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**GENERAL ENGLISH WITH GENERAL STUDIES**

Time Allowed : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 300

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[Turn over

1. The period of William Wordsworth is

- ☒ (A) 1770 – 1850 (B) 1807 – 1882  
(C) 1836 – 1907 (D) 1840 – 1928

2. Which one of the following poems has not been written by the poet "H.W. Longfellow"?

- ☒ (A) Be The Best (B) A Psalm of Life  
(C) Tales of a Wayside Inn (D) Hiawatha

3. "Ahimsa' means infinite love, which again means infinite capacity for suffering".

The above is a quote by

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore  
(B) Abdul Kalam  
(C) Swami Vivekananda  
☒ (D) Mahatma Gandhiji

4. Identify the poem in which this line occurs.

"I often contemplate my Childhood Mom"

- (A) The Flying Wonder  
☒ (B) A Sonnet for my Incomparable Mother  
(C) In Search of a Friend  
(D) Laugh and be Merry

5. Identify the correct degree.

No other metal is as useful as iron.

- (A) Comparative ☒ (B) Positive  
(C) Superlative (D) None of these



6. Find out the odd word.

(A) Bless

(B) Praise

(C) Raise

☒ (D) Talkative

7. Abandoned Bhutia villages dot our path and I increasingly get the feeling that we are traversing a long-forgotten route. On the fourth day we cross the ghost villages of Burfu and Bilju before we reach Milam.

'Ghost Villages' are

(A) villages full of ghosts

(B) villages ruled by ghosts

☒ (C) villages without people

(D) villages often visited by ghosts

8. Select the correct option to complete the given sentence.

If you do not submit your assignment today,

(A) the teacher will have punished you.

☒ (B) the teacher will punish you.

(C) the teacher punished you.

(D) the teacher had punished you.

9. Identify the part containing an error.

One of the boys look happy in my class.

a                      b                      c                      d

(A) One of the boys

☒ (B) look

(C) happy

(D) in my class

10. Match the characters given under Column A with the titles given under Column B :

Column A				Column B			
(a)	Vera			1.	Holiday		
(b)	Old man			2.	Open Window		
(c)	Phatik			3.	Lottery Ticket		
(d)	Masha			4.	The Refugee		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)				
(A)	2	4	1	3			
(B)	2	1	3	4			
(C)	3	2	4	1			
(D)	3	2	1	4			

11. He taught me Hindi.

Identify the sentence pattern

- (A) S V DO IO  
(B) S V O C  
(C) S V O A  
(D) S V IO DO

12. Fill in the blank with an appropriate infinitive.

He refused \_\_\_\_\_ the orders.

- (A) obey (B) obeying  
(C) to obey (D) obeyed

13. To which nationality does the poet V.K. Gokak belong?

- (A) China (B) India  
(C) Australia (D) England

14. Identify the sentence.

The boy was disobedient, so the teacher punished him.

- (A) Simple ☒ (B) Compound  
(C) Complex (D) None

15. Match the following words given in Column A with the blending words in Column B and select the answer from the codes given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Electro + execute	1.	Heliport
(b)	Helicopter + airport	2.	Smog
(c)	Smoke + fog	3.	Telex
(d)	Teleprinter + exchange	4.	Electrocute

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	4	3	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B)	4	1	2	3
(C)	3	2	1	4
(D)	1	3	4	2

16. Identify the sentence that contains the Superlative form of the adjective.

- ☒ (A) Mr. Soundar is one of the most helpful persons  
(B) Very few persons are as helpful as Mr. Soundar  
(C) Mr. Soundar is more helpful than most other persons  
(D) No other street in this area is as busy as this one

17. Identify the sentence :

I had to walk back home as the transport workers were on strike.

- (A) Simple ☒ (B) Complex  
(C) Compound (D) None of the above

18. The following lines are taken from the poem

'The music in my heart I bore

Long after it was heard no more'.

(A) 'A Psalm of Life'

(B) 'Sonnet No. 116'

(C) 'Be The Best'

☒ (D) 'The Solitary Reaper'

19. Who said this?

'Woman is the companion of man, gifted with equal mental capacities'.

(A) Kalpana Chawla

☒ (B) Mahatma Gandhi

(C) Rani of Jhansi

(D) Helen Keller

20. 'Sonnet No : 116' is written by

(A) William Wordsworth

(B) Wadsworth Longfellow

☒ (C) William Shakespeare

(D) William Blake

21. Name the greedy moneylender in the play 'The Merchant of Venice'.

(A) Antonio

(B) Bassanio

☒ (C) Shylock

(D) Lorenzo



- ### What can be eliminated?

(B) failures in life

(D) searches for success


- 'Fortune'

✓ (3) mis-


(D) un-

- ## What requires whole-hearted devotion?

(B) A nation

 Knowledge

- What drives the people towards the goal?

 **B)** a clear national vision

(D) an organisation or society

26. A Boat beneath a sunny sky  
Lingering onward dreamily  
What is lingering onward?

- (A) a ship
- (C) a fish

- (B) a sunny sky
- ☒ (D) a boat

27. 'In solit'ry confinement as complete as any goal'.  
Solit'ry refers to

- ☒ (A) being alone
- (C) a group

- (B) a pain
- (D) a dormitory

28. "We ran as if to meet the moon  
That slowly dawned behind the trees"  
These lines are taken from the poem

- (A) A Psalm of Life
- (B) Sonnet No : 116
- ☒ (C) Going for Water
- (D) The Solitary Reaper

29. The man who posed as a beggar in the story 'The Model Millionaire' was

- (A) Austin Ronaldo
- (B) Beбето
- (C) Thomas Kaka
- ☒ (D) Baron Hausberg

30. I like to eat Maize.

Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent

- (A) Candy
- ☒ (C) Corn

- (B) Chips
- (D) Cookies



31. Identify the sentence with the verb in its passive form.
- ☒ (A) The symposium was inaugurated by the Director.
- (B) The Director inaugurated the symposium.
- (C) The workers are painting the walls.
- (D) Gopi has written a poem.
32. Identify the sentence that contains a verb in its active form.
- (A) The work was completed by the students.
- ☒ (B) The old man completed his work.
- (C) The gifts were issued to the children.
- (D) The culprits must be arrested by the police.
33. Choose the correct verb :  
Tendulkar ————— (bat) since the match started this morning.
- (A) batted (B) is batting
- ☒ (C) has been batting (D) has batted
34. Fill in the blanks with a suitable tense form :  
I ————— (talk) to my mother, when the guests arrived.
- (A) talked (B) is talking
- (C) talk ☒ (D) was talking
35. Select the correct question tag :  
His mother cooks well,
- (A) did she? ☒ (B) doesn't she?
- (C) does she? (D) don't she?
36. Match the word child with the correct suffix.
- (A) ism ☒ (B) ish
- (C) ful (D) ness

37. Match the following synonym from Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the given codes

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Logic	1.	Focus
(b)	Electron	2.	Inability to wait
(c)	Concentration	3.	Reasoning
(d)	Impatience	4.	Particle in a cell

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	4	2	3
(B)	4	3	1	2
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	3	4	1	2

38. Fill in the blank with a suitable gerund.

\_\_\_\_\_ well is an art.

- (A) To cook  
(B) Having cooked  
(C) Cooking  
(D) Cook

39. Kalpana Chawla was born in

- (A) Pakistan  
(B) California  
(C) Karnal  
(D) New Delhi

40. He lives in a flat.

Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.

- (A) hotel
- (B) cottage
- ☒ (C) apartment
- (D) bungalow

41. She hired a taxi to the airport.

Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.

- (A) cycle
- ☒ (B) cab
- (C) bike
- (D) tricycle

42. Identify the author of the short story 'The Selfish Giant'.

- (A) Anton Chekhov
- (B) O' Henry
- ☒ (C) Oscar Wilde
- (D) Rudyard Kipling

43. Shylock was envious of Antonio, a

- ☒ (A) merchant
- (B) teacher
- (C) farmer
- (D) lawyer



44. The Selfish Giant stayed with his friend for

- (A) ten years
- (B) five years
- (C) three years
- ☒ (D) seven years

45. Match the following poems under Column A with the poets under Column B and select the correct code :

Column A

Column B

- |                                       |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) The Cry of the Children           | 1. Jack Prelutsky             |
| (b) Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face | 2. Stephen Vincent Benet      |
| (c) The Flying Wonder                 | 3. D.H. Lawrence              |
| (d) Snake                             | 4. Elizabeth Barrett Browning |

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|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|   | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A)                                     | 1   | 4   | 3   | 2   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) | 4   | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| (C)                                     | 1   | 3   | 4   | 2   |
| (D)                                     | 2   | 3   | 1   | 4   |

46. Choose the option that completes the given sentence.

Rabindranath Tagore was awarded the Nobel prize for his work

- (A) Galpaguccha
- (B) Chitra
- (C) Binodini
- ☒ (D) Gitanjali

47. In which story do you come across the character 'Saruli'?

- ☒ (A) After the Storm
- (B) Kari, the Elephant
- (C) The Neem Tree
- (D) The Farmer

48. 'Ingratitude, more strong than traitor's arms'.

Who utters these words?

- (A) Antonio in, 'The Merchant of Venice'
- (B) Antony in, 'Antony and Cleopatra'
- ☒ (C) Mark Antony in, 'Julius Caesar'
- (D) Romeo in, 'Romeo and Juliet'

49. Fill in the blank with a suitable article.

Where there is \_\_\_\_\_ will there is a way.

- (A) an
- ☒ (B) a
- (C) the
- (D) no

50. Pick out the rhyming words in the given lines :

'Through the coal-dark underground –  
Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron  
In the factories round and round'

(A) the, through

(B) we, wheels

☒ (C) underground, round

(D) dark, drive

51. To which nationality does the poet Robert Frost belong?

(A) Lebanon

(B) France

☒ (C) America

(D) England

52. Mention the theme observed in the poem, 'Be The Best'.

☒ (A) Optimism

(B) Naturalism

(C) Humanism

(D) Existentialism

53. Identify the poet in whose work do the following lines occur?

'Love is not love

Which alters when it alteration finds'.

(A) William Wordsworth

(B) H.W. Longfellow

(C) William Blake

☒ (D) William Shakespeare

54. Which one of the following literary works is concerned with 'Global Warming'?

(A) Migrant Bird

(B) To the Land of Snow

(C) The Sun Beam

☒ (D) Gaia Tells Her Tale



55. In which poem do the following lines occur?

'We extract your elements to make

Cannons and bombs out of

Our elements you create lilies and roses'.

(A) Shilpi

(B) With a Friend

(C) The Flying Wonder

☒ (D) Earth

56. "For the soul is dead that slumbers"

Identify the option with words in alliteration.

(A) that, dead

(B) for, is

☒ (C) soul, slumbers

(D) soul, dead

57. Select the correct plural form of the word "Story".

(A) Storys

(B) Storeys

(C) Storyses

☒ (D) Stories

58. Find out the odd word.

(A) Donkey

(B) Dew

(C) Dawn

☒ (D) Draw

59. Identify the correct sentence.

(A) Either of the dogs bark ferociously.

(B) Road accident at Anna Salai was a horrible sight.

☒ (C) The hospital has three lady doctors.

(D) He lived in the village since 2001.

60. The post came late.

Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.

(A) letter

(B) news

(C) message

☒ (D) mail

61. 'Tell me not in mournful numbers,  
Life is but an empty dream'.  
These lines are from the poem

☒ (A) 'A Psalm of Life'

(B) 'The Solitary Reaper'

(C) 'Sonnet No. 116'

(D) 'Where the Mind is Without Fear'

62. 'Listen to the sounds of nature .....  
Take good care of our fragile planet'.  
Who said this?

(A) Dr. Salim Ali

(B) Mahatma Gandhi

☒ (C) Kalpana Chawla

(D) Jawaharlal Nehru

63. Identify the part containing an error :

Raghu prefers milk than tea.

a      b      c      d

(A) Raghu

(B) prefers

(C) milk

☒ (D) than tea

64. Fill in the blanks with the correct homophones.

I paid the \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ (A) fare, fair

(B) fair, fire

(C) fare, fear

(D) fair, fare

65. Identify the author of the short story 'The Refugee'.

- (A) Guy de Maupassant
- ☒ (B) Pearl S Buck
- (C) Anton Chekhov
- (D) Oscar Wilde

66. Who is the author of the short story "Swept Away"?

- (A) Saki
- (B) Pearl S Buck
- (C) Sundara Ramaswamy
- ☒ (D) Susannah Hickling

67. In which country does the story "Two Friends" take place?

- (A) England
- ☒ (B) France
- (C) India
- (D) Africa

68. How many plays have been written by the famous Playwright William Shakespeare?

- ☒ (A) 37
- (B) 38
- (C) 36
- (D) 27

69. Identify the correct degree.

Usha Kiran is not the tallest of all the buildings in the city.

- (A) Positive
- (B) Negative
- (C) Comparative
- ☒ (D) Superlative



70. Identify the figure of speech in the line :

'O winging words ! Like homing bees you borrow'.

☒ (A) Simile

(B) Metaphor

(C) Oxymoron

(D) Onomatopoeia

71. 'And the grave is not its goal'

The word 'grave' refers to

(A) Winning

☒ (B) Death

(C) Defeat

(D) Victory

72. 'For I'm off to outer space tomorrow morning'.

Where is the poet going?

(A) office

(B) abroad

☒ (C) outer space

(D) home

73. 'Or, all day, we drive the wheels of iron'

What do the children do all day?

(A) drive the car

(B) play with the wheels

☒ (C) drive the wheels

(D) beat the iron

74. 'Where the mind is without fear

And the head is held high'

The given lines are written by

(A) Rudyard Kipling

☒ (B) Rabindranath Tagore

(C) Robert Frost

(D) Robert Browning

75. Where did Antony address the public while displaying Caesar's body to the Romans?

- (A) from the graveyard
- ☒ (B) at the market place
- (C) at the senate house
- (D) from Caesar's palace

76. Alan Trevor was a

- (A) writer
- ☒ (B) painter
- (C) teacher
- (D) colonel

77. In the story 'The Selfish Giant', the Giant was covered with \_\_\_\_\_ blossoms when he lay dead under the tree in his garden.

- ☒ (A) White
- (B) Golden
- (C) Yellow
- (D) Silver

78. 'The Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre' is situated in

- ☒ (A) New York
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) New Jersey
- (D) New Zealand

79. 'It is heartening to meet Laxmi, our porter, the following morning. He is a sturdy young man'.

Sturdy means

- (A) Learned (B) Tall  
(C) Short ☒ (D) Strong

80. Match the British English words under Column A with their American English equivalents under Column B :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Autumn	1.	Truck
(b)	Holiday	2.	Freight
(c)	Lorry	3.	Fall
(d)	Goods	4.	Vacation

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A) 1	2	3	4
(B) 4	3	1	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (C) 3	4	1	2
(D) 3	2	1	4

81. What is the American English word for the British English word 'Underground'?

- (A) Pavement  
(B) First floor  
☒ (C) Subway  
(D) Pathway

82. What is the American English word for the British English word, 'Terminus'?

- (A) Final ☒ (B) Depot  
(C) Bus stand (D) Shop



83. Baron Hausberg was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.

- (A) famous Scientists
- (B) greatest Football Players
- ☒ (C) richest Men
- (D) talented Neurosurgeons

84. Use a torch when there is no power supply.

Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.

- ☒ (A) flash light
- (B) candle
- (C) tube light
- (D) pen torch

85. Identify the words in alliteration in the lines :

'Like gnomes that hid us from the moon

Ready to run to hiding new

With laughter when she found us soon'.

- (A) moon, soon
- (B) like, from
- (C) laughter, found
- ☒ (D) ready, run

86. Fill in the blanks with a gerund.

\_\_\_\_\_ is his favourite pastime.

- (A) To read
- ☒ (B) Reading
- (C) The read
- (D) Read

87. Which of the following words is formed with a prefix attached to it?

- ☒ (A) International
- (B) Interest
- (C) Interior
- (D) Interim

88. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word from the options given :

Nowadays, the criteria to avail Educational Loan is flexible.

- (A) Supply
- ☒ (B) Stiff
- (C) Stupid
- (D) Expandable

89. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word from the options given :

Napoleon faced a catastrophic defeat.

- ☒ (A) Success
- (B) Failure
- (C) Excitement
- (D) Danger

90. Choose the correct synonym of the underlined word :

Most of its inhabitants were still in the arms of sleep.

- (A) Habitats
- ☒ (B) Residents
- (C) Truants
- (D) Tyrants

91. Match the following poems under Column A with the poets under Column B and select the correct code :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	A Psalm of Life	1.	Khalil Gibran
(b)	The Man He Killed	2.	Douglas Malloch
(c)	Be The Best	3.	Thomas Hardy
(d)	Earth	4.	H.W. Longfellow

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	1	3	4
(B)	3	4	1	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> (C)	4	3	2	1
(D)	2	4	3	1

92. Which one of the following options is not a famous tragedy of William Shakespeare?

- (A) Hamlet  
(B) King Lear  
(C) Othello  
☒ (D) A Midsummer Night's Dream

93. Acquiring knowledge is one's primary duty – not only for one's success in the examination but also for one's life.

What is one's primary duty?

- (A) Playing well  
(B) Succeeding in the examination  
(C) Working earnestly  
☒ (D) Acquiring knowledge



94. Kalpana Chawla was a famous

- (A) astrologer
- ☒ (B) astronaut
- (C) teacher
- (D) doctor

95. Who is the 'Bird Man' of India?

- (A) Dr. Abdul Kalam
- ☒ (B) Dr. Salim Ali
- (C) R.K. Narayanan
- (D) Thakazhi Sivasankaran Pillai

96. "Where the clear stream of reason  
has not lost its way into the dreary desert  
sand of dead habit"

These lines are taken from the poem

- (A) A Psalm of Life
- (B) Be The Best
- ☒ (C) Where the Mind is Without Fear
- (D) The Solitary Reaper

97. 'The 16<sup>th</sup> century palace complex was built by the Nayaks and later renovated by the Marathas'.

Who renovated the palace complex?

- (A) Nayaks
- ☒ (B) Marathas
- (C) Cholas
- (D) Pallavas

98. Match the authors given under Column A with the characters given under Column B and choose the correct answer from the codes given :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	Sundara Ramasamy	1.	Hughie
(b)	Oscar Wilde	2.	Mark Antony
(c)	William Shakespeare	3.	Gunga Ram
(d)	Kushwant Singh	4.	Rowther

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	3	2	1
(B)	4	2	1	3
(C)	3	1	2	4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (D)	4	1	2	3

99. "I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him"

Whose words are these?

- (A) Marcus Brutus  
☒ (B) Mark Antony  
 (C) Casca  
 (D) Cassius

100. "Good Heavens! I gave him a sovereign!"

Identify the speaker.

- (A) Alan Trevor  
☒ (B) Hughie  
 (C) Shelley  
 (D) Diane