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பகுதி-அ – பொது ஆங்கிலம் (பத்தாம் வகுப்பு தரம்)

Part-A – General English (SSLC Std)

வினாக்கள் : 1-100

மொத்த மதிப்பெண்கள் : 150

Questions : 1-100

Total Marks : 150

1. Speak gently to the erring-know,
They may have toiled in vain;
Find out the meaning of the word "toiled" from the given poetic lines
(A) Emphasise (B) Worried
(C) Worked hard (D) Rough
(E) Answer not known
2. "Speak gently-let not harsh words mar
The good we might do Here!
The poet's appeal is not to speak _____ words
(A) Impolite (B) Polite
(C) Perplexing (D) Clear
(E) Answer not known
3. And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by
'Wink of an eye' in the above lines mean
(A) Very neat (B) Very smooth
(C) Very smart (D) Very quick
(E) Answer not known
4. "You Sang, Sir, you say?
Go then, "Says the ant", and dance the winter away"
To whom does the ant say this?
(A) To the fly
(B) To the cricket
(C) To the spider
(D) To the bird
(E) Answer not known

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below (Q.No.5-9)

I pray to you to make me learn. More than that, Teacher, teach me how I can learn to learn.

As you prepare me for the wide world in which I need to 'fend' for myself and for others, onetime learning will not be good enough. I will have to have the ability to learn newer and more difficult things. Some of it I will need to learn very quickly. In all this, what will become critical is the process of learning itself, more than just what I am able to learn. Help me to learn newer ways to learn. And that will make learning a joy for me.

5. Choose the correct meaning for the underlined word

I need to fend for myself.

- (A) look into (B) look after
(C) get into (D) put up
(E) Answer not known

6. Who does "you" refers to?

- (A) Teacher (B) Boy
(C) Girl (D) God
(E) Answer not known

7. Teachers help me to learn _____ things.

- (A) Natural (B) Bad
(C) New (D) Difficult
(E) Answer not known

8. Choose the correct Antonym for the underlined word from the options given

I will need to learn Quickly.

- (A) Slowly (B) Rapidly
(C) Badly (D) Newly
(E) Answer not known

9. What kind of Learning brings joy to you?

- (A) Newer way (B) Difficult way
(C) Bad way (D) Ancient way
(E) Answer not known

10. Peter stopped the water by

- (A) Keeping the mud over the hole
(B) Keeping his finger in the hole
(C) Keeping a stone in the hole
(D) Keeping wooden piece in the hole
(E) Answer not known

11. Match the name of the characters in Column A with their characteristics in Column B.

Column A		Column B	
(a)	M. Hamel	1.	Student
(b)	Franz	2.	Teacher
(c)	Hauser	3.	Blacksmith
(d)	Wachter	4.	Old man

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	1	4	3
(B)	1	4	2	3
(C)	4	1	3	2
(D)	2	3	4	1
(E)	Answer not known			

12. What game did Ferdinand play with Miranda in the Island?

- (A) Carrom
(B) Hide and Seek
(C) Cards
(D) Chess
(E) Answer not known

13. The lesson "His First Flight" is about a

- (A) Pilot
(B) Seagull
(C) Parrot
(D) Pigeon
(E) Answer not known

14. Which two words blend together to form the new word vitamin?

- (A) Vita + amin (B) Vital + amin
(C) Vital + amine (D) Vita + amine
(E) Answer not known

15. Choose the correct sentence from the following

- (A) My son is fond in music (B) My son is fond on music
(C) My son is fond of music (D) My son is fond to music
(E) Answer not known

16. "Oh, no, no", said the little fly.

What figure of speech is used here?

- (A) Assonance (B) Alliteration
(C) Anaphora (D) Repetition
(E) Answer not known

17. Identify the correct simple sentence.

- (A) He confessed that he was guilty
(B) He confessed his guilt
(C) He confessed being guilty
(D) He made his confession as he was guilty
(E) Answer not known

18. Select the simple sentence from the following sentence:

- (A) As there was a heavy downpour the match was cancelled.
(B) Due to heavy downpour the match was cancelled.
(C) Heavy downpour the match was cancelled
(D) There was a heavy downpour the match was cancelled.
(E) Answer not known

19. Fill in the blank with suitable gerund.

He asked me in _____ this form.

- (A) Filling
- (B) Filled
- (C) To fill
- (D) Too filling
- (E) Answer not known

20. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the option given below :

He was the spoilt child of Affluent parents.

- (A) poor
- (B) useless
- (C) intelligent
- (D) wealthy
- (E) Answer not known

21. Choose the correct meaning for the phrase "Look After"

- (A) Watch out
- (B) Investigate the matter
- (C) See carefully
- (D) Take care of
- (E) Answer not known

22. Fill in the blanks with the correct tense form of the verb from the options given below.

In two years' Time I _____ (earn) my degree.

- (A) Have earned
- (B) Shall have earned
- (C) Shall earn
- (D) Have been earning
- (E) Answer not known

23. Choose the correct synonyms for the underlined word

Ramayya's heart was in a Flutter

- (A) Stay (B) Flab
(C) Lull (D) Calm
(E) Answer not known

24. Find out the correct meaning of the underlined word.

He loved to tear food that way, scraping his beak now and again to Whet it

- (A) To weld (B) To sharpen
(C) To Moisture (D) To heat
(E) Answer not known

25. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase

Cast Down

- (A) Release (B) Dejected
(C) Continue (D) Appeal
(E) Answer not known

26. Match the following :

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| (a) garb | 1. act of helping |
| (b) plaintive | 2. moving slowly |
| (c) ministrations | 3. sounding sad |
| (d) languid | 4. clothes |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| (B) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| (D) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |

27. Sherlock Holmes is a detective who features in the fiction of
- (A) Nathaniel Hawthorne
 - (B) Arthur Conan Doyle
 - (C) Ruskin Bond
 - (D) Mark Twain
 - (E) Answer not known
28. Robert Frost received _____ Pulitzer Prizes.
- (A) 4
 - (B) 6
 - (C) 8
 - (D) 5
 - (E) Answer not known
29. The poet John Masefield was appointed by Queen Elizabeth as
- (A) Minister for Human Resources
 - (B) Poet Laureate
 - (C) Bard of Avon
 - (D) Speaker of English Parliament
 - (E) Answer not known
30. Fill in the blanks :
Anthropomorphism means _____.
- (A) Human character
 - (B) Non-human character
 - (C) Non-human character with Human traits
 - (D) Human traits with Human character
 - (E) Answer not known

31. In the morning glad I see
My foe outstretched beneath the tree
How did the poet feel in the morning?
- (A) angry (B) sad
(C) soft (D) glad
(E) Answer not known
32. "Through the flowers and foliage glancing
Like a child at play".
Mention the figure of speech used in the above lines.
- (A) Imagery
(B) Simile
(C) Epithet
(D) Metaphor
(E) Answer not known
33. All of the sights of the hill and plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
The figure of speech used in the above line is
- (A) Simile (B) Oxymoron
(C) Repetition (D) Metaphor
(E) Answer not known
34. Pick out the words in alliteration in the below line?
'And heaven a surer heritage'
- (A) Surer, heritage (B) Heaven, heritage
(C) Heritage, heritage (D) And, heritage
(E) Answer not known
35. So I had to call in a doctor, double quick.
Which of the following poetic device is used in the given line?
- (A) Simile (B) Metaphor
(C) Alliteration (D) Hyperbole
(E) Answer not known

36. Choose the correct answer :

One day the author was standing on the line which separates the _____ desert from the valley of the Nile in Egypt.

- (A) Sahara (B) Libyan
(C) Thar (D) Gobi
(E) Answer not known

37. Match Column A with Column B

Column A	Column B
(a) Aunt Polly	1. Eyeing the Teaspoon Greedily
(b) Peter	2. Stopped coming to school
(c) Tom	3. Water treatment
(d) Becky Thatcher	4. Incurable experimenter

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 1 2 3 4
(B) 4 1 3 2
(C) 4 3 2 1
(D) 3 2 1 4
(E) Answer not known

38. The common link between Ramkant Achrekar and Sachin Tendulkar was both started playing cricket at the age of

- (A) 12 (B) 17
(C) 11 (D) 10
(E) Answer not known

39. When Watson returns with Mrs. Hudson to Holmes apartment, he sees

- (A) Holmes had died
(B) Savage had escaped
(C) Holmes was sitting up in bed
(D) Smith was already there
(E) Answer not known

40. The British English word Mobile Phone in American English is called _____

Choose the right option

- (A) Mobile (B) Cell Phone
(C) Smart Phone (D) Touch Phone
(E) Answer not known

41. The Dialogue is too long.

Replace the underlined word with its American.

- (A) Dialog (B) Dialog
(C) Dylogue (D) Dyalog
(E) Answer not known

42. Pick the compound word that is not a combination of verb + noun

- (A) Watch man (B) Play ground
(C) Motor cycle (D) Call taxi
(E) Answer not known

43. Match the patterns given under Column A with the compound words under Column B and select the answer from codes given below.

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| (a) Gerund + Noun | 1. Sunset |
| (b) Noun + Verb | 2. Worksheet |
| (c) Verb + Noun | 3. Upstairs |
| (d) Preposition + Noun | 4. Bleaching powder |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| (B) | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| (C) | 3 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| (D) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| (E) | Answer not known | | | |

44. Fill in the blank with correct option to complete the sentence :

The clerk who ——— (serve) in police department for Thirty Years, retired from service yesterday.

- (A) was serving (B) has served
(C) **had served** (D) serves
(E) Answer not known

45. Choose the correct Antonym for the underlined word from the options given :

She shouted intuitively

- (A) Apparant (B) Natural
(C) **Artificial** (D) Spontaneous
(E) Answer not known

46. Identify the pattern of the following sentence.

Venu grew tired after the match.

- (A) SVOC (B) SVAA
(C) SVIODO (D) **SVCA**
(E) Answer not known

47. State which statement is correct

I gave Rosy a pen.

In the pattern of the sentence,

- (A) "Rosy" is the Direct object
(B) **"Rosy" is the Indirect object**
(C) "Rosy" is the subject
(D) "Rosy" is the Adjunct
(E) Answer not known

48. Fill in the blank with suitable Gerund form of the verb

_____ seemed foolish when decisive action was required.

- (A) Wait (B) **Waiting**
(C) To wait (D) To be wait
(E) Answer not known

49. 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever'
The above line is written by

- (A) John Keats (B) John Kennedy
(C) John Smith (D) William Wordsworth
(E) Answer not known

50. Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes

... ..
Of air that is everywhere our own,
Remember, no men are foreign, no countries strange.
What literary device is used here?

- (A) Metaphor (B) Repetition
(C) Epithet (D) Simile
(E) Answer not known

51. Choose the correct Antonym for the underlined word from the option given

Lessons repeated in Unison

- (A) Agreement (B) Alliance
(C) Unity (D) Disunity
(E) Answer not known

52. Match the words with correct antonyms

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (a) Initiate | 1. Sorrow |
| (b) Delight | 2. Measurable |
| (c) Unkempt | 3. Conclude |
| (d) Infinite | 4. Clean |

- | | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| (B) | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| (C) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| (D) | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |

- (E) Answer not known

53. Summer comes
in a blaze of heat
with sunny smiles
and dusty feet

Name the season mentioned in the above line

- (A) Winter (B) Spring
(C) Rainy (D) Summer
(E) Answer not known

54. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever"
is a short piece taken from the poem _____

- (A) Endymion (B) The Solitary Reaper
(C) Ode to the West Wind (D) Kubla Khan
(E) Answer not known

55. The poem "On Killing a Tree" is written by

- (A) Norman Littleford (B) Caroline Ann Bowles
(C) Edgar Albert Guest (D) Gieve Patel
(E) Answer not known

56. Complete the following poetic line by choosing the correct option given below

"We can Print and Plough and weave and _____"

- (A) fly and dive (B) read and write
(C) weight and size (D) heat and light
(E) Answer not known

57. "My computer has always been so brainy and smart
It seems to know mountains of information by heart"

The figure of speech used in the above lines is

- (A) Simile
(B) Hyperbole
(C) Repetition
(D) Anaphora
(E) Answer not known

58. "O'er the yellow pebbles dancing"

Identify the figure of speech

- (A) Oxymoron
(B) Onomatopoeia
(C) Imagery
(D) Anaphora
(E) Answer not known

59. My heart was so light
That I sang day and Night
For all nature looked gay
"You sang, sir, you say"?

Mention the rhyme scheme employed in the above lines

- (A) a a b c
(B) a a b b
(C) a b b a
(D) a b b b
(E) Answer not known

60. "Though our smoke may hide the
Heavens from your eyes,
It will vanish and the stars will shine again,
Because, for all our power and weight and size,
We are nothing more than children of your brain!"
What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza?

- (A) a a b b
(B) a b a b
(C) a b a a
(D) a b c d
(E) Answer not known

61. "It's the stick-together family that wins the joys of earth,"
Who wins the joys of the earth?

- (A) Nuclear family
(B) Traditional family
(C) Orthodox family
(D) The family that stays together
(E) Answer not known

62. Ruskin Bond was honoured with _____ for his contribution to Indian literature.

- (A) Bharat Ratna
- (B) Sahitya Ratna
- (C) Sahitya Bharat
- (D) Sahitya Akademi
- (E) Answer not known

63. "This Bengal sky-full of light,
This South Breeze- This flow of the river..."
Which river is mentioned here in Tagore's reminiscence?

- (A) Brahmaputra
- (B) Damodar
- (C) Cauveri
- (D) Ganges
- (E) Answer not known

64. Nathaniel Hawthorne was _____ writer.

- (A) A Turkish
- (B) An English
- (C) An Irish
- (D) An American
- (E) Answer not known

65. Choose the correct answer :

William Temple Hornaday was an American _____

- (A) Zoologist
- (B) Conservationist
- (C) Taxidermist
- (D) All the above
- (E) Answer not known

66. The first book of Helen Keller was translated into how many languages
(A) 5 (B) 15
(C) 30 (D) 50
(E) Answer not known
67. Assertion [A] : At Bangkok Conference A34 point resolution was passed.
Reason [R] : Indian National Army was made subordinate to the Indian Independence League.
(A) [A] True, [R] False
(B) [A] True, [R] True, but [R] is not the correct explanation for [A]
(C) [A] True, [R] True and [R] is the correct explanation for [A]
(D) [A] False, [R] False
(E) Answer not known
68. 'The Discovery of India' is written by Nehru in the prison of
(A) Central Prison, Naini (B) Bareilly District Jail
(C) Almora Jail (D) Ahmednagar Fort Prison
(E) Answer not known
69. Nehru's "Glimpses of World History" is a collection of _____ letters.
(A) 196 (B) 204
(C) 95 (D) 100
(E) Answer not known
70. Mahatma Gandhiji was inspired and influenced by
(A) Tolstoy's "Civil disobedience"
(B) John Ruskin's "Unto this Last"
(C) Thoreau's "The Kingdom of God"
(D) John's "The Struggle"
(E) Answer not known

71. Which among the given options is the correct one?

- (A) Either Rhyan or his sisters have to be invited.
- (B) Either Rhyan or his sisters has to be invited.
- (C) Either Rhyan or his sisters was to be invited.
- (D) Either Rhyan or his sisters is to be invited.
- (E) Answer not known

72. Find out the blended form of Breakfast + Lunch.

- (A) Breaklunch
- (B) Blunch
- (C) Breakunch
- (D) Brunch
- (E) Answer not known

73. Which part of the given sentence is wrong?

I saw an helicopter fly above the lake

- (A) An helicopter
- (B) The lake
- (C) Fly Above
- (D) I saw
- (E) Answer not known

74. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition from the options given below.

The Government built a bridge _____ the river.

- (A) Between
- (B) Above
- (C) Across
- (D) Along
- (E) Answer not known

75. Fill in the blank with the suitable article.

The hour is _____ unit of time.

- (A) An
- (B) The
- (C) A
- (D) No article
- (E) Answer not known

76. "If one should come too close to earth

The atmosphere will Shake,

With shockwave reaching to the ground

Causing the land to quake".

Mention the rhyme scheme of the stanza.

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| (A) a a b b | (B) a b a b |
| (C) a b c b | (D) a b b b |
| (E) Answer not known | |

77. It forgets to 'Save' my work, and store it away
And instead, makes it vanish in the most dreadful way

Mention the title of the poem for the above lines

- (A) Special Hero (B) My Computer Needs a Break
(C) Lessons in Life (D) A Thing of Beauty
(E) Answer not known

78. "I respect you and you respect
I think of you and you think of me"

The above lines are written by

- (A) John Keats (B) George Eliot
(C) Shanthini Govindan (D) Bridgette Bryant & Daniel Ho
(E) Answer not known

79. "Broad and deep, and still as time;
Seeming still, yet still in motion"

The given lines are taken from the poem

- (A) The Comet
(B) A Poison tree
(C) The River
(D) Stopping by woods on a Snowy Evening
(E) Answer not known

80. Shanthini Govindan is an author of

- (A) Crime Stories (B) Historical Sketches
(C) Children's Literature (D) Religious Stories
(E) Answer not known

81. We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine.

Who does 'We' refer to?

- (A) Human beings (B) Ore-bed
(C) Mine (D) Machines
(E) Answer not known

82. "That hears the sweetest music and that finds the finest mirth;"

Identify the figure of speech used here.

- (A) Metaphor (B) Personification
(C) Imagery (D) Onomatopoeia
(E) Answer not known

83. "Twisting, withering
And then it is done".

Choose the right answer :

Death of the tree is _____.

- (A) Painful (B) Difficult
(C) Joyful (D) Fast
(E) Answer not known

84. At last by starvation and famine made bold.

What is the meaning of the word "famine"?

- (A) Hurriedly (B) Mouthful of grain
(C) Miserly (D) Extreme scarcity of food
(E) Answer not known

85. Choose the correct answer

"Good-bye, little one, and may you grow up into a brave soldier in India's service." - Here "little one" refers to

- (A) Young Lakshmi Bai
- (B) Joan of Arc
- (C) Young Jodha
- (D) Young Natchiyar
- (E) Answer not known

86. When did Ramayya's wife notice the jewel in the story "The Nose Jewel"?

- (A) While sweeping the floor
- (B) While washing the floor
- (C) While dusting the floor
- (D) While mopping the floor
- (E) Answer not known

87. What was the expected arrival time of the train in the story - The Woman On Platform 8?

- (A) One o'clock
- (B) Twelve o'clock
- (C) Two o'clock
- (D) Eleven o'clock
- (E) Answer not known

88. Who was the President of United States of America from the year 1861 to 1865?
- (A) Franklin (B) John. F. Kennedy
(C) Abraham Lincoln (D) George Bush
(E) Answer not known
89. The African National Congress (ANC) was founded in 1912 to oppose
- (A) Discrimination (B) Suppression
(C) Violation of human rights (D) All the above
(E) Answer not known
90. Who was the Governor General of India who wanted to Annex Jharkhand under the policy of lapse?
- (A) Warren Hastings (B) Charles Canning
(C) Lord Dalhousie (D) Richard Wellesley
(E) Answer not known
91. Dr. Salim Ali was introduced to the serious study of birds by
- (A) W.S. Millard (B) EHA
(C) Norman Boyd Kinnear (D) Amiruddin
(E) Answer not known
92. Kalpana Chawla died on
- (A) Feb 3, 2003, Space Shuttle India Disaster
(B) Feb 1, 2005, Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster
(C) Feb 1, 2003, Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster
(D) Feb 4, 2003, Space Shuttle Columbia Disaster
(E) Answer not known

93. Which one of the following is incorrect?

- (A) Furnitures
- (B) Scissors
- (C) Pliers
- (D) News
- (E) Answer not known

94. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase

Given to

- (A) Withdraw
- (B) Accustomed to
- (C) Progress
- (D) Escape
- (E) Answer not known

95. Complete the sentence choosing an option from those given below :

I saw ——— one rupee coin lying on the ground.

- (A) an
- (B) the
- (C) a
- (D) no article
- (E) Answer not known

96. Select the correct sentence:

- (A) The ship with it's crew are sailing good.
- (B) The ship with it's crew is sailing good.
- (C) The ships with it's crew is sailing good.
- (D) The ship with it's crews is sailing good.
- (E) Answer not known

97. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form of the verb from the option given below.

The Doctor _____ the operation tomorrow.

- (A) Perform (B) Will perform
(C) Performed (D) Performing
(E) Answer not known

98. Choose the correct question tag from the list given below.

Lets go home ?

- (A) Will you (B) Shall we
(C) Do we (D) Shouldn't you
(E) Answer not known

99. Choose the correct question tag from the options given below.

Gopi isn't our guide _____?

- (A) Is he? (B) Is she?
(C) Isn't he? (D) Isn't she?
(E) Answer not known

100. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition.

He was born _____ 1960.

- (A) In (B) On
(C) At (D) Since
(E) Answer not known