

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS – 2016

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M.A. Comparative Literature

Time : 2 hours

Max.Marks : 100

Hall Ticket No.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your Hall Ticket No. in the OMR Answer Sheet given to you. Also, write your Hall Ticket No. in the space provided above.
2. There is **Negative** marking for **ALL** questions. Each wrong answer carries **0.33 mark**. No mark will be deducted for an unanswered question.
3. The question paper in 12 pages, consists of 100 objective questions in **Two Parts: Part – A and Part – B**. Marks obtained in **Part A** will be used to resolve tie cases.
4. Answers are to be marked on the OMR Answer Sheet, using black or blue ball point pen, as per other instructions provided thereon.
5. Please handover the OMR Answer Sheet at the end of the examination to the Invigilator. You may take the Question Paper after the examinations is over.
6. No additional sheet will be provided. Rough work can be done in the Question paper itself.

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PART A

1. Which genre did Aristotle discuss in detail in *The Poetics*? ()
A) Epic B) Drama
C) Rhetoric D) Lyric
2. Who is the author of *The Wretched of the Earth*? ()
A) Chinua Achebe B) Ngugi WaThiong'o
C) Franz Fanon D) Wole Soyinka
3. Janabai is associated with what specific form of poetry ()
A) doha B) muktaka
C) abhang D) khyal
4. Mamoni Raisom Goswami is a writer in-- ()
A) Assamese B) Sindhi C) Bangla D) Oriya
5. Who delivered the lecture on *Viswasahitya* ()
A) Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay B) Swami Vivekananda
C) Munshi Premchand D) Rabindranath Tagore
6. Who is the author of *Ooru Keri* ()
A) Namdeo Dhasal B) P. Shivakami
C) SharankumarLimbale D) Siddhalingaiah
7. The formulation of Sanskrit morphology *Ashtadhyayi* is credited to ()
A) Asvaghosha B) Patanjali
C) Panini D) Anandavardhana
8. *Kathasaritsagara* may be an adaptation of *Brihatkatha* written by the legendary writer ()
A) Somadeva B) Udayana
C) Gunadhya D) Vatsayana
9. The term 'mythos' refers to ---- ()
A) Plot B) Character
C) Dialogue D) Action
10. "Our journey is not from comparative literature to comparative Indian literature, but from Comparative Indian Literature to comparative literature" is associated with: ()
A) Ayyappa Paniker B) Sisir Kumar Das
C) Gurbhagat Singh D) Amiya Dev

11. Who wrote the first novel in English in India ()
 A) Aurobindo Ghosh B) Henry Derozio
 C) Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay D) Rabindranath Tagore
12. Agha Shahid Ali, an eminent poet, hails from: ()
 A) Kerala B) Uttar Pradesh
 C) Kashmir D) Arunachal Pradesh
13. Whose autobiography is titled *Long Walk to Freedom* ()
 A) Chinua Achebe B) Mahatma Gandhi
 C) Fidel Castro D) Nelson Mandela
14. Which of these poets wrote the song "Tarana-e-Hind" ()
 A) Mirza Ghalib B) Muhammad Iqbal
 C) Vaikom Muhammad Basheer D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
15. Which character narrates stories in *The Thousand and One Nights* ()
 A) Shahryar B) Shahrzad
 C) Alibaba D) Sindbad
16. Which of these groups was modeled on the Black Panther Party from the USA? ()
 A) Dalit Panthers B) Pink Panther
 C) Nation of Islam D) Sisters in Islam
17. Whose autobiography is titled *Diary of a Young Girl* ()
 A) Jane Austen B) Anne Frank
 C) Diana, Princess of Wales D) Eva Braun
18. Who wrote the *Arthashastra* ()
 A) Aryabhatta B) Ashoka
 C) Chanakya D) Ved Vyasa
19. To whom does the title 'Ashtadiggaja' refer ()
 A) Eight Telugu poets of the Vijayanagara Empire
 B) Eight war elephants at the Kakatiya court
 C) A collection of eight Bhakti poems in Kannada
 D) A confederacy of eight Maratha poet-princes
20. Which famous chronicle did the Mughal historian Abul Fazl write? ()
 A) *Baburnama* B) *Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri*
 C) *Ain-i-Akbari* D) *Shahnama*

21. Which Shakespeare character was accused of "motiveless malignancy" by the English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge? ()
 A) Shylock B) Macbeth
 C) Prospero D) Iago
22. *A History of Indian Literature: 1800-1910* is written by --- ()
 A) Sisir Kumar Das B) Nabaneeta Dev Sen
 C) Amiya Dev D) Buddhadev Bose
23. Who among the following has not served as the Prime Minister of India: ()
 A) Gulzarilal Nanda B) Chandra Sekhar
 C) V.P.Singh D). Sitaram Kesri
24. *A House for Mr. Biswas* is a novel by: ()
 A) V.S. Naipaul B) Rohinton Mistry
 C). Amit Chaudhuri D) M.G. Vassanji
25. ---- is to Hercule Poirot as Dr. Watson is to Sherlock Holmes: ()
 A) Jacques Clouseau B) Auguste Dupin
 C) Arthur Hastings D) Agatha Christie
26. Which among the following is not a work by Amitav Ghosh: ()
 A) *The Glass Palace* B) *In an Antique Land*
 C) *Odysseus Abroad* D) *The Sea of Poppies*
27. Who stated "Poetry is the common property of all mankind" ()
 A) Johann Gottfried Herder B). J.W. Goethe
 C) Robert Frost D) Octavio Paz
28. 'Mera rang de basanti chola...' is the signature song of --- ()
 A) Bhagat Singh B) Sukhdeo
 C) Chandrasekhar Azad D) Lajpat Rai
29. "Give me blood and I shall give you freedom" was spoken by whom? ()
 A) Martin Luther King B) Mao Zedong
 C) Subhaschandra Bose D) Napoleon Bonaparte
30. The author of *The Motorcycle Diaries* is -- ()
 A) Octavio Paz B) Ernesto Guevara de la Serna
 C) Frida Kahlo D) Cheryl Strayed
31. The film *A Beautiful Mind* is based on whose life --- ()
 A) Albert Einstein B) Stephen Hawking
 C) John Nash D) Dylan Thomas

32. *Elippathayam* or The Rat Trap is a much awarded film by whom --- ()
 A) Girish Kasaravalli B) Girish Karnad
 C) Shaji N. Karun D) Adoor Gopalakrishnan
33. 'Luke Skywalker' is a character from which film ()
 A) *Planet of the Apes* B) *Star Wars*
 C) *2001 Space Odyssey* D) *E.T -The Extra Terrestrial*
34. 'Atticus Finch' is a character created by which writer ()
 A) Harper Lee B) Mario Puzo
 C) Edgar Allan Poe D) Nathaniel Hawthorne
35. A satirical Indian film exposing the way media and politics treat 'farmers' suicide' is --- ()
 A) *Dhobi Ghat* B) *Ankur*
 C) *Peepli Live* D) *New Delhi Times*
36. Comparison is right reason for us because we are: ()
 A) Multicultural B) Multilingual
 C) Third World D) All of the above
37. The term 'diaspora' was originally applied to the following ethnic group: ()
 A) Muslims B) French Canadians
 C) Jews D) Hindus
38. *Rajatarangini* or The River of Kings is a 12th century chronicle of which region -- ()
 A) Kashmir B) Assam
 C) Hastinapur D) Kalinga
39. The first narrative film in India made by Dadasaheb Phalke was -- ()
 A) *Seetha-Rama Kalyanam* B) *Danveer Karna*
 C) *Raja Harishchandra* D) *Alam Ara*
40. Paul Celan's poem "Death Fugue" recalls which inhuman suffering -- ()
 A) Hiroshima Bombing B) Holocaust
 C) Jalianwala Bagh D) Bolshevik Revolution
41. Name the first film made in Sanskrit ()
 A) *Punyakoti* B) *Priyamanasam*
 C) *Adi Sankaracharya* D) *Mrichhakatika*

42. Arrange the following books in order in which they appeared. Use the code given below: I. Anand Math; II. Umrao Jan Ada; III. Godan; IV. Indulekha ()
Code :
 A) I, IV, II, III B) IV, I, III, II
 C) II, IV, I, III D) III, II, I, IV
43. With which genre would you associate the poem: "The apparition of these faces in the crowd; Petals on a wet, black bough" ? ()
 A) Noh B) Shairi
 C) Khanda kavya D) Haiku
44. 'Kappanna' and 'Appanna' are characters from which of these plays ()
 A) *Yayati* B) *Nagamandala*
 C) *Tughlaq* D) *Sakharam Binder*
45. Miss Leela Benare is the protagonist of which of these plays ()
 A) *Evam Indrajit* B) *Ghasiram Kotwal*
 C) *Adhe Adhure* D) *Shantata! Court Chalu Ahe*
46. The Pleiade is (i) A cluster of stars; (ii) a group of 18th century French poets; (iii) A group of seven Alexandrian poets and tragedians. ()
 A) only (i) is correct B) only (ii) is correct.
 C) (i) and (iii) are correct. D) (ii) and (iii) are correct.
47. Identify the book which does not fall under the category of diasporic literature ()
 A) *Can You Hear the Nightbird Call* B) *The Oath of the Vayuputras*
 C) *Interpreter of Maladies* D) *The Sorrow and the Terror*
48. *The Cherry Orchard* was written by --- ()
 A) Moliere in French B) Chekhov in Russian
 C) Heine in German D) Chekhov in Polish
49. Satyajit Ray's award winning film *Pather Panchali* is based on a novel by ()
 A) Kazi Nazrul Islam B) Rabindranath Tagore
 C) Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay D) Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
50. An autobiographical graphic novel by Marjane Satrapi is --- ()
 A) *My Persia* B) *Revolution*
 C) *Persepolis* D) *Maus*

60. Select the correct answer: First, add some --- chopped garlic to the tomatoes. ()
 A) small B) tinily
 C) neatly D) finely
61. Select the correct answer: It was important for her --- seen as a threat. ()
 A) to not be B) not being
 C) not to be D) she wasn't
62. Select the correct answer: --- many times every winter in Frankfurt. ()
 A) it snows B) it snowed
 C) it is snowing D) it is snow
63. Select the correct answer: What time ---- ()
 A) the train leaves B) leaves the train
 C) is the train leaving D) does the train leave
64. 'To make clean breast of' means --- ()
 A) to gain prominence B) to praise oneself
 C) to confess without reserve D) to destroy before it blooms
65. 'To drive home' means --- ()
 A) to find one's roots B) to return to place of rest
 C) back to original position D) to emphasize
66. 'To have an axe to grind' means --- ()
 A) a private end to serve B) to work for both sides
 C) to waste one's time D) none of these
67. 'To be above board' means --- ()
 A) to have a good height B) to be honest
 C) to have no debts D) to straighten problems
68. 'To pick holes' means --- ()
 A) to find some excuse to quarrel B) to destroy something
 C) to cut something into pieces D) to criticize someone
69. 'A man of straw' means --- ()
 A) a worthy person B) an active person
 C) a man of no substance D) a man with swaying mind
70. 'To smell a rat' means -- ()
 A) get a foul smell B) see signs of plague epidemic
 C) to be in bad mood D) suspect foul dealings

71. The words 'like' and 'as' typically appear in a --- ()
 A) simile B) metaphor
 C) personification D) metonymy
72. What figure of speech is 'the book dropped from his hands like lead' ()
 A) simile B) metaphor
 C) personification D) metonym
73. Tongue twisters usually involve ... ()
 A) irony B) onomatopoeia
 C) alliteration D) metaphor
74. Choose the example of a metaphor. ()
 A) clockwork men B) tall as the truth
 C) it's absolute zero out there. D) dead fish are polished marble
75. Consider the statement "In death, there is life." Such seemingly self-contradictory statements are called --- ()
 A) hyperbole B) personification
 C) paradox D) pathos
76. Which word does not suggest the actual sound it describes --- ()
 A) yell B) hum
 C) gurgle D) rustle
77. The phrases 'the humming bee', 'the cackling hen', 'the buzzing saw' are examples of which figure of speech ()
 A) spoonerism B) onomatopoeia
 C) personification D) metonymy
78. 'To err is human, to forgive divine' is example of which figure of speech ()
 A) hyperbole B) personification
 C) paradox D) antithesis
79. What is the best definition for the word 'precocious' ()
 A) rushed B) bald
 C) typical D) advanced
80. What is the best definition for the word 'reverence' ()
 A) respect B) loyalty
 C) skill D) reassurance
81. What is the best definition for the word 'prerogative' ()
 A) right B) principle
 C) preference D) responsibility

82. What is the best definition for the word 'surreptitious' ()
 A) classified B) unlucky
 C) secret D) tense
83. What is the best definition for the word 'semblance' ()
 A) hobby B) forecast
 C) appearance D) greed
84. What is the best definition for the word 'mandate' ()
 A) authorization B) liberty
 C) ability D) opportunity
85. What is the best definition for the word 'sanction' ()
 A) defeat B) approve
 C) overturn D) listen
86. What is the best definition for the word 'superficial' ()
 A) random B) shallow
 C) false D) glamorous

87. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

The field sits breathless in the orangey glow of the evening sun. I stare at the potato-colored earth of the infield, that wide dun arc, surrounded by plastic grass. As I contemplate the prickly turf, which scorches the thighs and buttocks of a sliding player as if he were being seared by hot steel, it stares back in its uniform ugliness. The seams that send routinely hit ground balls veering at tortuous angles are vivid, gray as scars. I remember the fields of my childhood, the outfields full of soft hummocks and brown-eyed gopher holes. I stride down from the stands and walk out to the middle of the field. I touch the stubble that is called grass, take off my shoes, but find it is like walking on a row of toothbrushes. It was an evil day when they stripped the sod from this ballpark, cut it into yard-wide swathes, rolled it, memories and all, into great green-and-black cinnamon roll shapes, trucked it away. Nature temporarily defeated. But Nature is patient.

[W. P. Kinsella, "The Thrill of the Grass," in *The Norton Book of Sports*. New York: Norton, 1992: 123]

- 'The field sits breathless in the orangey glow' is what figure of speech? ()
 A) simile B) metaphor
 C) personification D) metonymy
88. 'vivid, gray as scars' is what figure of speech? ()
 A) simile B) metaphor
 C) personification D) metonymy

- A) Vincent and Thomas live in the same neighbourhood.
- B) It takes Thomas more than 50 minutes to deliver the papers.
- C) It is dark outside when Vincent begins his deliveries.
- D) Thomas would like to have his own paper route.

97. Find the statement that must be true according to the given information. ()

Ten new television shows appeared during the month of September. Five of the shows were sitcoms, three were hour-long dramas, and two were news-magazine shows. By January, only seven of these new shows were still on the air. Five of the shows that remained were sitcoms.

- A) Only one of the news-magazine shows remained on the air.
- B) Only one of the hour-long dramas remained on the air.
- C) At least one of the shows that was cancelled was an hour-long drama
- D) Television viewers prefer sitcoms over hour-long dramas.

98. Find the statement that must be true according to the given information. ()

On weekends, Mr. Sanchez spends many hours working in his vegetable and flower gardens. Mrs. Sanchez spends her free time reading and listening to classical music. Both Mr. Sanchez and Mrs. Sanchez like to cook.

- A) Mr. Sanchez enjoys planting and growing vegetables.
- B) Mr. Sanchez does not like classical music.
- C) Mrs. Sanchez cooks the vegetables that Mr. Sanchez grows.
- D) Mrs. Sanchez enjoys reading nineteenth century novels.

99. Find the statement that must be true according to the given information. ()

Tim's commute never bothered him because there were always seats available on the train and he was able to spend his 40 minutes comfortably reading the newspaper or catching up on paperwork. Ever since the train schedule changed, the train has been extremely crowded, and by the time the doors open at his station, there isn't a seat to be found.

- A) Tim would be better off taking the bus to work.
- B) Tim's commute is less comfortable since the train schedule changed.
- C) Many commuters will complain about the new train schedule.
- D) Tim will likely look for a new job closer to home.

100. Find the statement that must be true according to the given information. ()

If you're a fitness walker, there is no need for a commute to a health club. Your neighborhood can be your health club. You don't need a lot of fancy equipment to get a good workout either. All you need is a well-designed pair of athletic shoes.

- A) fitness walking is a better form of exercise than weight lifting.
- B) fitness walking is a convenient and valuable form of exercise.
- C) a membership in a health club is a poor investment.
- D) walking outdoors provides a better workout than walking indoors.
