

## Part- I

1. I ..... learning English for a long time. Fill in the blank with the correct alternative:
  - A. Was
  - B. Am
  - C. Have been
  - D. Have had
2. Have we got time ..... a coffee? Fill in the blank with the correct alternative:
  - A. Of
  - B. For
  - C. Above
  - D. Beside
3. I've met him on several .....

Choose the word with correct spelling to complete the above sentence:

  - A. Occasions
  - B. Ocassions
  - C. Occatians
  - D. Occesions

4. A person engaged in the scientific study of birds is called .....

  - A. Biologist
  - B. Ornithologist
  - C. Palaeontologist
  - D. Game warden

5. Ann was *all at sea* when she began her new job. Choose the correct meaning of the italicized idiom:
  - A. Happy
  - B. Sad
  - C. Confused
  - D. Triumphant
6. Tom and Jerry have made ..... their quarrel. Fill in the blank with the correct word:
  - A. Out
  - B. Up
  - C. Over
  - D. Aside
7. Jane is a *garrulous* girl. Choose the expression nearest in meaning to the italicized word:
  - A. Talks a lot
  - B. Giggles all the time
  - C. Laughs all the time
  - D. Repeats gossip.

8. Amal had an *inquisitive* mind. Choose the best antonym for the italicized word:
- A. Scientific
  - B. Greedy
  - C. Sensuous
  - D. Uninterested
9. Winter has ..... early this year. Complete the sentence with the correct phrasal verb:
- A. Set down
  - B. Set in
  - C. Set up
  - D. Set back
10. Nicco Park is an excellent ..... for picnic. Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blank:
- A. Sight
  - B. Cite
  - C. Site
  - D. Side
11. The name of Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) grandfather is .....
- A. Abdullah
  - B. Abdul Muttalib
  - C. Abu Bakkar
  - D. Abu Sufian
12. Hizrah as the commencement of the Muslim Era was fixed by .....
- A. Umar (RA)
  - B. Al-Khwarizmi
  - C. Al-Idrisi
  - D. Harun al-Rashid
13. The first woman to accept Islam was .....
- A. Fatimah (RA)
  - B. Khadiza (RA)
  - C. Ayesha (RA)
  - D. Aminah (RA)
14. The fourth Caliph of Islam was .....
- A. Usman (RA)
  - B. Hasan (RA)
  - C. Muwabiah (RA)
  - D. Ali (RA)

15. The namaz offered immediately after the sunset is called .....
- A. Fazr
  - B. Maghrib
  - C. Asar
  - D. Johar
16. *Alif Laila wa Laila* (The Thousand and One Nights) was written by .....
- A. Firdousi
  - B. Sadi
  - C. Jalal ud-Din Rumi
  - D. None of the above
17. Apart from being a poet, Omar Khayyam was a great .....
- A. Mathematician
  - B. Emperor
  - C. Geographer
  - D. Cartographer
18. Aliah Madrasah was established in .....
- A. 1791
  - B. 1817
  - C. 1836
  - D. 1780
19. Muhammad Iqbal composed his poetry in .....
- A. Urdu
  - B. Persian
  - C. Both Urdu and Persian
  - D. Both Urdu and Hindi
20. The book *The Spirit of Islam* was written by .....
- A. Syed Ahmad Khan
  - B. Syed Ameer Ali
  - C. Nawab Abdul Latif
  - D. Delawar Hossain Ahmed Mirza
21. The Player of the Tournament in the World Cup 2015 in One Day Cricket was
- A. Michael Clarke
  - B. Brendon McCullum
  - C. Mitchell Starc
  - D. James Faulkner

22. Light year is a unit of
- A. Time
  - B. Distance
  - C. Light
  - D. Sound
23. The film, *Taare Zameen Par*, is about a child suffering from
- A. Dyscalculia
  - B. Hydrophobia
  - C. Xenophobia
  - D. Dyslexia
24. Population Census is conducted in India every
- A. 5 years
  - B. 10 years
  - C. 11 years
  - D. 12 years
25. Shakespeare's play *Othello* is a
- A. Tragedy
  - B. Comedy
  - C. Tragi-comedy
  - D. Farce

## **Part- II**

26. *The central religious text of Islam which Muslims believe to be a revelation from God is*
- A. Hadith      B. The Quran      C. The Maqamat of Badi      D. The Masnavi
27. *The Faerie Queene is the famous work of .....*
- A. Geoffre Chaucer      B. Christopher Marlowe      C. Edmund Spenser      D. Ben Johnson
28. *Petrarch the Italian poet is famous for composing .....*
- A. Lyric      B. Ballad      C. Sonnet      D. Drama.
29. *The villainous character in Shakespeare's 'Othello' is*
- A. Iago      B. Cassio      C. Othello      D. Duke
30. *'A Tale of Two Cities' is authored by .....*
- A. Jane Austen      B. Charles Dickens      C. Walther Scott      D. Oscar Wilde
31. *'Ode to a Nightingale' is a famous poem of .....*
- A. Lord Byron      B. P.B. Shelley      C. John Keats      D. William Blake

32. *Find the odd man out*  
A. Alfred Tennyson    B. Mathew Arnold    C. Robert Browning    D. G.B. Shaw
33. *Who among the following is not a Nobel Laureate?*  
A. R.N. Tagore    B. Octavio Paz    C. Robert Frost    D. G.B. Shaw
34. *Sonnet is a poem that generally consists of ..... stanza / stanzas*  
A. a single    B. two    C. three    D. many
35. *Find the odd man out*  
A. As you like it    B. Twelfth Night    C. Macbeth    D. Much Ado About Nothing
36. *'Lyrical Ballads' is a collection of poems written by William Wordsworth and .....*  
A. William Blake    B. S.T. Coleridge    C. John Keats    D. William Shakespeare.
37. *Robert Browning is famous for his .....*  
A. Beautiful lyrics    B. Damatic monologues    C. Immortal Essays    D. One-act plays
38. *'Betty Botter bought some butter' Identify the figure of speech*  
A. Metaphor    B. Imagery    C. alliteration    D. Innuendo
39. *'The Ocean heaved a sigh' is an example of .....*  
A. Personification    B. Simile    C. Pun    D. transferred epithet
40. *Which one does not fit the list?*  
A. As you like it    B. Othello    C. Macbeth    D. The Jew of Malta
41. *'Man and Superman', the celebrated play was written by*  
A. George Bernard shaw    B. Oscar Wilde    C. Oliver Goldsmith    D. R.B. Sheridan
42. *'In Memoriam' is a famous poetic work of .....*  
A. Robert Browning    B. Alfred Tennyson    C. William Wordsworth    D. P.B. Shelley
43. *'Which one of the following is a literary creation of Indian author ?*  
A. A Passage to England    B. A Passage to India    C. Oliver Twist    D. The Good Earth
44. *The writer of the two remarkable short stories entitled 'The Selfish Giant' and 'The Happy Prince' is*  
A. Oscar Wilde    B. O. Henry    C. Mark Twain    D. Ruskin Bond
45. *Two famous female characters in William Shakespeare's comedies entitled 'As you like It' and 'Twelfth Night' who took the disguise of men are*  
A. Portia and Celia    B. Rosalind and Celia    C. Rosalind and Viola    D. Viola and Portia

46. *Tick the perfect Match*
- A. The Iliad – Homer – Greece      B. The Mahabharata-Balmiki-India  
C. Paradise lost –John Keats-England      D. Beowulf - unknown-Canada
47. *The proper comparative phrase is;*  
*‘as proud as.....’*
- A. Man    B. Tiger    C. Lion    D. Peacock
48. *The appropriate synonym to ‘abandon’ is to.....*
- A. leave    B. Arrive    C. Struggle    D. Accept
49. *A place where birds are kept is .....*
- A. zoo    B. aviary    C. nursery    D. attic
50. *That which is no longer in use is .....*
- A. Obscure    B. Obsolete    C. Rusted    D. Inviolable
51. *The figurative expression ‘To save one’s skin means .....*
- A. To run away    B. To escape harm or injury    C. To avoid someone  
D. To apply ointments
52. *The study of the origin and history of words*
- A. linguistic    B. etymology    C. phonology    D. none of them
53. *A number of bees is called .....*
- A. flock    B. flight    C. swarm    D. shoal
54. *One who dies for a noble cause is*
- A. mortar    B. marter    C. martyr    D. mortal
55. *He will soon join the office and take ..... the charge*
- A. out    B. on    C. over    D. upon
56. *I have great respect ..... your qualities*
- A. towards    B. for    C. to    D. in
57. *He was an employee ..... the State Bank of India*
- A. of    B. in    C. with    D. at
58. *If you do not .....all your monthly expenses would .....your income*
- A. realize, enhance    B. spend, gain    C. think, swallow    D. save, outwit

59. *He is a .....mechanic and therefore he is ..... to apply for this job.*  
 A. qualified, eligible    B. good, able    C. unskilled, suitable    D. popular, bound
60. *As it was a holiday, not ..... people were seen on the street.*  
 A. much    B. many    C. few    D. more
61. *Before he could say any thing the volcano*  
 A. evaded    B. erupted    C. embarked    D. smeared
62. *In the coming June it will be – ..... for us to visit London.*  
 A. possible    B. probable    C. doubtful    D. long
63. *The thief .....into the house when the occupants were away.*  
 A. opened    B. stole    C. broke    D. hit
64. *It is .....accepted that Tagore was the best poet of our country*  
 A. firmly    B. fairly    C. widely    D. openly
65. *A group of boys ..... in this ground every day.*  
 A. play    B. plays    C. is playing    D. have been playing.
66. *I ..... (wait) for your arrival since 7.30 a.m.*  
 A. waited    B. am waiting    C. have been waiting    D. have waited
67. *Only Bread and butter..... not what we need to live.*  
 A. are    B. were    C. is    D. have been
68. *Sometime Teachers have to thunder to refrain the boys from making noise.*  
*Here 'thunder' is a/an .....here*  
 A. adjective    B. verb    C. noun    D. none of them
69. *Travelling to distant places is my hobby.*  
*The underlined group of words is a ..... ..*  
 A. Clause    B. Sentence    C. noun phrase    D. all of them
70. *I saw the people rushing towards the spot.*  
*The underlined word is a .....*  
 A. gerund    B. participle    C. phrase    D. none of them
71. *They have no taste ..... Classical music.*  
 A. for    B. in    C. of    D. towards

72. *We should never look .....the poor and distressed.*  
 A. down    B. upon    C. down upon    D. against
73. *From here you can view the ..... of mountains.*  
 A. row    B. range    C. fleet    D. cluster
74. *We were startled by a sudden ..... of an elephant.*  
 A. Roar    B. howl    C. trumpet    D. neigh

**Passage :**

**Directions :** (75-80) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Born in a small town in Switzerland, Louis Agassiz was determined from childhood to become a scientist. As a young boy, he and his brother had collected all kinds of living animals and plants and had learned their Latin names. He attended the University at Lausanne, the medical school at Zurich, and the universities at Heidelberg and Munich. His father, a clergyman, annoyed by Louis's ambition to become a naturalist, urged him to study medicine instead so that he might earn a comfortable living. Louis obediently enrolled in medical school, but at night he continued his study of living and fossil fishes.

Fortune helped Agassiz to enter his chosen field. On the recommendation of one of his instructors, he was asked by C.P. Von Martius, who had returned from Brazil with a cargo of rare Amazon fishes, to collaborate with him in studying and classifying the specimens for future publication. When Louis was twenty-one years old, his book was published and was greeted with acclaim. Agassiz was recognized as a young prodigy. The success of this book had several important consequences. It persuaded his father to accept the fact that he was determined to be a naturalist. It also brought Louis to the attention of great French scientist, Cuvier. The old scientist invited Louis of his home in Paris, encouraged him to write a book and handed over to him his notes, specimens and fossils.

75. *Which of the following incidents proved decisive in Louis's pursuit of studying natural sciences?*  
 A. His study of plants and animals with his brother    B. Invitation from the French scientist Cuvier  
 C. His pursuit of study of living beings during his medical course  
 D. His determination from the childhood days
76. *It appears from the passage that Louis studied at all the following places except*  
 A. Paris    B. Munich    C. London    D Zurich
77. *Louis's father wanted Louis to pursue the medical career because*  
 A. that was the family profession    B. doctors were badly needed in the society  
 C. Louis's brother had pursued the career in the same field    D. it was lucrative



78. *Which of the following is not true about the publication of Louis's first book?*

- A. Louis's came to be known as a 'rising star' after publication of the book
- B. The book was held in high esteem
- C. The book was written with the help of Cuvier
- D. C.P. Von Martius wanted to study Amazon fishes with Louis

79. *Which of the following was not willingly undertaken by Louis?*

- A. Collecting living animals and plants
- B. Studies to become a physician
- C. Writing a book in collaborating with Martius
- D. Visit to Paris at the behest of Mr. Cuvier

80. *Louis's father was keen that his son should*

- A. follow his profession
- B. study in Paris
- C. at least accept job in a medical college
- D. lead a comfortable life

### **Part-III**

1. *Write a report (in not more than 150 words) on the spread of malaria dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases in Kolkata and its suburbs, with the help of the following points. 10*

(Diseases - areas affected – suffering – precautionary measures)

2. Write a Paragraph on *'The Future of English in India'*

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[The English language in India, a legacy of the colonial rule – the gradual spreading of the colonial English in schools – its deep roots in Indian soil – usefulness of English in today's world – conclusion.]