows      (D) Both (I) and (II) follow

**Direction (Q. Nos. 107 to 109) :** Read the following information and answer the questions.

Eight friends Akash, Bunty, Chandan, Deepak, Esha, Fiza, Gazal and Hema are sitting around a circle facing the centre. Deepak is between Akash and Esha only, Fiza is second to the left of Esha. Bunty is between Chandan and Gazal only. Fiza is between Gazal and Hema only.

107. Who is the fourth to the right of Bunty ?

  - . (A) Esha (B) Hema
  - (C) Gazal (D) Deepak

108. Who is sitting in the immediate left of Esha ?

  - (A) Fiza (B) Hema
  - (C) Gazal (D) Deepak

109. Who is third to the right of Gazal ?

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|----------|-----------|
| (A) Fiza | (B) Akash |
| (C) Hema | (D) Esha  |

110. In a certain code LAPTOP is written as 14, 3, 18, 22, 17, 18 and CIRCLE is written as 5, 11, 20, 5, 14, 7. How is RECTANGLE written in the same code ?

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (A) 20, 5, 3, 20, 1, 14, 9, 14, 7 | (B) 20, 7, 5, 22, 3, 16, 9, 14, 7 |
| (C) 20, 7, 3, 22, 1, 16, 7, 14, 7 | (D) 20, 7, 5, 20, 3, 14, 7, 14, 7 |

111. Inoculation : ? :: Exposure : Vulnerability.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| (A) Immunity   | (B) Punctuality |
| (C) Discipline | (D) Contagious  |

112. Three ladies X, Y, Z marry three men A, B, C. X is married to A, Y is not married to a doctor, C is not a doctor and A is a lawyer. Then which of the following statement is correct ?

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| (A) Y is married to C who is an engineer |
| (B) Z is married to C who is a doctor    |
| (C) X is married to a doctor             |
| (D) None of these                        |

113. If TUNE is coded as UUOE, LORD is coded as MOSD, how is FLAME written in this code ?

- |           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| (A) GMANE | (B) FLBMF         |
| (C) GMANF | (D) None of these |

114. A watch which gains 5 seconds in 3 minutes was set right at 7:00 a.m. In the afternoon of the same day, when the watch indicated quarter past 4 o'clock, the true time is :

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| (A) 3 p.m. | (B) 4 p.m. |
| (C) 5 p.m. | (D) 6 p.m. |

115. Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary and then choose the correct sequence :

- (1) Eagle (2) Earth (3) Eager (4) Early (5) Each
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|-----------------------------|
| (A) (5), (1), (2), (4), (3) |
| (B) (2), (1), (4), (3), (5) |
| (C) (2), (3), (5), (4), (1) |
| (D) (5), (3), (1), (4), (2) |

## **Section – IV**

### **(Quantitative Aptitude)**







144. A woman is 5 years younger than her husband and 3 times as old as her daughter. If the daughter attains the age of 21 after 6 years, what is the present age of the father ?

(A) 45 years (B) 50 years  
(C) 55 years (D) 40 years

145. 20 liters of chemical A is added to 80 liters of mixture which is 10% chemical A and 90% chemical B. What percentage of the resulting mixture is chemical A ?

(A) 18% (B) 40%  
(C) 15% (D) 28%

146. When a number is divided by 4, the quotient is 28, what is the number ?

(A) 112 (B) 46  
(C) 86 (D) 96

147. Sankalp had a number of cookies. After eating one, he gave half the remainder to his sister. After eating another cookie, he gave half of what was left to his brother. Sankalp now has 5 cookies left. How many cookies did he start with ? x 4

(A) 11 (B) 35  
(C) 23 (D) 45

148. When 48 is subtracted from a number, it reduces to its 70%. What is one-fourth of that number ?

(A) 20 (B) 40  
(C) 60 (D) 80

149. The ratio between the length and breadth of a rectangular jogging park is 3 : 2. If Ashish cycling along the boundary of the park at the speed of 12km / hr completes one round in 8 minutes, then the area of the park (in sq. m) is :

(A) 307200 sq.m (B) 30720 sq.m  
(C) 153600 sq.m (D) 15360 sq.m

150. If  $80\% \text{ of } A = 20\% \text{ of } B$  and  $B = 5x\% \text{ of } A$ , then the value of x is :

(A) 75 (B) 80  
(C) 90 (D) 85

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