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1. Attempt All the questions.
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6. Read all the options carefully before marking the answer.

SUBJECT- ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**SECTION- A (READING)****Read the passage given below.**

Last summer, I visited a small coastal village that had recently been hit by a powerful cyclone. The devastation was widespread- trees were uprooted, houses were damaged, and roads had vanished under heaps of debris. The sea, which once brought joy and life to the village, had turned violent and unforgiving during the storm. Yet, amidst all this destruction, what struck me the most was the resilience and unity of the people.

The villagers, despite losing their homes and possession, were helping each other rebuild their lives. Children were assisting the elderly, and families who had suffered less were sharing food, shelter, and comfort with those who had lost everything. Many villagers had no electricity or clean drinking water, yet they chose hope over despair. Volunteers from neighboring towns and NGOs joined in, offering medical aid, distributing food packets, and helping clear debris. This sight of strangers working alongside locals was truly heartwarming.

Nature has two faces- it can be both nurturing and destructive. While it gives us sunlight, rain, forests, and fertile soil, it can also unleash storms, floods, earthquakes, and droughts. The cyclone was a harsh reminder of how fragile our human creations are when compared to the power of nature. It took only a few hours for the storm to undo what had

taken decades to build. However, in that moment of crisis, human strength shone even brighter.

Natural calamities often test us, not just physically but emotionally. But they also bring people closer. I returned from the village not only with memories of fallen trees and broken homes but with a renewed belief in the kindness of humanity. In the darkest times, it is our courage, compassion, and sense of togetherness that light the way forward.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- Q.1 What kind of natural disaster struck the village?
a. thunderstorm b. cyclone
c. earthquake d. flood
- Q.2 How did villagers respond after the calamity?
a. with resilience and unity
b. with joy and life
c. with nurturing
d. with devastation
- Q.3 'The sea had turned violent and unforgiving during the storm.'- means:
a. It turned violent because it was angry
b. It could not forgive people who littered around it
c. It spared no body and washed away everybody ruthlessly
d. None of these
- Q.4 Antonym of indifferent
a. apathetic b. compassion
c. unconcerned d. none of these

- Q.5 Word from the passage which means 'Total destruction'
 a. devastation b. despair
 c. calamity d. suffering
- Q.6 Choose the sentence that uses 'closer' in the same sense as used in the following line-
 But they also bring people closer.
 a. It was a perfect closer to the album.
 b. The store is closer than the mall
 c. A sorry to my friend brought our hearts closer
 d. None of these
- SECTION- B : WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR :**
- Q.7 A descriptive paragraph of a person should include details like-
 a. age, height, vocation
 b. opposition to opponent's statement.
 c. Five Ws and one H. (why, where, who.... how)
 d. None of these
- Q.8 "I can't believe how I'm feeling right now." Guess what had happened today my friend" is a possible opening of-
 a. formal letter
 b. debate
 c. diary entry
 d. descriptive paragraph
- Q.9 If you are including all the factual details in a chronological sequence, you are writing-
 a. a descriptive paragraph on an event
 b. an informal letter
 c. a story
 d. None of these
- Q.10 'Setting the scene' in story writing means-
 a. introduction of characters
 b. Incorporating conflicts
 c. setting the plot
 d. establishing the environment that describes time and place where the story unfolds.
- Pick out the correct term of English Grammar for the given definitions. (Q.11- Q.15)**
- Q.11 A word that comes before a noun to specify or limit its reference and show how the noun is being used.
 a. speech b. subject
 c. determiner d. pronouns
- Q.12 Auxiliary verbs that express conditions such as possibility, ability, necessity or permission.
 a. modals b. primary auxiliaries
 c. gerund d. interjection
- Q.13 A form of verb that indicates the relationship between the verb's action and the subject of the sentence.
 a. tense b. voice
 c. speech d. none of these

- Q.14 _____ means that the verb in a sentence must agree in number with its subject.
 a. tenses
 b. subject verb agreement
 c. modals
 d. None of these
- Q.15 My teacher was teaching about reporting what someone has said. She told about two main types of narration and how to quote and unquote each. She was teaching me about _____
 a. Direct- Indirect speech
 b. Active- Passive Voice
 c. Speech writing
 d. Accusative case (Direct object)
- Reorder the following (Q.16 - Q. 18)**
- Q.16 planners is/ use time/ to/ making/ well/ way/ surest/ the realistic.
 a. Realistic planners is making the surest way to use time well.
 b. Making time use well is the surest way to realistic planners.
 c. Making planners realistic is the surest way to use time well.
 d. Making realistic planners is the surest way to use time well.
- Q.17 Influenced/ impressionable/ by / minds get/ adults.
 a. impressionable adults get influenced by minds.
 b. Adults get influenced by impressionable minds.
 c. Impressionable minds get influenced by adults.
 d. None of these
- Q.18 Communication/ as/ live/ often as/ possible/ try to/ have.
 a. To have communication live try as often as possible.
 b. Try as often as possible to have live communication.
 c. Try to have live communication as often as possible.
 d. None of these
- Questions 19 to 22 are based on sub- verb agreement.**
- Q.19 The first large predators on Earth, according to some sources _____ sea scorpions.
 a. were b. is
 c. has been d. was
- Q.20 Down the mountain _____ the trickle of snowlet and a river which _____ towards my house.
 a. runs, flows b. runs, flow
 c. run, flow d. run, flows
- Q.21 The majority of the students _____ excited about the upcoming field trip.
 (i) are (ii) is
 a. only (i) is correct b. only (ii) correct
 c. both are correct d. neither is correct

Q.22 The dog or the cats _____ outside.

- (i) is (ii) are (iii) were (iv) was
- a. only (i) b. either (ii) or (iii)
- c. either (i) or (iv) d. only (iii)

Question 23 to 26 based on determiners.

Q.23 I need to buy _____ new pair of shoes.

- a. those b. these
- c. a d. the

Q.24 Change the following sentences to negative using 'any'. 'I have some friends'.

- a. I have no any friends
- b. I don't have any friends.
- c. i have not any friends.
- d. I don't have many friends.

Q.25 What credentials do you really have?

Pick out the determiner

- a. What b. do
- c. really d. have

Q.26 I had _____ rice today

- a. none b. all
- c. enough d. none of these

Question 27 to 30 are based on modals.

Q.27 Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of modals?

- a. Modals are never used alone. A principal verb is either present or implied.
- b. Modals do not change according to the number or person of the subject.
- c. Modals have no infinitive, present participle or past participle forms.
- d. Modals can be used with second form of verb.

Q.28 Which of the following is a general function of modals?

- a. To express pain, suffering and trouble
- b. To express probability, possibility, ability etc...
- c. To express the incapability of the main verb to hold an action.
- d. None of these

Q.29 'You may go' expresses-

- a. I permit you to go.
- b. permission sought by someone.
- c. ability
- d. future confirmation

Q.30 When Radhika was a child, She _____ spend hours playing in the garden. (habit)

- a. could b. would
- c. will d. will

Question 31 to 33 are based on reported speech.

Read the dialogue and report the following.

Reena : How are you?

Ravi : I am good?

Reena : Do you know, Sheela's mother is suffering from cancer.

Ravi : What a pity!

Reena : Let us pray for her well being.

Ravi : Sure

Reena asked Ravi 31. Ravi replied that he was good. Reena further questioned that if he knew that Sheela's mother is suffering from cancer. To this Ravi 32. Reena suggested that 33. Ravi readily agreed to it.

- Q.31 a. how is he b. how he is
c. how he was d. none of these

- Q.32 a. exclaimed with joy that it was a pity
b. exclaimed with sorrow that it was a pity
c. exclaimed with sorrow that it is a pity
d. None of these

- Q.33 a. they pray for her well being
b. he pray for her well being
c. them pray for her well being
d. none of these

Complete the paragraph by correct form of verbs. (Question 34 to 37)

This is the most weird day that I 34. I 35 to my friend's house when I 36 a bull in the street. I ran too fast to the opposite direction meanwhile 37 for the help.

- Q.34 a. have ever had
b. had ever had
c. I had
d. None of the above

- Q.35 a. I have been walking
b. I had been walking
c. I walked
d. none of the above

- Q.36 a. had seen
b. saw
c. see
d. none of the above

- Q.37 a. Screaming
b. I screamed
c. I had screamed
d. None of the above

Change the voice (Question- 38- 40)

Q.38 Manu will tell her later

- a. She will be tell later by Manu
- b. She would be told later by Manu
- c. She will be told later by Manu
- d. She will be tell later

Q.39 Was the message given by him?

- a. Was he given the message?
- b. Does he give the message?
- c. Did he gave the message?
- d. Did he give the message?

Q.40 All his friends laughed at him.

- a. He became laughable to his friends.
- b. He was laughed at by all his friends.
- c. His friends were being laughed at by him.
- d. All his friends were laughing at him.

SECTION C: LITERATURE

Infer the meaning of : (Q. 41 to Q. 45)

Q.41 The course is geared to first year students

- a. fitted with gears
- b. ratio of debt to equity
- c. adjust to a particular standard
- d. none of these

- Q.42 People jostled each other to get a better view of the stage.
 a. push roughly
 b. shake with fever
 c. barge
 d. none of these
- Q.43 Scrape your shoes before you come in.
 a. a difficult situation that one has got into.
 b. damage or injury caused
 c. to manage to get something with difficulty.
 d. to remove something from a surface by moving a sharp edge across it firmly.
- Q.44 Their opinions diverged sharply on the issue.
 a. to physically move away
 b. separated and took a different direction
 c. to differ
 d. none of these
- Q.45 looking through a gap in the fence, the little girl saw them playing 'tag' in the evening.
 a. a children's game of catching one another
 b. a piece of card fastened to a dress indicating its price
 c. to go along as a follower
 d. none of these
- (Q. 46 to Q. 50)- Instructions.**
 Mark option (a) if (i) is true & (ii) is false
 Mark option (b) if (i) is false & (ii) is true
 Mark option (c) if both are true
 Mark option (d) if both are false
- Q.46 (i) The poet urges the wind to come softly.
 (ii) The wind makes strong fires roar and flourish.
- Q.47 (i) Einstein was highly gifted in Mathematics
 (ii) He was interested in English
- Q.48 (i) The poet (William B. Yeast) wants to arise and go to Islefree.
 (ii) The poet longs for busy working schedules.
- Q.49 (i) The Lost Child had been to the festival of Winter.
 (ii) He was attracted to dragon-flies on his way.
- Q.50 (i) Toto was a pretty donkey.
 (ii) Grandmother loved pets.
- Identify the figure of speech (Q.51 to 55)**
- Q.51 I wonder, by my troth, what thou and I did, till we loved? Were we not weaned till then?
 a. alliteration b. metaphor
 c. simile d. enjambment
- Q.52 let the freedom ring in the hills of New Hampshire, let the freedom ring in mountains of New York, let the freedom ring from Pennsylvania.
 a. enjambment b. paradox
 c. anaphora d. refrain

- Q.53 A paradox is a figure of speech or a statement that appears self contradictory. It is conflicting ideas within a single statement. Which of the statements below is a paradox?
 a. A piece of glass scraped by sea.
 b. The only constant in life is change.
 c. The bombs dropped softly onto the hot sand.
 d. None of the above
- Q.54 'A police officer gets arrested for breaking the law' is an example of-
 a. irony
 b. sarcasm
 c. imagery
 d. None of the above
- Q.55 An artist calls for his secretary to see her new outfit. She quotes "Get me the threads." The figure of speech she has used is
 a. synecdoche
 b. malapropism
 c. onomatopoeia
 d. none of the above
- Fill in the blanks- (Q.56 to Q.60)**
- Q.56 Death lurked _____ inches away (snake and the mirror)
 a. three b. seven
 c. two d. four
- Q.57 The little woman in 'A Legend of the Northland' was making _____.
 a. pie b. tart
 c. cakes d. none of the above
- Q.58 Abdul Kalam was born into a middle class _____ family.
 a. Telugu b. Tamil
 c. Malyalam d. Kannad
- Q.59 Mr Behrman died of _____.
 a. pneumonia b. cholera
 c. heart attack d. brain hemorrhage
- Q.60 The Happy Prince had _____ for eyes.
 a. sapphires b. ruby
 c. gold d. topaz
- Choose the correct spelling (Q.61 to Q.65)**
- Q.61 a. opportunity b. opportunity
 c. oppourtunity d. none of these
- Q.62 a. amateur b. amature
 c. amatuer d. none of these
- Q.63 a. profosion b. proffesion
 c. proffession d. profession
- Q.64 a. humouress b. humorous
 c. humourous d. None of these
- Q.65 a. Violinist b. Voilinist
 c. Violanist d. none of these

Question- 66 to 70 are based on Assertion (A) and Reasoning (R).

Mark option (a) if (A) is true and (R) is false.

Mark option (b) if (A) is false and (R) is true.

Mark option (c) if both (A) and (B) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

Mark option (d) if (A) and (B) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

Q.66 (A) the falling leaves of ivy creeper are a symbol of impeding death for Johnsy.
(R) Johnsy's pessimistic mindset caused her to connect her life to the falling leaves, believing that her own life would end with the last one.

Q.67 (A) The little swallow felt warm even though the weather was getting colder.
(R) The little swallow was not affected by the weather because it was a bird and was used to the cold.

Q.68 (A) The people in 'In the Kingdom of fools' did not question the foolish laws of the Kingdom.
(R) There nights were days; days were night and everything cost single dudu.

Q.69 (A) All human beings are inherently equal, despite appearances.
(R) We all share the same fundamental needs for air, water, sunlight and we all perform manual labour to earn our living.

Q.70 (A) When the snake lands on the doctor he jumps, trembles and cries for help.
(R) The doctor believes that any sudden movement might provoke the snake to strike, and his survival depends on his stillness.

Authors and their pieces of work.

(Question 71 to 75)

Q.71 The little Girl.

- a. Ruskin Bond
- b. Katherine Mansfield
- c. Oscar Wilde
- d. O Henry

Q.72 Iswaran the Story Teller

- a. A. K. Ramanujan
- b. K. R. Laxman
- c. Laxman Kumar Rai
- d. R. K Laxman

Q.73 The Lost Child.

- a. Anand Ray
- b. Robert Frost
- c. Vikram Seth
- d. Mulk Raj Anand

Q.74 Rain on the Roof

- a. William Yeats
- b. Coates Kinney
- c. Phoebe Cary
- d. None of these

Q.75 The Road Not Taken.

- a. Subramania Bharati
- b. Robert Frost
- c. Wordsworth
- d. None of these

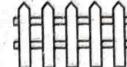
Q.76 A 65 year old is facing a dilemma of choosing between two medical practitioner. She is most likely to relate herself to-

- a. Wind
- b. The Legend of the Northland
- c. The Lake Isle of Innisfree
- d. The Road Not Taken

Q.77 Cake : A Legend of the Northland : _____ :

- No men are Foreign
- a. Cap
 - b. Saree
 - c. Uniform
 - d. Bags

Q.78 Match

- i.  A. The Adventures of Toto.

- ii.  B. The Lake Isle of Innisfree

- iii.  C. Wind

- iv.  D. The sound of Music

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

Q79 Two friends were talking about 'how beauty subsumes every creature? The were talking about

- a. The Last leaf
- b. The Happy Prince
- c. The Snake and the Mirror
- d. In the Kingdom of Fools

Q.80 He is Somebody who can engross you in his stories.

- a. Iswaran
- b. Mahendra
- c. Saint Peter
- d. none of these

Choose the option that correctly portrays the theme (Question 81 to 85)

Q.81 The importance of diligence and dedication

- a. Reach for the Top
- b. Happy Prince
- c. The Sound of Music
- d. None of these

Q.82 Perseverance in the face of adversity.

- a. No Men are Foreign
- b. The Sound of Music
- c. Iswaran the story teller
- d. None of these

Q.83 Over-reliance on technology.

- a. Wind
- b. The Road Not Taken
- c. The Fun They Had
- d. Reach for the Top

Q.84 The irreplaceable value of family and parental love.

- a. The Little Girl
- b. My Childhood
- c. A Truly Beautiful mind
- d. The Lost Child

Q.85 True beauty and kindness lie in kindness.

- a. In the Kingdom of Fools
- b. The Last Leaf
- c. The Happy Prince
- d. The Lost Child

Answer the following (Q. 86 to 100)

Q.86 Kalam was _____ years old when the Second World War broke out in 1939.

- a. five
- b. six
- c. eight
- d. seven

Q.87 'He came to the door of a cottage.' Whose cottage did Saint Peter come to?

- a. little woman
- b. little man
- c. little girl
- d. little children

Q.88 Grand Father had brought Toto from a _____ for the sum of five rupees.

- a. car driver
- b. tonga driver
- c. cart driver
- d. bullock cart driver

Q.89 'Iswaran also had an amazing capacity to produce vegetables and cooking ingredients, seemingly out of nowhere.'

If the given statement were to be considered as a metaphor to Iswaran's capacity, what would vegetables and cooking ingredients refer to?

- a. good food
- b. stories
- c. building homes
- d. cleaning house

Q.90 Why is leaving of homeopath doctors vest by the thief addressed as final insult?

- a. The thief already had a vest
- b. It exposed doctor's poor hygiene and lack of cleanliness.
- c. it projected the snake's vanity about its looks.
- d. None of the above

Q.91 Which Title in Tennis did Maria Sharapova won in 2004.

- a. London Olympics
- b. Australian open
- c. French Open
- d. Wimbledon Championship

Q.92 The General theory of Relativity by Einstein provided a new interpretation of _____.

- a. gravity
- b. atmosphere
- c. direction
- d. cosmos

Q.93 When the humid shadows hover over all the starry sphere.

Starry sphere refers to _____.

- a. bursting crackers
- b. A canopy of glittering cloth piece
- c. night sky full of stars
- d. None of these

Q.94 'Sure they had a teacher", but it wasn't a regular teacher.'

What does 'regular teacher' mean here?

- a. A human
- b. A mechanical teacher
- c. A teacher in need
- d. None of these

Q.95 'd-d- don't know father.' implies that

- a. Kezia has speech problem
- b. She stammers every time she sees her mother.
- c. She is very much afraid of her father
- d. None of these

Q.96 Choose the option that describes Egypt in the words of Swallow.

- a. The sun is warm on the green palm trees, and the crocodiles lie in the mud and look lazily about them.
- b. The buildings are tall with good platforms to rest. The night shall be glittering with beautiful lights.
- c. A city full of cheerful people with colourful outfits.
- d. None of these

Q.97 Who was investigated after the brick layer

- a. The guru
- b. The goldsmith
- c. The merchant
- d. The dancing girl

Q.98 Which statement justifies that Behrman drew a masterpiece?

- (i) It transcended more artistic skills
 - (ii) It renewed life in Johns
 - (iii) It achieved a profound, life sharing impact on Johns
 - (iv) It helped Johns revive her life.
- a. Only (i)
 - b. (i), (iii) and (iv)
 - c. All (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)
 - d. Only (iii)

Q.99 Who believed that a tail would add to anyone's good looks? (The Adventures of Toto)

- a. Grand father
- b. Grand mother
- c. Train Ticket Collector
- d. None of these

Q.100 _____ bean- rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybees.

- a. six
- b. four
- c. ninety
- d. none of these
