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**PAPER - I : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS AND GENERAL ENGLISH**

**INSTRUCTIONS :** (i) Write your Roll No(s) at the appropriate column(s) on the answer sheet. (ii) Put 'X' mark on the correct Box like this {X}. No marks will be given for responses outside the Box. Use blue or black pen only to mark your response. (iii) In case you want to change your response to any question, fully blacken the first response like this ■ and {X} mark in the correct Box.

Time : 50 Minutes

Marks : 100

**PART - A : General Knowledge and Current Affairs**

1. Which of the following books was written by Mahatama Gandhi? (A) Discovery of India (B) India Wins Freedom (C) My Experiments with Truth (D) Freedom at Midnight
2. What is the capital of Afghanistan? (A) Kabul (B) Islamabad (C) Tirana (D) Tehran
3. Which country has the highest population in the world? (A) India (B) China (C) USA (D) Russia
4. Who was the last king of Mughal empire? (A) Bahadur Shah II (B) Akbar (C) Humaun (D) Babur
5. Who was the first Education Minister of free India? (A) Abul Kalam Azad (B) Alladi Ayyar (C) K.D. Malviya (D) Krishna Menon
6. Vinoba Bhave was associated with (A) Bhoodan Movement (B) Environmental Protection (C) Eradication of Leprosy (D) Communal amity
7. Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of (A) Tibet (B) Myanmar (C) Cambodia (D) Laos
8. Who was Albert Einstein? (A) Scientist (B) poet (C) painter (D) social reformer
9. AITUC is the abbreviation of (A) All India Trade United Congress (B) All India Trade Union Council (C) All India Trade Union Congress (D) None of these
10. Who is the Chief Minister of Bihar? (A) Lalu Yadav (B) Nitish Kumar (C) N.D. Tiwari (D) Sharad Yadav
11. The capital of Jharkhand is (A) Sanchi (B) Patna (C) Bhagalpur (D) Ranchi
12. Who is the ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha (A) President (B) Prime Minister (C) Vice President (D) Foreign Minister
13. Lok Sabha is called in Session at least (A) Once a year (B) Twice a year (C) Thrice a year (D) Four times a year
14. When was the first general election to the Lok Sabha held? (A) 1949 (B) 1950 (C) 1951 (D) 1952
15. Which is the most literate State in the country? (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) UP (C) Kerala (D) Gujarat
16. Who is the Managing Director of Delhi Metro? (A) A.K. Walia (B) Sheila Dixit (C) A.K. Nigam (D) E. Sreedharan
17. Who was the first President of India? (A) Dr. Zakir Hussain (B) Dr. Radhakrishnan (C) Dr. Rajendra Prasad (D) Venkata Giri
18. Which country tested nuclear bomb recently? (A) South Korea (B) North Korea (C) Iran (D) Israel
19. Which country won the Champion Trophy Cricket 2006 (A) UK (B) Australia (C) West Indies (D) Pakistan
20. Decibel is the unit to measure (A) Sound level (B) Sound waves (C) Velocity of sound (D) None of these
21. The classical dance of Andhra Pradesh is (A) Kathakali (B) Kuchipudi (C) Odissi (D) Bharata Natyam
22. Seismograph is used to record (A) Temperature (B) Time (C) Pressure of air (D) Earthquake shocks
23. Which State was carved out of UP? (A) Uttarakhand (B) Jharkhand (C) Chattisgarh (D) None of these
24. The right to vote in India is given on the basis of (A) Age (B) Property (C) Education (D) Religion



25. **Who is the Union Finance Minister?**  
 (A) Shivraj Patil (B) Kamal Nath (C) Pranab Mukerjee (D) P. Chidambaram
26. **The universal recipient blood group is**  
 (A) A (B) B (C) AB (D) O
27. **Who said, "Swaraj is my Birthright"?** (A) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (B) Lala Lajpat Rai  
 (C) Rajagopalachari (D) Mahatma Gandhi
28. **Where will the 2010 Commonwealth games be held?**  
 (A) London (B) Kabul (C) Tokyo (D) New Delhi
29. **With which game is Mahesh Bhupathi associated?**  
 (A) Tennis (B) Hockey (C) Football (D) Cricket
30. **What is the currency of UK?**  
 (A) Dollar (B) Pound (C) Lira (D) Peso
31. **Who founded Arya Samaj?** (A) Swami Vivekanand (B) Swami Ramtirth  
 (C) Dayanand Saraswati (D) Mahatma Gandhi
32. **Who is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom**  
 (A) Tony Blair (B) George Bush (C) Vladimir Putin (D) None of these
33. **Which Telugu actor was awarded the Dada Saheb Phalke Award**  
 (A) Mohan Babu (B) T.N. Rama Rao (C) Chiranjivi (D) A. Nageswar Rao
34. **When was the Agni-II missile first test fired**  
 (A) April, 1999 (B) September, 2000 (C) September, 2001 (D) October, 2002
35. **What is India's rank among the sugar cane producing countries in the world?**  
 (A) First (B) Second (C) Fifth (D) Sixth
36. **According to the Planning Commission, the 'poverty line' in urban areas of the country is defined on the basis of an average daily intake of**  
 (A) 2100 calories (B) 2500 calories (C) 2700 calories (D) 2800 calories
37. **The Indian Government gets maximum revenue from**  
 (A) Customs Duty (B) Income Tax (C) Excise Duty (D) Sales Tax
38. **The State of India which has the largest irrigated area, as a percentage of the cropped area is**  
 (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Orissa (C) Haryana (D) None of these
39. **Who was the first Russian President after the collapse of the USSR?**  
 (A) Vladimir Putin (B) Gorbachev (C) Boris Yeltsin (D) None of these
40. **Which of the following is rich in all the foods – carbohydrates, proteins and fats?**  
 (A) Rice grains (B) Soyabean seeds (C) Mango fruit (D) Cabbage leaves
41. **What does the term Fourth Estate refer to?**  
 (A) The Executive (B) The Legislature (C) The Judiciary (D) The Press
42. **The Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service have been created by the**  
 (A) Parliament (B) Supreme Court of India (C) Home Ministry (D) Union Public Service Commission
43. **Who founded the Theosophical Society of Adyar**  
 (A) Sister Nivedita (B) Lord Hastings (C) Annie Besant (D) Lord Bentinck
44. **Nirmal is famous for**  
 (A) Bidi work (B) Toys (C) Lacquer work (D) Carpet weaving
45. **The arrest of Annie Besant gave birth to the**  
 (A) Young India Association (B) Home Rule League Movement (C) Indignant Group  
 (D) Young Christian Association
46. **In which Congress Session was the resolution for Poorna Swaraj passed?**  
 (A) Lahore (B) Madras (C) Karachi (D) Tripura
47. **The Pandyan Kingdom was known all over the world for its**  
 (A) Pearls (B) Leather goods (C) Silk (D) Spices
48. **Who is the Myanmarese Nobel Peace Prize Laureate who is under detention**  
 (A) Winnie Mandela (B) Aung San Suu Kyi (C) William Shockley (D) None of these
49. **The Sharada Act is**  
 (A) A law prohibiting Child marriage (B) A law prohibiting re-marriage (C) A law relating to prohibition  
 (D) A law relating to dowry prohibition
50. **Which of the following diseases destroys the red blood corpuscles?**  
 (A) Anemia (B) Jaundice (C) Trachoma (D) Typhoid



**PART - B : GENERAL ENGLISH**

I. In each of the following, choose one alternative which is opposite in meaning to the given word.

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 51. Haughty   | (A) pitiable  | (B) scared   | (C) humble  | (D) cowardly   |
| 52. vanquish  | (A) surrender | (B) debase   | (C) destroy | (D) ruin       |
| 53. Judicious | (A) unequal   | (B) unlawful | (C) impure  | (D) indiscreet |
| 54. Escalate  | (A) lessen    | (B) subside  | (C) reduce  | (D) heal       |
| 55. Commend   | (A) censure   | (B) condemn  | (C) defy    | (D) defame     |

II. Select the word which best expresses meaning of the following words.

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|------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 56. Barbarian    | (A) arrogant | (B) impolite | (C) uncivilised | (D) unkind    |
| 57. Ostentatious | (A) pretty   | (B) modest   | (C) showy       | (D) flagrant  |
| 58. Placate      | (A) pity     | (B) embroil  | (C) appease     | (D) amuse     |
| 59. Lethal       | (A) unlawful | (B) deadly   | (C) sluggish    | (D) smooth    |
| 60. Gruesome     | (A) hateful  | (B) painful  | (C) tragic      | (D) frightful |

III. In each of the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence:

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|---|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 61. One who loves mankind                       | (A) anthropologist | (B) philanthropist | (C) seismologist | (D) optometrist   |
| 62. To examine one's own thoughts and dealings  | (A) meditation     | (B) retrospection  | (C) reflection   | (D) introspection |
| 63. A name adopted by an author in his writings | (A) title          | (B) nomenclature   | (C) nickname     | (D) pseudonym     |
| 64. Custom of having many wives                 | (A) polyandry      | (B) polygamy       | (C) matrimony    | (D) celibacy      |
| 65. One who eats human flesh                    | (A) beast          | (B) savage         | (C) cannibal     | (D) carnivorous   |

IV. Fill in the blanks by selecting appropriate words from the options given to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

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| 66. The accused _____ to the judge for mercy.   | (A) asked    | (B) applied | (C) demanded | (D) appealed |
| 67. His companions prevailed upon him not to _____ to violence.                                       | (A) refer    | (B) resort  | (C) provoke  | (D) prone    |
| 68. A large crowd used to _____ to listen to his speech.  | (A) follow   | (B) gather  | (C) deliver  | (D) collect  |
| 69. The President called upon politicians not to _____ themselves with communal and parochial forces. | (A) counter  | (B) favour  | (C) confront | (D) align    |
| 70. The Bill in the Parliament was _____ by fifty five votes.   | (A) accepted | (B) voted   | (C) carried  | (D) opposed  |

V. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idioms/phrases/proverbs given below.

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|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 71. To see red                    | (A) to be very angry                                   | (B) to victimise someone             | (C) to find fault with                  | (D) to criticise others                         |
| 72. To let the cat out of the bag | (A) to give latitude                                   | (B) to show compassion               | (C) to miss a golden opportunity        | (D) to tell a secret without intending to do so |
| 73. To cool one's heels           | (A) to rest for sometime                               | (B) to give no importance to someone | (C) to remain in a comfortable position | (D) to be kept waiting for sometime.            |
| 74. To cry wolf                   | (A) to grieve over something which cannot be recovered | (B) to cry from grief, inconsolably  | (C) to raise a false alarm              | (D) to announce to one and all                  |
| 75. To hit below the belt         | (A) to work confidentially                             | (B) to harm unfairly                 | (C) to strike at the exact position     | (D) to hit the correct mark                     |

VI. Find out the mis-spelt word.

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| 76. (A) Banquet    | (B) Benefactor  | (C) Bestow      | (D) Behaviour |
| 77. (A) Curriculum | (B) Contingency | (C) cauliflower | (D) cooperate |

VII. Find out the correctly spelt words.

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| 78. (A) scriptur | (B) skripture | (C) scripture | (D) scripcher |
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- VIII. Choose the correct active/passive voice of the following sentences from the options given.
80. Someone gave her a bull dog (A) she was given a bull dog (B) a bull dog was given to her (C) she has been given a bull dog (D) she is being given a bull dog
81. The clown was being laughed at by them (A) they were laughing at the clown (B) they were laughing on the clown (C) they laughed at the clown (D) the clown was laughed at by them
- IX. Find the meaning of the underlined words in the following sentences.
82. The culprit was brought to book (A) made to swear (B) punished (C) arrested (D) beaten
83. The meeting ended in fiasco (A) succeeded (B) in confusion (C) in a complete failure (D) in acrimonious debate
84. He took to heart the death of his wife as he was very much attached to her (A) was shocked by (B) was ruined by (C) was deeply affected by (D) was consoled
85. He is a wolf in sheep's clothing (A) scoundrel (B) rogue (C) hypocrite (D) crook
86. To hit the jackpot (A) to gamble (B) to get an unexpected victory (C) to be wealthy (D) to make money unexpectedly
- X. In each of the following questions, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Re-arrange these parts which are labelled P,Q,R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence.
87. When it began to rain suddenly on the first of January : (P) to celebrate the year (Q) we ran for shelter (R) to the neighbouring house (S) where many people had gathered  
(A) PRSQ (B) PSQR (C) QRPS (D) QRSP
88. We went : (P) along the railway line (Q) and had a right to (R) where other people were not allowed to go (S) but daddy belonged to the railway  
(A) PRQS (B) PRSQ (C) RPQS (D) RSQP
- XI. Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given sentence
89. One who is neither intelligent nor dull (A) commoner (B) mediocre (C) tolerable (D) diligent
90. A book containing information on all subjects (A) dictionary (B) appendix (C) informatics (D) encyclopedia
- XII. In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.
- "There are many kinds of hobbies with which one could entertain oneself. Railway modeling is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ 91 \_\_\_\_\_ popular of all hobbies, with an appeal that \_\_\_\_\_ 92 \_\_\_\_\_ to all age groups and \_\_\_\_\_ 93 \_\_\_\_\_ to enthusiasts of both sexes. It is easy to \_\_\_\_\_ 94 \_\_\_\_\_ why it is so popular, for real railways are both \_\_\_\_\_ 95 \_\_\_\_\_ and romantic.
91. (A) greatly (B) most (C) expectedly (D) very
92. (A) catches (B) reaches (C) extends (D) touches
93. (A) indeed (B) really (C) probably (D) as
94. (A) feel (B) see (C) watch (D) look
95. (A) realistic (B) dramatic (C) futuristic (D) pragmatic
- XIII. Choose the correct indirect speech from the following
96. He said to them, "Don't make a noise."  
(A) He told them that don't make a noise (B) He told them not to make a noise  
(C) He told them not to make noise (D) He asked them not to make a noise
97. My friend said to me, "Has your father returned from Mumbai?"  
(A) My friend said to me that my father has returned from Mumbai (B) My friend asked me if my father had returned from Mumbai  
(C) My friend told me that his father had returned from Mumbai  
(D) My friend enquired me if his father had returned from Mumbai.
- XIV. Pick out the best one from amongst the choices given which can complete the incomplete statement correctly and meaningfully.
98. Whichever way you approach the problem \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) no one will not solve it (B) it will not be solve (C) it will not solve (D) It will not be solved
99. When I saw him through the window \_\_\_\_\_. (A) I should run out to open the door (B) I am running out to open the door (C) I ran out to open the door (D) I have run out to open the door.
- XV. Out of the four given options select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word
100. Complement (A) to complete (B) words of praise (C) a grammatical category (D) a geographical category.