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PART-A (MCQ - 150 MARKS)

All questions carry 2 marks.

For Question No. 1 - 75, Put a tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the space given in each question.

Notes regarding Negative Marking :

- (i) *There will be a penalty (negative marking) for every wrong answer given by a candidate in the MCQ type questions.*
 - (ii) *For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.*
 - (iii) *If a candidate gives more than one answer to one question, it will be treated as wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be the same penalty as above for that question.*
 - (iv) *If any question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.*
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (100 MARKS)

1. What is the new name approved by the Union Cabinet for Kerala?

- (a) **Keralam** ()
- (b) Keraladesh ()
- (c) Travancore ()
- (d) Malabar ()

2. National Science Day is celebrated every year on which day?

- (a) February 25 ()
- (b) February 26 ()
- (c) February 27 ()
- (d) **February 28** ()

3. Mehao Wildlife Sanctuary, which is recently in the news where a tiger killed a head constable, is located in which state?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh ()
- (b) Andhra Pradesh ()
- (c) Kerala ()
- (d) **Arunachal Pradesh** ()

4. One barrel is equal to how many liters of oil?

- (a) 190L ()
- (b) 109L ()
- (c) **159L** ()
- (d) 169L ()

5. The full form of NHIDCL is:
- (a) **National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited** ()
 - (b) National Highway Integrated Development Company Limited ()
 - (c) New Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited ()
 - (d) National Highway Investment Development Council Limited ()
6. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act was passed in which year?
- (a) 2003 ()
 - (b) 2004 ()
 - (c) 2005 ()
 - (d) **2006** ()
7. What happened to Jammu and Kashmir after Article 370 was revoked?
- (a) It became a full-fledged state ()
 - (b) **It was split into two Union Territories** ()
 - (c) It gained more autonomy ()
 - (d) It remained unchanged ()
8. Which among the following sites of Indus Valley Civilization is located on the banks of River Indus in Larkana District of Pakistan?
- (a) Harappa ()
 - (b) **Mohenjo Daro** ()
 - (c) Mehrgarh ()
 - (d) Suktagendor ()
9. Nalanda University was founded by which of the following?
- (a) **Kumaragupta** ()
 - (b) Skandagupta ()
 - (c) Samudragupta ()
 - (d) Ashoka ()
10. In which of the following sites Potter's wheel, a major technological innovation, was introduced?
- (a) **Mehrgarh** ()
 - (b) Banwali ()
 - (c) Kalibangan ()
 - (d) Lothal ()
11. The East India Company was set up in:
- (a) **1866** ()
 - (b) 1857 ()
 - (c) 1836 ()
 - (d) 1855 ()
12. The Muslim league demanded a separate homeland for Indian Muslims for the first time at its:
- (a) **Lahore session in 1940** ()
 - (b) Lucknow session in 1916 ()
 - (c) Meerut session in 1946 ()
 - (d) Tripuri session in 1939 ()

13. Under the Government of India Act 1935 it was decided to established a federation consisting of:
- (a) Governor's provinces ()
 - (b) Princely states ()
 - (c) **Governor's provinces and Princely states** ()
 - (d) None of these ()
14. Lord Curzon announced partition of Bengal on:
- (a) 16 October, 1911 ()
 - (b) 16 October, 1896 ()
 - (b) 16 October, 1905 ()
 - (d) **16 October, 1906** ()
15. Delhi was formally declared the future capital of the British India in:
- (a) 1906 ()
 - (b) 1909 ()
 - (c) 1912 ()
 - (d) **1911** ()
16. Whom did Mahatma Gandhi consider his political guru?
- (a) Shri Bharat Kumar ()
 - (b) Purushottam Das Tandon ()
 - (c) Sir William Wedderburn ()
 - (d) **Gopal Krishna Gokhale** ()
17. What is the maximum gap allowed between two sessions of Parliament?
- (a) 3 months ()
 - (b) **6 months** ()
 - (c) 10 months ()
 - (d) I year ()
18. In the parliament terminology, what is the meaning of **Closure**?
- (a) end of session of parliament ()
 - (b) end of proceedings of a day ()
 - (c) **end of debate on a motion** ()
 - (d) starting of a session ()
19. What action does a court take when it invokes "Suo Moto" powers?
- (a) Orders an investigation ()
 - (b) Dismisses a case ()
 - (c) **Takes cognizance of an issue on its own** ()
 - (d) Grants bail ()
20. The Emergency Provisions of Indian Constitution have been borrowed from:
- (a) **Germany** ()
 - (b) Japan ()
 - (c) USSR ()
 - (d) U.S.A ()

21. Which of the following commissions recommended the establishment of the institution of Lokpal and Lokyukta?
- (a) **Administrative Reforms Commission** ()
 - (b) Sarkaria Commission ()
 - (c) Srikrishna Commission ()
 - (d) None of the above ()
22. Who appoints the State Election Commissioner?
- (a) President ()
 - (b) Prime Minister ()
 - (c) **Governor** ()
 - (d) Chief Minister ()
23. Under which article of the Constitution of India can members of the Anglo Indian community be nominated to the Lok Sabha by the President?
- (a) 326 ()
 - (b) 330 ()
 - (c) 342 ()
 - (d) **331** ()
24. India shares land borders with how many countries?
- (a) Six ()
 - (b) **Seven** ()
 - (c) Eight ()
 - (d) Nine ()
25. Which is connected by National Highway 1 (NH 1) in India?
- (a) Mumbai to Delhi ()
 - (b) Delhi to Kolkata ()
 - (c) Chennai to Kolkata ()
 - (d) **Jammu & Kashmir to Ladakh** ()
26. Which of the following contributes maximum to the irrigation system in India?
- (a) **Groundwater** ()
 - (b) Surface water ()
 - (c) River water ()
 - (d) Canals ()
27. Which of the following States has the largest coastal area in India?
- (a) Kerala ()
 - (b) **Gujarat** ()
 - (c) Karnataka ()
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh ()
28. The famous Sambhar Lake is situated in which of the following states?
- (a) Gujarat ()
 - (b) Odisha ()
 - (c) Haryana ()
 - (d) **Rajasthan** ()

29. Which of the following is the largest river island in India?
- (a) Diu Island ()
 - (b) Majuli Island** ()
 - (c) Divar Island ()
 - (d) Gundu Island ()
30. Which one among the following industries is the maximum consumer of water in India?
- (a) Textile ()
 - (b) Thermal Power** ()
 - (c) Engineering ()
 - (d) Paper and Pulp ()
31. If money supply grows faster than real GDP, what is the likely outcome?
- (a) Inflation** ()
 - (b) Deflation ()
 - (c) Budget surplus ()
 - (d) Budget deficit ()
32. Which city is called the “Detroit of India” for its automobile industry?
- (a) Pune ()
 - (b) Chennai** ()
 - (c) Gurugram ()
 - (d) Sanand ()
33. Which of the following is also regarded as Disguised Unemployment?
- (a) Under employment** ()
 - (b) Frictional unemployment ()
 - (c) Seasonal unemployment ()
 - (d) Cyclical unemployment ()
34. Which among the following plan document has a subtitle “Inclusive growth”?
- (a) 10th Five year Plan ()
 - (b) 11th Five year Plan** ()
 - (c) National Solar Mission ()
 - (d) Bharat Nirman ()
35. A closed economy is what-
- (a) does not trade with other countries** ()
 - (b) does not possess any means of international transport ()
 - (c) does not have a coastal line ()
 - (d) is not a member of the U.N.O ()
36. What is the main difference between Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Product (GNP)?
- (a) Transfer payments ()
 - (b) Net foreign income from abroad** ()
 - (c) Capital consumption allowance ()
 - (d) Capital gains ()

37. If the temperature of a liquid is 32° F, what is its temperature in Celsius scale?

- (a) 32° C ()
- (b) 0° C ()
- (c) 100° C ()
- (d) 212° C ()

38. What are the components of nucleus of an atom?

- (a) Only electrons ()
- (b) Only protons ()
- (c) **Both protons and neutrons** ()
- (d) Both protons and electrons ()

39. Which of the following is the main compound of voter ink?

- (a) **Silver nitrate** ()
- (b) Ammonium Chloride ()
- (c) Silver Chloride ()
- (d) Ammonium Nitrate ()

40. How many parts are of other metals in a 17 carat Gold?

- (a) 3 ()
- (b) 5 ()
- (c) **7** ()
- (d) 9 ()

41. Dormancy period of animals during winter season is called:

- (a) Aestivation ()
- (b) Mutation ()
- (c) **Hibernation** ()
- (d) Regeneration ()

42. Insects responsible for transmitting diseases are called:

- (a) **Vector** ()
- (b) Transmitter ()
- (c) Drones ()
- (d) Conductor ()

43. How many numbers of chambers are there in human heart?

- (a) Two ()
- (b) Three ()
- (c) **Four** ()
- (d) Five ()

44. A Mizo ritual performed for the success of jhum cultivation is called:

- (a) **Fanodawi** ()
- (b) Kawngpui siam ()
- (c) Chungbawl ()
- (d) Hnuaipui ()

45. Which is the largest district of Mizoram?

- (a) Lawngtlai District ()
- (b) Mamit District ()
- (c) Champhai District ()
- (d) **Lunglei District** ()

46. Total number of National Parks in Mizoram is:

- (a) **2** ()
- (b) 3 ()
- (c) 4 ()
- (d) 1 ()

47. Murlen National Park is situated in which district of Mizoram?

- (a) Saiha District ()
- (b) **Champhai District** ()
- (c) Serchhip District ()
- (d) Mamit District ()

48. On 20.7.2026, the Governor of Mizoram changed the nomenclature of Central Women's Jail, Aizawl to:

- (a) Central Women's Prisons & Correctional Home, Aizawl ()
- (b) Central Women's Prison & Correction Home, Aizawl ()
- (c) Central Women's Prisons & Correction Home, Aizawl ()
- (d) **Central Women's Prison & Correctional Home, Aizawl** ()

49. The first Mizo Historian in Mizoram?

- (a) Hrangthiauva ()
- (b) **Rev Liangkhaia** ()
- (c) R.Vanchhunga ()
- (d) K. Zawla ()

50. Which one is not the prescribed wild animal to kill to obtain 'Thangchhuah' title?

- (a) Sai ()
- (b) Sazuk ()
- (c) Sakhi ()
- (d) **Sakei** ()

GENERAL ENGLISH (50 MARKS)

Direction (Question Nos. 51-52) : *The following sentences contain blank space/spaces to be filled with an appropriate article. From the given options (A, B, C), choose the most appropriate article. If the sentence is grammatically correct without any article, select option (D).*

51. He seems to be _____ European.
- (a) a ()
(b) an ()
(c) the ()
(d) No article needed ()
52. _____ movie directed by him was _____ complete failure.
- (a) A, a ()
(b) **The, a** ()
(c) An, the ()
(d) No article needed ()

Direction (Question Nos. 53-56) : *The following sentences have a word or phrase underlined. Read the sentences carefully and find which part of speech the underlined word belongs to. Indicate your response accordingly.*

53. He expressed a great **relief** that the crisis was finally over.
- (a) **Noun** ()
(b) Adverb ()
(c) Verb ()
(d) Adjective ()
54. We haven't seen Barry for a **while**.
- (a) **Noun** ()
(b) Adverb ()
(c) Verb ()
(d) Adjective ()
55. **Both** the sisters are musicians.
- (a) Pronoun ()
(b) Adverb ()
(c) Verb ()
(d) **Adjective** ()
56. It is **too** hot to play outside.
- (a) Pronoun ()
(b) **Adverb** ()
(c) Verb ()
(d) Adjective ()

Direction (Question Nos. 57-59) : Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

57. He behaves if he were a king.

- (a) will be behaving as ()
- (b) could be behaving as ()
- (c) **behaves as** ()
- (d) has been behaving as ()

58. Had you been to Dubai, I would also go with you.

- (a) I shall be gone ()
- (b) I will have went ()
- (c) **I would have gone** ()
- (d) I would has also gone ()

59. Many battles was fought on the soil of India.

- (a) **Many a battle was** ()
- (b) Much battle was ()
- (c) Many battle were ()
- (d) No Improvement ()

Direction (Question Nos. 60-62) : A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

60. Who did this mischief?

- (a) **By whom was this mischief done?** ()
- (b) By whom is this mischief done? ()
- (c) Was this mischief done by you? ()
- (d) Whom was this mischief done by? ()

61. Will my uncle pay my tuition fee?

- (a) **Will my tuition fee be paid by my uncle?** ()
- (b) Will my tuition fee being pay by my uncle? ()
- (c) Will my tuition fee pay by my uncle? ()
- (d) Will my tuition fee been paid by my uncle? ()

62. We were treated very kindly by our hosts.

- (a) Our hosts had been treating us very kindly. ()
- (b) **Our hosts treated us very kindly** ()
- (c) Our hosts treat us very kindly. ()
- (d) Our hosts were treating us very kindly. ()

Direction (Question Nos. 63-65) : In the following questions, a sentence is given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives choose the one which best expresses the sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech.

63. He asked me what I was planning.
- (a) He said to me, "What are you planning?" ()
 - (b) He said to me, "What I was planning?" ()
 - (c) He asked me, "What you are planning?" ()
 - (d) He asked me, "What I have been planning?" ()
64. She said, "If I were a bird!"
- (a) She said that she is a bird. ()
 - (b) She told that if she was a bird. ()
 - (c) She wished that she had been a bird. ()
 - (d) She exclaimed that she was a bird. ()
65. She said to me, "Do come again."
- (a) She said to me that I come again. ()
 - (b) She told me that I must come again. ()
 - (c) She asked me if I would come again. ()
 - (d) She requested me to come again. ()

Direction (Question Nos. 66-70) : Four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

66. The noble man gave up the ghost.
- (a) left the ghost ()
 - (b) lived like a ghost ()
 - (c) invited ghost ()
 - (d) died ()
67. The car in the backyard is proving to be a white elephant.
- (a) very huge item ()
 - (b) costly and useless possession ()
 - (c) very expensive investment ()
 - (d) useful material ()
68. The scheme appears worthless at the first blush.
- (a) first attempt ()
 - (b) first sight ()
 - (c) first step ()
 - (d) first phase ()
69. I had to pull strings to put up a good show.
- (a) play music ()
 - (b) use personal influence ()
 - (c) use the instrument ()
 - (d) play a song ()

70. As a businessman, my father always maintained that his transactions constituted an open book.
- (a) an account book always open ()
 - (b) a book of open confessions ()
 - (c) an opening for new ventures ()
 - (d) **straight forward and honest dealings** ()

Direction (Question Nos. 71-73) : Choose the word that is opposite in meaning (Antonym) to the underlined word.

71. She wore a lurid neon green dress that hurt my eyes.

- (a) Dismal ()
- (b) **Mild** ()
- (c) Murky ()
- (d) Mysterious ()

72. The proposal was accepted in toto by the jury.

- (a) Bluntly ()
- (b) **Partially** ()
- (c) Entirely ()
- (d) Strongly ()

73. The chairman was criticised for his maladroit handing of the press conference.

- (a) Authoritative ()
- (b) **Skilful** ()
- (c) Maladjusted ()
- (d) Malevolent ()

Direction (Question No. 74) : Fill in the blanks with suitable Future Perfect Tense.

74. If he doesn't hurry, they _____ before he comes. (leave)

- (a) **will have left** ()
- (b) will left ()
- (c) will had left ()
- (d) will has left ()

Direction (Question No. 75) : Fill in the blank with suitable Present Perfect Tense.

75. I think my ankle _____.(break)

- (a) broke ()
- (b) is broken ()
- (c) broken ()
- (d) **has been broken** ()

PART-B (CONVENTIONAL TYPE - 50 MARKS)

*This Part should be answered only on the **Answer Sheet** provided.*

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

1. Write essay on any one of the following topics (20)
- (a) The Role of Community Participation in Protecting Mizoram's Biodiversity
 - (b) The Role of Information Technology in Promoting Mizo Culture to the World
 - (c) The Drug Menace: A Threat to the Future of Mizoram
 - (d) Cultural festivals: The cornerstone of Tourism Development in Mizoram

Direction (Question Nos. 2-10) : *Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:*

We admire better hygiene and better traffic discipline abroad, but would breach the same back home. We condemn our system for churning out unemployed youth, but don't like working hard to acquire knowledge. Students demanded their right to cheat in an examination; it is the same set of discards that later become a burden as they fail to acquire a skill for gainful employment. Rights are forcefully demanded, but duties generally detested.

As citizens of a functioning democracy, we welcome populist policies and government bounties. The State is expected to provide free electricity, free Wi-fi, free water, free books, free housing, free transport, free health facilities, free education. This will not raise much **cavil** if they are provided to the deserving sections of society. The problem arises when undeserving elements try to corner these benefits through **devious** means. The benefits that are provided by the government are seldom used in a responsible manner. Water and electricity are wasted, public utilities vandalised. We want the State's delivery mechanism to be prompt and efficient, but we seldom **reciprocate**. We forget that it is the people who make the country and not the other way round. We resent nepotism and favouritism in government service delivery, but would not mind peddling influence to seek undue favours. The plan to develop smart cities would turn out to be still-born if we don't have smart citizens who would be willing to make sacrifices for a dignified living. We under-report our income and underpay our taxes, but we resent the government's plea on inadequate resources to provide for basic amenities. Digging the road for a private purpose, piling building materials on thoroughfares, tapping of the sources of water or electricity is a common sight; but the same people will complain of congested roads, contaminated water or load-shedding without realising that it is their selfish actions which are affecting the quality of public services. There are enough laws and rules, but enforcement is seldom effective. While you pay a hefty \$ 1000 fine for littering in a developed country or for a traffic violation, in India you can get away without penalty through various **desi jugad** (influence-peddling). Sometimes, the systemic imperfections impede the enforcement of the rule of law as the law-abiding citizens do not always get their rightful dues. Today, hundreds of thousands of applications for a fire license or a building plan are allegedly pending in government offices for years, unless you pass on the speed money to those in the gravy train. Many services in the government are rightly being outsourced on account of the inability to deliver in a timely, transparent and efficient manner. Similarly, many other critical services with substantive time and cost overruns, such as clearing a building plan or sanctioning a statutory license should also be outsourced. Information technology needs to be suitably harnessed for most of these services. E-governance is definitely the way to the future. As a country we shall continue to **grovel in the dust** until the citizens are aware of their responsibilities. One only hopes that we shall soon wake up by acting as responsible citizens of a great nation.

2. According to the passage, what are the main causes of outsourcing of government works? (2)
3. What is the fundamental irony in how citizens view “rights” versus “duties”? (2)
4. When does the provision of free government services become a problem? (2)
5. How does the behavior of citizens affect the government’s ability to provide basic amenities? (2)
6. What is the author’s view on the relationship between people and the country? (2)
7. What is the significance of “Information Technology” according to the final paragraph? (2)
8. Explain the term “still-born” in the context of the plan to develop smart cities. (2)
9. In the context of the passage, what is “speed money” and why is it used? (2)
10. Contrast the enforcement of rules in developed countries versus India as given in the passage. (2)

Direction (Question Nos. 11-16) : Based on your reading of the passage, select the most appropriate option that best completes the statement or answers the question according to the context.

11. The author uses the example of “digging the road for private purpose” to illustrate: (2)
 - (a) The need for better construction equipment
 - (b) How selfish individual actions affect public service quality**
 - (c) The efficiency of private contractors
 - (d) The success of smart city infrastructure
12. According to the passage, students who demand the right to cheat often become: (2)
 - (a) Successful entrepreneurs
 - (b) A burden to society due to lack of skills**
 - (c) Smart citizens
 - (d) Efficient government administrators
13. The phrase “gravy train” refers to: (2)
 - (a) A high-speed rail network
 - (b) A situation where people make easy money, often dishonestly**
 - (c) A government food distribution scheme
 - (d) The transport of building materials
14. “Desi jugad” is mentioned as a means to: (2)
 - (a) Improve traffic discipline
 - (b) Build smart cities
 - (c) Escape penalties through influence-peddling**
 - (d) Properly report income
15. What does the metaphor “grovel in the dust” signify in the concluding lines? (2)
 - (a) To engage in agricultural labor
 - (b) To remain in a degraded or shameful state of failure**
 - (c) To clean the streets as a duty
 - (d) To build infrastructure from the ground up

16. Which of the following is/are valid suggestion given by the author?

(2)

(1) *Responsibility should be shared among the citizen.*

(2) *E-governance should be encouraged.*

(3) *Rules should not be seen in totality.*

(a) **Both (1) and (2)** (b) Both (2) and (3)

(c) All (1), (2) and (3) (d) Only (2)
