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Direction (Q. Nos. 1 to 23) : Answer the following questions as directed choosing the correct alternatives :

1. Animals of the forest (suffer) for want of food and water every summer. The correct form of the verb is :

(A) suffers (B) suffer

(C) are suffer (D) suffered

2. Forest fire (add) to their woe. The correct form of the verb is :

(A) adding (B) is added

(C) add (D) adds

3. Particularly, they _____ not get water to drink.

Which is the correct modal to complete the sentence?

(A) can (B) will

(C) would (D) should

4. Which of the following is a grammatically correct sentence ?

(A) A tusker strayed into our village last night.

(B) A tusker has strayed into our village last night.

(C) A tusker was strayed into our village last night.

(D) A tusker is strayed into our village last night.

5. All our efforts _____ him away failed miserably.

The correct non-finite verb to complete the sentence is :

(A) driving (B) driven

(C) to drive (D) drive

6. We could do nothing but _____ his movements silently.

The correct non-finite verb to complete the sentence is :

(A) to watch (B) watching

(C) watched (D) watch

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7. Deforestation causes distress to wild animals.

This can be changed into passive voice as :

(A) Distress has been caused to wild animals by deforestation.

(B) Distress is caused to wild animals by deforestation.

(C) Distress was caused to wild animals by deforestation.

(D) Distress had been caused to wild animals by deforestation.

8. We _____ have concern for wild animals.

Which is the correct modal to complete the sentence ?

(A) should (B) would

(C) could (D) might

9. The soldier is very clever.

This can be changed into an exclamatory sentence as :

(A) How very clever a soldier ! (B) How clever the soldier is !

(C) What clever soldier! (D) How clever is the soldier!

10. He is too old to learn new tricks. This can be changed into a complex sentence as :

(A) He is very old and he cannot learn new tricks.

(B) He is so old that he cannot learn new tricks.

(C) As he is very old he will not learn new tricks.

(D) He is very old for which he does not learn new tricks.

11. _____ he worked hard, he could not get success.

The correct connector to fill in the blank is :

(A) Since (B) As

(C) Because (D) Even though

12. I know <u>that he is very brave</u>. The underlined noun clause acts as :

(A) Subject of the sentence (B) Object of a transitive verb

(C) A complement of a verb (D) An object of a preposition

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13. All that glitters is not gold. The underlined clause is a/an _____.

Pick out the correct alternative.

(A) Noun clause
(B) Non-defining relative clause
(C) Defining relative clause
(D) Adverb clause

14. The soldier said to me, "I have fought many battles."

This sentence can be changed into indirect speech as :

(A) The soldier told me that he had fought many battles.
(B) The soldier told me that he has fought many battles.
(C) The soldier told me that he fought many battles.
(D) The soldier told me that he could fight many battles.

15. Raju asked the soldier if he had won all the battles.

This sentence can be changed into direct speech as :

(A) Raju said to the soldier, "Has he won all the battles?"
(B) Raju said to the soldier, "Could you win all the battles?"
(C) Raju said to the soldier, "Do you win all the battles?"
(D) Raju said to the soldier, "Did you win all the battles?"

16. Colonel Das was the smartest commander in his regiment.

This sentence can be rewritten in the comparative degree as :

(A) Colonel Das was smarter than any other commander in his regiment.
(B) No other commander in his regiment was as smart as Colonel Das.
(C) Colonel Das was a smarter commander in his regiment.
(D) Very few commanders were smarter than Colonel Das in his regiment.

17. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

(A) The man is mortal.
(B) The rose smells sweet.
(C) The camel is called 'ship of the desert'.
(D) The water freezes at 0°C.

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18. A man of _____ must be a man of care.

The correct word to complete the sentence is :

(A) truthfulness (B) truthful

(C) truth (D) true

19. The sick man passed away _____.

The correct expression to fill in the blank is :

(A) peace (B) peaceful

(C) peacefulness (D) peacefully

20. My friend is extremely good _____ poetry. Identify the correct preposition.

(A) in (B) at

(C) with (D) for

21. A farmer is a _____ citizen of a nation.

Pick out the correct word to complete the sentence.

(A) responsible (B) responsibly

(C) more responsible (D) most responsible

22. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?

(A) A farmer is leading oxes to his field.

(B) His sheeps follow him to his field.

(C) His cows give him milk.

(D) He has bought new furnitures for his house.

23. I congratulate you _____ your success.

The correct preposition to fill in the blank is :

(A) for (B) to

(C) about (D) on

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Direction (Q. Nos. 24 to 30) : Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow choosing the correct alternatives :

The Trojan War is one of the most famous wars in history. It is well known for the ten-year long war between the Greeks and the Trojans and the heroism of a number of legendary warriors, and for the Trojan horse. What may not be familiar, however, is the story of how the war began.

According to Greek myth, the strife between the Trojans and the Greeks started at the wedding of Peleus, King of Thessaly, and Thetis, a sea nymph. All of the gods and goddesses had been invited to the wedding celebration in Troy except Eris, the goddess of discord. She had been omitted from the list of guests because her presence always caused quarrels between mortals and immortals.

To take revenge on those who had insulted her, Eris decided to cause a conflict. Into the middle of the banquet hall, she threw a golden apple marked "for the most beautiful." All the goddesses began to quarrel over who should possess it. The choice was narrowed to Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite. Someone was needed to settle the controversy by picking a winner.

The job eventually fell to Paris, son of King Priam of Troy, who was said to be a good judge of beauty. Paris did not have an easy job. Each goddess, eager to win the golden apple, tried hard to bribe him.

Hera said, "Give me the prize, and I will make you the most powerful king in the world." Athena said, "No one will be able to match your wisdom if you give me the apple." Aphrodite smiled at the youth and said, "Give it to me, and you shall have for a wife the most beautiful woman in the world."

Paris awarded the golden apple to Aphrodite, and from that moment Hera and Athena hated him and his family. Aphrodite offered Helen, the daughter of Zeus and the most beautiful woman in the land, to Paris. Paris was very anxious to claim Helen and set off for Sparta in Greece.

In Sparta, Paris learned that Helen was the wife of King Menelaus of Sparta. He accepted the hospitality of King Menelaus and stayed in his palace as an honourable guest for a few

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days. As soon as Helen saw Paris, she fell in love with him. She eloped with Paris carrying much of the king's wealth with her and they fled to Troy. Menelaus was mad with anger and vowed revenge. He collected his loyal Greek forces and set sail for Troy to reclaim Helen.

24. Why didn't Peleus invite Eris to attend his wedding celebrations ?

(A) She hated people getting married.

(B) Her presence caused trouble.

(C) She was unhappy with their wedding.

(D) She did not like any wedding celebration.

25. How did Eris react when she was omitted from the guest list?

(A) She was glad.

(B) She was undisturbed.

(C) She liked to enjoy the wedding secretly.

(D) She was revengeful.

26. Who was chosen to decide the winner?

(A) Hector

(B) Zeus

(C) Paris

(D) Menelaus

27. Who was the most beautiful woman of the time?

(A) Helen

(B) Hera

(C) Athena

(D) Aphrodite

28. How long did the Trojan War last?

(A) 12 years

(B) 8 years

(C) 10 years

(D) 6 years

29. Which word in the passage means 'friendly and generous behaviour toward guests'?

(A) strife

(B) hospitality

(C) revenge

(D) controversy

30. Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to 'familiar'?

(A) disfamiliar

(B) infamiliar

(C) misfamiliar

(D) unfamiliar

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31. Which of the following rivers does not flow into Arabian Sea?

(A) Narmada (B) Tapi

(C) Sabarmati (D) Godavari

32. The tropic of cancer does not pass through which of the following Indian States?

(A) Madhya Pradesh (B) West Bengal

(C) Rajasthan (D) Odisha

33. The headquarters of UNESCO is at?

(A) New York (B) Paris

(C) Geneva (D) Rome

34. Which one of the following is the capital of Uttarakhand?

(A) Haridwar (B) Rishikesh

(C) Dehradun (D) Mussoorie

35. Which one of the following is the largest landlocked country in the world?

(A) Mongolia (B) Nigeria

(C) Kazakhstan (D) Ethiopia

36. Who among the following cricketers has authored the book "Straight from the Heart : An Autobiography"?

(A) Sunil Gavaskar (B) Kapil Dev

(C) Sachin Tendulkar (D) Sourav Ganguly

37. Which of the following events does not tally with the year?

(i) First battle of Panipath – 1528

(ii) Establishment of East India Company – 1600

(iii) Death of Shivaji – 1580

(iv) Permanent Settlement of Bengal – 1793

(A) (i) & (ii) (B) (i) & (iii)

(C) (ii) & (iii) (D) (iii) & (iv)

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38. Identify the pairs that are correctly matched.

(i) Hawa Mahal–Jaipur
(ii) Golden Temple–Amritsar
(iii) Qutb Minar–Hyderabad
(iv) Taj Mahal–Agra

(A) (i), (ii) & (iii)
(B) (i), (iii) & (iv)
(C) (ii), (iii) & (iv)
(D) (i), (ii) & (iv)

39. Match the hills of India with their regions.

Hills	Regions
(i) Javadi Hills	(a) Eastern Ghats
(ii) Doddabetta Hills	(b) Western Ghats
(iii) Jaintia Hills	(c) Purvanchal
(iv) Patkai Hills	(d) Meghalaya Plateau

(A) (i)-(a), (ii) – (b), (iii)-(c), (iv)-(d)
(B) (i)-(b), (ii) – (a), (iii)-(d), (iv)-(c)
(C) (i)-(a), (ii) – (b), (iii)-(d), (iv)-(c)
(D) (i)-(a), (ii) – (d), (iii)-(b), (iv)-(c)

40. Who is the author of the book, "My Experiment with Untruth"?

(A) Gyan C. Jain
(B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru
(D) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

41. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

(A) Slave dynasty–Balban
(B) Tughluq dynasty– Ghiasuddin
(C) Khilji dynasty– Jalaluddin
(D) Second Afghan Empire–Sher Shah Suri

42. Who wrote the famous book "We the people"?

(A) B.R. Ambedkar
(B) J.R.D. Tata
(C) Nani Palkhivala
(D) Salman Rushdie

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43. Immunization technique was developed by :

(A) Louis Pasteur
(B) Joseph Lister
(C) Robert Koch
(D) Edward Jenner

44. Which of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

(A) Vitamin A–Macular
(B) Vitamin C–A.S. Gyorgyi
(C) Vitamin D–Paul Muller
(D) Vitamin K–Carl P. Henrik Dam

45. In January, 2022 which country took over the G-7 presidency?

(A) Netherlands
(B) Germany
(C) Austria
(D) France

46. Who among the following was not awarded Bharat Ratna in 2024?

(A) M.S. Madhavan
(B) L.K. Advani
(C) Charan Singh
(D) P.V. Narasimha Rao

47. Who won the Dada Saheb Phalke award for best Director in 2024?

(A) Sandeep Reddy Vanga
(B) Atlee
(C) Shah Rukh Khan
(D) Karan Johar

48. Match the following countries with their currencies.

Country	Currency
(i) Brazil	(a) Ruble
(ii) Argentina	(b) Real
(iii) Belarus	(c) Peso
(iv) Azerbaijan	(d) Manat

(A) (i)-(b), (ii) – (c), (iii)-(a), (iv)-(d)
(B) (i)-(a), (ii) – (c), (iii)-(b), (iv)-(d)
(C) (i)-(b), (ii) – (a), (iii)-(c), (iv)-(d)
(D) (i)-(b), (ii) – (c), (iii)-(d), (iv)-(c)

49. Which of the following states is correctly matched with its classical dance form recognized by Government of India?

(A) Andhra Pradesh–Kuchipudi
(B) Kerala–Mohiniyattam
(C) Karnataka–Bharat Natyam
(D) Assam–Sattriya

50. Find the incorrect matching from the following pairs.

(A) Mary Kom–Boxing
(B) Baichung Bhutia–Football
(C) Sania Nehwal–Tennis
(D) Kiran More–Cricket

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51. What decimal of an hour is a second ?

(A) 0.0025
(B) 0.0256
(C) 0.00027
(D) 0.000126

52. Which one of the following rational numbers represents the number $1.02\overline{3}$?

(A) $\frac{307}{300}$
(B) $\frac{305}{300}$
(C) $\frac{1023}{900}$
(D) $\frac{1021}{900}$

53. What is the least number when divided by 20, 48 and 36 leaves the reminders 13, 41 and 29 respectively?

(A) 727
(B) 720
(C) 713
(D) 687

54. Two groups consisting of 234 boys and 286 girls are to participate in a drill. In how many minimum rows can all the students be divided so that any given row either consists of only boys or only girls ?

(A) 18
(B) 20
(C) 22
(D) 24

55. If $\sqrt{1369}+\sqrt{0.0615+x}=37.25$, then x is equal to :

(A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$
(B) $\frac{1}{10}$
(C) $\frac{1}{10^2}$
(D) $\frac{1}{10^3}$

56. The value of expression : $\sqrt[3]{27}+\sqrt[3]{0.008}+\sqrt[3]{0.064}$ is equal to :

(A) 3.56
(B) 3.60
(C) 3.66
(D) 3.76

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57. If the price of a commodity is decreased by 20% and its consumption is increased by 20%, then what will be the increase or decrease in the expenditure of the commodity ?

(A) 4% decrease
(B) 5% increase
(C) 6% decrease
(D) 7% increase

58. Suresh invested Rs. 500 for 2 years in SBI. He also invested Rs. 300 in ICICI Bank for 4 years. At the end, he received Rs. 220 from both the banks as simple interest. What must have been the rate of interest per annum ?

(A) 6.25%
(B) 7.5%
(C) 8.65%
(D) 10%

59. Amit gave a friend Rs. 11,000. This was to be repaid in 2 yearly installments with a rate of interest 20% compounded annually. What would be the value of each installment?

(A) Rs. 6,200
(B) Rs. 6,500
(C) Rs. 7,200
(D) Rs. 8,200

60. Ramesh sold a statue for a price 25% higher than the original price of the statue. He had however bought the statue at 20% discount on the original price. With the profit of Rs. 2,025, what is the original price of the statue ?

(A) Rs. 5,000
(B) Rs. 4,500
(C) Rs. 4,000
(D) Rs. 3,500

61. If the selling price of 40 articles is equal to cost price of 50 articles, then what is the loss or gain percent ?

(A) 20% loss
(B) 25% loss
(C) 20% gain
(D) 25% gain

62. In a 729 litres mixture of milk and water, the ratio of milk to water is 7 : 2. How much water is to be added in this mixture so that the ratio of milk to water in the new mixture would be 7 : 3 ?

(A) 81 liters
(B) 71 liters
(C) 64 liters
(D) 56 liters

63. P started a business with Rs. 4,000 and after 4 months, Q entered into partnership with some capital. At the end of the year, the profit earned was divided in the ratio 3 : 4. What was Q's contribution to the business ?

(A) Rs. 7,500
(B) Rs. 8,000
(C) Rs. 9,000
(D) Rs. 10,000

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64. If 20% of x = 30% of $y = \frac{1}{6}$ of z, then $x : y : z$ equals to :

(A) 2 : 3 : 16
(B) 15 : 10 : 18
(C) 3 : 2 : 16
(D) 10 : 15 : 18

65. The ratio of the present age of the father to that of his son is 7 : 2. After 10 years, their ages will be in the ratio of 9 : 4. What is the present age of the father ?

(A) 35 years
(B) 38 years
(C) 40 years
(D) 45 years

66. P can do a job in 15 days. In how many days can P and Q together complete the same job, if Q is twice as fast as P ?

(A) 2 days
(B) 3 days
(C) 4 days
(D) 5 days

67. Two houses are in front of each other. Both the houses have chimneys on their top. If the line joining the chimneys makes an angle of 45° with the ground, then how far are the houses from each other, if one house is 25 metres and the other is 10 metres in height ?

(A) 18 metres
(B) 15 metres
(C) 12 metres
(D) 10.5 metres

68. The average weekly salary per head of all the employees (supervisors and labourers) in a factory is Rs. 100. The average weekly salary per head of all supervisors is Rs. 600, while the average weekly salary per head of all labourers is Rs. 75. If there are 840 labourers in the factory, then what is the number of supervisors ?

(A) 46
(B) 44
(C) 42
(D) 40

69. Pick out the indirect taxes from the following options ?

(A) GST, Custom Duty
(B) Income Tax, Corporate Tax
(C) Custom Duty, Corporate Tax
(D) Income Tax, GST

70. A house that is valued at Rs. 2,55,000 has been insured for Rs. 2, 24,000. At what percent (approximately) has it been insured ?

(A) 72.82%
(B) 77.87%
(C) 82.84%
(D) 87.84%

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71. A bus travels from station P to station Q at a speed of 70 KM./hr. and from station Q to station P at a speed of 90 KM./hr.. What is the average speed of the bus during the journey ?

(A) 75.78 KM./hr.
(B) 78.75 KM./hr.
(C) 80 KM./hr.
(D) 80.25 KM./hr.

72. Which of the following numbers is divisible by 3, 7, 9 and 11 ?

(A) 3791
(B) 2079
(C) 8791
(D) 6392

73. When the sum of two numbers is multiplied by 5, the product is divisible by 15. Which one of the following pairs of numbers satisfies the above conditions ?

(A) 341, 250
(B) 240, 335
(C) 345, 341
(D) 318, 395

74. Identify the missing number at the end of the following number series.

3, 11, 19, 27, (?)

(A) 39
(B) 37
(C) 35
(D) 33

75. Two trains are running in opposite directions with the same speed. If the length of each train is 120 meters and they cross each other in 12 seconds, then the speed of each train in KM./hr. is :

(A) 36
(B) 72
(C) 12
(D) 18

76. If you purchase 5 toys with 4 rupees and sale 4 toys with 5 rupees, what is the percentage of profit ?

(A) 50.5%
(B) 56.25%
(C) 56.5%
(D) 54.25%

77. A three digit number $4x3$ is added to another three digit number 984 to give the four digit number $13y7$, which is divisible by 11. Then $(x+y)$ is equal to :

(A) 10
(B) 12
(C) 15
(D) 11

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78. Find the area of a square whose diagonal is 3.8 meters :

(A) 7.32 Sq. Mtr.
(B) 7.22 Sq. Mtr.
(C) 7.52 Sq. Mtr.
(D) 7.72 Sq. Mtr.

79. In a mixture of 60 liters, the ratio of milk and water is 2 : 1. Find the quantity of water to be added if this ratio is to be reversed.

(A) 40 liters
(B) 30 liters
(C) 50 liters
(D) 60 liters

80. If NOIDA is written as OPJEB, then what will be the code for DELHI ?

(A) EFMAK
(B) EFAMK
(C) EFMIJ
(D) EFMIK

81. Which number is wrong in the number series given below ?

2, 6, 15, 31, 56, 93

(A) 6
(B) 31
(C) 56
(D) 93

82. If PINK is coded as 1691411, then RED will be coded as :

(A) 1963
(B) 1854
(C) 1853
(D) 1954

83. Marathon is to race as Hibernation is to :

(A) Winter
(B) Summer
(C) Sleep
(D) Bear

84. Arrange the following words in a meaningful sequence.

(a) Sun
(b) Rain
(c) Child
(d) Rainbow
(e) Happy

(A) b, a, d, c, e
(B) c, b, a, d, e
(C) b, a, c, d, e
(D) d, e, a, c, b

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85. Which of the following pairs of words are differently related ?

(A) Kind : Cruel
(B) Slow : Sluggish
(C) State : Fresh
(D) Truth : Lie

86. Raman says, "Anju's mother is the only daughter of my mother". How is Anju related to Raman ?

(A) Brother
(B) Niece
(C) Sister
(D) Aunt

87. Given the following statements, find out the correct answer from the alternatives given below.

Assertion (A) : The earthworms reduce the fertility of soil.

Reason (R) : They make the soil soft and porous.

(A) A is true but R is false
(B) A is false but R is true
(C) Both A and R are true
(D) Both A and R are false

88. A test consists of 20 questions and the students are awarded '4' marks for a correct answer, '– 1' mark for a wrong answer and '0' mark for an unattempted question. Which of the following is a possible number of questions attempted by a student who secured 27 marks.

(A) 15
(B) 16
(C) 17
(D) 18

89. A batsman makes a score of 97 runs in the 15th innings and thus increases his average by 5 runs. Find his average after the 15th innings ?

(A) 15
(B) 28
(C) 27
(D) 31

90. Which of the following is a conjunction ?

(A) With
(B) Because
(C) Without
(D) Therefore

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91. A and B are two typists. One day each of them was given 80 pages for typing. B finished 40 minutes before A, who took 4 hours for the same. The next day they were again given 121 pages. However, they decided to divide the work in such a way that they finish the typing simultaneously. How many pages did A have to type ?

(A) 50
(B) 77
(C) 60
(D) 55

92. 3 pumps working 8 hours a day can empty a tank in 2 days. How many hours a day must 4 pumps work to empty the tank in 1 day ?

(A) 9
(B) 10
(C) 11
(D) 12

93. What is 20% of 25% of 300 ?

(A) 15
(B) 20
(C) 45
(D) 25

94. The average weight of a class of 24 students is 35 Kg. If the weight of the teacher is included, the average rises by 400 grams. The weight of the teacher is :

(A) 46 Kg.
(B) 45 Kg.
(C) 47 Kg.
(D) 48 Kg.

95. A visitor to the town reaches a cross road. Upon asking residents X, Y and Z for directions to a certain destination he gets the following responses

X : Turn left

Y : Do not turn left

Z : Go straight

If only one among X, Y, and Z is truthful, the visitor

(A) should go left

(B) should go straight

(C) should go right

(D) will not be able to decide between going left or right

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96. For analysing a problem, decision maker should generally study which of the following aspects.

(A) Quantitative
(B) Qualitative
(C) Paranormal
(D) Both (A) and (B)

97. While addressing people in an open ground it begins to rain. Your address is important and you cannot afford to postpone it. What will you do ?

(A) Ask someone to arrange an umbrella
(B) Stop your address for while
(C) Continue the address without bothering the rain
(D) Postpone it for later

98. There are 7 friends F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4, F_5, F_6 and F_7 with two digit consecutive Roll Numbers such that all of them are composite and there is no prime Roll Number in between them. What is F_2's Roll Number if none of the numbers exceeds 100 and the friends are sitting in ascending order.

(A) 89
(B) 90
(C) 92
(D) 91

99. What does brain storming involve in the context of problem solving ?

(A) Narrowing down ideas
(B) Generating a variety of ideas
(C) Selecting the best solution immediately
(D) Ignoring creative inputs.

100. How many words can be formed by rearranging the letters of the word "ASCENT" so that A and T occupy the first and the last positions respectively.

(A) 20
(B) 26
(C) 24
(D) 18