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(1) In which sense is political science and physics called sciences

- (A) They both employ mathematics
- (B) They both employ rigid experimental method
- C) They are systematic and methodic in their approach
- (D) They are both natural sciences.

(2) Which is not true

- (A) Non sciences are always false
- B) Non sciences are dogmatic
- (C) Non sciences generalize hastily
- (D) Non sciences embody contradictions

(3) Two poisons acting together to make each other more poisonous is referred to as

- (A) Pollution
- (B) Radiation

(C) Synergism

(D) Fission

(4) All these are type of water pollution except

(A) toxic substance

(B) Storm

(C) Thermal pollution

(D) Organic substance

(5) Which one is the characteristic of a soft science

(A) It must be experical

(B) Laws are not very rigid

(C) Laws are constant

(D) None of the above

(6) Which of these is a basic natural science?

(A) Philosophy

(B) Astrology

(C) Chemistry

(D) Physics

(7) Science is objective because

(A) It is public

(B) Not a product of emotion and sentiment

(C) Not subjective

(D) All of the above

(8) Which of these is not an earth study?

(A) Geology

(B) Geography

(C) Vulcanology

(D) Epidemiology

(9) Before the modern times science was dominated by

(A) Milesian world view

(B) Platonic world

view (C) Aristotelian world

view

(D) Thomistic world view

(10) The very early pioneers of modern science saw themselves as essentially

(A) Pure scientists

(B) Philosophers

(C) Mediators

(D) Physicist

(11) To whom does this term Falsification properly belong?

(A) Karl Popper

(B) Francis Bacon

(C) Feyerebend

(D) Lakatos

(12) Whom do we associate with paradigm-shift?

(A) Kuhn

(B) Karl Popper

(C) Feyerebend

(D) Lakatos

(13) Whom do we associate with "Against method"?

(A) KArI Popper

(B) Feyerebend

(C) Francis Bacon

(D) Kuhn

(14) Who propounded the "Idols of the mind"?

(A) Karl Popper

(B) Francis Bacon

(C) Lakatos

(D) Kuhn

(15) Who is the father of the Inductive method?

(A) Feyerebend

(B) Francis Bacon

(C) Lakatos

(D) Karl Popper

(16) Which of these is not a property of Science?

(A) Empirical

(B) Irreversibility

(C) Universality

(D) Probability

(17) Which is not true of the Law of Parsimony

(A) Complex explanation are always wrong

(B) Do not multiply entities without necessity

(C) Seek simpler explanations

(D) It could be called the principle of simplicity

(18) That science is law-like does not imply

(A) It is ordered

(B) It is regular

(C) it is spontaneous

(D) it is predictable

(19) Technology is not pure science because

(A) It has no knwoledge element

(B) It is essentially concerned with doing

(C) It does not experiment

(D) It has nothing to do with science

(20) Which is the odd one out?

(A) Mathematics

(B) Theoretical

computer (C)Logic

(D) Sociology

(21) The oath taken by medical practioners guilding the ethics of their profession is traced to

(A) Aristotle

(B) Hippocrates

(C) Pythagoras

(D) Newton

(22) Who said that the world is written in mathematical characters?

(A) Newton

(B) Copernicus

C) Kepler

(D) Galileo

(23) Who made the first map of the world?

- (A) Thales
- (B) Heraclitus
- (C) Anaximander
- (D) Plato

(24) Who is the early forerunner of the mathematization of the world?

- (A) Pythagoras
- (B) Galileo
- (C) Aristotle
- (D) Atomists

(25) Who among these is forerunner of modern Atomism?

- (A) Plato
- (B) Heraclitus
- (C) Democritus
- (D) None of the above

(26) That falsifiability and not confirmability is a virtue in scientific theory was established by

- (A) Kuhn
- (B) Popper
- (C) Lakatos
- (D) Feyerebend

(27) Who was best known for his work "The structure of Scientific Revolutions"?

- (A) Lakatos
- (B) Popper
- (C) Kuhn
- (D) Feyerebend

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(28) _____ and _____ were the cradle of civilisation.

- (A) USA and Russia
- (B) Egypt and Mesopotamia
- (C) Greece and Persia
- (D) Greece and Assyria

(29) Which of the under listed is not a Milesian Philosopher

- (A) Anaximander
- (B) Permenides
- (C) Anaximenes
- (D) Thales

(30) The ancient Greece Philosophers were searching for

- (A) The purpose of nature
- (B) The nature of things
- (C) The utility of nature
- (D) The creator of nature

31) For Aristotle, the ultimate constitution of matter which the earliest Greek philosophers were searching for was

- (A) Water
- (B) Air
- (C) Substance
- (D) To apeiron

(32) Ancient Greek science had a general feature of

- (A) Mysticism
- (B) Utilitarianism
- (C) Naturalism
- (D) Experimentation

(33) Which of the listed features is not true of the science of the middle ages

- (A) Inductive
- (B) Encyclopedic
- (C) Bookish
- (D) Rationalistic

(34) _____ was thd queen of the scidnces during the high middle ages

- (A) Astrology
- (B) Astronomy
- (C) Philosophy
- (D) Theology

(35) The Aristotelean idea of the scientific method is generally

- (A) Inductive
- (B) Deductive
- (C) Abduction

(D) Experimental

(36) Testing a sample is

(A) An evidence

(B) Logical

(C) A hypothesis

(D) An observation

37) Which of these is true of science

(A) The real is observable

B) The physical world is real

(C) Is an institution

(D) All of the above

38) The senses make _____

(A) Indirect observations

(B) Disguised observation

(C) Spiritual observation

(D) None of the above

(39) Scientific conclusions can be

(A) Modified

(B) Discarded

(C) Reformulated

(D) All of the above

(40) One of the aims of science is

(A) Destroying the world

(B) Controlling the world

(C) Deceiving the world

(D) None of the above

(41) Which of these is not a type of pollution

(A) Land pollution

(B) Earth pollution

(C) Water pollution

(D) Air pollution

(42) For Feyerebend science is

(A) Faith like

(B) Anything goes

(C) Intuition

(D) Objective

(43) Technology is the

(A) Inquiry on science

(B) Application of

science (C) Acquisition of

science

(D) All of the above

(44) Science is tentative because

(A) Its dogmatic

(B) Its complete

(C) Its progressive

(D) Is saturated

(45) A theory is confirmed

(A) Conclusion

(B) Experiment

(C) Problem

(D) Hypothesis

(46) Not everyone sees _____ in an observation

(A) Hypothesis

(B) Conclusion

(C) Law

(D) Theory

(47) The lunar calendar was the results of series of

(A) Observation

(B) Experiment

(C) Hypothesis

(D) None of the above

(48) Conjectures and refutation can be associated to

(A) Aristotle

(B) Karl Popper

(C) Rene Descartes

(D) Hume

(49) The first physician of antiquity of Africa and decent is called

(A) Hippocrates

(B) Edwin Smith

(C) Imhotep

(D) Mansa Musa

(50) The sun centres universe can be identified as

(A) Solar Universe

(B) Solar power

(C) Geocentricism

(D) Heliocentrism

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(1) Who among these is not a philosopher of science

- (A) Nicholas Copernicus
- (B) Karl Popper
- (C) Paul Feyerabend
- (D) Thomas Kuhn

(2) Who among these wrote the Novum Organum

- (A) Aristotle
- (B) Bacon
- (C) Descates
- (D) Hume

(3) The great physician of antiquity of African origin was,

- (A) Edwin Smith
- (B) Mansa Musa
- (C) Imhotep
- (D) Hippocrates

(4) Philosophy of science attempts to answer questions Such as except

- (A) what are the aims of science?
- (B) what is the meaning of scientific laws?
- (C) what is science?
- (D) what is life?

(5) A tentative guess to explain a problem is

- (A) axiom
- (B) explanation
- (C) Hypothesis
- (D) Theory

(6) If equals are added to equals, the sums are equals. This statement can be said to be,

(E) hypothesis

(8) axiom

(C) laws

(D) premise

(7) The application of scientific knowledge and research with the aim of developing products or processes is called

(A) Development

(B) Scientific

Discovery

(C) technology

(D) scientific law

(8) One of these is the disadvantages of renewable energy

(A) it creates unemployment

(B) the initial cost is quite high

(C) the energy cannot be stopped

(D) you do not need to rely on others

(9) The advantage of the non-renewable energy is that

(A) the sources are cheap and easy to use

(B) it helps in stimulating the

economy (C) easy to use during the day

(D) creating jobs

(10) At the time of the ancient Egyptians and Babylonians people who studied plants, animals, stars and heavenly bodies were called

(A) astronomers

(B) scientists

(C) philosophers

(D) naturalists

(11) The system of writing in which symbols or characters stand for syllables is called

(A) Cuneisom

(B) Soumerics

(C) Syllabery

(D) Papyrus

(12) What is scientific theory?

(A) Personal answer

(B) an explanatory account

(C) speculative Knwoledge

D) a guess work

(13) Which of these is a natural science?

(A) Statistics

(B) Socio

logy

(C)Biology

(D) economics

(14) What was the Copernican revolution about?

(A) gravitation

(B) heliocentrism

(C) relativism

(D) geocentrism

(15) One of the following founded a new inductive method of reasoning that prepared the way of modern experimental science?

(A) Einstein

(B) Bacon,

(C) Galileo

(D) Newton

(16) Ceasarean operations were performed in ancient Egypt as recorded in the

(A) Egyptian papyrus

(B) embers papyrus

(C) ancient Egyptian scroll

(D) Edwinsmit surgical papyrus

(17) The renaissance scientist who first turned the telescope skyward and made useful discoveries is,

(A) Copernicus

(B) Keppler

(C) Galileo

(D) Bacon

(18) Logical positivists are of the opinion that knowledge must start from

(A) Universals

(B) general

(C) Particulars

(D) all of the above

(19) For Francis Bacon, knowledge must start from

(A) Universals

(B) general

(C) particulars

(D) all of the above

20) The opinion that the sun goes round the earth is a theory of

(A) geocentrism

(B) Thales

(C) Heliocentrism

(D) Heliographics

(21) The hypothesis that reduced the earth to insignificant of the universe was made by

(A) Brahe

(B) Ptolemy

(C) Copernicus

(D) Galileo

(22) In science the simplest explanation is best in

(A) Ockham's Razor

(B) Popper falsifiability

(C) Newton's gravitation

(D) anything goes

(23) Non-natural science includes all except

(A) astronomy

(B) mythology

(C) metaphysics

(D) c&b

(24) The following is father of the inductive method

(A) Columbus

B) Kepler

C) Bacon

(D) none of the above

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(25) Formal sciences include

- (A) chemistry
- (B) Common sense
- (C) statistics

(D) *a&b*

(26) Galileo Galilei appealed to the evidence of

- (A) experiment & hypothesis
- (B) hypothesis only
- (C) Experiment & Observation
- (D) experiment only

(27) Aristotelian science was seen by the modern scientists as,

- (A) quantitative
- (B) commensurate
- (C) qualitative
- (D) all of the above

(27) Aristotelian science was seen by the modern scientists as,

- (A) quantitative
- (B) commensurate
- (C) qualitative
- (D) all of the above

(28) Philosophy of science deals with

- (A) some questions in science
- (B) most questions in science
- (C) few questions in science
- (D) none of the above

29) Non science is not

- (A) systematic, subjective, quantifiable
- (B) supported by evidence, certainty, subjective
- (C) subjective, quantifiable, objective
- (D) systematic, objective, quantifiable

(30) The progress in science is through Karl Poppers

- (A) Falsifiability
- (B) verification
- (C) Paradigm shift
- (D) deduction

(31) Observations could be classified into

- (A) Spontaneous or passive
- (B) spontaneous & induced
- (C) passive & active
- (D) active & induced

(32) If the experiment shows that the first guess was wrong the scientist

- (A) abandons the project
- (B) formulates a theory
- (C) formulates and test a new hypothesis,
- (D) make a general conclusion

(33) Which of these is true of science& non-science

- (A) criticaly
- (B) methodical
- (C) experience
- (D) testability

(34) For Feyerabend Science & non-science

- (A) are exactly the same
- (B) are quite different
- (C) differ only in degree not in kind
- (D) all of the above

(35) Which of these is not a physical science

- (A) acoustics
- (B) astronomy
- (C) geophysics
- (D) seismology

(36) Non-science differs from science here

- (A) tentative
- (B) impersonal
- (C) public
- (D) personal

(37) Identify a non-applied science here,

- (A) nuclear Physics
- (B) Robotics
- (C) ceramics
- (D) toxicology

(38) Which of these is not a property of a formal science

- (A) deductive
- (B) experimentation
- (C) analytic
- (D) conceptual

(39) Objectivity of science does not imply

- (A) science is public
- (B) science is reliable
- (C) science is impersonal
- (D) science is reality independent

(40) What is the goal of the scientific method

- (A) making prediction
- (B) discovering new thing
- (C) theory formation
- (D) efficiency in research

(41) What is the best form of experiment

- (A) closed experiment
- (B) sustained experiment
- (C) controlled experiment
- (D) all of the above

(42) Which of these is not a scientific law

- (A) Law of Entropy
- (B) law of thermodynamics
- (C) Law of causality
- (D) Law of flotation

(43) Anaximenes used this as principle for the transformation of air to form other things

- (A) rarefaction and flotation
- (B) rarefaction and condensation
- (C) condensation and flotation
- (D) rarefaction and liquification

(44) Hippocratic Oath is taken by

- (A) Doctors
- (B) Lawyers
- (C) Accountants
- (D) Hippolites

(45) Which of these is the precursor of modern scientific materialism

- (A) ancient mechanists
- (B) ancient pluralists
- (C) ancient physicists
- (D) ancient atomists

(46) Who among these is the Platonic craftsman in the Timaeus

- A) Apollo
- B) Zeus
- (C) Dimurge
- D) God

(47) Which of these Baconian Idols is an attack on authority

- (A) idols of the theatre
- (B) idols of the cave
- (C) idols of the market place
- (D) idols of the tribe

(48) For Karl Popper when a theory has

not been falsified it is,

- (A) corroborated
- (B) verified
- (C) proved
- D) trued

(49) Who predicted the eclipse of the sun in the year 585Bc

- (A) Anaxemander
- (B) Anaxemenes
- (C) Heraclitus

(D) Thales

(50) These are scientist philosophers except

(A) Popper

(B) Galileo

(C) Newton

(D) Ptolemy

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(1) From the etymological consideration science refers only to -

(A) Natural knowledge

(B) Traditional knowledge

(C) knowledge

(D) refined knowledge.

(2) Philosophy investigates reality as a whole while science investigates _____

(A) observations

(B) the whole of reality

(C) experimental reality

(D) aspects of reality

(3) Which scientific method has the character of universality and certainty?

(A) deductive

(B) inductive

(C) hypothesis

(D) universal method

(4) Mathematics and logic are classified as _____ science.

(A) applied

B) formal

(C) social

D) physical

(5) Who wrote the Novum Organon?

(A) R. Descartes

(B) I. Newton

(C) G. Berkeley

(D) F. Bacon

(6) For the logical positivists, _____ is the hallmark of science

(A) experimentation

(B) verisimilitude

ude

(C) verification

(D) falsification

(7) The method in which we take the nature of certain members of a

class as an indication of the nature of the whole membership is

(A) statistics

(B) trial and

error

(C) sampling

(D) observation

(8) These have a claim to science except

- (A) Political science
- (B) astrology
- (C) geography
- (D) psychology

(9) The formal sciences rely most on _____

- A) proof
- (B) experimentation
- (C) experience
- (D) induction

(10) Which of these is the odd one out?

- (A) Vulcanology
- (B) meteorology
- (C) Oceanology
- (D) Entomology

(11) Science and non-science meet in

- (A) recognition of belief
- (B) recognition of experience
- (C) recognition of critical thought
- (D) all of the above

(12) Tradition etymologically means

- (A) historical
- (B) reliability
- (C) handing over
- (D) none of the above

(13) These are scientist philosophers except

(A) Isaac Newton

(B) Karl

Popper

(C) Galileo

(D) Einstein

(14) These are philosopher scientist except

(A) I. Newton

(B) R. Descartes

(C) Thomas Kuhn

(D) Karl Popper

(15) Which of these is not a type of technology?

(A) Preservative technology

(B) improvement technology

(C) implementation technology

(D) cultural technology.

(16) These are non-physical sciences except

(A) education

(B) philosophy

(C) astronomy

(D) clinical psychology

(17) The following theories are in science except

(A) intelligent design

(B) quantum

theory C) cell theory

(D) evolution theory

(18) For karl Popper, a theory is scientific if it makes clear predictions that can be

- (A) Partially upheld
- (B) clearly verified
- (C) unambiguously falsifiable
- (D) not wholly falsifiable

(19) Science provides _____ to common sense phenomena.

- (A) confusion
- (B) imitation
- (C) rejection
- (D) clarification

(20) Which one of these is not presupposition of science?

- (A) the things of nature disobey physical laws
- (B) the world is real
- (C) physical laws direct the real world
- (D) the simplest is the best explanation

(21) In medieval period, science and philosophy are what to theology?

- (A) auditor
- (B) handmaid
- (C) enemy
- (D) persecutor

(22) Scientificity ordinarily does not imply

- (A) methodic
- (B) systematic
- (C) consistency
- (D) veracity

(23) Which is the fundamental science?

- (A) Physics
- (B) philosophy
- (C) astrology
- (D) mathematics

(24) Which is the fundamental natural science?

- (A) Physics
- (B) Philosophy
- (C) mathematics
- (D) basic chemistry

(25) Which has contributed more in the efficiency and success of modern science?

- (A) physics
- (B) chemistry
- (C) biology
- (D) mathematics

(26) is an orderly knowledge of things in accordance with their cause in nature

- (A) Geography
- (B) law
- (C) science
- (D) geology

(27) Who is known for theory of general

and special relativity?

- (A) Copernicus
- (B) Einstein
- (C) Newton

(D) Bacon



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(28) Who advocated paradigm shift as a part of the structure of scientific revolution?

(A) Thomas Kuhn

(B) Karl Popper

(C) Aristotle

(D) Feyerabend

(29) Who entered into controversy with Religious authorities on an astronomical theory?

(A) Einstein

(B) Kepler

(C) Galileo

(D) none of the above

(30) The period between the first invention of agriculture and founding of the cities is known as

(A) the Neolithic age

(B) the Paleolithic Age

(C) the bronze age

(D) none of the above

(31) Early civilization was first noticed around these areas except

(A) the Tigris-Euphrates valley

(B) the Nile valley

(C) the Aegean valley

(D) the Indus valley

(32) Who was regarded as the forerunner of the heliocentric system of the universe?

(A) Aristarchus

(B) Erathostenes

(C) Copernicus

(D) Ptolemy

(33) Scientism is _____

- (A) established scientific culture
- (B) over-reverential attitude towards science
- (C) interaction of culture and society
- (D) none of the above

(34) Which of these represent the highlight of the Renaissance period?

- (A) science and theology became combined
- (B) scientific methodology of observation and experimentation became universal method of science
- (C) rationalism became more acceptable in science
- (D) the old view of knowledge was revived

(35) "Dogmatic attitude and idols of the mind hinder scientific progress". The above statement is

- (A) false
- (B) partially true
- (C) absolutely true
- (D) impossible.

(36) Which does not apply in Darwin's theory of Evolution?

- (A) natural selection
- (B) principle of adaptation
- (C) principle of purpose in nature
- (D) principle of survival of the fittest

(37) The essence of philosophy of science is to

- (A) investigate knowledge
- (B) give factual knowledge
- (C) solve problems in science

(D) question the validity of scientific knowledge.

(38) The philosopher of science of "no privileged method" of scientific inquiry is

(A) Popper

B))Kuhn

C) Bacon

(D) Fayerabend.

(39) A tentative guess or conjecture use in science to explain certain facts is

(A) hypothesis

(B) theory

(C) law

(D) explanation

(40) Who completed the break from the medieval Scholastic method and

founded a new inductive method of reasoning?

(A) Bacon

(B) Feyerabend

(C) Kuhn

(D) Popper

(41) Which period signifies that of growth in science according to Thomas Kuhn?

(A) Pre-paradigm

(B) crisis

(C)puzzle-solving

D) normal

(42) Science is open to new facts by

its attitude of-

(A) constant attack

(B) constant rejection

(C) constant revision

(D) constant skepticism

(43) A scientific theory emerges when a hypothesis

(A) increases in level of attitude

(B) enjoys broad explanatory power

(C) survives some testing

(D) two of the above

(44) How is modern science regarded as a rehabilitation of Plato in the conception

of the universe?

(A) his teleological conception

(B) empirical conception

(C) his mechanical conception

(D) his geometrical conception

(45) Which worldview is toppled by the 16th -17th century revolution in science?

(A) Thomistic

(B) Copernican

(C) Pythagorean

(D) Aristotelian

(46) The proponent of methodless method in SCience is

(A) Karl Popper

(B) feyerabe

nd (C)imre

Lakatos

(D) Paul Tillich

(47) Verisimilitude is attributed to

(A) Karl Popper

(B) Thomas kuhn

(C) Paul Feyerabend

(D) Lauden

(48) On the field of battle where ethical and moral values are appealing for recognition and appraisal the physical sciences are.

(A) concerned

(B) involved

(C) neutral

(D) interested

**(49) The laws which exactly describe
thee orbits of the planets was discovered**

by

(A) Brahe

(B) Copernicus

(C) Newton

(D) Kepler

(50) The important feature of the industrialrevolution is _

(A) the switch from cottage mode of production to factory mode

(B) division of labour

(C) the use of steam power

(D) all of the above

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31. B. 32. C. 33. B. 34. B. 35. C. 36. C. 37. D. 38. D. 39. A. 40. A

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