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- Q15. The first book written by an Indian in English titled 'Travels Of Dean Mohamet' was by
a. Sake Dean Mohamet b. P. Lal c. Rabindranath Tagore d. Nirad C Choudry
- Q16. This story won young Ruskin Bond the prestigious John Llewellyn Rhys prize
a. Treasure in the garden b. Cricket for crocodile c. Room on the Roof d. Frogs in the fountain
- Q17. The Novel 'Of Human Bondage' is written by
a. Robert Frost b. William Shakespeare c. O Henry d. W. Somerset Maugham
- Q18. Paradise Lost was written by
a. James Ellroy b. John Keats c. Sydney Sheldon d. John Milton
- Q19. The short love poems written by William Shakespeare are known as
a. Sonnets b. ballads c. Rhymes d. diaries
- Q20. This Indian writer was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2001.
a. R. K. Narayanan b. Salman Rushdie c. Ruskin Bond d. V S Naipaul

ANSWER KEY : BOOKS & AUTHORS

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| 1. | c | 11. | d |
| 2. | a | 12. | a |
| 3. | d | 13. | b |
| 4. | b | 14. | c |
| 5. | a | 15. | a |
| 6. | c | 16. | c |
| 7. | c | 17. | d |
| 8. | d | 18. | d |
| 9. | b | 19. | a |
| 10. | b | 20. | d |

2. LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

21. Which is a part of 'The Mahabharata'
- a) Arthashastra b) Gitanjali c) Vedas d) Bhagavad Gita
22. Author of 'Daughters of the East' :-
- a) Salim Ali b) Benazir Bhutto c) R.K. Narayan d) Mahatma Gandhi
23. The Permanent account number that Income Tax authorities give to Indian citizens:
- a) VRS b) PRS c) PAN d) GRS
24. A person who is upto date with the latest gadgets
- a) e-commerce b) user friendly c) tech savvy d) icon
25. Fear of dolls is :-
- a) chorophobia b) pediophobia c) pyrophobia d) hydrophobia
26. "We learn from History that we learn nothing from History" :
- a) Robert Frost b) Aristotle c) George Bernard Shaw d) Keats
27. Which one writes in Hindi language :
- a) Munshi Premchand b) Sant Tukaram c) Nanak Singh d) Kaifi Azmi
28. Ad Valorem :-
- a) For purpose b) In bed faith c) In secret d) According to Value
29. A greedy little boy who ate his Christmas pie without table manners:
- a) Alladin b) Dennis c) Jack Horner d) Rumpel Stilt Skin
30. 'The Animal Farm' by:
- a) Leo Tolstoy b) E.M. Forster c) Ved Vyas d) George Orwell
31. King of Denmark in Hamlet
- a) Claudius b) Mcbeth c) Duncan d) Caesar
32. "The unexamined life in not worth living" by:
- a) Mahatma Gandhi b) Thomas Edison c) Socrates d) John Milton
33. To waste time :
- a) Agog b) Kernel c) Mien d) Dawdled

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34. Spitz :

a) chocolate b) small dog c) saliva d) biscuit

35. 'The Glass Palace' written by:

a) Amitav Ghosh b) Shashi Tharoor c) R.K. Narayan d) Amit Chaudhuri

36. To put the cart before the horse

a) to put things in the wrong order b) to praise one self c) stop working d) to work hard

37. Who wrote 'Rip Van Winkle'

a) Thomas Wolfe b) Raymond Chandler c) Robert Penn Warren d) Washington Irving

38. "Superstition is the religion of feeble minds"

a) Edmund Burke b) Napoleon c) J.F. Kennedy d) F.D. Roosevelt

39. "Ramayana" is written by

a) Kautilya b) Kalidas c) Valmiki d) Vivekanand

40. 'The tunnel of time' autobiography by :

a) R.K. Narayan b) R.K. Laxman c) Adolf Hitler d) Jack Welch

ANSWER KEY : LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

21. d	31. a
22. b	32. c
23. c	33. d
24. c	34. b
25. b	35. a
26. c	36. a
27. a	37. d
28. d	38. a
29. c	39. c
30. d	40. b

3. FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

41. Name this Indian Tennis player who has turned Hollywood filmmaker?
A) Leander Paes B) Mahesh Bhupathi C) Vijay Amritraj D) Ashok Amritraj
42. With what honour has Dr. Kalam been decorated, the highest honour that an Indian citizen can receive?
A) Arjuna Award B) Padma Bhushan C) The Bharat Ratna D) Padma Vibhushan
- 43) What is the full form of the "APJ" in Dr. Kalam's name?
A) Ahmed Panthwawala Jain B) Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen C) Ali Ponnuswamy Jampiru D) Akbar Panneer Jalant
- 44) The theatre with which Shakespeare is most closely associated is the...?
A) National Advancement B) Monarch C) Globe D) Thespian
- 45) Exactly how many plays did Shakespeare write?
A) 29 B) 46 C) 40 D) 37
- 46) The disappearance of which famous queen of fiction led to a nationwide search?
A) Agatha Christie B) J K Rowling C) Sarojini Naidu D) Louisa M Allcott
- 47) Mohandas Gandhi, later called Mahatma, was born in Gujarat, India in 1869. When he was 19, he went to England to study at University College, London (UCL). What did Gandhi study in England?
A) Political Science B) Poetry C) Law D) Dentistry
- 48) Who was the first to command the Indian navy?
A) Kartik B) Katari C) Katira D) Krutari
- 49) Who was the first Muslim lady to sit in the throne of Delhi?
A) Noorjehan B) Razia Riaz Monnera C) Iltumisha D) Sultana Razia Begum
- 50) Who was the first person in India to win a Nobel Prize?
A) Nowroji B) CV Raman C) Rabindranath Tagore D) Chandrasekhar

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- 51) Florence became famous as "The Lady with the Lamp", looking after wounded British soldiers in which war?
A) Franco-Prussian War B) Afghan War C) Crimean War D) Boxer Rebellion
- 52) Disgraced cricketer Ajay Jadeja is the son-in-law of which politician?
A) Jaya Jaitley B) V.P.Singh C) Jaya Lalitha D) Jaya Prada
- 53) Which is the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity founded by Mother Theresa?
A) Nirmal Hriday B) Shishu Bhavan C) Asha Sadan D) Shanti Nagar
- 54) The 'Satyagraha Ashram' was founded in 1921 at Wardha in Maharashtra by...?
A) Mahatma Gandhi B) Jammalal Bajaj C) Acharya Vinoba Bhawe D) Mother Teresa
- 55) Who, in collaboration with the Japanese, started the 'Indian National Army', in the hope of expelling the British from India?
A) Gandhi B) Tantia Tope C) Bhagat Singh D) Subhash Chandra Bose
- 56) Rabindra Nath Tagore composed the National Anthem of...
A) India B) Bangla Desh C) India & BanglaDesh D) India and Nepal
- 57) Who is the founder of Advita philosophy?
A) Swami Vivekananda B) Basaveshwara C) Adi Shankaracharya D) Sri Ramanujacharya
- 58) Who is the only woman to have won the Nobel Prize twice?
A) Madame Cama B) Madam Curie C) Margaret Thatcher D) Mother Teresa
- 59) Which Asian leader was called "the little frown saint"?
A) Dalai lama B) Jawaharlal Nehru C) Kemal Pasha D) Gandhi
- 60) Name the first man or men to reach the North Pole?
A) Robert Peary B) Edmund Hillary C) Tensing Norway D) Yuri Gagarin

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ANSWER KEY : FAMOUS PERSONALITIES

41. D	51. C
42. C	52. A
43. B	53. A
44. C	54. B
45. D	55. D
46. A	56. C
47. C	57. C
48. B	58. B
49. D	59. D
50. C	60. A

4. ENGLISH GRAMMAR : TENSES

Fill in the blanks with the proper tense or form of the verb given in brackets :-

61. Raj and his family ----- here since May 1980 . [live]
a) is living b) have been living c) are living d) has been living
62. Our examination ----- on 4th March . [begin]
a) has begun b) is beginning c) begins d) began
63. After he ----- the roof ----- [leave , collapse]
a) left , collapsed b) has left , collapsed c) left , had collapsed
d) had left, collapsed
64. They ----- when the thief entered the bedroom . [sleep]
a) sleep b) were sleeping c) slept d) are sleeping
65. I ----- the painting just now . [finish]
a) finished b) had finished c) finish d) have finished
66. Look there , the man ----- the child . [beat]
a) is beating b) beats c) beat d) has beaten
67. When I visited him in Mumbai , he ----- there for five years . [teach]
a) teaches b) is teaching c) had been teaching d) has been teaching
68. He ----- to my house to tell me what ----- . [come , happen]
a) came , happened b) comes , happens c) came , had happened
d) had come , happened
69. Have you ----- my instructions ? [carry out]
a) carry out b) carried out c) carrying out d) had carried out
70. Delhi ----- on the Yamuna . [stand]
a) stood b) is standing c) stands d) has stood
71. I told him that I ----- hard for the last four hours. [work]
a) worked b) was working c) am working d) had been working
72. A moment ago I ----- strange news . [hear]
a) have heard b) heard c) hear d) am hearing
73. Bali ----- this book since January last . [read]
a) is reading b) reads c) has been reading d) read
74. They ----- to London next year . [go]
a) went b) go c) had gone d) are going

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75. We ----- each other for the past ten years . [know]
a) know b) are knowing c) have known d) had known
76. I shall go there after I ----- my lessons . [do]
a) did b) do c) am doing d) have done
77. The bus ----- round the corner . [come]
a) came b) comes c) is coming d) had come
78. I ----- this exercise by ten o' clock . [finish]
a) shall have finished b) have finished c) finish d) finished
79. I ----- not ----- the letter yet . [write]
a) am, written b) was , written c) have , written d) had , written
80. I ----- a letter to her yesterday . [send]
a) had sent b) have sent c) was sending d) sent

ANSWER KEY. ENGLISH GRAMMAR : TENSES

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|---------|---------|
| 61. [b] | 71. [d] |
| 62. [c] | 72. [b] |
| 63.[d] | 73. [c] |
| 64.[b] | 74. [d] |
| 65.[d] | 75. [c] |
| 66.[a] | 76. [d] |
| 67.[c] | 77. [c] |
| 68.[c] | 78. [a] |
| 69.[b] | 79. [c] |
| 70. [c] | 80. [d] |

5. QUOTATIONS

Choose the correct answer:

81. "Fortune befriends the bold".
a. Milton b. Dryden c. Keats d. Plato
82. "Early to bed early to rise Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise".
a. Franklin b. Disraeli c. Johnson d. Shakespeare
83. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever".
a. Socrates b. Tolstoy c. Keats d. Milton
84. "Clever men are good, but they are not the best".
a. Voltaire b. Emerson c. Wordsworth d. Carlyle
85. "Common sense is not so common".
a. Voltaire b. Disraeli c. Hazlitt d. Emerson
86. "Brevity is the soul of wit".
a. Carlyle b. Shakespeare c. Pope d. Socrates
87. "The child is the father of the man".
a. Keats b. Pope c. Wordsworth d. Milton
88. "Self trust is the essence of heroism".
a. Disraeli b. Emerson c. Voltaire d. Carlyle
89. "The secret of success is constancy to purpose".
a. Disraeli b. Tolstoy c. Rousseau d. Galsworthy
90. "Silence is one great art of conversation".
a. George Moor b. Shakespeare c. Karl Marx d. Hazlitt
91. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread".
a. Pope b. Tolstoy c. Mahatma Gandhi d. Dryden
92. "Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor".
a. Sydney Smith b. Francis Bacon c. Aristotle d. Bernard Shaw
93. "All happy families resemble one another; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way".
a. Shakespeare b. Hazlitt c. Tolstoy d. Socrates
94. "Fame is the perfume of heroic deeds".
a. Socrates b. Nehru c. Tagore d. Tolstoy
95. "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges".
a. Nissim Ezekiel b. S.Radhakrishnan. c. V.Samuel d. J.F.Newton
96. "A sound mind in a sound body, is a short but full description of a happy state in this world".
a. John Locke b. Goethe c. Newton d. Mark Twain
97. "It is easy to hate, but it is easy healthy to love".
a. V. Samuel b. T.F.Newton c. S.Radhakrishnan d. Confucius
98. "Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains".
a. Voltaire b. Rousseau c. Tolstoy d. Socrates
99. "Style is the shadow of personality".
a. V. Samuel b. Cardinal Newman c. Kautilya d. Aristotle
100. "One cannot reach truth, by untruthfulness
Truthful conduct alone can reach truth".
a. Swami Sivananda b. Fielding c. Aristotle d. Mahatma Gandhi

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Answer Key: QUOTATIONS

81. b	91.a
82. a	92.b
83.c	93.c
84.d	94.a
85.a	95.d
86.b	96.a
87. c	97.c
88.b	98.b
89.a	99.b
90.d	100.d

6. WORDS AND PHRASES

Choose the correct answer for the following words and phrases from the given choices:

101. contrived
a. managed to do something inspite of difficulties
b. unable to do anything
c. confused.
d. excited
102. hallucination
a. unable to hear anything
b. seeing or hearing things that are not really there
c. unable to see anything.
d. a dream
103. flutter across
a. move in a slow manner
b. move in an orderly manner
c. move in a haphazard way
d. move in a quick manner
104. agog with excitement
a. very excited
b. with less excitement
c. with no excitement at all
d. very quick to react
105. take one to task
a. criticize or scold someone
b. to disagree with someone
c. to praise someone
d. to convince someone
106. rapt attention
a. with less interest
b. with complete attention
c. with great joy
d. with no attention at all
107. entrepreneur
a. a person who makes money by starting new business
b. a person who sells miscellaneous items
c. a hawker.
d. a vendor
108. infiltrate
a. group of attackers
b. men from neighbouring country
c. terrorists
d. secretly and gradually gain access
109. renunciation
a. improvement
b. an act of abandoning something
c. distinguished
d. an act of accepting something

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110. volatile
- a. the property cannot be changed
 - b. the property can be changed
 - c. liable to change rapidly
 - d. unable to change rapidly
111. salubrious
- a. good for one's health
 - b. bad for one's health
 - c. unsuitable for one's health.
 - d. unwanted for health
112. astound
- a. surprise
 - b. excitement
 - c. thrill
 - d. saddened
113. run out of
- a. nothing left
 - b. a pending job
 - c. a well planned system
 - d. completely filled
114. explode with impatience
- a. can wait patiently
 - b. not in a hurry
 - c. in a hurry
 - d. couldn't wait any longer.
115. bafflement
- a. thrilled
 - b. excited
 - c. puzzled.
 - d. confused
116. obstinate
- a. stubbornly refusing to change one's mind
 - b. a state in which you do whatever someone else wants you to do.
 - c. a state where you remain idle.
 - d. willing to change
117. neo-literate
- a. people who are illiterate
 - b. young people who are illiterate
 - c. those who recently learned to read and write
 - d. group of old people
118. panicked
- a. without expression
 - b. reacted in a fearless manner
 - c. reacted in an unhealthy way.
 - d. reacted in a frightened manner
119. pandemonium
- a. a quiet situation
 - b. a confused state
 - c. a situation where there is a lot of noise and confusion.
 - d. an unhealthy situation

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120. picture window

- a. a large window with one pane of glass
- b. a large window with several glass panes
- c. a small window with several glass panes.
- d. a French window.

ANSWER KEY : WORDS AND PHRASES

101. a 102. b 103. d 104. a 105. a 106. b 107. a 108. d 109. b 110. c

111. a 112. a 113. a. 114.d 115.c 116. a 117. c 118. d 119. c 120. A

7. ABBREVIATIONS:

121	lb	
	A	public limited company
	B	gross national product
	C	pound (weight)
	D	Incorporated

122	C.E.O.	
	A	copies to
	B	Chief Executive Officer
	C	any other business
	D	approximately

123	I.O.U.	
	A	public limited company
	B	I owe you
	C	pound (weight)
	D	incorporated

124	Jr.	
	A	public limited company
	B	I owe you
	C	pound (weight)
	D	junior

125	mo.	
	A	public limited company
	B	I owe you
	C	junior
	D	month

126	Inc.	
	A	gross domestic product
	B	gross national product
	C	hire purchase
	D	Incorporated

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127	H.P.	
	A	gross domestic product
	B	hire purchase
	C	cash on delivery
	D	extraordinary general meeting
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128	VAT	
	A	public relations
	B	please turn over
	C	per week
	D	value added tax
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129	N/A	
	A	not applicable
	B	I owe you
	C	pound (weight)
	D	Junior
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130	p.w.	
	A	public relations
	B	please turn over
	C	per week
	D	per annum
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131	Nb	
	A	not applicable
	B	pay attention to this
	C	pound (weight)
	D	junior
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132	plc	
	A	public limited company
	B	gross national product
	C	hire purchase
	D	incorporated
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133	PA	
	A	not applicable
	B	pay attention to this

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	C	personal assistant
	D	junior
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134	p.a.	
	A	not applicable
	B	pay attention to this
	C	personal assistant
	D	per annum
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135	Ltd.	
	A	gross domestic product
	B	hire purchase
	C	incorporated
	D	limited company
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136	pd.	
	A	pay attention to this
	B	personal assistant
	C	per annum
	D	paid
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137	PR	
	A	public relations
	B	pay attention to this
	C	personal assistant
	D	per annum
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138	Cc	
	A	copies to
	B	Account
	C	annual general meeting
	D	any other business
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139	PTO	
	A	public relations
	B	please turn over
	C	personal assistant
	D	per annum

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ANSWER KEY :

- 121- C
 - 122- B
 - 123- B
 - 124- D
 - 125- E
 - 126- D
 - 127- C
 - 128- D
 - 129- A
 - 130- C
 - 131- B
 - 132- A
 - 133- C
 - 134- D
 - 135- E
 - 136- E
 - 137- A
 - 138- A
 - 139- B
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