



Time : 40 Minutes

Total Marks : 200

**Important Instructions :**

1. This Test contains 50 items (questions). Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case, you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each item.
2. You have to mark all your responses **ONLY** on the separate Answer Sheet provided.
3. All items carry equal marks.
4. Before you proceed to mark in the Answer Sheet the response to various items in the Test Booklet, you have to fill in some particulars in the Answer Sheet as per instructions.
5. Penalty for wrong answers:  
THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.
  - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
  - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
  - (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.

**Spotting Errors**

Directions: (Q. 1–5) Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response in the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

1. He appears to be a honest man. No error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)
2. One of the members expressed doubt if  
(a) (b)  
the Minister was an atheist. No error  
(c) (d)
3. This view has been taken  
(a)  
by one of the ablest persons  
(b)  
who has written on this subject. No error  
(c) (d)
4. Slow and steady owns the race,  
(a) (b)  
as the wise would say. No error  
(c) (d)

5. We often hear people say

(a)

that most human beings have not evolved

(b)

or grow up enough to stick to truth or non-  
violence. No error

(c)

(d)

**Synonyms**

Directions: (Q. 6–10) Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

6. The Industrial Revolution saw a massive rise in the population of Europe.  
(a) enormous (b) erroneous  
(c) hazardous (d) perilous
7. I had some deepest convictions reflected in my work.  
(a) ideas and opinions (b) firm beliefs  
(c) prejudices (d) biases
8. This boy is very timid.  
(a) courageous (b) shy  
(c) clever (d) dull

9. My friend is as stubborn as a mule.  
 (a) observant (b) obnoxious  
 (c) obstinate (d) corpulent
10. His behaviour was deliberately provocative.  
 (a) exciting desire (b) infuriating  
 (c) pitiable (d) creating frustration

### Antonyms

**Directions: (Q. 11–15) Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.**

11. Too many cooks spoil the broth.  
 (a) tarnish (b) wreck  
 (c) embellish (d) upset
12. He is biased against the students from cities.  
 (a) open (b) prejudiced  
 (c) liked (d) impartial
13. It is easy to be an orthodox.  
 (a) idolatrous (b) intelligent  
 (c) malignant (d) heterodox
14. Permit me to present you with a book.  
 (a) allow (b) enclose  
 (c) prohibit (d) persuade
15. None but the brave deserves the fair.  
 (a) ugly person (b) coward  
 (c) jealous person (d) weak person

### Comprehension

**Directions: (Q. 16–20) In this section, you have two short passages. After each passage, you will find some items based on the passage. First, read a passage and answer the items based on it and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.**

“Now ladies and gentleman,” said the conjuror, “having shown you that the cloth is absolutely empty, I will proceed to take from it a bowl of goldfish. Presto!”

All around the hall people were saying, “Oh how wonderful ! How does he do it?”

But the Quick Man on the front seat said in a big whisper to the people near him, “He-had-it-up-his-sleeve.”

Then the people nodded brightly at the Quick Man and said, “Oh, of course”; and everybody whispered round the hall, “He-had-it-up-his-sleeve.”

“My next trick,” said the conjuror, “is the famous Hindostanee rings. You will notice that the rings are apparently separate; at a blow they all join (clang, clang, clang) —Presto!”

There was a general buzz of stupefaction till the Quick Man was heard to whisper, “He must-have-had-another-lot-up-his-sleeve.”

Again everybody nodded and whispered, “The-rings-were-up-his-sleeve.”

The brow of the conjuror was clouded with a gathering frown.

“I will now”, he continued, “show you a most amusing trick by which I am enabled to take any number of eggs from a hat. Will some gentleman kindly lend me his hat? Ah, thank you —presto!”

He extracted seventeen eggs, and for thirty-five seconds the audience began to think that he was wonderful. Then the Quick Man whispered along the front bench, “He has-a-hen-his-sleeve,” and all the people whispered it on. “He-has-a-lot-of-hens-up-his-sleeve.”

The egg trick was ruined.

It went on like that all through. It transpired from the whispers of the Quick Man that the conjuror must have concealed up his sleeve, in addition to the rings, hens, and fish, several packs of cards, a loaf of bread, a doll’s cradle, a live guinea pig, a fifty-cent piece, and a rocking chair.

16. “The brow of the conjuror was clouded with a gathering frown.” The sentence means that the conjuror  
 (a) was very pleased (b) was very sad  
 (c) was rather angry (d) was very afraid
17. “The egg trick was ruined” This means that  
 (a) eggs were all broken  
 (b) people were unconvinced  
 (c) conjuror was disappointed  
 (d) the trick could not be performed

18. According to the Quick Man, the conjuror  
 (a) had everything bought for production  
 (b) produced things with the magic he knew  
 (c) had things in the large sleeves of his coat  
 (d) created an illusion of things with his magic
19. The author believes that the Quick Man was really  
 (a) foolish (b) clever  
 (c) wrong (d) right
20. The conjuror extracted seventeen eggs from the hat of  
 (a) the Quick Man  
 (b) his own  
 (c) one gentleman from the audience  
 (d) None of the above

**Directions: (Q. 21–25) Read the following conversation and answer the questions given below it.**

**Magda** : Good morning, Mrs. Smiles. It's wet, isn't it?

**Mrs. Smiles** : Yes, it is, isn't it? How are you today? All right? You haven't been studying too hard, have you? You look a bit pale.

**Magda** : I don't, do I? Well, I haven't been out much lately. I don't like this weather a bit. Why, we haven't had a dry day for weeks, have we?

**Mrs. Smiles** : No, I don't think we have, Let's see, you'll be going back home next month, won't you?

**Magda** : Oh no, I'm not going back yet. My sister's coming over first.

**Mrs. Smiles** : Oh, is she? You're looking forward to that, I expect. How long is it since you saw her?

**Magda** : Nearly a year now. Yes, I am looking forward to it very much.

**Mrs. Smiles** : She's coming over here to study?

**Magda** : Yes, that's right. I shan't go back home until she's settled down. I don't think I ought to, ought I?

**Mrs. Smiles** : Well, no, she's younger than you are, is she?

**Magda** : Yes, she's only eighteen.

21. Magda had not been out much lately because  
 (a) she had not been keeping well  
 (b) she was busy with her studies  
 (c) the weather had been unpleasant  
 (d) her sister had come over to stay
22. Magda was not going back home yet because  
 (a) it had been raining heavily  
 (b) her sister was coming over  
 (c) her studies were not completed  
 (d) she was not feeling well
23. Mrs. Smiles says, "You're looking forward to that." This means, Magda was \_\_\_ her sister's arrival.  
 (a) expecting with pleasure  
 (b) preparing hard for  
 (c) thinking greatly about  
 (d) watching with joy
24. Magda's sister was coming to  
 (a) visit her sister  
 (b) help Mrs. Smiles  
 (c) settle down in England  
 (d) pursue her studies
25. Mrs. Smiles and Magda are  
 (a) classmates (b) school friends  
 (c) neighbours (d) sisters-in-law

### Fill in the Blanks

**Directions: (Q. 26–35) Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or groups of words given after the sentence. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.**

26. We fail to understand your reasons for \_\_\_ the college without completing the degree.  
 (a) attending (b) joining  
 (c) leaving (d) refusing
27. She \_\_\_\_\_ her energy and started shouting only when she heard the noise of bulldozers and cranes.  
 (a) checked (b) conserved  
 (c) maintained (d) controlled
28. The British \_\_\_ all over Africa and Asia collapsed in the first half of the twentieth century.  
 (a) hegemony (b) domicile  
 (c) residence (d) inheritance

29. The football match has to be \_\_\_ because of the weather.  
 (a) called off (b) continued  
 (c) put off (d) turned off
30. If I were rich, \_\_\_ a lot.  
 (a) I'll travel (b) I can travel  
 (c) I would travel (d) I travelled
31. They apologized \_\_\_ me for what happened.  
 (a) to (b) at  
 (c) for (d) with
32. If you are tired of swimming, just \_\_\_ for a while.  
 (a) struggle (b) stroke  
 (c) float (d) streak
33. He had \_\_\_ spoken for two minutes when there was a commotion in the crowd.  
 (a) even (b) hardly  
 (c) often (d) little
34. I would not commit myself \_\_\_ that course of action.  
 (a) of (b) to  
 (c) by (d) with
35. The soldiers waiting to go into battle for the first time were full of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) apprehension (b) consideration  
 (c) anticipation (d) frivolity

### Idioms and Phrases

**Directions: (Q. 36–40)** Given below are some idioms /phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response (a), (b), (c), or (d) which is the most appropriate meaning and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

36. A red-letter day  
 (a) a trivial day  
 (b) a very important or significant day  
 (c) a day of bloodshed and violence  
 (d) a mourning day
37. The gift of the gab  
 (a) ability to speak easily and confidently  
 (b) ability to spoil something  
 (c) ability to sell things  
 (d) gift from a sacred institution
38. Walk a tightrope  
 (a) to be forced to leave your job  
 (b) to be ready to fall

- (c) to act very carefully  
 (d) to invite danger

39. To be in a fix  
 (a) receive strong criticism  
 (b) to support oneself  
 (c) to fix problems  
 (d) to be in a difficult situation
40. To fish in troubled waters  
 (a) to borrow money  
 (b) to steal belongings of  
 (c) to get benefit in bad situation  
 (d) to extend a helping hand

### Ordering of Sentences

**Directions: (Q. 41–45)** Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

41. Domestic fires in Indian villages  
 P. as the heat is dispersed  
 Q. an unhealthy smoke accumulates in unventilated houses  
 R. are wasteful  
 S. lit in *Chulhas*  
 The correct sequence should be  
 (a) PQSR (b) PQRS  
 (c) SPQR (d) SRPQ
42. Bold rocks near at hand  
 P. makes a fine forest for the imagination  
 Q. than distant Alps  
 R. are more inspiring  
 S. and the thick fern upon a heath  
 The correct sequence should be  
 (a) QRSP (b) RSQP  
 (c) RQSP (d) SRQP
43. Newton discovered that  
 P. due to the gravitational pull  
 Q. of the earth  
 R. the apple falls  
 S. on the ground  
 The correct sequence should be  
 (a) QPRS (b) RSPQ  
 (c) QSPR (d) SQRP

44. The knocking  
 P. were still in the house  
 Q. for some time  
 R. although the echoes of it  
 S. ceased

The correct sequence should be

- (a) SRPQ                      (b) SQRP  
 (c) PQSR                      (d) RSPQ

45. The history of mankind is  
 P. and steady progress  
 Q. continuous change  
 R. the history of  
 S. from barbarism to refinement

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS                      (b) RQPS  
 (c) QSPR                      (d) SQRP

### Cloze Comprehension

**Directions: (Q. 46–50)** In the following passage there are some blank spaces with four words or groups of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

- The honeybee is a very unusual kind of insect. \_\_\_ 46. (a) Unlike other insects which live  
 (b) Similar to  
 (c) With  
 (d) Like
- alone, the honeybee lives as a / an \_\_\_ 47. (a) group of a community, These bees live  
 (b) individual  
 (c) member  
 (d) troop
- together in what is known as a bee \_\_\_ 48. (a) house. The head of the bees is called the  
 (b) home.  
 (c) army.  
 (d) colony.
- queen bee. She is \_\_\_ 49. (a) heaviest than the rest of the bees. Her main  
 task  
 (b) heavier  
 (c) largest  
 (d) larger
- is to \_\_\_ 50. (a) lay eggs.  
 (b) hatch  
 (c) make  
 (d) bear



## Answers

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
1	(c)	Article	Spotting errors
2	(b)	Redundancy	Spotting errors
3	(c)	Subject-verb Agreement	Spotting errors
4	(b)	Idioms	Spotting errors
5	(c)	Parallelism	Spotting errors
6	(a)	Vocabulary	Synonyms
7	(b)	Vocabulary	Synonyms
8	(b)	Vocabulary	Synonyms
9	(c)	Vocabulary	Synonyms
10	(a)	Vocabulary	Synonyms
11	(c)	Vocabulary	Antonyms
12	(d)	Vocabulary	Antonyms
13	(d)	Vocabulary	Antonyms
14	(c)	Vocabulary	Antonyms
15	(b)	Vocabulary	Antonyms
16	(c)	Meaning of a Phrase	Reading Comprehension
17	(b)	Meaning of a Phrase	Reading Comprehension
18	(c)	Sentence Completion	Reading Comprehension
19	(a)	Fill up	Reading Comprehension
20	(c)	Fill up	Reading Comprehension
21	(c)	Sentence Completion	Reading Comprehension
22	(b)	Sentence Completion	Reading Comprehension
23	(a)	Fill up	Reading Comprehension
24	(d)	Sentence Completion	Reading Comprehension
25	(c)	Sentence Completion	Reading Comprehension
26	(c)	Verb	Fill in the blanks
27	(b)	Verb	Fill in the blanks
28	(a)	Noun	Fill in the blanks
29	(a)	Verb	Fill in the blanks
30	(c)	Conditionals	Fill in the blanks
31	(a)	Prepositions	Fill in the blanks
32	(c)	Conditionals	Fill in the blanks
33	(b)	Adverb	Fill in the blanks
34	(b)	Prepositions	Fill in the blanks
35	(a)	Correct Word	Fill in the blanks
36	(b)	Vocabulary	Idioms and phrases
37	(a)	Vocabulary	Idioms and phrases
38	(c)	Vocabulary	Idioms and phrases
39	(d)	Vocabulary	Idioms and phrases
40	(c)	Vocabulary	Idioms and phrases

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
41	(d)	Para jumble	Ordering sentences
42	(c)	Para jumble	Ordering sentences
43	(b)	Para jumble	Ordering sentences
44	(a)	Para jumble	Ordering sentences
45	(b)	Para jumble	Ordering sentences
46	(a)	Prepositions	Cloze test
47	(c)	Noun	Cloze test
48	(d)	Noun	Cloze test
49	(d)	Adjectives	Cloze test
50	(a)	Verb	Cloze test