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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

1. Choose the sentence with correct subject-verb agreement:
 - a) A variety of options have been presented.
 - b) A variety of options has been presented.
 - c) A variety of options were presented.
 - d) A variety of options is presenting.
2. Select the sentence with proper use of the present perfect continuous tense:
 - a) She has lived here since five years.
 - b) She has been living here for five years.
 - c) She is living here for five years.
 - d) She lived here since five years.
3. Identify the correct use of the semicolon:
 - a) The movie was excellent; therefore, we watched it twice.
 - b) The movie was excellent, therefore, we watched it twice.
 - c) The movie was excellent therefore we watched it twice.
 - d) The movie was excellent; therefore we watched it twice.
4. Fill in the blank with the appropriate article:

The invention of _____ wheel is considered one of the greatest achievements of human civilization.

 - a) a
 - b) an
 - c) the
 - d) no article
5. Select the correct form of the possessive:
 - a) The childrens' toys are broken.
 - b) The children's toys are broken.
 - c) The childrens toys are broken.
 - d) The children toys are broken.
6. Identify the sentence with proper parallelism:
 - a) She enjoys hiking, swimming, and to ride bikes.
 - b) She enjoys hiking, swimming, and bike riding.
 - c) She enjoys to hike, to swim, and to ride bikes.
 - d) She enjoys hiking, to swim, and riding bikes.
7. Choose the correct placement of modifiers:
 - a) Walking down the street, a cat crossed my path.
 - b) While walking down the street, I saw a cat cross my path.
 - c) A cat crossed my path, walking down the street.
 - d) Down the street walking, a cat crossed my path.
8. Select the sentence with proper use of quotation marks:
 - a) "I love reading Shakespeare's "Hamlet", she said.
 - b) "I love reading Shakespeare's 'Hamlet,'" she said.
 - c) "I love reading Shakespeare's Hamlet," she said.
 - d) "I love reading Shakespeare's Hamlet", she said.
9. "His polemic against corporate greed was both compelling and controversial."

What does "polemic" mean?

 - a) A calm and persuasive argument
 - b) A strong verbal or written attack
 - c) A philosophical discussion

- d) An ambiguous statement
10. Choose the correct form of the comparative:
- a) This puzzle is more easier than the last one.
 - b) This puzzle is more easy than the last one.
 - c) This puzzle is easier than the last one.
 - d) This puzzle is the more easy than the last one.

11. Select the sentence with proper pronoun agreement:
- a) Everyone must bring their own lunch.
 - b) Everyone must bring his or her own lunch.
 - c) Everyone must bring his own lunch.
 - d) Everyone must bring one's own lunch.

12. Identify the correct use of colons:
- a) I need three items: milk, bread and eggs.
 - b) I need three items, milk, bread and eggs.
 - c) I need three items; milk, bread and eggs.
 - d) I need three items - milk, bread and eggs.

13. Choose the sentence with proper verb tense consistency:
- a) He walks to school and bought a sandwich.
 - b) He walked to school and bought a sandwich.
 - c) He walks to school and buys a sandwich.
 - d) He walking to school and bought a sandwich.

14. Select the correct use of the passive voice:
- a) The cake was being baked by my mother.
 - b) The cake being baked by my mother.
 - c) The cake is being bake by my mother.
 - d) The cake has being baked by my mother.

15. Identify the correct use of coordinating conjunctions:

- a) I wanted to go, but I was too tired.
- b) I wanted to go but, I was too tired.
- c) I wanted to go, but, I was too tired.
- d) I wanted to go but I was too tired.

SECTION B

ORAL AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

16. Choose the correct conditional form:

- a) If I would have known, I will come.
- b) If I had known, I would have come.
- c) If I have known, I would come.
- d) If I knew, I would had come.

17. Select the proper use of gerunds:

- a) To swim is my favorite sport.
- b) Swimming is my favorite sport.
- c) For swimming is my favorite sport.
- d) The swimming is my favorite sport.

18. Identify the correct use of modal verbs:

- a) You must to attend the meeting.
- b) You must have attending the meeting.
- c) You must attend the meeting.
- d) You must have to attend the meeting.

19. Choose the sentence with proper infinitive usage:

- a) She decided quickly leave.
- b) She decided to quickly leave.
- c) She decided to leave quickly.
- d) She decided leave quickly.

20. Fill in the blank with the correct phrasal verb:

The team _____ the entire night to finish the project on time.

- a) worked through b) worked over
- c) worked up d) worked out

21. Complete the sentence with the correct phrase:

The scientist's discovery was _____, altering the course of medical research.

- a) a turning point b) a letdown
- c) an afterthought d) a failure

22. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence:

The teacher encouraged students to remain _____ in their pursuit of excellence.

- a) steadfast b) erratic
- c) dispassionate d) nonchalant

23. Select the correct form of the future perfect:

- a) By next year, I will graduate.
- b) By next year, I will have graduated.
- c) By next year, I would have graduated.
- d) By next year, I have graduated.

24. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph with the right options:

The performance was spectacular, and the audience _____ its approval by clapping and cheering. The star performer _____ to the crowd, acknowledging the applause.

- a) signaled, bowed
- b) showed, waved
- c) expressed, bowed
- d) gave, waved

25. Choose the word that best fits the blank:

The _____ growth of cities has caused an alarming rise in pollution levels.

- a) planned b) unrestrained
- c) deliberate d) synchronized

26. Select the correct form of the present participle:

- a) The child sitting in the corner is my

nephew.

- b) The child sit in the corner is my nephew.
- c) The child sits in the corner is my nephew.
- d) The child sat in the corner is my nephew.

27. Identify the proper use of correlative conjunctions:

- a) Not only she sings but also dances.
- b) Not only does she sing but also dances.
- c) Not only does she sing but also dance.
- d) Not only she sings but also she dances.

28. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph with the correct options:

He _____ his jacket on the sofa and _____ to read the document.

- a) threw, began b) lay, started
- c) laid, opened d) left, resumed

29. Choose the most appropriate option:

The findings of the research paper were _____ for their profound impact on modern medical practices.

- a) lauded b) castigated
- c) denied d) undermined

30. Identify the correct use of quantifiers:

- a) There is few people at the meeting.
- b) There are few people at the meeting.
- c) There is a few people at the meeting.
- d) There are a few peoples at the meeting.

31. Choose the correct form of the past continuous:

- a) While I was sleeping, the phone rings.
- b) While I was sleeping, the phone rang.
- c) While I was sleep, the phone rang.
- d) While I sleeping, the phone rang.

32. Select the proper use of phrasal verbs:
- Can you look after to my cat?
 - Can you look after my cat?
 - Can you look for my cat?
 - Can you look up my cat?
33. Choose the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:
The manager's decision was pragmatic, considering the situation at hand.
- impulsive
 - realistic
 - creative
 - emotional
34. Choose the proper use of transitional phrases:
- However, she decided to stay.
 - However she decided to stay.
 - However; she decided to stay.
 - However, decided to stay.
35. Choose the correct question tag for the sentence:
You haven't submitted the assignment yet, _____?
- haven't you
 - didn't you
 - have you
 - don't you
38. Select the proper use of participle phrases:
- Running to catch the bus, my bag fell.
 - Running to catch the bus, I dropped my bag.
 - Running to catch the bus, dropped my bag.
 - Running to catch the bus, the bag I dropped.
39. Choose the correct phrasal verb:
The team decided to _____ the project, even though they faced initial setbacks.
- carry on
 - carry out
 - carry over
 - carry in
40. Choose the most appropriate sentence transformation:
The students were so tired that they could not concentrate.
- The students were too tired to concentrate.
 - The students were tired enough to concentrate.
 - The students could concentrate because they were tired.
 - The students were not tired enough to concentrate.

SECTION C

ACHIEVER'S LEVEL ENGLISH

36. Identify the proper use of appositives:
- My brother John, is a doctor.
 - My brother, John is a doctor.
 - My brother, John, is a doctor.
 - My brother John is, a doctor.
37. Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined word:
The speaker's comments were seen as a veiled criticism of the policy.
- open
 - concealed
 - blunt
 - harsh
41. Select the correct form of the present perfect continuous:
- I have been working here since two years.
 - I have working here for two years.
 - I have been working here for two years.
 - I am working here since two years.
42. Identify the proper use of compound adjectives:
- It was a well-known fact.
 - It was a well known fact.
 - It was a wellknown fact.
 - It was a very well known fact.

43. Read the following lines and infer the author's intent:
- "We saw the smoke rise before we saw the fire. It crept, it clawed, it consumed, leaving behind silence and ashes."
- Which of the following best describes the author's style and tone?
- Descriptive and melancholic
 - Figurative and celebratory
 - Formal and factual
 - Ironic and skeptical
44. Reorder the jumbled sentences to form a coherent paragraph:
- The results have been highly encouraging.
 - A new experiment was conducted last month.
 - Researchers believe it holds promise for future advancements.
 - It aimed to test a groundbreaking hypothesis.
- badc
 - bdac
 - abdc
 - dabc
45. Choose the most appropriate transformation of the sentence:
- "Unless you study harder, you will not pass the exam."
- If you do not study harder, you will not pass the exam.
 - If you study harder, you will not pass the exam.
 - If you do not study harder, you will pass the exam.
 - If you do not study harder, you might not pass the exam.
46. Choose the proper use of subordinating conjunctions:
- Although it was raining, but we went out.
 - Although it was raining, we went out.
 - Although it was raining, so we went out.
 - Although it was raining, and we went out.
47. Select the correct form of object pronouns:
- Between you and I, this is a secret.
 - Between you and me, this is a secret.
 - Between yourself and I, this is a secret.
 - Between yourself and me, this is a secret.
48. Identify the proper use of causative verbs:
- I had my hair cut yesterday.
 - I had cut my hair yesterday.
 - I have my hair cut yesterday.
 - I had my hair cutting yesterday.
49. Identify the error in the sentence:
- The crowd dispersed as soon as the announcement was made.
- No error
 - Replace "dispersed" with "had dispersed"
 - Replace "was made" with "was being made"
 - Replace "as soon as" with "as soon"
50. Select the proper use of adverbial phrases:
- In a hurried manner, he left the room.
 - In a hurry manner, he left the room.
 - In a hurrying manner, he left the room.
 - In a hurriedly manner, he left the room.