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Question Booklet Series

Question Booklet



Paper—II

GENERAL ENGLISH

( Objective )

Maximum Marks : 100

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

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

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. This Question Booklet contains 100 questions in all.
2. All questions carry equal marks.
3. Attempt all questions.
4. Immediately after commencement of the examination, you should check up your Question Booklet and ensure that the Question Booklet Series is printed on the top right-hand corner of the Booklet. The Booklet contains 11 printed pages and no page or question is missing or unprinted or torn or repeated. If you find any defect in this Booklet, get it replaced immediately by a complete Booklet of the same series.
5. 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.
6. An Answer Sheet will be supplied to you separately by the Invigilator to mark the answers. You must write your Name, Roll No. and other particulars on the first page of the Answer Sheet provided, failing which your Answer Sheet will not be evaluated.
7. You will encode your Roll Number and the Question Booklet Series A, B, C or D as it is printed on the top right-hand corner of this Question Booklet with Black/Blue ballpoint pen in the space provided on Page-2 of your Answer Sheet. If you do not encode or fail to encode the correct series of your Question Booklet, your Answer Sheet will not be evaluated correctly.
8. Questions and their responses are printed in English only in this Booklet. Each question comprises four responses—(A), (B), (C) and (D). You are to select ONLY ONE correct response and mark 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.
9. In the Answer Sheet, there are four brackets—(A), (B), (C) and (D) against each question. To answer the questions you are to mark with Black/Blue ballpoint pen ONLY ONE bracket of your choice for each question. Select one response for each question in the Question Booklet and mark in the Answer Sheet. If you mark more than one answer for one question, the answer will be treated as wrong. Any erasure or change is not allowed.
10. 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.
11. 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.



**SPOTTING ERRORS**

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 1 to 20) : 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, signify a 'No error' response.

1. Write down (A) your answers (B) in a separate sheet. (C) No error (D)
2. All envelopes (A) are to be (B) sealed properly. (C) No error (D)
3. Despite of difficulties, (A) Rehman pursued (B) his goal dillegently. (C) No error (D)
4. Which of these chairs (A) did you (B) sit in? (C) No error (D)
5. The thief was caught (A) when entering (B) the empty house. (C) No error (D)
6. He has (A) recovered quite well (B) through his illness. (C) No error (D)
7. Here is (A) the watch (B) that you asked. (C) No error (D)
8. He died (A) fighting in behalf (B) of his country. (C) No error (D)
9. You must (A) fill out (B) the form. (C) No error (D)
10. Through virtue of (A) the power vested in the President, (B) she dissolved the Parliament. (C)



11. Hena realized her mistake on the course of time. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
12. If in case of emergency ring our toll free number. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
13. Because of her illness she could not finish her homework. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
14. He accepted the compensation to avoid litigation. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
15. Rima acted accordingly to her mother's instructions. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
16. The king abdicated the throne for favour of his brother. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
17. There has been a big tree in our garden. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
18. Will you come with us for the cinema? No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
19. With means of rope ladders, they scaled the wall. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)
20. The speaker gave an overview of the subject by way of introduction. No error  
(A) (B) (C) (D)

## SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

**Directions (Q. Nos. 21 to 40) :** 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.

21. Come away from there just now!  
 (A) at this moment  
 (B) right now  
 (C) as of now  
 (D) No improvement
22. From morning till night he worked and sang.  
 (A) At morning and night  
 (B) Morning through night  
 (C) Since morning to night  
 (D) No improvement
23. All the furnitures need to be shifted outside.  
 (A) furniture needs to be  
 (B) furnitures have to be  
 (C) furniture needs be  
 (D) No improvement
24. How many from you are attending the function tomorrow?  
 (A) What many from you  
 (B) Who among you all  
 (C) How many of you  
 (D) No improvement
25. This book is very much excellent.  
 (A) very excellent  
 (B) much excellent  
 (C) excellent  
 (D) No improvement
26. My grandfather sat by the fire and regaled us with stories.  
 (A) and told us  
 (B) when he told  
 (C) as he said  
 (D) No improvement
27. The Emperor rules above a vast empire.  
 (A) over  
 (B) on  
 (C) over and above  
 (D) No improvement
28. The village church stands near a spread mango tree.  
 (A) nearby a spreading  
 (B) near a spreading  
 (C) near spreading  
 (D) No improvement
29. These are the good rules to live on.  
 (A) good rules to live by  
 (B) good rules to live upon  
 (C) good rules whereby to live  
 (D) No improvement
30. Mina had met Raman only a few days ago.  
 (A) before  
 (B) previously  
 (C) earlier  
 (D) No improvement

31. I tried to talk him about his irrational fears.  
(A) talk with him over  
(B) talk to him about  
(C) talk him regarding  
(D) No improvement
32. He whom tells lies, never succeeds.  
(A) who says lies  
(B) who talks lies  
(C) who tells lies  
(D) No improvement
33. Was I in England now, I would have been frozen.  
(A) Were I in  
(B) If I was in  
(C) Had I been  
(D) No improvement
34. I would not have suspected Ram had you not informed me.  
(A) had you never informed  
(B) had you not informed me about him  
(C) had not you told me about him  
(D) No improvement
35. A gang of youngsters hatched a plan to scare their neighbours.  
(A) drew  
(B) planned  
(C) plotted  
(D) No improvement
36. Didn't mother tell you in repeated terms to do your homework first?  
(A) continuously  
(B) always  
(C) repeatedly  
(D) No improvement
37. Pay careful attention to what I am telling.  
(A) to what I am saying  
(B) for what I tell  
(C) to what I tell  
(D) No improvement
38. Had you arrived a minute earlier you had seen the President.  
(A) might seen  
(B) would have seen  
(C) would see  
(D) No improvement
39. I sold my car for under its half cost.  
(A) less than half price  
(B) not half its cost  
(C) less than half its cost  
(D) No improvement
40. Rosy started at dawn then she must have reached home by now.  
(A) so she must have  
(B) and so she should have  
(C) then she would have  
(D) No improvement



**VOCABULARY**

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 41 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.

**41. WEE**

- (A) Tiny
- (B) Weep
- (C) Us
- (D) Everyone

**42. PROPAGATE**

- (A) Propose
- (B) Breed
- (C) Introduce
- (D) Reduce

**43. AUTHENTIC**

- (A) Genuine
- (B) Automatic
- (C) Reality
- (D) Truly

**44. FASTIDIOUS**

- (A) Speedy
- (B) Finicky
- (C) Clean
- (D) Hardworking

**45. EMBLEM**

- (A) Balm
- (B) Sign
- (C) Signature
- (D) Logo

**46. PANDEMONIUM**

- (A) Pandal
- (B) Crowd
- (C) Chaos
- (D) Prayer

**47. PRESENTLY**

- (A) Immediately
- (B) Later
- (C) Gifted
- (D) Slowly

**48. SIMULTANEOUS**

- (A) Pretend
- (B) Concurrent
- (C) Same
- (D) Similar

**49. TRANSGRESS**

- (A) Translate
- (B) Omit
- (C) Trespass
- (D) Sinner

**50. VIGOUR**

- (A) Pride
- (B) Active
- (C) Grace
- (D) Vitality

**Directions (Q. Nos. 51 to 60) :** 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.

**51. INSANE**

- (A) Sanity
- (B) Sane
- (C) Sanitation
- (D) Rational

**52. KINDRED**

- (A) Unkind
- (B) Rude
- (C) Unrelated
- (D) Coarse

**53. QUELL**

- (A) Foment
- (B) Suppress
- (C) Repress
- (D) Organise

**54. RATIONAL**

- (A) Distressed
- (B) Illogical
- (C) Unsatisfactory
- (D) Hopeless

**55. PROPEL**

- (A) Improper
- (B) Driverless
- (C) Check
- (D) Push

**56. OBSOLETE**

- (A) Futuristic
- (B) Reputed
- (C) Old
- (D) Modern

**57. FOREIGNER**

- (A) Indian
- (B) Inside
- (C) Native
- (D) Alien

**58. NUTRITIOUS**

- (A) Fast food
- (B) Trash
- (C) Unhealthy
- (D) Bold

**59. MOVABLE**

- (A) Stationary
- (B) Stationery
- (C) Dormant
- (D) Redundant

**60. LYRICALLY**

- (A) Sedately
- (B) Ebulliently
- (C) Prosaically
- (D) Normally

**SELECTING WORDS**

**Directions (Q. Nos. 61 to 80) :** Each of the following sentences is given with blank space(s) to be filled in with appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each sentence. Choose the correct alternative.

61. The secret should — you and me.

- (A) remain among
- (B) remain about
- (C) stay in
- (D) remain between

62. — responsible for this tragedy.

- (A) Only me alone
- (B) I am solely
- (C) Me alone is
- (D) Myself alone is

63. I do not care — you go or stay!

- (A) whether
- (B) weather
- (C) if
- (D) even

64. You — listen — carry out orders.

- (A) either, or
- (B) neither, or
- (C) neither, nor
- (D) either, nor

65. No one is going to believe —.

- (A) about you
- (B) you
- (C) in you
- (D) for you

66. — your letter dated 26.03.2012, we regret to state that we reject your offer.

- (A) As per
- (B) With reference to
- (C) In replying
- (D) About

67. He is — praise and blame.

- (A) equally indifferent to
- (B) equal to
- (C) the same to
- (D) likewise to

68. You must not only speak out — act against corruption.

- (A) but take
- (B) and also
- (C) but also
- (D) but

69. This is a quotation — Milton.

- (A) of
- (B) in
- (C) as
- (D) from

70. Nothing will come —.

- (A) of nothing
- (B) from nothing
- (C) through nothing
- (D) with nothing



71. The decision to wind up business was —.

- (A) took early
- (B) taken prematurely
- (C) about right
- (D) received now

72. Stone walls do not a prison —.

- (A) made
- (B) construe
- (C) wear
- (D) make

73. — many people at the party.

- (A) There were
- (B) There was
- (C) That was
- (D) Here were

74. — apples have you sold?

- (A) How much
- (B) How many
- (C) What amount
- (D) What kind

75. Fit words are better — fine ones.

- (A) over
- (B) although
- (C) than
- (D) and

76. He applied for leave — it was not granted.

- (A) and
- (B) but
- (C) though
- (D) although

77. Siva has resigned —.

- (A) owing to ill health
- (B) for illness
- (C) from ill health
- (D) for ill health

78. — permitted to leave now?

- (A) Should I be
- (B) Can I be
- (C) Are I
- (D) May I be

79. All matter is —.

- (A) indestructible
- (B) fictitious
- (C) minimal
- (D) destructible

80. There are numerous strings — your lute.

- (A) for
- (B) from
- (C) on
- (D) in

**Directions (Q. Nos. 81 to 90) :** 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 or phrase.

**81. Live and let live**

- (A) Live a full life
- (B) Enjoy one's life and let others enjoy theirs
- (C) Enjoy one's life at all cost
- (D) Be lenient

**82. Hidden agenda**

- (A) Ulterior motive
- (B) Lost information
- (C) Not fully written agenda
- (D) Unclear agenda

**83. Put on hold**

- (A) Carried out
- (B) Continued
- (C) Demanded
- (D) Deferred

**84. Silver lining**

- (A) Ornamental
- (B) Good looking
- (C) Good news
- (D) Bad news

**85. Pour oil over troubled waters**

- (A) Incite
- (B) Pacify
- (C) Agitate
- (D) Go slow

**86. All in a day's work**

- (A) Common routine
- (B) One day's work
- (C) Daily labour
- (D) Pay day

**87. Take it or leave it**

- (A) Option to reject
- (B) Ultimatum
- (C) Optional choice
- (D) Choose freely

**88. Leave no stone unturned**

- (A) Work hard
- (B) Do field work
- (C) Make all effort
- (D) Make no progress

**89. Steer clear of**

- (A) Sail away
- (B) Paddle in water
- (C) Pull away
- (D) Stay away from

**90. Never say die**

- (A) Never give up
- (B) Utter inauspicious words
- (C) Avoid discussion of death
- (D) Accept death

Directions (Q. Nos. 91 to 100) : Below each of the following underlined definitions give possible substitutes (words) are given. Choose the correct word which may closely fit each definition.

91. One who doubts

- (A) Doubtful
- (B) Debater
- (C) Sceptic
- (D) Pessimist

92. One who manages funerals

- (A) Overreacher
- (B) Funeralist
- (C) Grave digger
- (D) Undertaker

93. A person who loves only himself

- (A) Self-lover
- (B) Narcissist
- (C) Namesake
- (D) Optimist

94. Belonging to the working class

- (A) Plebeian
- (B) Patrician
- (C) Aristocrat
- (D) Nobleman

95. That which is born before time

- (A) Prenatal
- (B) Antinatal
- (C) Premature
- (D) Stillborn

96. The principle of living and working for the interest of others

- (A) Alterego
- (B) Egotism
- (C) Voluntarism
- (D) Altruism

97. Shortened form or version

- (A) Amalgamation
- (B) Assimilation
- (C) Abbreviation
- (D) Homonym

98. The study or collection of stamps

- (A) Philology
- (B) Philately
- (C) Philosophy
- (D) Physiology

99. To look through something again

- (A) Review
- (B) Renew
- (C) Redo
- (D) Relive

100. Related to space

- (A) Spacial
- (B) Spatial
- (C) Aeronautical
- (D) Agronomical

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