



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.

**ANTONYMS**

Directions : (Q. 1–10) Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. Human craving for comfort leads to anxiety.  
(a) like (b) dislike  
(c) discomfort (d) complacency
2. His writings on the subject are obscure.  
(a) murky (b) vague  
(c) obvious (d) uncertain
3. The achievements of the team have been monumental in the last ten years.  
(a) enormous (b) memorable  
(c) striking (d) unimpressive
4. His frail appearance was considered a merit.  
(a) weak (b) delicate  
(c) sturdy (d) big
5. The novel depicts the hapless status of certain sections of society.  
(a) wretched (b) miserable  
(c) rural (d) fortunate

6. Her ideas have always been eccentric.  
(a) special (b) strange  
(c) normal (d) local
7. The land appears to be parched.  
(a) dry (b) desiccated  
(c) wet (d) scorched
8. The newly made road was smooth.  
(a) rutted (b) dangerous  
(c) winding (d) silken
9. Plenitude is one major cause for environmental degradation.  
(a) abundance (b) insufficiency  
(c) ample (d) plethora
10. The scholar quoted irrefutable evidence for her thesis.  
(a) overwhelming (b) undeniable  
(c) certain (d) questionable

**SYNONYMS**

Directions : (Q. 11–20) Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words/group of words (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

11. Ravi told his friend that he had no intention to malign him.  
 (a) benign (b) slander  
 (c) praise (d) greet
12. Sheela appeared to be vexed.  
 (a) clear (b) calm  
 (c) displeased (d) uncomplicated
13. Do not hold any preconception about people.  
 (a) notion (b) experiment  
 (c) great idea (d) conceit
14. All mortal elements are impermanent.  
 (a) temporal (b) immortal  
 (c) never-ending (d) divinely
15. The itinerary of the group's visit to the hills was given to everyone.  
 (a) invitation (b) information  
 (c) schedule (d) names
16. The effort was to harness the power of nature.  
 (a) abuse (b) benefit  
 (c) apply (d) control
17. The fickle nature of humans is at times the cause of great innovations.  
 (a) vacillating (b) consistent  
 (c) strong (d) wily
18. The flood situation during the monsoon this year was calamitous.  
 (a) abundance (b) catastrophic  
 (c) encouraging (d) welcome
19. He was appointed as the honorary member of the team.  
 (a) paid (b) invited  
 (c) accepted (d) unpaid
20. The church decided to excommunicate him for his actions.  
 (a) admit (b) reward  
 (c) expel (d) promote

### ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

Directions : (Q. 21–30) 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 accordingly.

21. to be successful what it is as a human being

P Q R

have you ever considered

S

- (a) SQPR (b) ROPS  
 (c) QRSP (d) PRSQ

22. there is in all instance a single,

P

surrender to the idea that

Q

authoritative truth to be discovered and defended

R

many people today are willing to

S

- (a) RPSQ (b) SPRQ  
 (c) RPQS (d) SQPR

23. for yourself the implications of death,

P

if you do not reflect and understand

Q

from one preacher to another

R

you will go endlessly

S

- (a) SRPQ (b) QPSR  
 (c) RSPQ (d) QRSP

24. a way of understanding the world,

P

a language represents

Q

and relating them to one another

R

differentiating between things

S

- (a) PSRO (b) SRPQ  
 (c) RSPQ (d) QPSR

25. for India's future

P

mathematics and mathematical thinking

Q

will be very important it is recognized that

R

S

- (a) QRPS (b) RPSQ  
 (c) QRSP (d) SQRP

26. in agriculture and veterinary sciences through

P

will be enhanced sharply

Q

programmes integrated with general education

R

the preparation of professionals

S

- (a) SRPQ                      (b) RQPS  
(c) SPRQ                      (d) PQRS

27. and should shift the way

P

are certainly very important,

Q

we think about politics

R

the issues raised by feminists and  
multiculturalists

S

- (a) RPQS                      (b) RSPQ  
(c) SPQR                      (d) SQPR

28. by which the genetic material of a plant is  
altered,

P

pests and enhance its nutritional value

Q

perhaps to make it more resistant to

R

genetic modification (GM) is the science

S

- (a) QRPS                      (b) SPRQ  
(c) RSPQ                      (d) RPQS

29. a much wider array of perspectives

P

the editors of the present work

Q

the history of social reforms from

R

argue the need to understand

S

- (a) QSRP                      (b) QPRS  
(c) RSQP                      (d) SQRQ

30. for which she fought till the end

P

as a champion of women's rights,

Q

Pandita Ramabai was truly remarkable

R

as a pioneer in women's education and

S

- (a) SRQP                      (b) QPRS  
(c) RSQP                      (d) PQRS

### SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions : (Q. 31–40) 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. 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).

31. Our greatest glory is

(a)

not in never falling but in

(b)

raising every time we fall.

(c)

No error

(d)

32. Rahim was one of that

(a)

the award.

(c)

selected for

(b)

No error

(d)

33. Sujini has met her old friend

(a)

Guru before she shifted

(b)

to Hyderabad two years ago

(c)

No error

(d)

34. This monument happens

(a)

to be one of the old monument

(b)

in the city.

(c)

No error

(d)

35. Amit told to Divya

(a)

with a reward for her.

(c)

that he would come

(b)

No error

(d)

36. If you have asked me  
(a)  
for the truth I would have told  
(b)  
you at that time.    No error  
(c)                      (d)
37. If I will be the millionaire    I would eradicate  
(a)    (b)  
poverty from the country.    No error  
(c)    (d)
38. A bird in hand            is better than  
(a)    (b)  
two in the bush.            No error  
(c)    (d)
39. The opportunity to attain foundational literacy  
(a)  
and pursue a honest livelihood  
(b)  
must be viewed as basic right of every citizen.  
(c)  
No error  
(a)
40. Though there is progress  
(a)  
for different Directions,  
(b)  
why is there no brotherhood?  
(c)  
No error  
(d)
41. A queer fish  
(a) A strange person    (b) A good person  
(c) An unlucky person    (d) A lucky person
42. Eat like a bird  
(a) Eat very quickly    (b) Eat a lot  
(c) Eat continuously    (d) Eat very little
43. Lock horns  
(a) Be like a bull  
(b) Argue about something  
(c) Agree with someone  
(d) Think about the horns
44. Early bird  
(a) Low flying                      (b) Latest  
(c) Ancient avian                  (d) First arrival
45. Be in the pink  
(a) To be very healthy  
(b) To be very colourful  
(c) To be very sad  
(d) To be very rich
46. Be in the running  
(a) In a very bad state to speak  
(b) In a powerful position  
(c) In a good position to win  
(d) In a losing position
47. A sea change  
(a) Change in the sea tides  
(b) A complete change  
(c) Change like sea  
(d) Changed sea with pollution
48. A pearl of wisdom  
(a) An important event in one's life  
(b) An important person of wisdom  
(c) An important piece of advice  
(d) An important thing in one's life
49. Be in seventh heaven  
(a) To be extremely sorry  
(b) To be extremely wise  
(c) To be extremely sad  
(d) To be extremely happy
50. Be in the red  
(a) To owe money to a bank  
(b) To get money from one's family  
(c) To be in danger of being caught  
(d) To be in favour of needy people

### IDIOMS AND PHRASES

**Directions :** (Q. 41–50) Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings for each. Choose the most appropriate answer from among the options (a), (b), (c) and (d).

**Answers****ENGLISH**

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
1	(b)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
2	(c)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
3	(d)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
4	(c)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
5	(d)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
6	(c)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
7	(c)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
8	(a)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
9	(b)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
10	(d)	Antonyms	Vocabulary
11	(b)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
12	(c)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
13	(a)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
14	(a)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
15	(c)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
16	(d)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
17	(a)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
18	(b)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
19	(d)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
20	(c)	Synonyms	Vocabulary
21	(a)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
22	(d)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
23	(b)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
24	(d)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
25	(d)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
26	(c)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
27	(d)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
28	(b)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
29	(a)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
30	(c)	Ordering of words	Cohesion
31	(c)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
32	(a)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
33	(a)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
34	(b)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
35	(a)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
36	(a)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
37	(a)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
38	(d)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
39	(b)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
40	(b)	Spotting Error	Grammar and Usage
41	(a)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
42	(d)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
43	(b)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
44	(d)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
45	(c)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
46	(c)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
47	(b)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
48	(c)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
49	(d)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage
50	(a)	Idioms and phrases	Vocabulary and Usage

**ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION**

1. **Option (b) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Craving' implies 'a strong desire for something'. Therefore, (a) is a synonym. The antonym will be 'dislike.' The correct answer is (b).
2. **Option (c) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Obscure' means 'not discovered or known about; uncertain.' Thus, 'murky', 'vague' and 'uncertain' are synonyms. The antonym will be 'obvious.' The correct answer is (c).
3. **Option (d) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Monumental' implies 'great in importance, extent, or size.' The achievements of the team have been described as 'enormous' / 'striking'. The antonym will be 'unimpressive.' The correct answer is (d).
4. **Option (c) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Frail' refers to '(of a person) weak and delicate.' The appearance is called as 'weak' / 'delicate'. The antonym will be 'sturdy.' The correct answer is (c).
5. **Option (d) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Hapless' implies '(especially of a person) unfortunate.' In the sentence, the novel is said to describe the miserable / wretched status of certain sections of society. The antonym will be 'fortunate.' The correct answer is (d).
6. **Option (c) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Eccentric' means 'unconventional and slightly strange.' So 'special' and 'normal' can be considered as synonyms. The antonym will be 'normal.' The correct answer is (c).
7. **Option (c) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Parched' means 'dried out with heat.' So, all the options, except (c) are synonymous. The antonym will be 'wet.' The correct answer is (c).
8. **Option (a) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Smooth' connotes 'having an even and regular surface'. The antonym will be 'rutted', which means 'having long deep tracks made by the repeated passage of the wheels of vehicles.' The correct answer is (a).
9. **Option (b) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Plenitude' means 'an abundance'. If 'abundance' is the cause for environmental degradation, the antonym will be 'insufficiency.' The correct answer is (b).
10. **Option (d) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Irrefutable' implies 'impossible to deny or disprove.' So 'certain' / 'undeniable' are synonymous. The antonym will be 'questionable.' The correct answer is (d).
11. **Option (b) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Malign' means 'evil in nature or effect.' The synonym will be 'slander.' All of (a), (c) and (d) connote positive implications. The correct answer is (b).
12. **Option (c) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Vexed' means 'annoyed, frustrated, or worried.' So 'displeased' is correct. The correct answer is (c).
13. **Option (a) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Preconception' refers to 'a preconceived idea or prejudice.' The synonym will be 'notion.' The correct answer is (a).
14. **Option (a) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Mortal' implies 'causing or liable to cause death; fatal.' The synonym will be 'temporal' (relating to time as opposed to eternity). The correct answer is (a).
15. **Option (c) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Itinerary' refers to 'a planned route or journey.' The sentence speaks of a schedule being given to everyone. The synonym will be 'schedule.' The correct answer is (c).
16. **Option (d) is correct.**  
**Explanation:**  
'Harness' refers to 'control and make use of (natural resources), especially to produce energy.' The sentence refers to controlling the power of nature. The synonym will be 'control.' The correct answer is (d).

**17. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

'Fickle' means 'changing frequently, especially as regards one's loyalties or affections.' Therefore, it is the vacillating nature of humans that gives rise to innovations. The synonym will be 'vacillating.' The correct answer is (a).

**18. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

'Calamitous' indicates 'involving calamity; catastrophic or disastrous.' Thus, the flood resulted in catastrophic situation. The synonym will be 'catastrophic.' The correct answer is (b).

**19. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

'Honorary' means 'conferred as an honour, without the usual requirements or functions.' The synonym will be 'unpaid.' The correct answer is (d).

**20. Option (c) is correct.****Explanation:**

'Excommunicate' implies 'to cut off from communion with a church or exclude from the sacraments of a church by ecclesiastical sentence.' So, the church had decided to expel the person owing to his actions. The synonym will be 'expel.' The correct answer is (c).

**21. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The sentence is an interrogative sentence. Thus, it will start with a verb (have), then a pronoun (you). The format will be: Have you ever considered what it is to be successful as a human being? The correct answer is SQPR. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**22. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

The sentence ought to start with the subject (many people), followed by a verb (are willing to). Thus, (S) is the first statement. Next, the question is: willing to what? The answer is in (P)- 'surrender to the idea that'. This idea is explained in (P)- that there is in all instance a single authoritative truth to be discovered. Thus, the correct format is SQPR. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**23. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

The sentence is a conditional one- If you (subject) do not...understand (Q), the object is given in (P) – the implications of death. The

consequence of (QP) is detailed in (S) – 'you will go endlessly' and (R) 'from one preacher to another'. Thus, the correct format is QPSR. Hence the correct answer is (b).

**24. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

The subject of the sentence is 'a language' (Q). What it represents is elaborated in the next three parts. (P) states the first one- 'a way of understanding the world', secondly, 'differentiating between things'(S) and lastly, these two concepts are concluded in (R) by the use of 'and'. Thus, the correct format is QPSR. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**25. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

The most logical link in this sentence is QRP. Mathematical thinking will be very important for India's future. Thus, it ought to start with: it is recognized that...(S). Thus, the correct format is SQRP. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**26. Option (c) is correct.****Explanation:**

The subject of the sentence is 'the preparation of professionals', (S) which 'will be enhanced sharply'. But it seems inadequate, so one needs to join the pieces. (P) ends with 'through', so one needs to connect it with another phrase/ clause to make sense. The clue lies in the phrase 'programmes integrated with general education'. Thus, the correct format is SPRQ. Hence the correct answer is (c).

**27. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

The part stated in (Q)- 'are certainly very important' needs to be logically connected to a subject. This is illustrated in (S)- 'the issues raised by feminists...'. Thus, SQ is a coherent link. These issues should shift the way we think about politics. Thus, the correct format is SQPR. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**28. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

The sentence gives a definition of Genetic Modification (S). This is exhibited in (P)- the science by which genetic materials of plants are altered to make it more resistant to pests. Thus, the correct format is SPRQ. Hence the correct answer is (b).



**29. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The verb 'argue' in (S) refers to the editors of present work. Hence, QS is an important link. They argue the need to understand the history of social reforms from a wider array of perspectives. Thus, the correct format is QSRP. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**30. Option (c) is correct.****Explanation:**

The subject of the sentence is Pandita Ramabai, who has been a pioneer in women's education and women's rights. The use of 'and' in (S) apparently connects it to a similar thought in (Q). Thus, the correct format is RSQP. Hence the correct answer is (c).

**31. Option (c) is correct.****Explanation:**

The sentence is a fact, thus, the verbs will take a simple present tense- 'failing' and 'rising'. The use of 'raising' makes it incorrect. Hence the correct answer is (c).

**32. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct answer will be: Rahim was one of those... The use of 'that' makes it incorrect. 'Those' is used for plural noun, while 'that' refers to a singular noun. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**33. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

In the case of past tense, when one event takes a past perfect tense, the other one will take a simple past (had), not present perfect (has). The correct one will be: Sujini had met...Hence the correct answer is (a).

**34. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct one will be: This monument ...the oldest monument in the city. The reason being, one monument is said to be one of the many old monuments, thus superlative degree is appropriate. Hence the correct answer is (b).

**35. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct one will be: 'Amit told Divya that he would come...'. It is to be noted that 'told' is never followed by the preposition 'to'. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**36. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct one will be: 'If you had asked me for the truth...' The conditional sentence is in past tense, therefore, past perfect is appropriate. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**37. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct one will be: 'If I were a millionaire...'. The logic is that when writing about non-realistic or hypothetical situations, 'if I were' is the only correct choice. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**38. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

There is no error in the sentence. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**39. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct one will be: '...pursue an honest livelihood'. The rationale is that the first letter makes a vowel-type sound. The usage of 'a' is incorrect. Hence the correct answer is (b).

**40. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

The correct one will be: '...progress in different directions'. It is to be noted that 'in' is applicable for 'directions'. Hence the correct answer is (b).

**41. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The idiom 'a queer fish' implies 'a person whose behaviour seems strange or unusual.' So, 'a strange person' fits the bill. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**42. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

The idiom 'eat like a bird' implies 'eat very little'. So, 'eat very little' is appropriate. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**43. Option (b) is correct.****Explanation:**

The idiom 'lock horns' connotes 'engage in conflict.' So 'argue about something' makes sense. Hence the correct answer is (b).

**44. Option (d) is correct.****Explanation:**

The idiom 'early bird' implies 'a person who rises, arrives, or acts before the usual or expected time.' So 'first arrival' is correct. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**45. Option (a) is correct.****Explanation:**

The idiom 'in the pink' is an informal expression

meaning the peak of health or an optimal state. It is often used to describe a situation in which an investor or an economy is in a good financial position. So 'healthy' is correct. Hence the correct answer is (a).

**46. Option (c) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

The idiom 'be in the running' means 'having a chance of being successful, esp. in a competition or election'. So, it implies 'in a good position to win'. Hence the correct answer is (c).

**47. Option (b) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

The idiom 'a sea change' means 'a profound or notable transformation.' Hence the correct answer is (b).

**48. Option (c) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

The idiom 'a pearl of wisdom' means 'a wise word or statement'. So 'an important piece of advice' is appropriate. Hence the correct answer is (c).

**49. Option (d) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

The idiom 'be in the seventh heaven' means 'a state of intense happiness; bliss'. Hence the correct answer is (d).

**50. Option (a) is correct.**

**Explanation:**

The idiom 'be in the red' connotes 'spending and owing more money than is being earned.' Thus, it means to 'owe money to a bank'. Hence the correct answer is (a).