

In Question numbers 1-10, out of the given alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the word given in capital letters and write the correct answer code in the OMR sheet.

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. COMMEMORATE

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| a) Boast | b) Remember |
| c) Manipulate | d) Harmonise |

2. LETHAL

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| a) Unlawful | b) Deadly |
| c) Sluggish | d) Smooth |

3. SECURE

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| a) Secret | b) Comfortable |
| c) Safe | d) Independent |

4. TYRANNY

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| a) Misrule | b) Power |
| c) Hunger | d) Cruelty |

5. OBLIGATORY

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| a) Delicate | b) Required |
| c) Stubborn | d) Agreeable |

6. EXORBITANT

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| a) Odd | b) Ridiculous |
| c) Excessive | d) Threatening |

7. BARTER

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| a) Deal | b) Return |
| c) Lend | d) Exchange |

8. TERMINATE

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| a) Suspend | b) Abolish |
| c) End | d) Interrupt |

9. PILFER

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| a) Destroy | b) Damage |
| c) Steal | d) Snatch |

10. INFINITE

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| a) Strange | b) Endless |
| c) Indefinite | d) Vague |

Read the passage and answer the question numbers 11-15 based on the passage. Select the correct answer and mark the answer code in the OMR sheet.

(5 x 2 = 10 Marks)

Primitive man was probably more concerned with fire as a source of warmth and as a means of cooking food than as a source of light. Before he discovered less laborious ways of making fire, he had to preserve it, and whenever he went on a journey he carried a firebrand with him. His

discovery that the firebrand, from which the torch may very well have developed, could be used for illumination was probably incidental to the primary purpose of preserving a flame.

Lamps, too, probably developed by accident. Every man may have had his first conception of a lamp while watching a twig or fibre burning in the molten fat dropped from a roasting carcass. All he had to do was to fashion a vessel to contain fat and float a lighting reed in it. Such lamps, which were made of hollowed stones or sea shells, have persisted in identical form up to quite recent times.

11. Primitive man's most important use for fire was
 a) To provide warmth b) To cook food
 c) To provide light d) Both (a) and (b)
12. The firebrand was used to
 a) Prevent accidents b) Provide light
 c) Scare animals d) Save labour
13. By 'primary' the author means
 a) Primitive b) Fundamental
 c) Elemental d) Essential
14. Lamps probably developed through mere
 a) Hazard b) Fate
 c) Chance d) Planning
15. Early lamps were made by
 a) Using reed as a wick in the fat b) Letting a reed soak the fat
 c) Putting the fat in a shell and lighting it d) Floating a reed in the sea-shell

In Question numbers 16-25, select the word that is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the word in capital letters and mark the correct answer code in the OMR sheet.

(10x1=10 marks)

16. START
 a) Close b) Shut
 c) End d) Finish
17. ALIVE
 a) Passive b) Dead
 c) Asleep d) Drowsy
18. ANCESTORS
 a) Supporters b) Disciples
 c) Followers d) Descendants
19. AMELIORATE
 a) Lessen b) Hasten

- c) Expedite
20. RUTHLESS
a) Mindful
c) Majestic
- d) Worsen
b) Compassionate
d) Merciful
21. DELETE
a) Impound
c) Inspire
- b) Insert
d) Injure
22. TRANSPARENT
a) Coloured
c) Opaque
- b) Childlike
d) Imminent
23. ACQUITTED
a) Entrusted
c) Burdened
- b) Convicted
d) Freed
24. COMMUNICATIVE
a) Primitive
c) Dumb
- b) Passive
d) Reticent
25. SPURIOUS
a) False
c) Simple
- b) Genuine
d) Systematic

In question numbers 26-35, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be SUBSTITUTED for the given words/sentences.

(10x1=10 marks)

26. To examine one's thoughts and feelings
a) Meditation
c) Reflection
- b) Retrospection
d) Introspection
27. The short remaining end of a cigarette
a) Stump
c) Rag
- b) Stub
d) Scrap
28. To send an unwanted person out of the country
a) Exclude
c) Deport
- b) Ostracise
d) Expatriate
29. One who despises persons of lower social position
a) Prim
c) Prig
- b) Snob
d) Aristocrat
30. Mania for stealing articles
a) Logomania
c) Kleptomania
- b) Nymphomania
d) Hypomania
31. A disease which spreads by contact
a) Infectious
c) Contiguous
- b) Contagious
d) Contextual
32. A child who stays away from school without any good reason
a) Vagabond
c) Schizophrenic
- b) Delinquent
d) Truant

33. An unexpected stroke of good luck
a) Fortune b) Windfall
c) Boon d) Breakthrough
34. Place where birds are kept
a) Zoo b) Apiary
c) Armoury d) Aviary
35. A person with a beautiful and elegant handwriting
a) Calligrapher b) Collier
c) Choreographer d) Cartographer

For question numbers 36-40, pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

(5x1=5 marks)

36. The truck was ____ the traffic and the policeman asked the driver to move off.
a) Failing b) Obstructing
c) Obviating d) Hiding
37. Integrity of character, honesty, dependability and discipline ____ with a genuine interest in your work will go a long way in the achievement of success in your professional life.
a) Coupled b) Adjoining
c) Attached d) Joined
38. The soldiers were instructed to ____ restraint and handle the situation peacefully.
a) Exercise b) Control
c) Prevent d) Enforce
39. He has good ____ over the famous world languages.
a) Authority b) Expertise
c) Command d) Hold
40. Nothing can be achieved without ____ a certain degree of discomfort while making an effort.
a) Getting b) Sacrificing
c) Enduring d) Imbibing

In question numbers 41-45, an idiomatic expression/a proverb has been given, followed by some alternatives. Choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/proverb.

(5 x 1 = 5 marks)

41. To turn over a new leaf.

- a) To change completely one's course of action b) To shift attention to new problems after having studied the old ones thoroughly.
- c) To cover up one's faults by wearing new marks d) To change the old habits and adopt new ones
42. To frame a person
- a) To befool someone b) To make one appear guilty
- c) To praise someone d) A narrow escape
43. A close shave
- a) A lucky escape b) A clean shave
- c) A well guarded secret d) A narrow escape
44. A chip of the old block
- a) A piece of wood b) An old friend
- c) Characteristics of one's ancestors d) A good bargain
45. To throw dust in one's eyes
- a) To show false things b) To make blind
- c) To harm someone d) To deceive

In question numbers 46-50, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase in italicised letters in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase in italics.

(5x1 = 5 marks)

46. The cricket match proved to be *a big draw*
- a) A match without any result b) A keen contest
- c) A lovely spectacle d) A huge attraction
47. The captain and the coach are trying *to pass the buck* on each other for the poor performance of their team
- a) To repent b) To shirk work
- c) To blame d) To shift responsibility
48. You cannot *have your cake and eat it too*
- a) Have it both ways b) Fulfil all your wishes
- c) Run away from responsibility d) Always work according to your whims
49. He is really *worth his salt*
- a) Loyal b) Affectionate
- c) Of value d) Untrustworthy
50. He resigned the post *of his own accord*

- a) According to his judgement
b) Which he liked
c) Voluntarily and willingly
d) According to his convenience

51. Translate the following passage from Hindi to English-

(10 marks)

राज भाषा का अर्थ राजा या राज्य की भाषा है। वह भाषा जिसमें शासक या शासन का काम होता है। राष्ट्र भाषा वह है जिसका व्यवहार राष्ट्र के सामान्य जन करते हैं। राजभाषा का क्षेत्र सीमित होता है। राष्ट्र भाषा सारे देश की संपर्क भाषा है। राष्ट्र भाषा के साथ जनता का भावात्मक लगाव रहता है। क्योंकि उसके साथ जनसाधारण की सांस्कृतिक परंपराएँ जुड़ी रहती हैं। राजभाषा के प्रति वैसा सम्मान हो तो सकता है, लेकिन नहीं भी हो सकता है, क्योंकि वह अपने देश की भी हो सकती है। किसी गैर देश से आए शासक की भी हो सकती है। लोकतांत्रिक व्यवस्था में आज हिन्दी राजभाषा के रूप में ही विराजित है। 14 सितंबर, 1949 ई. को भारत के संविधान में हिन्दी को मान्यता प्रदान की गयी है। संविधान की धारा 120 के अनुसार संसद का कार्य हिन्दी में या अंग्रेज़ी में किया जाता है। धारा 210 के अंतर्गत राज्यों के विधानमंडलों का कार्य अपने-अपने राज्य की राजभाषा या हिन्दी में या अंग्रेज़ी में किया जा सकता है। 343 के अनुसार संघ की राजभाषा हिन्दी और लिपि देवनागरी होगी। इस भाषा के प्रसार तथा प्रचार के लिए महात्मा गांधी का योगदान रहा है। धारा 344 में राष्ट्रपति को शासकीय कार्य में हिन्दी भाषा का प्रयोग अधिक करने के लिए कहा गया है।

52. Write a letter to the Tourism department giving your suggestions to boost tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Or

Your friend's mother has expired recently after a prolonged illness. Write a letter to him expressing your sentiments.

(15 Marks)

53. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words.

(20 marks)

- A. Cleanliness- need of the hour or a waste of time.
- B. Should people be judged by their social media posts?
- C. Should parents allow their children to play?
- D. Fake news.

Answer Key Set A English

1-b

2-b

3-c

4-d

5-b

6-c

7-d

8-c

9-c

10-b

11-d

12-b

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36-b

37-a

38-a

39-c

40-c

41-d

42-b

43-d

44-c

45-d

46-d

47-d

48-a

49-c

50-c