For question numbers 1-5, pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

(5x1=5 marks)

1. The truck was ____ the traffic and the policeman asked the driver to move off.
   a) Failing  b) Obstructing  c) Obviating  d) Hiding

2. 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

3. The soldiers were instructed to ____ restraint and handle the situation peacefully.
   a) Exercise  b) Control  c) Prevent  d) Enforce

4. He has good ____ over the famous world languages.
   a) Authority  b) Expertise  c) Command  d) Hold

5. 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 6-15, 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)

6. START
   a) Close  b) Shut  c) End  d) Finish

7. ALIVE
   a) Passive  b) Dead  c) Asleep  d) Drowsy

8. ANCESTORS
   a) Supporters  b) Disciples  c) Followers  d) Descendants

9. AMELIORATE
   a) Lessen  b) Hasten  c) Expedite  d) Worsen

10. RUTHLESS
    a) Mindful  b) Compassionate  c) Majestic  d) Merciful
11. DELETE
a) Impound  b) Insert
c) Inspire  d) Injure

12. TRANSPARENT
a) Coloured  b) Childlike
c) Opaque  d) Imminent

13. ACQUITTED
a) Entrusted  b) Convicted
c) Burdened  d) Freed

14. COMMUNICATIVE
a) Primitive  b) Passive
c) Dumb  d) Reticent

15. SPURIOUS
a) False  b) Genuine
c) Simple  d) Systematic

In question numbers 16-20, 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)

16. 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

17. 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

18. 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

19. He is really worth his salt
a) Loyal  b) Affectionate
c) Of value  d) Untrustworthy

20. 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
Read the passage and answer the question numbers 21-25 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.

21. 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)

22. The firebrand was used to
   a) Prevent accidents  b) Provide light
   c) Scare animals     d) Save labour

23. By ‘primary’ the author means
   a) Primitive        b) Fundamental
   c) Elemental        d) Essential

24. Lamps probably developed through mere
   a) Hazard           b) Fate
   c) Chance           d) Planning

25. 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 26-30, 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)

26. 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

27. To frame a person
   a) To befool someone  
b) To make one appear guilty  
c) To praise someone  
d) A narrow escape

28. A close shave
   a) A lucky escape  
b) A clean shave  
c) A well guarded secret  
d) A narrow escape

29. 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

30. 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 31-40, 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)

31. COMMEMORATE
   a) Boast  
b) Remember  
c) Manipulate  
d) Harmonise

32. LETHAL
   a) Unlawful  
b) Deadly  
c) Sluggish  
d) Smooth

33. SECURE
   a) Secret  
b) Comfortable  
c) Safe  
d) Independent

34. TYRANNY
   a) Misrule  
b) Power  
c) Hunger  
d) Cruelty

35. OBLIGATORY
   a) Delicate  
b) Required  
c) Stubborn  
d) Agreeable

36. EXORBITANT
   a) Odd  
b) Ridiculous  
c) Excessive  
d) Threatening

37. BARTER
38. TERMINATE
   a) Suspend
   b) Abolish
   c) End
   d) Interrupt

39. PILFER
   a) Destroy
   b) Damage
   c) Steal
   d) Snatch

40. INFINITE
   a) Strange
   b) Endless
   c) Indefinite
   d) Vague

In question numbers 41-50, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be SUBSTITUTED for the given words/sentences.

(10x1=10 marks)

41. To examine one’s thoughts and feelings
   a) Meditation
   b) Retrospection
   c) Reflection
   d) Introspection

42. The short remaining end of a cigarette
   a) Stump
   b) Stub
   c) Rag
   d) Scrap

43. To send an unwanted person out of the country
   a) Exclude
   b) Ostracise
   c) Deport
   d) Expatriate

44. One who despises persons of lower social position
   a) Prim
   b) Snob
   c) Prig
   d) Aristocrat

45. Mania for stealing articles
   a) Logomania
   b) Nymphomania
   c) Kleptomania
   d) Hypomania

46. A disease which spreads by contact
   a) Infectious
   b) Contagious
   c) Contiguous
   d) Contextual

47. A child who stays away from school without any good reason
   a) Vagabond
   b) Delinquent
   c) Schizophrenic
   d) Truant

48. An unexpected stroke of good luck
   a) Fortune
   b) Windfall
   c) Boon
   d) Breakthrough

49. Place where birds are kept
   a) Zoo
   b) Apiary
   c) Armoury
   d) Aviary

50. A person with a beautiful and elegant handwriting
   a) Calligrapher
   b) Collier
51. Translate the following passage from Hindi to English-

राज भाषा का अथ राजा या राज्य का भाषा है। वह भाषा जिसमें शासक या शासन का काम होता है। राष्ट्र भाषा वह है जिसका त्यवहार राष्ट्र के सामान्य जन करते ह। राजभाषा का क्षेत्र सीमित होता है। राष्ट्र भाषा सारे देश का संपक भाषा है। राष्ट्र भाषा के साथ जनता का भावात्मक लगाव रहता है। क्योंकि उसके साथ जनसाधारण का संस्कृतिक परिप्रेक्ष्य जुड़क रहती ह। राजभाषा के प्रति वैसा सम्मान हो तो सकता है, लेकिन नहीं भी हो सकता है, क्योंकि वह अपने देश का भी हो सकती है। किसी गैर देश से आए शासक का भी हो सकती है। लोकतंत्रिक त्यवस्था म आज हिंदी राजभाषा के रूप म हो विराजमान है। 14 सितंबर, 1949 ई. को भारत के संविधान म हिंदी को मान्यता प्रदान को गयी है। संविधान का धारा 120 के अनुसार संसद का काम हिंदी म या अंग्रेजी म किया जाता है। धारा 210 के अंतर्गत राज्यों के विधानसभा का काम अपने-अपने राज्य का राजभाषा या हिंदी म या अंग्रेजी म किया जा सकता है। 343 के अनुसार संघ का राजभाषा हिंदी और लिपि देवनागरी होगी। इस भाषा के प्रसार तथा प्रचार के लिए महात्मा गांधी का योगदान रहा है। धारा 344 म राष्ट्रपति को शासकीय काम म हिंदी 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.
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