

## PART - I

Each question carries one mark.

50 × 1 = 50

## SECTION - A

## TEST OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Direction ( Question Nos. 1 to 2 ) : Choose from the alternatives the antonyms of the underlined words :

1. He has a reputation for intellectual arrogance.

- (A) superiority (B) inferiority  
(C) ignorance (D) humility.

2. The soldier showed great courage in battle.

- (A) bravery (B) discouragement  
(C) cowardice (D) fearfulness.

Direction ( Question Nos. 3 to 4 ) : Choose from the alternatives the most appropriate transformation of the given sentence :

3. I will not come if you don't invite me.

- (A) I will come unless you invite me  
(B) I won't come unless you invite me  
(C) I won't come unless you don't invite me  
(D) I will come even if you don't invite me.

4. Sachin is the greatest Indian batsman.

- (A) No Indian batsman is so great as Sachin  
(B) Very few Indian batsmen are as great as Sachin  
(C) No other Indian batsman is so great as Sachin  
(D) No other Indian batsman is greater than Sachin.

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Direction ( Question Nos. 5 to 6 ) : Choose from the alternatives the synonyms of underlined words :

5. Many people are in favour of a law permitting euthanasia.
- (A) mercy killing (B) capital punishment  
(C) marriage of the same sex (D) forgetfulness.
6. Some educationists suffer from a myopic outlook.
- (A) confused (B) short-sighted  
(C) sadistic (D) holistic.

Direction ( Question Nos. 7 to 16 ) : Fill in the blanks choosing the appropriate answer from the alternatives :

7. One of Mahatma Gandhi's best friends was ..... European.
- (A) the (B) an  
(C) a (D) some.
8. What's the time ..... your watch ?
- (A) in (B) by  
(C) on (D) to.
9. I was looking forward ..... you.
- (A) to meet (B) to have met  
(C) for meeting (D) to meeting.
10. Everyone brought ..... lunch.
- (A) his/her (B) their  
(C) one's (D) everyone's.
11. The little boy ..... with the dog.
- (A) befriended (B) made friends  
(C) made friendly (D) made friend.

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12. The balloon ..... when the child stepped on it.

- (A) bursted (B) busted  
(C) had bursted (D) burst.

13. If he ..... hard, he would have succeeded.

- (A) was worked (B) worked  
(C) had worked (D) would have worked.

14. I would have attended the meeting if I ..... time.

- (A) had had (B) have had  
(C) had (D) would have had.

15. Most people did not know the secret, only ..... knew about it.

- (A) a few (B) few  
(C) none (D) less.

16. He knows about it, .....

- (A) isn't he ? (B) isn't it ?  
(C) didn't he ? (D) doesn't he ?

Direction ( Question Nos. 17 to 18 ) : Fill in the blanks with the correct answer from the alternatives :

17. The novel "The Guide" was written by .....

- (A) R. K. Narayan (B) Dr. U. R. Ananthamurthy  
(C) Mulk Raj Anand (D) Raja Rao.

18. Shylock is a character in Shakespeare's .....

- (A) As You Like It (B) Antony and Cleopatra  
(C) The Merchant of Venice (D) Hamlet.

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Direction ( Question Nos. 19 to 20 ) : The following sentences are divided into A, B and C. There may be a grammatical error in each of these sentences. Choose the group of words which contains the error. If there is no error, choose D.

19. It is I who is responsible for this mess No error  
 A B C D
20. The Chief Minister with all his cabinet colleagues is attending the meeting No error  
 A B C D

Direction ( Question Nos. 21 to 23 ) : Choose from the alternatives the one word substitutes for the following definitions :

21. The science that studies earthquakes :  
 (A) Seismology (B) Geology  
 (C) Indology (D) Geography.
22. A person with unusual, unconventional behaviour :  
 (A) Cynic (B) Stoic  
 (C) Sadist (D) Eccentric.
23. A person who helps another in a criminal act :  
 (A) Convict (B) Culprit  
 (C) Accomplice (D) Witness.

Direction ( Question Nos. 24 to 25 ) : Choose from the alternatives the meanings of the underlined idioms/phrases :

24. We should not build castles in the air.  
 (A) pollute the air  
 (B) have concrete buildings  
 (C) create bubbles in the air  
 (D) have plans that are unlikely to be fulfilled.
25. Those who work on daily wages struggle to make both ends meet.  
 (A) meet their end soon  
 (B) balance income and expenditure  
 (C) earn money  
 (D) arrange a meeting.

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