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SECTION A – WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

1. Pick out the nearest correct meaning or synonym of the words given below: CORDON

- a) Pile of logs
- b) Heavy cloak
- c) Line of people placed as guard
- d) None of these

2. Mark the antonym for the given word:

Judicious

- a) ill-mannered
- b) extravagant
- c) unreasonable
- d) lavish

3. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

Please send us a copy of her _____ so that we can arrange transport.

- a) route
- b) itinerary
- c) map
- d) journey

4. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Nowadays, most of the television programmes have _____ in the form of advertisements.

- a) interludes
- b) interference
- c) disturbances
- d) obstructions

5. Which line contains a spelling error?

- a) patios, radios, heros
- b) potatoes, tomatoes, concertos
- c) altos, pianos, solos
- d) rodeos, videos, sopranos

6. Find out correct meaning of the following collocations from the given options. Life expectancy

- a) supposed length of life
- b) the length of time one wants to live
- c) length of time that living beings normally likely to live
- d) calculated life span

7. Choose the option with the correct spelling:

- a) accellerate
- b) accelerate
- c) acelerate
- d) accellerate

8. Choose the one which can be substituted for the given word sentence.

A box or cage typically with a wire mesh front for keeping rabbits.

- a) hive
- b) burrow
- c) hutch
- d) aviary

9. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

I have put the _____ of pens back in the drawer.

- a) pouch
- b) set
- c) box
- d) envelop

10. In each question, select the option that forms the second pair similar to the first pair.

Board: Train:

-----: **Horse:**

- a) Stable
- b) Shoe
- c) Ride
- d) Mount

11. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

I had no sooner told her what I thought of her _____ I wished I'd held my tongue.

- a) when
- b) that
- c) than
- d) as

12. Find the correct spelling for the words below.

- a) Acommodate
- b) Accommodate
- c) Accomodate
- d) Accomodet

13. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

In such a plight _____ that we had no choice but to radio for help.

- a) we ourselves found
- b) did we find ourselves
- c) we found ourselves
- d) did we ourselves find

14. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

We usually have _____ lunch by two o' clock.

- a) a
- b) an
- c) the
- d) none of these

15. Spot the incorrect parts of the sentences.

The jury have not been able to decide which of the two should be punished.

- a. The jury have not
- b. been able to decide
- c. which of the two
- d. should be punished.

16. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb:

How long have these cards _____ on the floor?

- a) been lying
- b) has lying
- c) lying
- d) none of these

17. We _____ discussing the water problem with the residents.

- a) had been
- b) were
- c) have been
- d) was

18. Choose the correct sentence from the given options:

- a) Mitu advised gitu to visit nagaland in the spring.
- b) Mitu advised Gitu to visit nagaland in the spring.
- c) Mitu advised Gitu to visit Nagaland in the spring.
- d) Mitu advised Gitu to visit nagaland in the spring

19. Change the sentence to passive voice:

Does your aunty pick you up everyday?

- a) Are you being picked up by your aunty everyday?
- b) Are you picked up by your aunty everyday?
- c) Are you been picked up by your aunty everyday?
- d) Are your aunty picked you up everyday?

20. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Pete is arrogant and David's pompous - it's like _____ .

- a) a bolt out of the blue
- b) turning over a whole new leaf
- c) six of one and half a dozen of the other
- d) a different kettle of fish

SECTION B - READING COMPREHENSION

A. Read the passage and answer the questions (21 – 28) that follow it:

Marie Curie was one of the most accomplished scientists in history. Together with her husband, Pierre, she discovered radium, an element widely used for treating cancer, and studied uranium and other radioactive substances. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration later helped to unlock the secrets of the atom.

Marie was born in 1867 in Warsaw, Poland, where her father was a professor of Physics. At an early age, she displayed a brilliant mind and a

blithe personality. Her great exuberance for learning prompted her to continue with her studies after high school. She became disgruntled, however, when she learned that the university in Warsaw was closed to women. Determined to receive a higher education, she defiantly left Poland and in 1891 entered the Sorbonne, a French university, where she earned her master's degree and doctorate in Physics.

Marie was fortunate to have studied at the Sorbonne with some of the greatest scientists of her day, one of whom was Pierre Curie. Marie and Pierre were married in 1895 and spent many productive years working together in the Physics laboratory. A short time after they discovered radium, Pierre was killed by a horse-drawn wagon in 1906. Marie was stunned by this horrible misfortune and endured heart-breaking anguish. Despondently she recalled their close relationship and the joy that they had shared in scientific research. The fact that she had two young daughters to raise by herself greatly increased her distress.

Curie's feeling of desolation finally began to fade when she was asked to succeed her husband as a Physics professor at the Sorbonne. She was the first woman to be given a professorship at the world-famous university. In 1911, she received the Nobel Prize in chemistry for isolating radium. Although Marie Curie eventually suffered a fatal illness from her long exposure to radium, she never became disillusioned about her work. Regardless of the consequences, she had dedicated herself to science and to revealing the mysteries of the physical world.

21. What helped to unlock the secrets of the atom?

- a. Marie and Pierre's marriage
- b. Pierre and Marie's amicable collaboration.
- c. Pierre and Marie's chemistry.
- d. Pierre and Marie's hard work.

22. Marie had a bright mind and a _____ personality.

- a. strong
- b. blithe
- c. pleasing
- d. bold

23. Meaning of 'disgruntled' in the passage:

- a. hopeless
- b. annoyed
- c. angry
- d. dissatisfied

24. Marie _____ by leaving Poland and traveling to France to enter the Sorbonne.

- a. challenged authority
- b. showed intelligence
- c. behaved
- d. was distressed

25. _____ she remembered their joy together.

- a. Dejectedly
- b. Worried
- c. Tearfully
- d. Happily

26. What began to fade away when Marie returned to the Sorbonne to succeed her husband?

- a. her misfortune
- b. feeling of desolation
- c. wretchedness
- d. disappointment

27. Even though she became fatally ill from working with radium, Marie Curie was never

_____.

- a. troubled
- b. worried
- c. disappointed
- d. sorrowful

28. Find the synonym for the word 'suffering' from the passage.

- a. disillusioned
- b. heart breaking
- c. enduring
- d. illness

B. Read the passage and answer the questions (29 – 35) that follow:

It was in this apartment, also, that there stood against the western wall, a gigantic clock of ebony. Its pendulum swung to and fro with a dull, heavy, monotonous clang; and when the minute-hand made the circuit of the face, and the hour was to be stricken, there came from the brazen lungs of the clock a sound which was clear and loud and deep and exceedingly musical, but of so peculiar a note and emphasis that, at each lapse of an hour, the musicians of the orchestra were constrained to pause, momentarily, in their performance, to harken to the sound; and thus the Walters performance ceased their evolutions; and there was a brief disconcert of the whole gay company; and, while the chimes of the clock yet rang, it was observed that the giddiest grew pale, and the more aged and sedate passed their hands over their brows as if in confused reverie or meditation. But when the echoes had fully ceased, a light laughter at once pervaded the assembly; the musicians looked at each other and smiled as if at their own nervousness and folly, and made whispering vows, each to the other, that the next chiming of the clock should produce in them no similar emotion; and then, after the lapse of sixty minutes (which

embrace three thousand and six hundred seconds of the Time that flies), there came yet another chiming of the clock, and then were the same disconcert and tremulousness and meditation as before.

—Excerpted from “The Masque of the Red Death” by Edgar Allan Poe

29. The clock in this passage symbolizes.

- a) the brief amount of time the orchestra played.
- b) the passage of time and nearness of death.
- c) the movement from early morning to evening
- d) the lack of attention the dancers paid to the music.

30. The scene that is being described is of a concert.

- a) formal dinner.
- b) garden party.
- c) ball.
- d) boating tournament

31. The action stops when the clock chimes the hour.

- a) an uninvited guest arrives.
- b) members of the orchestra leave.
- c) the clock chimes the hour.
- d) guests are asked to remove their masks.

32. What does the reader infer will happen in the story?

- a) The police will arrive to stop the evening's pleasures.
- b) The clock will explode at midnight.
- c) The host will throw out the rowdy guests.
- d) At least one person there will die.

33. Which words best describes the tone of this passage?

humorous and merry

- a. angry and bitter
- b. light-hearted and sunny
- c. negative and sarcastic
- d. mysterious and forbidding

34. "A gigantic clock of ebony" indicates_____.

- a. describes the clock
- b. metaphor
- c. simile
- d. hyperbole

35. Choose the antonym of the word "tremulousness".

- a. wobbly
- b. shiver
- c. tremble
- d. confident

SECTION C - SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSIONS

Which expression is correct?

36. "I burned the midnight oil last night" means:

- a. I stayed up late studying.
- b. I studied by my oil lamp.
- c. I burned oil at midnight.
- d. I was too distracted to study because of Facebook.

37. Choose the best answer from the options given below:

Your friend tells you about a lecture that he attended last night. Now you regret you did not go with him. What will you say?

- a) Was the lecture really interesting?
- b) I wish I'd gone with you.
- c) Where had the speaker come from?
- d) All of the above.

38. Jai: Can you tell me when the flight 9980 will leave?

Receptionist: _____

- a. One moment please. I'll check.
- b. It all depends on the weather.
- c. It will be leaving on time as usual.
- d. See the display board.

39 Choose the best answer from the options given below:

Ritu : 'Hello.'

Suharsh : Could I speak to Mr. Solanki?

Ritu : _____. Can I take a message?'

- a) If you don't mind
- b) I'm afraid he is not at home
- c) In case it is urgent
- d) Both B and C

40. Which is the best way to interrupt a speaker in a group discussion?

- a. Keep quiet now, will you?
- b. Will you let me speak at all?
- c. I'd like to say something here.
- d. I'm going to speak at this point.

41. Reema is great. She will always go _____ to help you.

- a. above and beyond
- b. down and out
- c. over and up
- d. up and above

42. Anil: Let's go out for lunch

Babu: _____

- a. But I won't pay for it.
- b. To which place?
- c. Yes, good idea.
- d. Can I take my another friend?

43. "I crammed for the test" means:

- a. I was distracted and didn't study.
- b. I studied very hard for the test in a short period of time.
- c. I spent months preparing for my test.
- d. I cheated on the test.

44. She is so happy about winning the first prize.

- a. Yes. She definitely looks sedated.
- b. Yes. She looks like the cat who got the cream.
- c. Yes. She looks like an owl in the wind.
- d. Yes. She is definitely on the take!

45. When _____ the conference?

- a. the doctor attended
- b. did the doctor attend
- c. the doctor will attend
- d. have the doctor attended

SECTION D - ACHIEVERS SESSION

Choose the best answer from the options given below:

46. Leaders should not only make speeches they should also be prepared **to bell the cat**.

- a. to take lead in danger
- b. to tie bell to a cat's neck
- c. to be alert of the enemy
- d. to make noise

47. She did several backbends in a row to show how **limber** she was, so that she could be chosen for the squad.

- a. enthused
- b. responsive
- c. likely
- d. flexible

48. **Which sentence is capitalized correctly?**

- a. "stop," the officer commanded, "you must wait here."
- b. "After practice," coach said, "We are going to watch film."
- c. "Before you go to the game," Mom said, "you must clean your room."
- d. "I ordered a pizza," Bob said. "why don't you order dessert?"

49. **I am so hungry I could eat a horse.**

Which figure of speech does this sentence use?

- a. metaphor
- b. simile
- c. exaggeration
- d. personification

50. **Fill in the blank with the correct option.**

fatuous: sensible :: _____ : generic

- a. fat
- b. lofty
- c. specific
- d. special