

Time : 40 Minutes

Total Marks : 200

Important Instructions :

1. This Test Booklet 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: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words. Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. The nation was gaining ground at this time as the acceptable and legible idiom of collective political demands.
(a) incomprehensible (b) intelligible
(c) decipherable (d) readable
2. Among its distinctive features is a conflation between land, a national(ised) language, and a people.
(a) amalgamation (b) meld
(c) constituent (d) emulsion
3. The partners maintained an amicable relationship after selling the business.
(a) amiable (b) gracious
(c) mellow (d) surly
4. For clinicians under the occupation, whose patients were dying from hunger, this presented an ethical quandary and a personal dilemma.
(a) quagmire (b) predicament
(c) certainty (d) tranquility
5. The CEO has been praised for his adroit management of the company's financial recovery.
(a) gauche (b) skillful
(c) dexterous (d) ambidextrous
6. The earthquake destroyed thousands of people's lives but I was struck by the incredible resilience of the survivors I met.
(a) potency (b) tenacity
(c) weakness (d) obstinate
7. This process taught me the importance of being a ruthless editor. I learnt that if a piece of information can be deleted without impacting the narrative flow, then it didn't belong there.
(a) compassionate (b) boorish
(c) acrimonious (d) callous
8. With little access to medical care, many of them succumbed to exhaustion, starvation and disease.
(a) capitulate (b) battle
(c) defeated (d) sonorous
9. A frugal lifestyle doesn't have to mean a deprived lifestyle.
(a) parsimony (b) niggardly
(c) spendthrift (d) thrifty

10. A sedentary lifestyle could increase your levels of exhaustion.

(a) dormant (b) apathetic
(c) somnambulant (d) animated

Synonyms

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words. Select the option that is similar in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

11. Recently, 23 of Watauga's best math students met virtually to test their mettle against their peers in the annual Math Counts competition.

(a) caliber (b) resolution
(c) placidity (d) adore

12. Since the callow baker was new to cake decorating, she did not know how to properly frost the multi-layer cake.

(a) puerile (b) childish
(c) immature (d) seasoned

13. The magazine article provided ideas for activities designed to shake off the torpor of a rainy day.

(a) naive (b) dispassionate
(c) tepidity (d) fervent

14. The incumbents for the Fayetteville and Rogers school boards all secured their seats for another term.

(a) vehemence (b) azure
(c) entrant (d) officeholder

15. The pole vaulter reached the apogee of height in the competition, catapulting him into first place.

(a) inane (b) apex
(c) heyday (d) accommodate

16. I attempted to aggrandize the CEO's high status in the company to sweet talk him into signing off on the deal.

(a) elevate (b) perigee
(c) abase (d) aeon

17. Seven plenteous years brought enough food to feed the people during the famine.

(a) scarcity (b) niggardly
(c) abundant (d) fecund

18. The indictments against the company and its chief financial officer, Allen Weisselberg, will remain sealed until Thursday.

(a) exoneration (b) arraignment
(c) praise (d) rhythm

19. The student was procrastinating writing the report; however, the tutor provided the needed guidance and motivation.

(a) diatonic (b) diminutive
(c) loiter (d) lackadaisically

20. The facts of the unsolved mystery were intriguing, but the author's conclusion was facile.

(a) simple (b) arduous
(c) torrid (d) dally

Spotting Errors

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

21. (a) Despite of the simplicity
(b) of production both Oldowan and Acheulian
(c) tool-making process activate
(d) different parts of the brain.
(e) No error.

22. (a) The later tend to play
(b) like an intro to his benighted
(c) Celebrity Apprentice: stolid, explicit
(d) and exhausting.
(e) No error.

23. (a) From the moment he arrived
(b) there it's citizens resented him
(c) and his Martians and
(d) his youth and his talent.
(e) No error.

24. (a) Fortunately, global wealth and
(b) technology allow us
(c) to better prepare and respond
(d) to natural disasters.
(e) No error.

25. (a) As global populations have grown
(b) and people have crowded into risk zones
(c) — like earthquake areas and flood plains
— the toll of natural
(d) disasters have grown as well.
(e) No error.

26. (a) According to the Center for Research on Epidemiology of Disasters,
(b) the number of catastrophic
(c) events have more than
(d) doubled since the 1980s.
(e) No error.
27. (a) The landlord
(b) requested that John
(c) comes out of
(d) the apartment immediately.
(e) No error.
28. (a) India needs free,
(b) fair, non-hyphenated and
(c) questioning journalism even more as
(d) it faces multiple crisis.
(e) No error.
29. (a) This bank
(b) has been built in
(c) 1995 by a small group
(d) of merchants.
(e) No error.
30. (a) Since they got late,
(b) it grew late and
(c) they decided to put at
(d) a nearby hotel.
(e) No error.
31. A number of serious disorders, such as sickle cell anemia and Huntington's disease are caused by genetic_____.
(a) anomalies (b) eccentricity
(c) ebullience (d) ecclesiastics
32. At an early age, when grammar school teachers were struggling to _____ the lesson that effort was the main key to success in school.
(a) evade (b) dubious
(c) quaint (d) inculcate
33. She gave him her most_____ smile and stepped out of the hallway.
(a) surprising (b) fetching
(c) irritated (d) confused
34. It's an _____ cloud, a phenomenon occurring right in our own atmosphere.
(a) iridescent (b) azure
(c) seaweed (d) pandemic
35. Famed actor Phylicia Rashad is returning to her _____ as the new dean of the Howard University College of Fine Arts.
(a) alumni (b) pagan
(c) baroque (d) alma mater
36. As people grow older, they begin to _____ on the uncertainty of life.
(a) ruminate (b) vivid
(c) daunt (d) fiasco
37. He seemed burdened with _____ thoughts and dark visions as he wrestled with his pursuing demons.
(a) heterodox (b) sonorous
(c) melancholic (d) wacky

Fill in the blanks

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with a blank followed by four words. Select the option that is aptly fit in the given blank and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

31. The plot of the story thickens when the main character's _____ turns out to be a wanted criminal.
(a) lugubrious (b) doppelganger
(c) lovelorn (d) woeful
32. "I'm not willing to _____ my friendship with Camille by lying to her," said Luis.
(a) jeopardize (b) dismayed
(c) distraught (d) wriggle
33. Any insect unlucky enough to land on the mouth-like leaves of an Australian pitcher plant will meet a _____ end.
(a) teary-eyed (b) mewling
(c) grisly (d) grizzly

Idioms & Phrases

Directions: Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d), whichever is most appropriate expression and mark your response in your answer sheet accordingly.

41. Out of the woods
(a) Deliberately and without emotion
(b) Out of the forest
(c) Out of control
(d) Out of danger
42. Call a spade a spade
(a) An important person
(b) Blunt and direct

- (c) In a state where one does not know what to do
 (d) To tackle a problem in a bold and direct fashion
43. At daggers drawn
 (a) Bitterly hostile
 (b) To tackle a problem in a bold and direct fashion
 (c) Keep one at a distance
 (d) Have a secret plan in reserve
44. Bark up the wrong tree
 (a) Confess – especially when a person has done a wrong thing
 (b) Accuse or denounce a person
 (c) Waste one's efforts by pursuing the wrong thing or path
 (d) To act foolishly or inconsistently
45. At one's wit's end
 (a) Completely puzzled or perplexed
 (b) Tired
 (c) Work or study hard
 (d) Without hope
46. Have a card up one's sleeve
 (a) Do or say the exact thing
 (b) To make a supreme effort
 (c) To act foolishly or inconsistently
 (d) Have a secret plan in reserve
47. Cock and bull story
 (a) Ask for the impossible
 (b) Made up story that one should not believe
 (c) Just at the last moment
 (d) Talent for speaking
48. Take a leaf out of one's book
 (a) Just at the last moment
 (b) Make money unfairly
 (c) Desert one in difficulties
 (d) Imitate one
49. Smell a rat
 (a) Suspect something foul
 (b) Disturb the work
 (c) Understand the hidden meaning
 (d) Run away
50. Bury the hatchet
 (a) Dwell on the same subject
 (b) Destroy in the early stage
 (c) End the quarrel and make peace
 (d) Put or do things in the wrong order



Answers

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

Q No	Answer Key	Topic Name	Chapter Name
41	(d)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
42	(b)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
43	(a)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
44	(c)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
45	(a)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
46	(d)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
47	(b)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
48	(d)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
49	(a)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary
50	(c)	Idioms & phrases	Vocabulary