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**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL ASSISTANT
IN LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT**

14th MARCH, 2010

PAPER : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS AND GENERAL ENGLISH

INSTRUCTIONS: (i) Write your Roll No. and other details in the appropriate columns of the OMR answer sheet. (ii) Mark the correct answer by fully darkening/blackening the circle. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose only one response for each question. Use blue or black Ball Pen only to mark your response. (iii) The answer once marked in Ball Pen cannot be changed. (iv) All questions carry equal marks.

Time: 50 Minutes

Marks: 100

PART- A : General Knowledge and Current Affairs

1. India has a (A) Multi Party System (B) Monolithic Party System (C) Bi-party system (D) None of these
2. On which river is the Nagarjuna Sagar Project located?
(A) Krishna (B) Godavari (C) Cauvery (D) Tapi
3. Corbett National Park is in (A) Bihar (B) Madhya Pradesh (C) Uttarakhand (D) Himachal Pradesh
4. Who was the first Secretary General of the United Nations?
(A) Trygve Lie (B) Dag Hammarskjold (C) U. Thant (D) Kurt Waldheim
5. Coral reefs are produced by (A) Rivers (B) Winds (C) Organisms (D) Waves
6. Which among the following has the greatest value?
(A) 0.3 (B) 0.03 (C) 0.003 (D) 0.0003
7. Which comet appears every 76 years?
(A) Halley's (B) Hale-Bopp (C) Hyakutake (D) Alpha Centauri
8. Swaraj Party was associated with
(A) Chitta Ranjan Das (B) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (C) Bipin Chandra Pal (D) Pt. Madan Mohan Malaviya
9. Who was the Viceroy of India when the Indian National Congress was founded?
(A) Lord Mountbatten (B) Lord Dufferin (C) Lord Irwin (D) Lord Canning
10. Who wrote the book "Coolie"?
(A) H.P. Nanda (B) Mulk Raj Anand (C) Arvind Adiga (D) Nirad C. Choudhury
11. Kheda Satyagraha was a
(A) Tribal movement (B) Peasant movement (C) Caste based movement (D) None of these
12. In which year was the National Development Council set up?
(A) 1952 (B) 1956 (C) 1947 (D) 1949
13. The Damodar Valley Corporation is a (A) Statutory body (B) Private Limited Organisation
(C) Joint Venture Organisation (D) Public Limited Company
14. The Integrated Child Development Programme was launched on
(A) 22nd December, 1973 (B) 8th August, 1974 (C) 2nd October, 1975 (D) 25th June, 1981
15. Who is the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh?
(A) Pu Lalthanwala (B) Okram Ibobi Singh (C) D.D. Lapang (D) Dorjee Khandu
16. The Industrial Policy Resolution with an emphasis on heavy industries and the growth of the public sector was announced in (A) 1956 (B) 1952 (C) 1948 (D) 1960
17. How many members of the Rajya Sabha can participate to elect the President of India?
(A) 250 (B) 238 (C) 243 (D) 225
18. Which one is a correct fact about the Domestic Violence Act in India? (A) Passed by the Parliament in 2005 and applied the same year (B) Passed by the Parliament in 2004 and applied in 2005 (C) Passed by the Parliament in 2005 and applied in 2006 (D) Passed by the Parliament in 2008 and never applied
19. The National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) came into effect in the year
(A) 1980 (B) 1981 (C) 1982 (D) 1983
20. The sanyasi rebels established an independent government at
(A) Rangpur (B) Dinapur (C) Bogra (D) Midnapore
21. The President of India has ordinance making powers under the provisions of Article
(A) 122 (B) 123 (C) 124 (D) 125
22. Sources of Vitamin B-12 are (A) Mushrooms, Grains, Nuts (B) Dairy Products and yeast extracts
(C) Bread, rice, broccoli and beans (D) All of these
23. It is not advisable to sleep under a tree at night because of the (A) Release of more nitrogen
(B) Release of more oxygen (C) Release of carbon dioxide (D) Release of carbon monoxide
24. Paleontology is the study of
(A) Birds (B) Bones (C) Fossils (D) Primates

25. **The Battle of Buxar was fought in the year**
(A) 1757 (B) 1760 (C) 1764 (D) 1776
26. **Chocolates can be bad for health because of a high content of**
(A) Cobalt (B) Nickel (C) Zinc (D) Lead
27. **A vast proportion of our body's weight is made up of**
(A) Bones (B) Water (C) Organs (D) Skins, Tissues and Organs
28. **Satya Shodhak Samaj is associated with**
(A) Periyar (B) Naikar (C) B.R. Ambedkar (D) Jyotiba Phule
29. **Mahadev Govind Ranade was a member of the**
(A) Arya Samaj (B) Prarthana Samaj (C) India League (D) Theosophical Society
30. **Anu Sat is the first satellite to be built by a University in India. The University is**
(A) Anna University (B) University of Delhi (C) University of Hyderabad (D) Pondicherry University
31. **The Moplah Rebellion of 1921 broke out in**
(A) Assam (B) Kerala (C) Punjab (D) Bengal
32. **Who was the advocate at the famous INA trials?**
(A) Bhulabhai Desai (B) Asaf Ali (C) Subash Chandra Bose (D) C. Rajgopalachari
33. **The boundary between India and Pakistan was demarcated by**
(A) Lord Mountbatten (B) Sir Cyril Radcliffe (C) Sir Strafford Cripps (D) Lord Linlithgow
34. **Who among the following nationalist leaders is also known as "Lokhitwadi"?**
(A) Motilal Nehru (B) Lala Lajpat Rai (C) Gopal Hari Deshmukh (D) Vishnukrishna Chiplunkar
35. **Structural unemployment arises due to**
(A) Deflationary conditions (B) Heavy industry bias
(C) Shortage of raw materials (D) Inadequate productive capacity
36. **The Priyadarshini Project deals with**
(A) Rural Development (B) Rural women's empowerment and livelihood programme
(C) rural illiteracy (D) Child labour
37. **'Abhanga' and 'Tribhanga' are postures of which dance form?**
(A) Kuchipudi (B) Bharat Natyam (C) Kathak (D) Odissi
38. **Indian Cancer Research Centre is located at**
(A) Delhi (B) Mumbai (C) Bangalore (D) Bhubaneswar
39. **Who heads the 13th Finance Commission?**
(A) B.P. Singh (B) Dr. C. Rangarajan (C) Usha Thorat (D) Dr. Vijay Kelkar
40. **Fiscal policy is connected with**
(A) Exports and imports (B) Public revenue and expenditure
(C) Issue of currency (D) Population control
41. **Crop insurance is the monopoly of**
(A) National Insurance Company (B) General Insurance Corporation
(C) Life Insurance Corporation (D) NABARD
42. **Nathula Pass is located in**
(A) Arunachal Pradesh (B) Bhutan (C) Jammu and Kashmir (D) Sikkim
43. **Indira Gandhi Canal changed the condition of**
(A) East Punjab (B) Haryana (C) North West Rajasthan (D) Southeast Rajasthan
44. **The President of India is bound by the advice of the Council of Ministers. Which Article of the Indian Constitution states this?**
(A) Article 78 (B) Article 73 (C) Article 74 (D) Article 75
45. **Silicon Valley is famous for**
(A) Production of Silica (B) Forest Resources (C) Coal (D) Computer Software
46. **In which of the following years "Operation Blackboard" was launched?**
(A) 1988 (B) 1997 (C) 1987 (D) 1985
47. **The Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) is located in**
(A) Pune (B) Tarapur (C) Vishakhapatnam (D) Kalpakkam
48. **The Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) works under the**
(A) Ministry of Rural Development (B) Ministry of Tourism (C) Ministry of Science and Technology
(D) Ministry of Renewable Energy
49. **How many High Courts are there in India at present?**
(A) 18 (B) 19 (C) 20 (D) 21
50. **Which of the following motions relates to opposing the Union Budget?**
(A) Adjournment Motion (B) Cut Motion (C) Censure Motion (D) None of These

PART - B : GENERAL ENGLISH

I. Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

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| 51. Envisage | (A) envy | (B) attract | (C) picture | (D) supplicate |
| 52. Covetous | (A) adventurous | (B) passionate | (C) eager | (D) envious |
| 53. Coy | (A) bashful | (B) foolish | (C) spineless | (D) happy |
| 54. Enthral | (A) establish | (B) fascinate | (C) destroy | (D) anger |
| 55. Supercilious | (A) impulsive | (B) boisterous | (C) nonsensical | (D) condescending |
| 56. Torpid | (A) sluggish | (B) difficult | (C) hot | (D) torturous |
| 57. Zealot | (A) enthusiastic | (B) fanatic | (C) irresponsible | (D) salubrious |
| 58. Soporific | (A) false | (B) intricate | (C) deadening | (D) diabolic |

II. Choose the antonym of the given word.

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| 59. Sonorous | (A) shrill | (B) resounding | (C) powerful | (D) loud |
| 60. Puerile | (A) sad | (B) dishonest | (C) smart | (D) childish |
| 61. Garrulous | (A) talkative | (B) lively | (C) quiet | (D) distressed |
| 62. Gauche | (A) graceful | (B) awkward | (C) serious | (D) sober |
| 63. Harrowing | (A) brilliant | (B) distressful | (C) rude | (D) happy |
| 64. Impetuous | (A) abrupt | (B) thoughtful | (C) pious | (D) petulant |
| 65. Mercurial | (A) metallic | (B) gaseous | (C) volatile | (D) stable |

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

66. He was so _____ in answering my questions that I knew he had something to hide.
(A) effusive (B) elusive (C) allusive (D) evasive
67. People in financial difficulties sometimes fall _____ to unscrupulous moneylenders.
(A) prey (B) fool (C) scapegoat (D) sacrifice
68. If you _____ too much of your energy on the climb, you'll have none left for the descent.
(A) spend (B) lose (C) expend (D) invest
69. Our plans to start our own business seem _____ to failure.
(A) fated (B) resigned (C) doomed (D) compelled
70. The _____ of our business is done by mail order.
(A) mass (B) bulk (C) range (D) gross

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

71. Gesture expressing submission or respect
(A) acquiescent (B) obeisance (C) obfuscate (D) obedience
72. Not going straight to the point
(A) oblique (B) skewed (C) tractable (D) devious
73. Word or phrase that reads same backwards as forwards
(A) palimpsest (B) palisade (C) palindrome (D) palliasse
74. The study of the origins and historical development of words
(A) cryptology (B) etymology (C) aetiology (D) cetology
75. Something which is very exaggerated in an unpleasant way
(A) grouch (B) gross (C) grotesque (D) incongruous

V. Choose the answer closest in meaning to the following idioms.

76. Think on your feet
(A) to think and answer while standing quickly but foolishly (B) to react quickly and efficiently (C) to react quickly (D) to make a quick recovery after a difficult situation
77. Play it by ear
(A) to try very hard to succeed (B) to let things go as they may (C) to unnecessarily delay an action (D) to deal with a situation as it develops
78. A piece of cake
(A) An easy thing to do (B) to celebrate (C) to eat a lot of sweets (D) when something is very sweet

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79. **Bull in a China shop**
 (A) to make new plans (B) warn of danger that is not there (C) willing to fight and hurt others (D) a person with no tact who upsets others
80. **Dark horse**
 (A) behave badly a very long time (B) someone little known to the general public (C) a person who lives (D) a stupid or gullible person
81. **Turn tail**
 (A) To show disapproval too frightened to attack (B) to turn one's back on something (C) to run away because one is (D) to be embarrassed because one has failed
82. **Smell a rat**
 (A) to be suspicious of a wrong doing (B) a bad odour (C) to find an unpleasant thing (D) to feel that something bad is going to happen
83. **To hang in balance**
 (A) to be stable (B) to be uncertain (C) to be judgemental (D) to be fair

VI. Choose the correct preposition to fill in the blanks.

84. I am often very tired ____ the time I finish work.
 (A) until (B) during (C) by (D) at
85. She wrote this article ____ her holidays.
 (A) at (B) during (C) in (D) until
86. She was reluctant to help us at first, but ____ the end she agreed to do what she could.
 (A) by (B) at (C) until (D) in
87. If you misbehave, you'll have to stand ____ the corner.
 (A) at (B) in (C) on (D) near
88. I sometimes despair ____ ever seeing him again.
 (A) of (B) about (C) over (D) at
89. Staff demands ____ safe working conditions are normally ignored in our office.
 (A) of (B) with (C) for (D) to
90. The manager's relationship ____ the union was very poor.
 (A) with (B) to (C) for (D) by

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

91. (A) We must wait (B) on the pavement (C) until the policeman (D) will stop the traffic
92. (A) As we were watching (B) the little boy (C) was falling (D) into the harbour
93. (A) The wanted man (B) who's picture was in all the newspapers (C) was recognized (D) in a restaurant in London
94. (A) The bridge was collapsed (B) during the floods (C) but fortunately (D) no one was using it at that time
95. (A) Do you happen to know (B) which is (C) smallest planet (D) in our solar system
96. (A) It is widely believed (B) that all of human beings (C) are descended (D) from one common ancestor

VIII. Choose the correctly spelt alternative.

97. (A) garrotte (B) garotte (C) garrote (D) garrotee
98. (A) euphimistic (B) euphemistic (C) euphamistic (D) eupimistic
99. (A) impeccabile (B) impecable (C) inpeccable (D) impecceble
100. (A) subserveint (B) subsirveint (C) subservient (D) subservant

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