

**HIGH COURT OF KERALA**  
**WRITTEN TEST FOR THE POST OF ASSISTANT (NCA VACANCIES)**  
**(RECRUITMENT NO. 1/2020)**  
**QUESTION BOOKLET (OBJECTIVE TEST)**

Date of Examination: 19/12/2020

Roll Number :

**Maximum marks : 100**

**Duration: 1 hour and 15 minutes (10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.)**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE**

1. Use only black/blue ink ball point pen to fill in the OMR sheet.
2. Write/bubble the Roll Number on the left hand side of the OMR Sheet.
3. Fill in the OMR sheet carefully as per the instructions given on the back of the OMR sheet.
4. **The test consists of two Parts, viz. Objective Test and Descriptive Test. In Objective Test, there are 100 Objective Type multiple choice questions, which are to be answered in 75 minutes. Descriptive Test is a test on English Language writing skill of 30 minutes duration (11.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.) for 40 Marks.**
5. After opening the Question Booklet at 10.30 a.m., ensure that there are 100 questions in serial order from 1 to 100 and that the printing of all the questions are legible. If there are any missing or illegibly printed questions, the matter may be reported to the invigilator immediately.
6. There are 4 options (A,B,C,D) for each objective type question. Mark your answer corresponding to each question number by darkening the corresponding bubble on the OMR sheet with a ball point pen (black/blue ink). For every correct answer 1 mark will be awarded and for every incorrect answer 1/3 mark will be deducted from the total marks scored. Marking more than one bubble against a question number on the OMR sheet shall be considered as incorrect answer. Erasing, overwriting, partial marking, etc., are not permitted.
7. Answers to the questions in Descriptive Test have to be written on the sheets attached to the question paper itself. The Roll Number of the candidate should be written only in the column provided on the bottom of the question booklet.
8. Candidates will not be allowed to use Calculator, Logarithm table, Mobile Phone or any other electronic equipment in the Examination Hall.
9. No candidate will be allowed to leave the examination hall without handing over the OMR Answer Sheet to the Invigilator. Candidate can take the Objective Test Question Booklet with them.
10. Answer Key of the Objective Test will be published in the Website [www.hckrecruitment.nic.in](http://www.hckrecruitment.nic.in) after the test. Complaints, if any, from the candidates regarding the answer key with valid proof may be sent to the Registrar (Recruitment&Computerisation), High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam-682031, so that it may reach his office within five calendar days from the date of publication of answer key. The envelope containing the complaint should be superscribed 'Assistant (NCA Vacancies) written test-Complaints regarding answer key'. Complaints not substantiated with supporting documents will not be considered. However, the decision of the experts regarding such complaints on the answer key shall be final.
11. Candidates will be allowed to leave the hall only after the completion of the time allotted for the test (i.e. after 12.15 p.m.)
12. Strict compliance of instructions is essential. Any malpractice or attempt to commit any kind of malpractice in the examination will result in summary disqualification of the candidate.

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8. It came as a bolt from the blue means
- A. something utterly unexpected and shocking
  - B. something heavily damaging
  - C. something offering great relief
  - D. something untimely yet helpful
9. A catch 22 situation means
- A. a dilemma or difficult situation
  - B. an extremely difficult situation
  - C. a dead end
  - D. an impasse
10. A black sheep means
- A. an odd and disreputable member of the group
  - B. difficult to clean
  - C. unpredictable person
  - D. cruel and without the milk of human kindness

**Substitute one word for the following:-**

11. A person who hates mankind
- A. cynic
  - B. misanthrope
  - C. pessimist
  - D. opportunist
12. A place where birds are kept
- A. hatchery
  - B. coop
  - C. aviary
  - D. nest

13. Act of speaking to oneself
- A. Delirium  
B. Soliloquy  
C. Raving  
D. Murmur
14. One who does not believe in the existence of God
- A. Rationalist  
B. Mystic  
C. Agnostic  
D. Atheist
15. Allowance due to a wife from her husband on legal separation
- A. Stipend  
B. Alimony  
C. Dower  
D. Bounty

**Identify the mis-spelt word:-**

16. A. Nebullous  
B. Zealot  
C. Scurrility  
D. Lesion
17. A. Grammer  
B. Committee  
C. Simile  
D. Reticent
18. A. Companion  
B. Accommodate  
C. Seperate  
D. Genuine
19. A. Remedy  
B. Peak  
C. Harass  
D. Adjacent
20. A. Embarass  
B. Semester  
C. Vengeance  
D. Venomous

**Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:-**

21. He is jealous ----- me.
- A. with  
B. of  
C. against  
D. on
22. I congratulated him ----- his success.
- A. for  
B. in  
C. during  
D. on
23. He is married ----- my cousin
- A. with  
B. by  
C. to  
D. for
24. The answer was written ----- blue ink.
- A. in  
B. with  
C. on  
D. against
25. I have known him ----- a long time.
- A. for  
B. from  
C. through  
D. along

**Edit the sentences choosing the best replacement for the underlined words:-**

26. Success is made up of good fortune and hard work.
- A. is a result of  
B. is result of  
C. is a blend of  
D. is fruit of
27. Trust your instincts and see all hurdles.
- A. get freedom from  
B. visualise  
C. overcome  
D. try

28. There is times when your best efforts could prove fruitless because of wrong timing.
- A. There are times  
B. There are many times  
C. There is time  
D. There is a time
29. Use of water and nutrients help the buds to bloom faster
- A. helped buds  
B. helps in the buds  
C. helps the buds  
D. assist
30. The General Manager's sudden cancellation of programme aggravated many employees.
- A. angered  
B. aggrieved  
C. worried  
D. pained
31. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India is -----.
- A. Sarat Arun Bobde  
B. Sivam Arvind Bobde  
C. Saran Arpan Bobde  
D. Sarad Arvind Bobde
32. Articles ----- to ----- of the Constitution articulate freedom of religion in a secular state that respects all religions equally.
- A. 19 - 22  
B. 23 - 24  
C. 25 - 28  
D. 32 - 34
33. What can be the maximum period of gap between two sessions of the Indian Parliament?
- A. six months  
B. three months  
C. one year  
D. ten weeks
34. Who among the following is not a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee?
- A. Jayanth R. Varma  
B. Ashima Goyal  
C. Shashanka  
D. Tamal Bandyopadhyay

35. Who is the CEO of Niti Ayog?
- A. Shri. Amitabh Kant  
B. Dr. V. K. Paul  
C. Shri. V. K. Saraswat  
D. Dr. Rajiv Kumar
36. What does 'S' in External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's name stand for?
- A. Santaram  
B. Subrahmanyam  
C. Srinivas  
D. Samasekhar
37. F C R A stand for -
- A. Foreign Contribution Regulation Act  
B. Foreign Currency Regulation Act  
C. Foreign Capital Regulation Act  
D. Food Craft Research Association
38. At what age would a child formally start education according to the NEP (National Educational Policy)?
- A. 3  
B. 4  
C. 5  
D. 6
39. At what age did Malala Yousafzai win Noble Peace Price?
- A. 21  
B. 19  
C. 17  
D. 16
40. The second largest continent in terms of area is -----.
- A. Africa  
B. Asia  
C. South America  
D. North America
41. At Gaya, Lord Budha
- A. was born  
B. attained enlightenment  
C. died  
D. delivered his first sermon

42. Which of the following statements is correct?
- A. Socrates was disciple of Plato
  - B. Plato was disciple of Aristotle
  - C. Plato was disciple of Socrates
  - D. Socrates and Plato were disciples of Aristotle
43. Who is known as the 'Iron Man of India' ?
- A. Bala Gangadhar Tilak
  - B. Sardar Vallabhai Patel
  - C. Mahatma Gandhi
  - D. Jawaharlal Nehru
44. Who is known as the 'Father of the Dravidian Movement'?
- A. C. N Annadurai
  - B. Periyar E. V. Ramasamy
  - C. K. Kamaraj
  - D. M. Karunanidhi
45. The Atal tunnel, world's longest Highway Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh between Leh and Manali has a length of
- A. 7.03 km
  - B. 10.1 km
  - C. 9.02 km
  - D. 8.04 km
46. The First Battle of Panipat which laid the foundation of the Mughal Empire in India was fought in
- A. 1516 AD
  - B. 1528 AD
  - C. 1546 AD
  - D. 1526 AD
47. Who is the Mughal King imprisoned by his son?
- A. Akbar
  - B. Shajahan
  - C. Jehangir
  - D. Aurangzeb
48. Summer Solstice occurs on -----
- A. June 21
  - B. March 21
  - C. December 22
  - D. September 22



49. The lowest layer of the atmosphere is called
- A. exosphere  
B. troposphere  
C. stratosphere  
D. ionosphere
50. What is the annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection?
- A. International Climate Change Day  
B. Eco-Day  
C. Earth Day  
D. World Environment Day
51. Where is the Salt Lake Stadium situated?
- A. Jaipur  
B. Kanpur  
C. Calcutta  
D. New Delhi
52. Which of the four abbreviations related to covid incidence?
- A. A R P U  
B. B A R C  
C. T P R  
D. T R P
53. Testing of the Russian vaccine Sputnik V in India has been entrusted to the Indian Pharmaceutical Company -
- A. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories  
B. Biocon  
C. Lupin Laboratories  
D. Sun Pharma Research
54. Which is the oldest continuously printed Newspaper in India?
- A. Mumbai Samachar  
B. The Times of India  
C. Hindustan Times  
D. The Hindu
55. Name the newspaper started by Mahatma Gandhi in 1903 from Durban, South Africa.
- A. Navjeevan  
B. Indian Opinion  
C. Indian World  
D. Young India

56. Of the Noble Prizes instituted by Alfred Nobel, one is given by Norway and others by Sweden. Which is the one given by Norway?
- A. Nobel Prize for Literature  
B. Nobel Prize for Peace  
C. Nobel Prize for Economics  
D. Nobel Prize for Chemistry
57. The Late Irfan Khan who is spoken to have kept one foot in Mumbai and the other in Los Angeles, originally hailed from -
- A. Meerut  
B. Jaipur  
C. Delhi  
D. Bihar
58. It was for Sankarabharanam that S.P. Balasubramanyam won his first national film award for best male playback singer. Which film brought him his second national film award?
- A. Maine Pyar Kiya  
B. Ek Duje Ke Liye  
C. Sagara Sangamam  
D. Pavithra Bandham
59. Film maker Chaithanya Tamhane's 'The Disciple' won two coveted awards in the Venice Film Festival. The disciple was a (an)
- A. Marathi  
B. English  
C. Kannada  
D. Telugu film
60. Name the famous Indian danseuse, wife of dancer and choreographer Uday Shankar, who died at the age of 101 in July 2020
- A. Mamata Shankar  
B. Sreenanda Shankar  
C. Amala Shankar  
D. Tanusree Shankar
61. Name the actor who has been honoured with the prestigious SDG Special Humanitarian Action Award by the United Nations Development Programme for helping thousands of migrant workers reach home during 'Covid' lockdown-
- A. Sonu Sood  
B. Shahrukh Khan  
C. Ayushman Khurana  
D. Abhishek Bachan

62. Who is the first recipient of the Kendra Sahitya Academy Award for an English work?
- A. Raja Rao  
B. R. K. Narayan  
C. Kushwant Singh  
D. U. R. Ananadamurthy
63. Name the novel of Charles Dickens which has the famous opening : 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness'.
- A. A Tale of Two Cities  
B. Great Expectations  
C. Bleak House  
D. The Pickwick Papers
64. The latest Nobel Laureate for Literature – American poet and essayist Louise Elisabeth Gluck shares kinship of sensibility with the great American poet Emily Dickinson. To which century did Emily Dickinson belong?
- A. 18<sup>th</sup> century  
B. 17<sup>th</sup> century  
C. 19<sup>th</sup> century  
D. 20<sup>th</sup> century
65. The first cricket club outside Britain was -----
- A. the Bombay Cricket Club  
B. the Madras Cricket Club  
C. the Calcutta Cricket Club  
D. the Thripunithura Cricket Club
66. With which sports is American Cup associated?
- A. Basket ball  
B. Golf  
C. Base Ball  
D. Yacht Racing
67. Name the Superfast Daily Express Train that runs between Madurai and Chennai
- A. The Vaigai Express  
B. The Pandian Express  
C. Bandhan Express  
D. Komet
68. The new regulator for medical education and medical professionals in the country which replaces Medical Council of India (MCI) is known as:-
- A. National Medical Commission  
B. Medical Commission of India  
C. Central Medical Regulator  
D. National Medical Regulator

69. Name the new Japanese Prime Minister who has succeeded Mr. Shinzo Abe
- A. Yoshihide Suga  
B. Shiberu Ishiba  
C. Fumio Kishida  
D. Toshimitsu Motegi
70. Which of these statements about Amnesty International is not true
- A. It has shut down its operations in India  
B. It is a recipient of Nobel Peace Prize  
C. It is Emirates Red Crescent's parent body  
D. It was set up by Peter Benenson in 1961
71. Name the aircraft carrier which served the Indian Navy for 29 years that is getting dismantled at the Alang Ship Breaking Yard.
- A. INS VIRAAAT  
B. INS NIREEKSHAK  
C. INS VIKRANT  
D. INS NISTAR
72. The Southern states graded according to maternity mortality rate (2016-2018) from the lowest to the highest is -
- A. Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Telengana, Andra Pradesh  
B. Kerala, Andra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Telengana, Karnataka  
C. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telengana, Andra Pradesh, Karnataka  
D. Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andra pradesh, Telengana
73. Where is KILA (Kerala Institute of Local Administration) headquartered?
- A. Kollam  
B. Thiruvananthapuram  
C. Thrissur  
D. Kozhikode
74. As per the latest amendment to Head Load Worker's Act approved by the State Government, what is the limit to the weight a loading and unloading labourer can lift at a time?
- A. 55kg  
B. 60 kg  
C. 75 kg  
D. 65 kg

75. Name the work of Jnanapith laureate Akitham Achutan Namboothiri which won him the Kerala and Kendra Sahitya Academy Awards in 1972-73
- A. Idinju Polinja Lokam  
B. Balidarsanam  
C. Arangettam  
D. Nimisha Kshetram
76. Name the President of India who had previously served as Governor of Kerala?
- A. V. V. Giri  
B. B. D. Jatti  
C. Shankar Dayal Sharma  
D. Pratibha Patil
77. Name the progenitor and most prolific practitioner of 'Painkili Novels' who has contributed significantly to the rise of literacy among malayali women -
- A. Kanam E.J.  
B. Ponkunnam Varkey  
C. Muttathu Varkey  
D. Parappuram
78. Shikshalokam – Educational Leadership Platform – is a philanthropic initiative founded and funded by -
- A. K. Narayana Murthy  
B. S. D. Shibulal  
C. Kris Gopalakrishnan  
D. Nandan Nilakeni
79. Name the Indian city that merits the name of the world's vaccine capital by virtue of the humongous manufacturing capacity it houses -
- A. Bangalore  
B. Ahmedabad  
C. Mumbai  
D. Hyderabad
80. Who is the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal for India
- A. Mary Kom  
B. Karnam Malleswari  
C. Saina Nehwal  
D. P.T. Usha
81. If  $16 = 11$ ,  $25 = 12$ ,  $36 = 15$ , then  $49 = ?$
- A. 19  
B. 20  
C. 25  
D. 21

82. The sum of the least number of three digits and largest number of two digits is
- A. 99  
B. 199  
C. 100  
D. 999
83. Of what number the  $\frac{2}{5}$  of  $\frac{5}{8}$  of  $\frac{4}{7} = 22$  ?
- A. 174  
B. 200  
C. 154  
D. 189
84. Which of the following numbers give 240 when added to its own square?
- A. 15  
B. 18  
C. 16  
D. 20
85. Simplify  $(4-5) - (13-18+2)$
- A. 2  
B. - 2  
C. - 4  
D. 3
86. The enrollment in a school increases from 1200 to 1254. Determine the percent increase in enrollment.
- A. 3.5%  
B. 7.5%  
C. 10%  
D. 4.5%
87. A clock seen through a mirror shows quarter past three. What is the correct time?
- A. 3:15  
B. 9:15  
C. 9:45  
D. 8:45
88. Find the simple interest on Rs.7800 for 9 months at 8% per annum
- A. Rs. 564  
B. Rs. 720  
C. Rs. 468  
D. Rs. 620

89. Find the total output of a factory if after 12% of wastage, the net output is 4860 kg
- A. 48700 kg                                      C. 40500 kg  
 B. 51600 kg                                      D. 71030 kg
90. Eugene reads two-fifth of 85 pages of his lesson. How many more pages he needs to read to complete the lesson?
- A. 30    C. 51  
 B. 73    D. 35
91. What should come in the place of (?) in  $4 : 13 :: 64 : ?$
- A. 208    C. 201  
 B. 205    D. 203
92. Harry and Larry can together plough the field in 5 days. Harry alone takes 8 days to plough the same field. In how many days can Larry alone plough the field?
- A.  $\frac{3}{40}$     C.  $\frac{7}{30}$   
 B.  $\frac{1}{40}$     D.  $\frac{2}{30}$
93. The average age of 20 students is 12 years. If the teacher's age is included, average increases by one. The age of the teacher is -
- A. 30 years                                      C. 33 years  
 B. 32 years                                      D. 35 years
94. List price of a book is Rs. 65. It is sold at a discount of 15%. Find the selling price of the book.
- A. Rs. 55.25                                      C. Rs. 53.50  
 B. Rs. 57.75                                      D. Rs. 55.20

95. What is the time taken by a train running at 54 km/hr to cross a man standing on a platform, the length of the train being 180 m?
- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| A. 10 sec. | C. 12 sec. |
| B. 20 sec. | D. 15 sec. |
96. What is the next number in the sequence 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, .....
- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| A. 125 | C. 137 |
| B. 130 | D. 127 |
97. What is the largest prime number?
- |       |       |
|-------|-------|
| A. 97 | C. 99 |
| B. 98 | D. 96 |
98. Which is the smallest?
- |                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| A. - 1             | C. 0 |
| B. - $\frac{1}{2}$ | D. 3 |
99. Pipe A can fill a tank in 12 minutes, pipe B in 18 minutes and pipe C can empty a full tank in 36 minutes. If all of them together, find the time taken to fill the empty tank -
- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. 10 minutes | C. 6 minutes |
| B. 11 minutes | D. 9 minutes |
100. Two numbers are in the ratio 1 : 2. When 4 is added to each, the ratio becomes 2 : 3. Find the numbers.
- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| A. 2, 4 | C. 8, 16 |
| B. 4, 8 | D. 9, 27 |