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General Instructions

1. Write your name and Admit Pass number in the boxes above.
2. Write your Admit Pass number in the **OMR** answer sheet without fail.
3. Read the instructions in the **OMR** sheet carefully before proceeding.
4. Answer **ALL QUESTIONS** in the **OMR** sheet only.
5. Shade your answers in pencil first and finally with a blue/black ball point pen. Do not cross out or use white ink to cancel a shaded answer.
6. This test booklet has 3 parts (1, 2, and 3).
7. The paper carries a maximum of 100 marks.
8. You have **two hours** to complete all 3 parts of the test.
9. You should return this question paper along with the **OMR** sheet.

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PART I

Section A: Grammar

5 X 1 = 5 marks

I. Given below are sentences with some errors in them. Identify the part in each sentence that has an error. If there is no error, mark "No error."

1. The front page of any newspaper / always contain / the most important news of the day. / No error
A B C D
2. Ketan is too smart enough / to understand how / to solve that problem. / No error
A B C
3. Tourists like to go / swimming / in the warm ocean in Hawaii. / No error
A B C D
4. I know that / Professor Reddy teaches English / at University of Bombay. / No error
A B C D
5. Kishan stayed in the library / and studied the whole day. / and so Venkat did. / No error
A B C D

II. Given below are some sentences with blanks. Look at the options given below and identify the right word or phrase for each blank. 5 X 2 = 10 marks

6. Finally I agreed _____ to a movie with my wife.
A. on going
B. to go
C. going
D. for going
7. He has been working in this company _____ 10 years now.
A. since
B. from
C. for
D. hence
8. Vikram bought _____ furniture for his office.
A. some
B. most
C. lot of
D. many

9. It looks as though it _____ last night.

- A. might be raining
- B. might have rained
- C. may be rained
- D. must have rained

10. I think this is the _____ song on the CD.

- A. better
- B. most best
- C. best
- D. better than most

Section B: Vocabulary

10 X 1 = 10 marks

Read the following passage and choose the most suitable word/phrase to fill in the blanks in the passage. Write the letter of your choice in the space provided in the Answer Sheet.

Example: 0 A. are B. were C. was

Answer: A

"Helicopter parents" who "hyperactively intervene" in the lives of their offspring could damage their children's job prospects, a careers expert says. Parents __0__ increasingly involved in their children's university and even career choices, Liverpool University's head of careers and employability says.

Dr Paul Redmond claims some parents even contact their sons' or daughters' employers to negotiate pay rises. This can __11__ as most bosses want independent-minded workers, he added. "Some are even negotiating pay rises for them __12__ like having a footballer's agent"

Dr Paul Redmond Dr Redmond said "helicopter parents" who "hover" over __13__ offspring intervening in their lives far more than in any previous generation were increasingly being seen on university campuses. "They're much more involved in all aspects of their lives - they help them to get to university and even help them get jobs when they graduate." He added: "Employers are saying to me that parents are contacting them with regard to their sons' or daughters' careers.

"We have even had the phenomena of parents attending careers fairs around the country - and doing most of the talking __14__ behalf of their son or daughter." He even identifies five types of meddling parents with labels like the Agent, the Bodyguard and the Banker. "Helicopter parents" are so common among the middle classes that universities are now __15__ to produce teams of family liaison officers to deal with them. And some are now even producing parent packs, he said. He said careers departments were now having to sit down with parents and tell them straight that, __16__ their best intentions, they could be doing more harm than good. "The problem is it could __17__ harm their employment prospects as employers want graduates who are self-reliant," he said.

"We are worried about the impact. It's great to have parental support but sometimes it's better to leave the parents at home." Students were often now tied to their parents by what is "surely the longest umbilical cord in history" - the mobile phone. But perhaps surprisingly, Dr Redmond says, the offspring of helicopter parents tend to be completely unabashed about their ever-increasing involvement in their affairs.

"It's a __18__ thing, Generation Y - those born from the 1980s onwards - have a completely different relationship with their parents from Generation X - those born in between the mid-1960s and the 1980s." "Generation X would have been __19__ at the idea." The extra involvement is also down to the marketisation of academia as a result of university fees, Dr Redmond said. "They pay the money; they expect to see results." But helicopter parents are also a product of government policies encouraging __20__ parental involvement at school and college.

11	A	backfire	B	backlash	C	hamper	D	succeed
12	A	its	B	it's	C	they're	D	their
13	A	theirs	B	his	C	their	D	there
14	A	in	B	for	C	of	D	on
15	A	having	B	had	C	has	D	have
16	A	notwithstanding	B	in spite	C	despite	D	against
17	A	potentially	B	possibly	C	unlikely	D	definitely
18	A	rational	B	logical	C	propagational	D	generational
19	A	happy	B	gratified	C	appalled	D	appealed
20	A	increased	B	enlarged	C	decreased	D	diminished

Section C: Reading

Read the following texts (Passage 1 and Passage 2) and answer the questions that follow.

Passage 1

5 X 2 = 10 marks

Holiday Options

New Waters

If you are a photography workshop-tour operator, you'll find that competition is stiff these days. To out-shutter the rest, iReboot is offering an underwater photo trip for beginners and amateur divers in Goa (March 17-18; Rs 18,000, inclusive of gear, training, guided dives, stay and transfers; ireboot.com). If you'd rather stay on dry land though, sign up for a photo tour of Ranchha village in Bandhavgarh National Park (March 21-25; Rs 16,550, inclusive of meals, safaris and workshops; aljoumeys.com).

Walk The Talk

Rediscover the cobwebbed comers of your city. The weather can't get better, especially in muggy Mumbai, where Alisha of the Inheritage Project is happy to take you for a stroll through the past (Rs 400 per person in groups of three or Rs 1,200 for one; the inheritageproject@gmail.com). In Delhi, When in India navigates through the crowded parts of Shahjahanabad in cycle rickshaws-a tad too touristy, perhaps, but just as edifying (from Rs 1,500 per person in groups of 6-10; wheninindia.com).

High Notes

Almost as high-brow as Chennai's music and dance festival, the twentieth edition of the month-long Mammalapuram classical and folk dance festival (tamilnadutourism.org) begins on April 25, with the World Heritage Site as the backdrop.

Coming Up

- Billed as the country's only live photo contest, the third edition of the CANON WILD CLICKS (February 26-29; Rs 25,000; naturewanderers.com/canonwildclicks3)

will train its lenses again on the Kanha National Park.

- The hills of Coorg will soon reverberate with the hum of bass guitars. This year's line-up for the camp-out festival STORM (April 20-21; stormfestivalindia.com) includes Indian Ocean, Raghu Dixit and DJs from across the globe.
- The KONARK DANCE & MUSIC FESTIVAL (February 19-23; konarkfestival.com) may be among the last events on the cultural calendar before the summer lull sets in, but it's certainly not the least.
- Missed the chance to see the Olympics? Join the LONDON FESTIVAL. From free concerts by the Thames to fire gardens at Stonehenge, there's an awful lot to see and do.
- Here's another port of call for Spring. An ideal time to visit Oman (till mid-March), Cox & Kings is offering 5N/6D in MUSCAT and SALALAH (Rs 54,999 on twin-sharing basis, inclusive of airfare, stay, breakfasts and transfers; coxandkings.com) at cut price.

21. Your friend Prashanth is a professional photographer looking to win his third competition. Which tour should he choose?
- A. Bandhavgarh National Park
 - B. iReboot photo trip
 - C. Canon Wild Clicks
 - D. Kodak Master
22. You are interested in music but you have a limited budget. Which places would you visit?
- A. Coorg, Konark and Mammalapuram
 - B. Hampi, Delhi and Coorg
 - C. Delhi Muscat and Salalah
 - D. Coorg, Konark and London
23. Which of the following sentences is **FALSE**?
- A. Walk the Talk in Mumbai is for small budget travelers.
 - B. Spring is a good time to visit Oman
 - C. The Mammalapuram festival isn't as big an event as the Chennai festival.
 - C₁ STORM is a festival of classical Indian music.
24. The word *train* in *train its lenses* means
- A. focus
 - B. prepare
 - C. Teach
 - D. concentrate
25. Faiz and Vivek are planning a week-long vacation abroad in March. They have Rs 60,000 between them. The best place for them to visit would be
- A. Goa.
 - B. Oman.
 - C. London.
 - D. Coorg

Passage 2

5 x 1 = 5 marks

1. The language of Ayapaneco has been spoken in the land now known as Mexico for centuries. It has survived the Spanish conquest, seen off wars, revolutions, famines and floods. But now, like so many other indigenous languages, it's at risk of extinction.
2. There are just two people left who can speak it fluently -but they refuse to talk to each other. Manuel Segovia, 75, and Isidro Velazquez, 69, live 500 metres apart in the village of Ayapa in the state of Tabasco. It is not clear whether there is a long- buried argument behind their mutual avoidance, but people who know them say they have never really enjoyed each other's company . "They don't have a lot in common," says Daniel Suslak, who is involved with a project to produce a dictionary of Ayapaneco. Segovia, can be "a little prickly" and Velazquez, who is "more stoic", rarely likes to leave his home.
3. The dictionary is part of a race against time to revitalise the language before it is too late. "When I was a boy everybody spoke it," Segovia said. "It's disappeared little by little, and now I suppose it might die with me."
4. Segovia, who denied any active animosity with Velazquez, retained the habit of speaking Ayapaneco by conversing with his brother until he died about a decade ago. Segovia still uses it with his son and wife who understand him, but cannot produce more than a few words themselves. Velazquez reputedly does not regularly talk to anybody in his native tongue anymore.
5. Ayapaneco's demise was sealed by the advent of education in Spanish in the mid-20th century, which for several decades included an explicit prohibition on indigenous children speaking anything else. Urbanisation and migration from the 1970s then ensured the break-up of the core group of speakers concentrated in the village. "It's a sad story," says Suslak, "but you have to be really impressed by how long it has hung around."
6. The National Indigenous Language Institute is planning a last attempt to get classes going in which the last two surviving speakers can pass their knowledge on to other locals. Previous efforts have failed to take hold due to lack of funding and limited enthusiasm. "The classes would start off full and then the pupils would stop coming," Segovia said.

26. Which of these statements is NOT TRUE?

- A. Ayapaneco is a language that has survived many difficult times.
- B. Ayapaneco is spoken in large parts of what is known today as Mexico.
- C. Suslak is planning a last ditch attempt to get classes going.
- D. Suslak is working with Segovia and Velazquez to produce a dictionary.

27. *The dictionary is part of a race against time...* (para 3) because

- A. Suslak has to finish compiling it before Segovia dies.
- B. The death of its speakers would mean the death of the language.
- C. Suslak has other pressing commitments which demands his time
- C. Migration is causing its speakers to give up the language.

28. The word "*animosity*" (para 4) means

- A. dislike.
- B. distaste.
- C. disgust.

D. anger.

Section D: Writing

5 X 2 = 10 marks

The first (S1) and last (S4) sentences of a paragraph are given. Decide which among P, Q and R can be the second (S2) and third (S3) sentences. Choose their order of occurrence from the choices given.

31.

- S1 Spit keeps our mouths moist and softens our food when we chew.
S2
S3
S4 But for some animals, spit works better after it has left the mouth.

- P. Without spit in our mouths, we would have a hard time talking.
Q. Some animals are experts at surviving because they are expert spitters.
R. We would find it even harder to swallow.
A. PR
B. PQ
C. QR
D. QP

32.

- S1 "The story of Italian artisans is one of valuables and values" writes Isabella Brega in the *Traveller's* Italian edition, *Touring*.
S2
S3
S4 And with that they get a sense of the real, enduring Italy.

- P. "Made in Italy means products crafted with soul," says Cologni, chairman of Cartier International and founder of Milan's Creative Academy.
Q. Now travellers keen to avoid mass-produced gifts can embrace this creative history that puts a premium on the handmade and the movingly authentic.
R. This artisanal tradition go back at least 3,000 years, to when Etruscans created marvels in bronze and Romans excelled in mosaics and glass.
A. RP
B. PR
C. QP
D. RQ

33.

- SI My family's annual trip to Sweden is all about meeting up with a bunch of family and friends.
S2
S3
S4 Fjallbacka has really big rock mountains and we spent the entire day climbing up one of those.

- P. This summer we travelled all the way to Fjallbacka, which was almost 250 miles away from home!
- Q. Fjallbacka is located at around 150 km from Gothenburg 165 km from Oslo, and Stockholm 520 km.
- R. We see each other once a year, so we like to have lots of adventures when we are all together.
- A. PQ
- B. QR
34. C. RP
- D. PR
- S1 An avalanche (also called a snowslide or snowslip) is a rapid flow of snow sliding down a sloping surface.
- S2
- S3
- S4 However, these lightweight "sluffs" account for only a tiny fraction of the death and destruction wrought by their bigger, more devastating cousins.
- P. Disastrous avalanches occur when massive slabs of snow break loose from a mountainside and shatter like broken glass as they race downhill.
- Q. Its intensity is influenced by factors like storminess, temperature, wind, slope steepness and orientation, terrain, vegetation, and general snowpack conditions.
- R. Many avalanches are small slides of dry powdery, feathery snow that move as a formless mass.
- A. RP
- B. PQ
- C. QR
- D. QP

35.

- S1 Tiger salamanders, the largest land-dwelling salamander on Earth, are thick-bodied amphibians with short snouts, sturdy legs, and long tails.
- S2
- S3
- S4 Tiger salamanders have a wide variety of markings, but the most common marking resembles the vertically striped pattern of their mammalian namesake.
- P. They live in deep burrows, up to two feet below the surface, near ponds, lakes, or slow-moving streams and are one of few salamanders able to survive in the arid climate of the North America interior.
- Q. They are usually brown in colour with brilliant yellow stripes or blotches over the length of their bodies.
- R. They are also the most wide-ranging salamander species in North America, living throughout most of the United States, southern Canada, and eastern Mexico.
- A. RP
- B. RQ
- C. PQ
- D. QP

PART 2

Section E: General Knowledge Choose the correct answer.

10 X 1 = 10 marks

36. Who is the author of the novel *Maddaddam*?

- A. Margaret Atwood
- B. William Boyd
- C. Thomas Pynchon
- D. Alice Walker

37. Satish Dhawan Space Centre is located in

- A. Thiruvananthapuram.
- B. Chennai.
- C. Sri Harikota.
- D. Bangalore

38. The Indian Standard Meridian passes through

- A. Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu.
- B. Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.
- C. Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh.
- D. Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh

39. Jan Lokpal Bill is related to

- A. election.
- B. corruption.
- C. impersonation.
- D. Panchayat raj.

40. Who has been awarded the prestigious Indira Gandhi Peace prize 2013?
- A. Ilham Aliyev
 - B. Ela Bhatt
 - C. Angela Merkel
 - D. Nelson Mandela
41. Which one of the following is the capital of Romania?
- A. Niamey
 - B. Madrid
 - C. Bucharest
 - D. Copenhagen
42. Which of the following team emerged as the winners of Champions League T-20 held at the Feroz Shah Koda stadium, New Delhi?
- A. Chennai Super Kings
 - B. Delhi Daredevils
 - C. Mumbai Indians
 - D. Rajasthan Royals
43. Which city is also known as 'City of dreaming spires'?
- A. Rome
 - B. Oxford
 - C. New York
 - D. Pisa

Section F: Reasoning

10 X 2 = 20 marks

Choose the correct answer.

44. Paper : Pen :: Whiteboard : ?
- A. Chalk
 - B. Marker
 - C. Pencil
 - D. Pen
45. Lion : Forest :: Star : ?
- A. Water
 - B. Cloud
 - C. Wind
 - D. Sky

46. Choose the correct alternative that continues the series of the following.
0, 1, 4, 9,
A. 7 B. 11 C. 13 D. 16
47. Choose the correct alternative that continues the series of the following.
MANZ, LBOY, KCPX,
A. JCQV B. JQPW C. JDQW D. JDPV
48. Choose the correct alternative that will continue the same pattern and replace the question mark in the given series.
6832, 5832, 6732, 6822, ?, 7812
A. 6632 B. 6722 C. 5732 D. 5943
51. Choose the word which is different from the rest.
A. University B. Seminary C. College D. Varsity
52. Find out the alternative which will replace the question mark.
Essay: Paragraph::Poem: ?
A. Rhyme B. Stanza C. Lyrics D. Verse
53. Pointing to Rajesh, Sweta said, "He is the son of the only sister of my father." How is Rajesh related to Sweta?
A. Maternal Uncle B. Cousin C. Grandson D. Nephew
54. Among the four sequences of the words given below, choose the logical sequence.
1. House 2. Clay 3. Wall 4. Room 5. Bricks
A. 2, 5, 4, 3, 1 B. 2, 3, 5, 4, 1 C. 2, 5, 3, 4, 1
D. 1, 3, 2, 4, 5

PART 3

Section G: Literature
Choose the correct answer.

10 X 1 = 10 marks

55. Who is the first African to have won the Nobel Prize for Literature?
- A. Wole Soyinka
 - B. NgugiwaThiong'o
 - C. Toni Morrison
 - D. Chinua Achebe
56. Name the Indian English novel in which Indian political figures of the independence movement and the decades immediately after independence are depicted based on characters from the epic *Mahabharata*.
- A. *Kanthapura*
 - B. *The God of Small Things*
 - C. *The Great Indian Novel*
 - D. *The Serpent and the Rope*
57. Which Shakespearean play contains the following famous lines: Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.
- A. *Hamlet*
 - B. *Macbeth*
 - C. *Othello*
 - D. *The Tempest*
58. Arvind Adiga's Booker Prize winning novel *The White Tiger* is a/an _____ novel.
- A. science fiction
 - B. epistolatory
 - C. Gothic
 - D. Romance
59. "Water, water, every
where, And all the boards
did shrink; Water, water,
every where Nor any drop
to drink"
- These lines are from the poem
- A. "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge.
 - B. "The Brook" by Alfred Lord Tennyson.
 - C. "A River" by A. K. Ramanujan.
 - D. Dover Beach by Mathew Arnold
60. Which of the following novels features a great white whale as the antagonist?
- A. *The Old Man and the Sea*
 - B. *The Jungle Book*

- C. *Moby-Dick*
- D. *Catch 22*

62. Which of the following novels is the story of survival of a man stranded on a remote tropical island?

- A. *Gulliver's Travels*
- B. *Life of Pi*
- C. *Robinson Crusoe*
- D. *Count of Monte Cristo*

63. Mary Anne Evans is a well-known English woman novelist who wrote under the pen-name

- A. George Eliot.
- B. Virginia Woolf.
- C. Mrs. Gaskell
- D. Jane Austen.

64. Who authored the novel *Jurassic Park* which was adapted by Steven Spielberg into a blockbuster film?

- A. Isaac Asimov
- B. H. G. Wells
- C. Michael Crichton
- D. Dan Brown

65. "I was born in the city of Bombay ... once upon a time."

The above words form the opening line of which famous novel?

- A. *The Moor's Last Sigh*
- B. *Midnight 's Children*
- C. *City of Joy*
- D. *Maximum City*

5 X 2=10 marks

66. "The rain came down in long knitting needles." This line is an example of a

- A. metaphor.
- B. simile.
- C. pun.
- D. metonymy

67. What do you call a play which depicts serious actions and ends in disastrous consequences for the main character?

- A. Tragedy
- B. Romance
- C. Problem play
- D. Tragi-comedy

68. "How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank." This line is an example of

- A. a simile.
- B. personification.
- C. irony.
- D. paradox

69. Now there was, not far from the place where they lay, a castle called Doubting Castle, the owner whereof was Giant Despair; and it was in his grounds that they were now sleeping.

The above line illustrates the use of

- A. farce.
- B. alliteration.
- C. allegory.
- D. assonance

70. "Those that I fight I do not hate

Those that I guard I do not love"

The above lines from W. B. Yeats's poem "An Irish Airman Foresees his Death" are an example of

- A. rhyme.
- B. symbolism.
- C. parallelism.
- D. imagery