



Booklet Series



22/AE/CM/M – 2024-01

Question Booklet
GENERAL ENGLISH
Paper – I

Booklet Serial No.

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Candidate's Roll Number

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Time Allowed : 01 Hour

Maximum Marks : 100

Read the following instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. This Question Booklet contains **50** questions in all.
2. All questions carry equal marks.
3. Attempt **all** questions.
4. An Answer Sheet has been supplied inside the question booklet to mark the answers. **You must write your Roll Number and encode it and write other particulars in the space provided in the Answer Sheet, failing which your Answer Sheet will not be evaluated.**
5. **Immediately after commencement of the examination, you should check up your Question Booklet and attached answer sheet and ensure that the Question Booklet Series is printed on the top left-hand corner of the Booklet and the series encoded in answer sheet are same. Also please check that the Booklet contains 12 printed pages including two pages (Page Nos. 11 and 12) for Rough Work and no page or question is missing or unprinted or torn or repeated or question booklet and answer sheet have different series. If you find any defect in this Booklet and attached answer sheet, get it replaced immediately by a complete Booklet with OMR sheet of the same series.**
6. You must write your Roll Number in the space provided on the top of this page. Do not write anything else on the Question Booklet.
7. Questions and their responses are printed in English version in this Booklet. Each question comprises of **four** responses — (A), (B), (C) and (D). You are to select **ONLY ONE** correct response and mark it in your Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there are more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose **ONLY ONE** response for each question. Your total marks will depend on the number of correct responses marked by you in the Answer Sheet.
8. In the Answer Sheet, there are **four** circles — (A), (B), (C) and (D) against each question. To answer the questions, you are to mark with **Black/Blue ink ballpoint pen ONLY ONE circle** of your choice for each question. Select only one response for each question and mark it in your Answer Sheet. If you mark more than one circle for one question, the answer will be treated as wrong. **Use Black/Blue ink ballpoint pen only to mark the answer in the Answer Sheet. Any erasure or change is not allowed.**
9. You should not remove or tear off any sheet from the Question Booklet. You are not allowed to take this Question Booklet and the Answer Sheet out of the Examination Hall during the examination. **After the examination has concluded, you must hand over your Answer Sheet to the Invigilator.** Thereafter, you are permitted to take away the Question Booklet with you.
10. Failure to comply with any of the above instructions will render you liable to such action or penalty as the Commission may decide at their discretion.
11. Candidates must assure before leaving the Examination Hall that their Answer Sheets will be kept in Self Adhesive LDPE Bag and completely packed/sealed in their presence.



Directions (Q. Nos. 1 to 5) : Below each of the following underlined definitions four possible substitutes (words) are given. Choose the correct word which may closely fit for each definition.



1. Government by officials.

- (A) republic
- (B) democracy
- (C) bureaucracy
- (D) autocracy

2. A person who loves his country.

- (A) veteran
- (B) patriot



- (C) optimist
- (D) parasite

3. The state of being one.

- (A) fatal
- (B) patrimony
- (C) unity
- (D) voluntary



4. Take possession of by force.

- (A) usurp
- (B) mercenary
- (C) obsolete
- (D) sacrifice



5. Hard to please.

- (A) sceptic
- (B) illegal
- (C) unanimous
- (D) fastidious



Directions (Q. Nos. 6 to 10) : Below each of the following words (in capital letters) four possible substitutes are given. Pick out the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word given in capital letters and indicate your response on the Answer sheet.



6. WICKED

- (A) Trivial
- (B) Virtuous
- (C) Loyal
- (D) Pessimist



7. PERSUADE

- (A) Dissuade
- (B) Ignoble
- (C) Tame
- (D) Disunite

8. VAGUE

- (A) Reward
- (B) Hard
- (C) Vice
- (D) Definite



9. CRUDE

- (A) Dull
- (B) Dear
- (C) Kind
- (D) Refined

10. TIMID

- (A) Cool
- (B) Rough
- (C) Fearless
- (D) Thin





Directions (Q. Nos. 11 to 15) : Below each of the following underlined idioms or phrases four possible substitutes (words or group of words) are given. Select the one which is most nearly the same to the given idiom /phrase.

11. In black and white.

(A) In fashion

(B) In practice



(C) In writing

(D) In reading

12. Black sheep.

(A) Villain characters

(B) Good characters



(C) Refined characters

(D) Bad characters

13. Weal and woe.

(A) Here and there

(B) Under suspicion

(C) Success and failure

(D) Joys and sorrows



14. Fire and fury.

(A) Rubbish

(B) Passion

(C) Emoluments

(D) Rapid

15. The gift of the gab.

(A) A talent for speaking

(B) A talent for producing

(C) A talent for making

(D) A talent for writing





Directions (Q. Nos. 16 to 25) : Below each of the following sentences three possible substitutes are given for the underlined part. If one of them is better than the underlined part, indicate your response on the Answer sheet against the corresponding letter (A), (B) or (C). If none of the substitutes improves the sentence, indicate (D) as your response on the Answer sheet.



16. I had been waiting an hour when you came to see me.

- (A) have been
- (B) has been
- (C) will have
- (D) no improvement

17. This room contains ten furnitures.



- (A) ten piece of furniture
- (B) ten pieces of furniture
- (C) ten furniture
- (D) no improvement

18. I have written a letter to her yesterday.



- (A) write a letter
- (B) wrote a letter
- (C) writes a letter
- (D) no improvement

19. I insist on you being present.

- (A) yours being
- (B) your being
- (C) herself being
- (D) no improvement

20. I have read the two first chapters of this book.



- (A) two first
- (B) two and first
- (C) the first two
- (D) no improvement



21. All the cakes have been eaten by the boys before the party began.

- (A) has been eaten
- (B) will have been eaten
- (C) had been eaten
- (D) no improvement



22. I was appointed for this post.

- (A) at this
- (B) in this
- (C) to this
- (D) no improvement

23. This is the completest book on English Grammar.



- (A) a complete
- (B) the complete
- (C) complete
- (D) no improvement

24. He who has suffered most in the cause let him speak.

- (A) should speak
- (B) must speak
- (C) will speak
- (D) no improvement



25. When the boat was upset, we could swim to the bank.

- (A) were able to
- (B) are able to
- (C) can swim
- (D) no improvement

Directions (Q. Nos. 26 to 35) : Each of the following sentences is given with blank space to be filled in with appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each sentence. Choose the correct alternative.

26. Please ring me up as soon as he _____

- (A) has come
- (B) came
- (C) comes
- (D) will come





27. You are not justified _____
imputing bad motives to me.

- (A) in
- (B) to
- (C) of
- (D) on



28. By the end of this month I will have
_____ here for five years.

- (A) works
- (B) working
- (C) worked
- (D) work

29. A modest man does not boast _____
his merits.

- (A) on
- (B) about
- (C) of
- (D) over



30. If I _____ to pick a single factor
to answer this big question.

- (A) have
- (B) were
- (C) am
- (D) was



31. He preferred playing football to _____
grammar.

- (A) studying
- (B) studies
- (C) studied
- (D) study



32. The university has been closed _____
yesterday.

- (A) to
- (B) from
- (C) for
- (D) since



33. The confluence of government and technology _____ our lives.

- (A) affects
- (B) effects
- (C) effect
- (D) affect



34. Don't go out now. We are _____ to have lunch.

- (A) going
- (B) being
- (C) having
- (D) about

35. Sentinels were posted lest the camp _____ be taken by surprise.

- (A) will
- (B) should
- (C) must
- (D) would



Directions (Q. Nos. 36 to 45) : Read each of

the following sentences to find out whether

there is an error in any underlined part. No

sentence has more than one error. If you feel

there is no error in a sentence, write (D) to

signify 'No error'.



36. The wisdom is the gift

- (A)
- (B)

of heaven. No error

- (C)
- (D)

37. This is one of the most interesting
books that

- (A)
- (B)

has ever been printed. No error

- (C)
- (D)





38. Ten new members have been enrolled
 and
 (A) (B)

seven resigned. No error
 (C) (D)



39. Between you and I there can be
 (A) (B)

no compromise. No error
 (C) (D)

40. Unless you apologized I shall
 (A) (B)

punish you. No error
 (C) (D)

41. In regards to details the
committee
 (A) (B)



were divided. No error
 (C) (D)

42. No sooner had he returned than
 (A) (B)

he was off again. No error
 (C) (D)



43. He is a lover of
 (A) (B)

beauty. No error
 (C) (D)

44. Politics were with him the business
 (A) (B)

of his life. No error
 (C) (D)



45. Calcutta is farther from the equator
 (A) (B)

than Colombo. No error
 (C) (D)



Directions (Q. Nos. 46 to 50) : Below each of the following words (in capital letters) four possible substitutes are given. Choose the word which is nearest in meaning to the word given in capital letters and indicate your response on the Answer sheet.



46. SLENDER

- (A) Slim
- (B) Soft
- (C) Round
- (D) Silly

47. AWFUL

- (A) Giggle
- (B) Terrible
- (C) Tidy
- (D) Helpful



48. ZENITH

- (A) Empty
- (B) Apex
- (C) Support
- (D) Loathe



49. IMMACULATE

- (A) Occult
- (B) Duplicate
- (C) Spotless
- (D) Exempt

50. THRIVE

- (A) Lazy
- (B) Perturb
- (C) Excess
- (D) Prosper





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