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**TOTAL QUESTIONS: 50**

**DURATION: 1 HOUR**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES:

- I. The following question paper is divided into 3 sections
  - a) Section A (Reading and Grammar)- 15 Questions
  - b) Section B (Oral and written expressions)- 20 Questions
  - c) Section C (Achiever's Section)- 15 Questions
- II. Each question of section A consists of 15 questions of 1 mark each. Each question of Section B consists of 20 questions of 2 marks each. Each question of Section C consists of 15 questions of 3 marks each.
- III. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- IV. There is only one correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
- V. To mark the answer of your choice, fill in the correct option with a black ball point pen.
- VI. Submit the OMR sheet to the invigilator at the end of the exam.
- VII. Please fill in your personal details in the space provided below.

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### SECTION A

#### Reading and Grammar

##### Passage:

Climate change has become an undeniable global challenge. Rising temperatures, melting glaciers, and frequent extreme weather events are all signs of its impact. Coastal cities face the threat of rising sea levels, while inland regions experience droughts and heatwaves. Governments and organizations worldwide are emphasizing sustainable development and renewable energy to combat these effects. However, individual actions such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and planting trees can significantly contribute to addressing this crisis. Collective efforts at all levels are necessary to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and ensure a sustainable future for the coming generations.

1. What are the signs of Climate change?
  - a) Rising temperature
  - b) Melting Glaciers
  - c) Frequent weather events
  - d) All of these
2. According to the passage, which regions are most at risk due to climate change?
  - a) Coastal cities and inland regions
  - b) Deserts and mountainous regions
  - c) Urban areas exclusively
  - d) Rural areas only
3. What is the primary focus of the passage?
  - a) The role of renewable energy in global development
  - b) The importance of collective efforts to tackle climate change
  - c) The impact of climate change on agriculture
  - d) The history of climate change initiatives
4. What is NOT mentioned as a solution to climate change in the passage?
  - a) Promoting renewable energy
  - b) Individual actions like conserving energy
  - c) Genetic engineering of crops
  - d) Planting trees
5. The phrase “sustainable future” in the passage most likely means:
  - a) A future dependent on fossil fuels
  - b) A future where resources are used responsibly
  - c) A future focused on industrial growth
  - d) A future with no environmental concerns
6. Which of the following best summarizes the passage?
  - a) Climate change impacts only specific areas and industries.
  - b) Addressing climate change requires global and individual efforts.
  - c) Renewable energy can completely solve climate change.
  - d) Governments alone are responsible for combating climate change.
7. Identify the sentences with a misplaced modifier:
  - a) Finished the assignment, the teacher collected the papers.
  - b) Driving down the highway, the mountains came into view.
  - c) Tired from the long hike, the water tasted refreshing.
  - d) The teacher, smiling, collected the assignment papers.
8. Choose the correct comparative form:
  - a) She is most intelligent than her sister.
  - b) She is intelligenter than her sister.
  - c) She is more intelligent than her sister.

- d) She is the most intelligent of the two sisters.
9. Choose one word that would fit both the blanks:  
(i) He loves the peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountains.  
(ii) She was asked to read a \_\_\_\_\_ from her favorite novel.
- a) passage                      b) chapter  
c) verse                        d) section

10. Identify the conjunction in the sentence:

"I like pizza, but I prefer pasta."

- a) like                        b) but  
c) I                            d) prefer

11. Complete the sentence with the correct conditional clause:

If she \_\_\_\_\_ (work) harder, she could have passed the exam.

- a) worked                    b) had worked  
c) works                     d) will work

12. Choose the correct option:

The speaker had to \_\_\_\_\_ his words after realizing the mistake.

- a) eat up                    b) give out  
c) take back                d) bring in

13. Identify the type of sentence:

"If you study hard, you will succeed."

- a) Simple                    b) Complex  
c) Compound                d) Exclamatory

14. Identify the direct object in the sentence:

"She wrote a letter to her friend."

- a) She                        b) Wrote  
c) A letter                    d) To her friend

15. Which sentence is in the subjunctive mood?

- a) If I was rich, I would buy a yacht.  
b) If I were rich, I would buy a yacht.  
c) If I am rich, I will buy a yacht.  
d) If I was rich, I will buy a yacht.

## SECTION B

### ORAL AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

16. Choose the correct meaning of the word in *italics*:

The soldier was commended for his *valorous* actions during the rescue mission.

- a) Cowardly                      b) Brave  
c) Reckless                      d) Unplanned

17. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

The manager turned a blind eye to the minor errors in the report.

- a) Ignored intentionally  
b) Paid extra attention  
c) Got frustrated  
d) Corrected carefully

18. Which sentence uses the correct form of the irregular verb?

- a) I have swam in the lake.  
b) I have swimmied in the lake.  
c) I have swum in the lake.  
d) I have swam in the lake before.

19. Identify the type of sentence:

"Stop talking and listen!"

- a) Declarative                      b) Interrogative  
c) Imperative                      d) Exclamatory

20. Choose the correct demonstrative pronoun:

"\_\_\_\_\_ book is mine, not yours."

- a) This                              b) These

- c) That                      d) Those
21. Which of the following is a coordinating conjunction?
- a) because                  b) although  
c) and                        d) however
22. Identify the antecedent in the sentence:  
"The student finished her homework and handed it in."
- a) The student              b) finished  
c) her homework          d) it
23. Choose the correct antonym of the word in italics:  
His *apathy* towards the environmental crisis shocked everyone.
- a) Indifference              b) Enthusiasm  
c) Carelessness              d) Laziness
24. Choose the appropriate word to fit the blank:  
The speech was so \_\_\_\_\_ that the audience was left spellbound.
- a) insipid                      b) eloquent  
c) ambiguous                d) tedious
25. Which sentence is in the passive voice?
- a) The teacher graded the papers.  
b) The papers were graded by the teacher.  
c) She is reading a book.  
d) I will eat pizza for lunch.
26. Choose the correct sentence:
- a) He could not help to laugh at the joke.  
b) He cannot help but laughing at the joke.  
c) He cannot help but laugh at the joke.  
d) He could not help but laughing at the joke.
27. Choose the grammatically correct sentence:
- a) She is looking forward to visit her grandparents.  
b) She looks forward to visit her grandparents.  
c) She is looking forward to visiting her grandparents.  
d) She looks forward visiting her grandparents.
28. Choose the correct word to fill the blank:  
The scientist's discovery was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of medicine.
- a) breakthrough              b) downfall  
c) letdown                      d) substitute
29. Which of the following is a pronoun?
- a) happy                        b) quickly  
c) she                            d) jump
30. Identify the direct object in the sentence:  
"The teacher assigned the students a project."
- a) The teacher                b) assigned  
c) the students                d) a project
31. Select the correct comparative form of the adjective:  
"This book is \_\_\_\_\_ interesting than the last one."
- a) more                        b) most  
c) very                         d) too
32. Find two words with the same sound but different spelling for the given sentences:  
The baby started to \_\_\_\_\_ loudly in the middle of the night. The lawyer had to \_\_\_\_\_ the case carefully before accepting it.
- a) wail, whale                b) wail, wale  
c) whale, wail                d) wale, whale
33. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete

the sentence:

She decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the offer, as it didn't meet her expectations.

- a) turn down      b) take up
- c) carry out      d) bring in

34. Which of the following is a modal auxiliary verb?

- a) is      b) have
- c) can      d) do

35. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:

The team's success was a result of their \_\_\_\_\_ dedication and perseverance.

- a) unwavering      b) indifferent
- c) occasional      d) passive

## SECTION C

### ACHIEVER'S LEVEL ENGLISH

36. Identify the error in the sentence and choose the correction:

"One of my friend are coming over tonight."

- a) Replace "friend" with "friends"
- b) Replace "are" with "is"
- c) Remove "One of"
- d) No error

37. Identify the correct pair of synonyms:

- a) Abandon, Desert
- b) Conceal, Reveal
- c) Bright, Dim
- d) Sparse, Dense

38. Identify the rhetorical device in the sentence:

"The Earth is crying for help, but the world turns a deaf ear."

- a) Simile      b) Metaphor
- c) Personification      d) Hyperbole

39. Which of the following is a subordinating conjunction?

- a) and      b) but
- c) because      d) therefore

40. Choose the correct figure of speech used here:

"The silence was deafening."

- a) Hyperbole      b) Paradox
- c) Oxymoron      d) Irony

41. Reorder the jumbled sentences to make a cohesive paragraph:

- a. They might look like mere stones to the untrained eye.
- b. The carvings, though faded with time, narrate ancient stories.
- c. The walls of the temple are adorned with intricate carvings.
- d. However, to an archaeologist, they are treasure troves of history.

- a) cbad      b) cadb
- c) cdab      d) bcad

42. Choose the most suitable option to complete the sentence:

The manager insisted that the report \_\_\_\_\_ before the meeting.

- a) is submitted      b) be submitted
- c) was submitted      d) will be submitted

43. Identify the sentence with the correct usage of modifiers:

- a) Covered with dust, the archaeologist carefully examined the ancient manuscript.
- b) Covered with dust, the ancient manuscript was carefully examined by the archaeologist.
- c) The archaeologist covered with dust carefully examined the ancient manuscript.

- d) Carefully examining the ancient manuscript, the archaeologist covered with dust.
44. Select the sentence with the correct use of the relative pronoun:
- The person who won the race is my neighbour.
  - The person whom won the race is my neighbour.
  - The person which won the race is my neighbour.
  - The person's won the race is my neighbour.
45. Analyze the statement and choose the correct inference:
- "Actions speak louder than words when it comes to environmental conservation."
- Talking about conservation is more impactful than action.
  - Practical steps are more effective than empty promises.
  - Environmental conservation requires no action.
  - Words are sufficient to address climate issues.
46. Read the excerpt and identify the tone of the author: "The waves lapped gently against the shore, whispering secrets to the wind as the twilight painted the sky in hues of melancholy." What is the tone of the passage?
- Optimistic
  - Nostalgic
  - Melancholic
  - Satirical
47. Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom:
- The new policy is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the employees, providing several additional benefits.
- blessing in disguise
  - bone of contention
  - piece of cake
  - breath of fresh air
48. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness..."
- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities
- What literary device is primarily used in this passage, and how does it contribute to the theme of the novel?
- Metaphor
  - Juxtaposition
  - Hyperbole
  - Oxymoron
49. Choose the correct transformation of the sentence:
- "Had he apologized, we would have forgiven him."
- He apologized, so we forgave him.
  - If he apologizes, we will forgive him.
  - If he had apologized, we would forgive him.
  - If he had apologized, we would have forgiven him.
50. Choose the sentence that best combines the two given sentences:
- The library was closed. The students waited outside patiently.
- Despite the library being closed, the students waited outside patiently.
  - The library being closed, and the students waited patiently outside.
  - The students waited outside because the library was closed patiently.
  - Although the library was closed, the students patiently waiting outside.