In question numbers 1-5, 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)

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

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

5. 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

In question numbers 6-10, 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)

6. 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

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

8. A close shave
   a) A lucky escape
   b) A clean shave
9. 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

10. 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 11-20, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be SUBSTITUTED for the given words/sentences.

(10x1=10 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. A person with a beautiful and elegant handwriting
    a) Calligrapher  b) Collier
    c) Choreographer  d) Cartographer
In Question numbers 21-30, 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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

27. BARTER
   a) Deal  b) Return  c) Lend  d) Exchange

28. TERMINATE
   a) Suspend  b) Abolish  c) End  d) Interrupt

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

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

For question numbers 31-35, pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

(5x1=5 marks)

31. The truck was ____ the traffic and the policeman asked the driver to move off.
   a) Failing  b) Obstructing  c) Obviating  d) Hiding
32. 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

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

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

35. Nothing can be achieved without ____ a certain degree of discomfort while making an effort.
   a) Getting  b) Sacrificing
   c) Enduring  d) Imbibing

Read the passage and answer the question numbers 36-40 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.

36. 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)

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

38. By ‘primary’ the author means
39. Lamps probably developed through mere
   a) Hazard  b) Fate  
   c) Chance  d) Planning

40. Early lamps were made by
   a) Using reed as a wick  b) Letting a reed soak
       in the fat  the fat   
   c) Putting the fat in a  d) Floating a reed in the
       shell and lighting it  sea-shell

In Question numbers 41-50, 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.

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

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

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

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

45. RUTHLESS
   a) Mindful  b) Compassionate  
   c) Majestic   d) Merciful

46. DELETE
   a) Impound  b) Insert  
   c) Inspire    d) Injure

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

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

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

50. SPURIOUS
   a) False  b) Genuine  
   c) Simple   d) Systematic
राजभाषा का अर्थ राजा या राज्य का भाषा है। वह भाषा जिसमें शासक या शासन का काम होता है। राष्ट्रभाषा वह है जिसका व्यवहार राष्ट्र के सामान्य जन करते ह। राजभाषा का क्षेत्र सीमित होता है। राष्ट्रभाषा सारे देश का संपक भाषा है। राष्ट्रभाषा के साथ जनता का भावात्मक लगाव रहता है। क्योंकि उसके साथ जनसाधारण का सांस्कृतिक परंपराये जुड़ी रहती ह। राजभाषा के प्रति वैश्विक सम्मान हो तो सकता है, लेकिन नहीं भी हो सकता है, क्योंकि वह अपने देश का भी हो सकती है। किसी नए देश से आए शासक का भी हो सकती है। लोकतांत्रिक व्यवस्था म आज हिंदी राजभाषा के रूप म हो विराजित है। 14 सितंबर, 1949 ई. को भारत के संविधान म हिंदी को मान्यता प्रदान की गयी है। संविधान का धारा 120 के अनुसार संसद का काय हिंदी म या अंग्रेजी म किया जाता है। धारा 210 के अंतर्गत राज्यों के विधानमंडलों का काय 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 शासकाय काय 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.
Answer key Set D English

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2-d  28-c
3-a  29-c
4-c  30-b
5-c  31-b
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