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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 only in 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 & Current Affairs

1. The Atomic Energy Commission was constituted in
(A) August 1948 (B) October 1955 (C) December, 1962 (D) September, 1965
2. Who of the following is not among the top five richest persons in the world as per the latest annual Forbes magazine's 2006 rankings? (A) Bill Gates of the US (B) Lakshmi Mittal of India (C) Carlos Slim Helu of Mexico (D) Lika-Shing of Hong Kong
3. Which of the following is not in infrastructure sector (A) Power generation (B) Construction of roads (C) food production (D) Expansion of airports
4. Green Revolution in India has so far been most successful in case of
(A) sugarcane (B) coarse grains (C) wheat (D) rice
5. Vintage cars are those cars which were built between
(A) 1945 and 1960 (B) 1939 and 1945 (C) 1930 and 1939 (D) 1918 and 1930
6. Which of the following countries has the largest muslim population?
(A) India (B) Pakistan (C) Indonesia (D) Saudi Arabia
7. From which of the following Upanishads the words "Satyameva Jayate" inscribed in Devanagari script below the abacus of the State Emblem are?
(A) Prashna (B) Mundaka (C) Mandukya (D) Ishavasya
8. Which city is referred to as the Silicon Valley of India ?
(A) Mumbai (B) Chennai (C) Hyderabad (D) Bangalore
9. In which of the following countries does 'Three Gorges Dam' called the world's largest concrete structure lie? (A) China (B) Taiwan (C) Malaysia (D) Thailand
10. Who was the first Test centurian in Indian Cricket?
(A) Vinu Mankad (B) C.K. Naidu (C) Lala Amarnath (D) Mansur Ali Pataudi
11. Who invented optical fibre?
(A) Samuel Cohen (B) Narinder Kapany (C) Percy L. Spencer (D) T.H. Maimah
12. Amartya Sen was awarded the Nobel Price for his contribution to : (A) Monetary Economics (B) Welfare Economics (C) Econometrics (D) Development economics
13. In India, the population growth rate is high because: (A) birth rate as well as death rate remain high (B) birth rate has fallen less than the death rate (C) death rate has fallen but birth rate remains high (D) death rate has fallen less than the birth rate
14. Scheduled Banks have to be registered with
(A) SEBI (B) RBI (C) Finance Ministry (D) SBI
15. Who was the First Speaker of Independent India's Lok Sabha?
(A) Hukam Singh (B) Bali Ram Bhagat (C) Rabi Ray (D) G.V. Mavalankar
16. In which country Financial Legislation is introduced in the Upper House of the Legislature?
(A) Australia (B) France (C) Japan (D) Germany
17. The Secretary General of the UN is appointed by : (A) The General Assembly (B) The Security Council (C) The International Court of Justice (D) The General Assembly on the recommendations of the Security Council
18. How many Fundamental Duties are included in India's Constitution?
(A) Nine (B) ten (C) eleven (D) twelve
19. The constitution of India lays down that the two Houses of Parliament must be summoned at least
(A) four times a year (B) thrice a year (C) twice a year (D) once a year
20. An appeal to the High Court lies in case the Session Court has awarded the punishment of
(A) one year or more (B) two years or more (C) three years or more (D) four years or more
21. The Vice President of India is also the
(A) Speaker of Lok Sabha (B) Ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha (C) Head of the State (D) Head of the Government
22. The famous revolutionary song "Sarfaroshi ki tamanna ab hamare dil mein hai.." was composed by
(A) Bhagat Singh (B) Khudiram Bose (C) Chandrasekhar Azad (D) Ramprasad Bismil

23. The earth rotates on its axis at an inclination of (A) $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ (B) $22\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ (C) $21\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ (D) $20\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$
24. In man, the normal number of chromosomes is (A) 42 (B) 44 (C) 46 (D) 48
25. Magnetism in material is due to (A) Electrons at rest (B) Circular motion of electrons (C) protons at rest (D) all neutrons at rest
26. 'Short-sight' in human eye can be corrected by using proper. (A) convex lens (B) concave lens (C) cylindrical lens (D) bifocal lens
27. Respiration is (A) oxidation (B) reduction (C) hydrolysis (D) amination
28. Greenhouse gas effect is caused by (A) nitrogen (B) carbon dioxide (C) carbon monoxide (D) nitrogen dioxide
29. Type metal used in printing press is an alloy of (A) lead and copper (B) lead and antimony (C) lead and bismuth (D) lead and zinc
30. The Nobel Prize, 2006 for literature has been awarded to (A) Robert J. Anmann and Thomas C. Schelling (B) Robert H. Grubbs and Richard R. Schrock (C) Harold Pinter (D) Orhan Pamuk
31. In September, 2006, which State signed agreement for 10 power plants? (A) Maharashtra (B) Orissa (C) Gujarat (D) Bihar
32. Name the country where the military seized the power in a bloodless coup, recently (A) Congo (B) Indonesia (C) Thailand (D) Pakistan
33. Who won the 2006 US Open Men's Singles Tennis Championship? (A) Andre Agassi (B) Rafael Nadal (C) Carlos Moya (D) Roger Federer
34. If A is B's brother, B is C's sister and C is D's father, then D is A's (A) Brother (B) Sister (C) Nephew (D) Cannot be determined
35. Rainbow is produced when sunlight falls on drops of rain. Which of the following physical phenomena are responsible for this? (I) Dispersion (II) Refraction (III) Internal reflection (A) I and III only (B) I and II only (C) I, II and III (D) II and III only
36. Khetri, Kolar, Sindri and Jharia are associated with (A) Copper, gold, fertilizer and coal (B) copper, gold, coal and iron (C) copper, gold, coal and gypsum (D) Iron, gold, coal and copper
37. Who among the following Bhakti leaders used the medium of drama for incorporating themes from the puranas to spread his ideas? (A) Jnandeva in Marathi (B) Chandidas in Bengali (C) Shankaracharya in Assamese (D) Purandardas in Kannada
38. Which of the following archaeologists initially discovered the Mohenjodro site of Indus Valley Civilisation (A) Sir John Marshall (B) Daya Ram Sahni (C) Rakhal Das Banerji (D) Sir Mortimer Wheeler
39. Which of the following is not true of the Fundamental Rights? (A) These are not absolute (B) These are absolute (C) These are justiciable (D) These can be suspended
40. The NAM Summit was held in September, 2006 in (A) Munich (B) Singapore (C) Havana (D) Manila
41. As we move around world, the time changes from longitude to longitude in relation to G.M.T. at the rate of (A) 4 minutes per 1° of longitude (B) one hour for each 20° longitude (C) 3 minutes for each 1° of longitude (D) two hours for each 15° of longitude
42. The volcanoes have been classified into three types according to the nature of their activity. Which are these? (A) Extinct, Dormant, Fissiparous (B) Active, Destructive, Constructive (C) Destructive, consecutive, constructive (D) Active, Dormant, Extinct
43. The lines drawn on a map, joining places of equal monthly or annual rainfall are called (A) Isohaline (B) Isotherm (C) Isohyets (D) Isobars
44. Which of the following is not true? (A) Ghana is known for maximum production of Cocoa (B) Brazil is known for maximum production of coffee (C) Grapes are grown in California (USA) (D) World's maximum production of cotton is obtained from Egypt
45. What is Honolulu? (A) Capital of Hawaii Island (B) A mountain of Africa (C) A hill resort of Kulu Valley (D) A beautiful island in the Atlantic
46. Which of the following pairs of 'City and the River on which it is situated' is wrong? (A) Bangkok – Menam (B) Budapest – Danube (C) Bucharest- Dimbovitya (D) Dublin – Clyde
47. Recently passed US Act providing for US - Indo Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation was proposed in the US Congress by (A) George Bush (B) Hillary Clinton (C) Henry J. Hyde (D) James Peterson
48. Kiran Desai was recently awarded "Man Booker Award 2006" for her book (A) The village by the sea (B) Bye Bye Blackbird (C) Fire on the Mountain (D) The Inheritance of loss
49. Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, Chief Justice of India-designate will be the _____ Chief Justice of India (A) 30th (B) 34th (C) 37th (D) 39th
50. In Priyadarshini Mattoo case, the Delhi High Court has awarded death sentence to (A) Vikas Yadav (B) Manu Sharma (C) Santosh Singh (D) J.P. Singh

PART - B : GENERAL ENGLISH

I. Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

51. **Dearth**
(A) demise (B) extravagance (C) scarcity (D) exuberance
52. **Extricate**
(A) complicate (B) free (C) evaporate (D) subdue
53. **Wary**
(A) scared (B) tired (C) troubled (D) vigilant
54. **Profound**
(A) deep (B) respect (C) enigmatic (D) spontaneous
55. **Impediment**
(A) obstruction (B) suppression (C) frustration (D) confusion
56. **Stringent**
(A) painful (B) unusual (C) elegant (D) rigorous
57. **Elicit**
(A) illicit (B) revenge (C) extract (D) prevent
58. **Pivotal**
(A) prodigal (B) crucial (C) negative (D) cynical

II. Choose the antonym of the given word.

59. **Consolidate**
(A) suppress (B) weaken (C) strengthen (D) prohibit
60. **Amenable**
(A) fragile (B) agreeable (C) cowardly (D) stubborn
61. **Retreat**
(A) withdraw (B) provoke (C) advance (D) occupy
62. **Modern**
(A) archaic (B) fashionable (C) old (D) irrelevant
63. **Generous**
(A) spendthrift (B) liberal (C) miserly (D) cunning
64. **Liberate**
(A) invade (B) subjugate (C) abandon (D) divide
65. **Assume**
(A) absorb (B) reveal (C) relinquish (D) revert

III. Choose the alternative which can best substitute the given words.

66. **Sentimental longing for past times**
(A) nostalgia (B) amnesia (C) claustrophobia (D) catholic
67. **A native inhabitant of a country**
(A) original (B) citizen (C) alien (D) aborigine
68. **Economical in the use of means**
(A) familial (B) frugal (C) reserved (D) restricted
69. **Over and above the stated, normal or necessary number**
(A) supernumerary (B) extraordinary (C) supplementary (D) abnormally
70. **To increase in numbers greatly and rapidly**
(A) productive (B) progressive (C) proliferate (D) programmatic

IV. Fill in the blanks to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

71. **The ship that capsized in the storm was ____ for Malaysia.**
(A) bound (B) meant (C) expected (D) arranged
72. **It is becoming increasingly ____ that the manager is losing control over the staff.**
(A) apparent (B) prominent (C) manifest (D) rampant
73. **The police found that the criminal had acted in ____ with some others.**
(A) position (B) collision (C) collusion (D) collaboration
74. **The government is determined to ____ poverty.**
(A) deplete (B) refuse (C) dwindle (D) eradicate
75. **It is important that refugees are ____.**
(A) restored (B) rehabilitated (C) renovated (D) recapitulated

V. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

76. **Hard-pressed**
 (A) hopeless (B) perplexed (C) humiliated (D) in difficulties
77. **To all intents and purposes**
 (A) hardly (B) practically (C) proverbially (D) proudly
78. **With open arms**
 (A) haphazardly (B) negatively (C) warmly (D) cautiously
79. **To strain every nerve**
 (A) to try very hard (B) to trouble (C) to criticise (D) to commend
80. **To be in two minds**
 (A) to be uncertain (B) to work in two places (C) up and down (D) to and fro

VI. Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition.

81. **The two brothers could not agree with each other ____ anything.**
 (A) for (B) to (C) in (D) on
82. **He was acquitted ____ the charge of murder.**
 (A) in (B) of (C) about (D) on
83. **Even late into the night, the street was alive ____ people.**
 (A) about (B) to (C) with (D) in
84. **I had to stay ____ home, because of inclement weather.**
 (A) with (B) in (C) at (D) by
85. **The Committee was asked to look ____ the matter.**
 (A) on (B) about (C) over (D) into

VII. Choose the correct meaning of the given word.

86. **Candid**
 (A) covert (B) frank (C) sectarian (D) sensuous
87. **Malady**
 (A) disease (B) comedy (C) tragedy (D) disparity
88. **Inimical**
 (A) economical (B) hostile (C) primitive (D) preventive
89. **Ardent**
 (A) slanderous (B) handsome (C) passionate (D) shrewd
90. **Perpetrate**
 (A) anticipate (B) provoke (C) abdicate (D) commit

VIII. Choose the correctly spelt alternative.

91. (A) amature (B) amateur (C) ammateur (D) amateure
92. (A) vasillate (B) vascillate (C) vassilate (D) vacillate
93. (A) acqeeze (B) accuiese (C) acquiesce (D) acqueese
94. (A) ideology (B) idealogy (C) idealagy (D) idiology
95. (A) galantry (B) gallentry (C) gallantry (D) galantry

IX. Choose the part of the sentence which has an error in it:

96. (A) It is said (B) that (C) there is an exception (D) for every rule.
97. (A) He is (B) the richest (C) of (D) the two brothers.
98. (A) You will (B) come (C) to the office tomorrow (D) will you?
99. (A) One of my (B) teacher (C) is on leave (D) this week.
100. (A) He told me (B) that he had no intention (C) in (D) leaving the country.