

COMPREHENSION AND WRITING ABILITY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1) The feminine gender for 'Horse' is

- (a) Bitch
- (b) Mare
- (c) Hind
- (d) Doe

2) The feminine gender for 'Author' is

- (a) Authoress
- (b) Authores
- (c) Authorie
- (d) Authorine

3) The feminine gender for 'Founder' is

- (a) Founderes
- (b) Founderess
- (c) Founderee
- (d) Foundress

4) The feminine gender for 'Emperor' is

- (a) Emperess
- (b) Empress
- (c) Emperes
- (d) Emperine

5) The feminine gender for 'Hero' is

- (a) Heroine
- (b) Heroin
- (c) Heroinne
- (d) Heroiness

6) The plural word for 'buffalo' is

- (a) Buffalos
- (b) Bufaloes
- (c) Buffaloes
- (d) Buffallos

7) The plural word for 'memento' is

- (a) Mementos
- (b) Mementoes
- (c) Mementoies
- (d) Mementoss

8) The plural word for 'scarf' is

- (a) Scarfs
- (b) Scarves
- (c) Scarvs
- (d) Scarffs

9) The plural word for 'handkerchief' is

- (a) Handkerchieves
- (b) Hankerchiefs
- (c) Handkerchievs
- (d) Handkerchiefs

10) The Plural word for 'army' is

- (a) Army
- (b) Armies
- (c) Armyies
- (d) Armys

11) "He has little intelligence".

In the above sentence 'little' is

- (a) Noun
- (b) Preposition
- (c) Verb
- (d) Adjective

12) Fill in the blank with appropriate word in the following sentence :

Some people are always talking about _____ .

- (a) themselves
- (b) themselves
- (c) itself
- (d) himself

13) Fill in the blank with appropriate word in the following sentence :

My father _____ is a schoolmaster is fifty years old.

- (a) that
- (b) whom
- (c) who
- (d) which

14) The passive voice for the sentence "He will finish the work in a fortnight" is

- (a) The work will have to be finished by him in a fortnight.
- (b) The work would be finished by him in a fortnight.
- (c) The work will be finished by him in a fortnight.
- (d) The work will have been finished by him in a fortnight.

15) "He was laughed at by all his friends."

The correct form of the above sentence in the active voice is

- (a) All his friends laughed at him.
- (b) All his friends laughed at he.
- (c) All his friends laughed at them.
- (d) All his friends laughed at his.

Fill in the blank in the following sentences from the options given :

16) "By this time tomorrow _____ reached my home."

- (a) I had
- (b) I will have
- (c) I will be
- (d) I shall have

17) "Beware lest something worse _____ happen to you."

- (a) Shall
- (b) Should
- (c) Will
- (d) Would

18) "I wish my brother _____ here."

- (a) Was
- (b) Is
- (c) Were
- (d) Will be

19) "The earth _____ round the sun".

- (a) move
- (b) moves
- (c) moved
- (d) moving

20) "When he lived in Hyderabad, he _____ to the cinema once a week".

- (a) goes
- (b) went
- (c) was going
- (d) is going

21) "The next term _____ on 16th December".

- (a) will begin
- (b) is beginning
- (c) shall begin
- (d) begins

22) "I have not seen him _____ Wednesday last."

- (a) from
- (b) since
- (c) for
- (d) with

23) "He has not yet recovered _____ his illness".

- (a) from
- (b) with
- (c) of
- (d) in

24) "I received his message _____ eight 'o'clock _____ the morning.

- (a) on, at
- (b) in, at
- (c) at, in
- (d) in, on

25) "He dispensed _____ the services of his dishonest clerk".

- (a) with
- (b) of
- (c) from
- (d) off

26) "He is not likely to do anything detrimental _____ our interests."

- (a) in
- (b) to
- (c) of
- (d) with

27) "He was angry _____ me, because he thought my remark was aimed _____ him."

- (a) at, with
- (b) on, at
- (c) at, on
- (d) with, at

28) "I am better acquainted with the country _____ you are".

- (a) as
- (b) than
- (c) from
- (d) so

29) "He was so tired _____ he could scarcely stand".

- (a) that
- (b) as
- (c) since
- (d) of

30) In the sentence "He is the right man for the position", the word 'right' is

- (a) Adjective
- (b) Verb
- (c) Noun
- (d) Adverb

31) In the sentence "They while away their evenings with books and games.", the word 'while' is

- (a) Noun
- (b) Verb
- (c) Conjunction
- (d) Preposition

Fill in the blanks from the options given below :

32) Babar was not only a great soldier, he _____ a wise ruler.

- (a) was
- (b) was also
- (c) but also
- (d) but was

33) The innocents were punished _____ the guilty.

- (a) and also
- (b) but also
- (c) also
- (d) as well as

34) Walk quickly _____ you will not overtake him.

- (a) nor
- (b) else
- (c) otherwise
- (d) or

Change the degree of comparison from 'Positive' to 'Comparative' in the following sentences:

35) No other metal is as useful as iron.

- (a) Any other metal is useful as iron
- (b) Iron is useful than other metals
- (c) Iron is not useful than other metals
- (d) Iron is more useful than any other metal

36) I am as strong as him.

- (a) He is not as strong as me
- (b) He is stronger to me
- (c) He is not stronger than me
- (d) He is as strong as me

37) This razor is not as sharp as that one.

- (a) That razor is sharper than this one
- (b) That razor is not as sharp as this one
- (c) This razor is sharper than that one
- (d) None of the above

Change the degree of comparison from 'comparative' to 'superlative' in the following sentences:

38) Iron is more useful than any other metal.

- (a) Any other metal is useful than iron
- (b) Any other metal is more useful than iron
- (c) Iron is the most useful of all metals
- (d) Any other metal is most useful than iron

39) India is larger than any other democracy in the world.

- (a) India is the largest democracy in the world
- (b) Any other democracy is larger than India
- (c) Any other democracy is more large than India
- (d) Any other democracy is as large as India

40) Mumbai is richer than most other cities in India.

- (a) Other cities in India are richer than Mumbai
- (b) Other cities in India are more rich than Mumbai
- (c) Mumbai is one of the richest cities in India
- (d) Other cities in India are richest than Mumbai

41) “The audience loudly cheered the Mayor’s speech”

The passive voice form of above sentence is

- (a) The audience was cheered by the Mayor’s speech.
- (b) The Mayor’s speech was loudly cheered by the audience.
- (c) The audience was loudly cheered by the Mayor’s speech.
- (d) The Mayor was loudly cheered by the speech of the audience.

42) “It is time for the shop to be shut up”

The active voice form of the above sentence is

- (a) It is time to shut up the shop.
- (b) It is time for the shop shut up.
- (c) It is time to shut the shop.
- (d) It is time for the shop shut up.

Combine the following simple sentences into a single compound sentence:

43) He is a fool. He is a knave.

- (a) He is both a fool and a knave.
- (b) He is a fool and a knave.
- (c) He is a fool as well as a knave
- (d) All the above are true

44) The wind blew. The rain fell. The lightning flashed.

- (a) The wind blew, the rain fell, the lightning flashed.
- (b) The wind blew, the rain fell and the lightning flashed.
- (c) The wind blew and the rain fell and the lightning flashed.
- (d) The wind blew and the rain fell, the lightning flashed.

45)“Venkat said “I am very busy now”.

The form of indirect speech of the above sentence is

- (a) Venkat said that he is very busy now.
- (b) Venkat said that he was very busy now.
- (c) Venkat said that he was very busy then.
- (d) Venkat said that he was very busy now.

46)“He said that he had passed the examination”

The form of direct speech of the above sentence is

- (a) He said, “I have passed the examination”.
- (b) He said that he have passed the examination.
- (c) He said that he passed the examination.
- (d) He said that the examination was passed by him.

47)“My teacher often says to me, “If you don’t work hard, you will fail”.

The form of indirect speech of the above sentence is

- (a) My teacher often says to me, if I don’t work hard, I will fail.
- (b) My teacher often says to me, if I don’t work hard, I will not fail.
- (c) My teacher often says to me that if I don’t work had I shall fail.
- (d) My teacher often says to me, if I work hard, I will not fail.

48)Identify the grammatically correct sentence in the following :

- (a) The population of London is greater than any city in India.
- (b) The population of London is greater than that of any city in India.
- (c) The population of London is greater to any city in India.
- (d) The population of London is greater of any city in India.

49) Identify the grammatically correct sentence in the following :

- (a) He never has, and never will, take such strong measures.
- (b) He never has, never will take such strong measures.
- (c) He never has taken, and never will take, such strong measures.
- (d) He never has and will take such strong measures.

50) Identify the grammatically correct sentence in the following :

- (a) I have ordered three cups of coffee.
- (b) I have ordered for three cups of coffee.
- (c) I have ordered for the three cups of coffee.
- (d) I have ordered with three cups of coffee.

51) Identify the word with wrong spelling in the following :

- (a) Grammer
- (b) Innocent
- (c) Negative
- (d) Pursuit

52) Identify the word with wrong spelling in the following :

- (a) Independent
- (b) Dominent
- (c) Prudent
- (d) Prevalent

53) Identify the word with wrong spelling in the following :

- (a) Indigenous
- (b) Heterogenus
- (c) Poisonous
- (d) Endogenous

54) Identify the **word with wrong spelling** in the following :

- (a) Reticent
- (b) Reminisent
- (c) Omniscient
- (d) Effervescent

55) Identify the **word with wrong spelling** in the following :

- (a) Vagabond
- (b) Contraband
- (c) Moriband
- (d) All the above

56) Identify the **word with correct spelling** in the following :

- (a) Protogonist
- (b) Misoginist
- (c) Antagonist
- (d) None of the above

57) Identify the **word with correct spelling** in the following :

- (a) Phylanthropy
- (b) Anthoropology
- (c) Psichology
- (d) Archeology

58) Identify the **word with correct spelling** in the following :

- (a) Eccentric
- (b) Exstatic
- (c) Fentastic
- (d) Nostolgie

59) Identify the word with correct spelling in the following :

- (a) Embroidery
- (b) Cameraderie
- (c) Superintendant
- (d) Phlagmatic

60) Identify the word with correct spelling in the following:

- (a) Correspondance
- (b) Intrasigence
- (c) Recalcitrence
- (d) Pretendance

61) The antonym of “**Liberated**” is

- (a) Emancipated
- (b) Enclosed
- (c) Concealed
- (d) Imprisoned

62) The antonym of “**Urbane**” is

- (a) Rural
- (b) Indifferent
- (c) Rude
- (d) Negative

63) The antonym of “**Derogatory**” is

- (a) Depreciatory
- (b) complimentary
- (c) Respectable
- (d) Admirable

64) The antonym of “**Optimistic**” is

- (a) Stoical
- (b) Dubious
- (c) Pessimistic
- (d) Cynical

65) The antonym of “**Brash**” is

- (a) Polite
- (b) Arrogant
- (c) Kind
- (d) Handsome

66) The synonym for the word “**Fostering**” is

- (a) Neglecting
- (b) Ignoring
- (c) Safeguarding
- (d) Nurturing

67) The synonym for the word “**Defer**” is

- (a) Indifferent
- (b) Postpone
- (c) Defy
- (d) Differ

68) The synonym for the word “**Pious**” is

- (a) Religious
- (b) Sympathetic
- (c) Afraid
- (d) Faithful

69) The synonym for “**Abandon**” is

- (a) Cherish
- (b) Keep
- (c) Forsake
- (d) Enlarge

70) The synonym for the word “**Alacrity**” is

- (a) Briskness
- (b) Fear
- (c) Frankness
- (d) Alarm

71) “**Beat around the Bush**” means

- (a) To avoid meeting a friend
- (b) To avoid visiting public places
- (c) To avoid talking about what is important
- (d) To avoid speaking unpleasant words

72) “**Get your act together**” means

- (a) Get organized and do things effectively
- (b) Get ready to attend a meeting
- (c) Make arrangements for a function
- (d) Attending an entertainment program

73) “**On cloud nine**” means

- (a) Being in a sad state of affairs
- (b) Being in a difficult situation
- (c) Being in an intoxicated condition
- (d) Being very happy

74) **“Every cloud has a silver lining”** means

- (a) A problem that can never be solved
- (b) Bad things one day eventually lead to good things
- (c) Each problem is typical in its nature
- (d) It rains only when a cloud has a silver lining

75) **“A black sheep”** means

- (a) A special breed of sheep
- (b) A useful member of the group
- (c) Being a disgrace to the family
- (d) Being direct or fair

76) **“Easier said than done”** means

- (a) Not as easy as it appears to be
- (b) It is easy to say and do anything
- (c) Something easily said and done
- (d) It is easy to do when it gets started

77) **“Go the extra mile”** means

- (a) To make an extra effort
- (b) Travel an extra mile on the road
- (c) To stop doing something after a while
- (d) To be out of your comfort zone

78) **“Crying wolf”** means

- (a) To seek assistance in a helpless situation
- (b) To cry bitterly in a helpless situation
- (c) To feel happy when someone is suffering
- (d) To ask for help when you don't need it

79) "Take it with a grain of salt" means

- (a) Don't take it too seriously
- (b) Take a risk and do it
- (c) be careful before doing something
- (d) do it as it is an easy task

80) "Ignorance is bliss" means

- (a) When you are ignorant, it gives happiness to you
- (b) If you do not know anything, you will be happy
- (c) It is better to ignore to be more happy
- (d) You are better off not knowing some things.

Re-arrange the following words to make a meaningful sentence :

81) Control/over/self-control/is / exercised self/ one's

- (a) Control is exercised over one's self-control.
- (b) Self-control is control exercised over one's self.
- (c) One's self-control is exercised over control.
- (d) Self-control is exercised one's over control.

82) Power/it/having/emotions/one's/mind/and/control/under/is/the/of

- (a) It is the power of having one's emotions and mind under control.
- (b) It is under control having one's emotions and the mind of power.
- (c) It is the emotions and mind having under control of power.
- (d) It is the mind and emotions under power of having control.

83) Clears/it/strengthens/mind/the/and/will power

- (a) It clears will power and strengthens the mind.
- (b) It clears the mind and strengthens will power.
- (c) It clears and strengthens the mind will power.
- (d) It strengthens and clears the will power mind.

84) Bring/festivals/life/colours/to/the/human/of/a

- (a) Festivals bring life to the colours of a human.
- (b) Festivals bring colours to the human of a life.
- (c) Festivals bring colours to the life of a human.
- (d) A life to human bring the colours to festivals.

85) Exercises/physical/person/make physically/a/fit

- (a) Exercises make a physical person physically fit.
- (b) Physical exercises make a person physically fit.
- (c) A person physically make exercises physical fit.
- (d) A physical person make exercises physically fit.

86) Select the most appropriate verb to fill the blank in the following sentence:

“The company’s profits were low and they were forced to _____ staff.

- (a) List off
- (b) Lay off
- (c) Lay on
- (d) Lie on

87) Which of the following words is plural?

- (a) Index
- (b) Analysis
- (c) Crisis
- (d) Criteria

88) Which of the following options is the closest in meaning to the sentence below?

She enjoyed herself immensely at the party.

- (a) She had a terrible time at the party.
- (b) She had a horrible time at the party.
- (c) She had a terrific time at the party.
- (d) She had a terrifying time at the party.

89) Select the grammatically correct sentence :

- (a) He ate the sweets greedy.
- (b) I could not find it anywhere.
- (c) I haven't got none.
- (d) He is much weak.

90) While start-ups have _____ reach, _____ they introduce _____ products, they open up _____ markets.

Fill in the blanks in the above statement meaningfully from the following options :

- (a) Limited, since, new, innovative
- (b) Restricted, while, innovative, new
- (c) Restricted, when, new, innovative
- (d) Limited, when, innovative, new

91) As _____ and eventually moved to cities, close proximity _____ how we viewed and assessed each _____.

Fill in the blanks in the above statement meaningfully from the following options :

- (a) Civilization, enhanced, situation
- (b) Generations, changed, other
- (c) Culture, helped, life
- (d) Lives, destroyed, culture

92) The students _____ the teacher on teacher's day for twenty years of dedicated teaching.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the above sentence:

- (a) Fecilitated
- (b) Felicited
- (c) Fantasized
- (d) Felisitated

93) The sudden death of our uncle was _____ for all of us.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the above sentence:

- (a) Tragic
- (b) Fragile
- (c) Gentle
- (d) Dissuasive

94) Nowadays, most children have a tendency to belittle the legitimate concerns of their parents.

Select the most appropriate word with same meaning that can replace the underlined word, from the options given below :

- (a) Disparage
- (b) Applaud
- (c) Reduce
- (d) Begrudge

95) Nostalgia is to anticipation as _____ is to _____.

Which one of the following options maintains a similar logical relation in the above sentence?

- (a) Past, future
- (b) Future, present
- (c) Future, past
- (d) Present, past

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given thereunder :

The 29th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) arguably the most important of the UN's Climate conferences is scheduled to take a collective step forward in addressing rising carbon emissions.

Going into the talks, developing countries had stated that at least a trillion dollars per year from 2025-35 would be necessary to meet emission targets. This was seen to be the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on climate finance which refers to money that will be given to developing countries by developed countries to help the former to meet their goals to transition away from the continued use of fossil fuels and curb greenhouse gas emissions. Developing countries have been repeatedly saying that the figure should be “trillions of dollars”. To this end, developed countries have mobilised and transferred \$115 billion in 2021-22, but as per the Paris Agreement, a new target higher than \$100 billion must be agreed upon by 2025. The talks in Baku were expected to conclusively agree upon a number but there continues to be a sharp split between developed and developing countries on the quantum and other basic aspects of what this NCQG should look like.

The block of Developing Countries include China, India and the Group of 77 countries. There are also other coalitions such as the Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDC), Least Developing Countries (LDC), Small Island Developing Countries (SIDS) etc. Nearly all developing countries are largely agreed on the point that it is the developed countries that should pay the bulk of finance. More importantly they specified that this money had to be provided not only to help countries to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) but also buffer against existing threats of climate change and make good for climate damage already wrought.

However, developed countries led by European Union say that all countries should collectively work to hike up climate finance to \$1.3 trillion per year by 2035. While agreeing that they must “take a lead”, they have only set a goal of \$250-300 billion by 2035 per year.

96) The goal of the talks in Conference of Parties (COP) is

- (a) To take a collective step forward in addressing rising carbon emissions
- (b) To talk on ways to provide climate finance to meet the emission targets
- (c) To decide the amount of money to be given by developed to developing countries
- (d) All the above

97) The money required under the New Collective Quantified Goal is provided by

- (a) the block of developing countries including China, India and the group of 77 countries
- (b) both the developed and developing countries collectively
- (c) the developed countries to the developing countries
- (d) None of the above

98) Developed countries should pay the bulk of finance to help developing countries

- (a) to meet their Nationally Determined Contributions
- (b) to buffer against existing threats of climate change
- (c) to make good for climate damage already wrought
- (d) All the above

99) Developed countries led by European Union say that

- (a) All countries should equally share the climate finance
- (b) All countries should collectively work to hike the climate finance
- (c) Developing countries must take a lead to provide the climate finance
- (d) All the above

100) The block of Developing countries include

- (a) China, India and the Group of 77 countries.
- (b) Like Minded Developing Countries
- (c) Least Developing countries and Small Island Developing Countries
- (d) All of the above

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1. b	21. d	41. b	61. d	81. b
2. a	22. b	42. a	62. c	82. a
3. b	23. a	43. d	63. b	83. b
4. b	24. c	44. b	64. c	84. c
5. a	25. a	45. c	65. a	85. b
6. c	26. b	46. a	66. d	86. b
7. a	27. d	47. a	67. b	87. d
8. b	28. b	48. b	68. a	88. c
9. a	29. b	49. c	69. c	89. b
10. b	30. d	50. a	70. a	90. d
11. d	31. b	51. a	71. c	91. b
12. a	32. c	52. b	72. a	92. b
13. c	33. d	53. b	73. d	93. a
14. a	34. b	54. b	74. b	94. a
15. a	35. d	55. c	75. c	95. a
16. d	36. b	56. c	76. a	96. d
17. b	37. a	57. d	77. a	97. c
18. c	38. c	58. a	78. d	98. d
19. b	39. a	59. a	79. a	99. b
20. c	40. c	60. b	80. d	100. d

