



Question Paper Version : B

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**Professional Writing Skills in English**

(COMMON TO ALL BRANCHES)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES [Max. Marks: 100]

1. Answer all the Hundred questions, each question carries ONE mark.
2. Use only Black ball point pen for writing / darkening the circles.
3. For each question, after selecting your answer, darken the appropriate circle corresponding to the same question number on the OMR sheet.
4. Darkening two circles for the same question makes the answer invalid.
5. Damaging/overwriting, using whiteners on the OMR sheets are strictly prohibited.

Questions on Verb Correction:

1. Correct the sentence if necessary. The girl is taking biscuits every day.
  - a) ~~The girl is taking biscuits every day.~~
  - b) The girl takes biscuits every day.
  - c) The girls is taken biscuits every day.
  - d) None of these.
2. Correct the sentence if necessary. He takes milk every day.
  - a) He takes milk every day.
  - b) He is taking milk every day.
  - c) He is taken milk every day.
  - d) ~~None of these.~~
3. Correct the sentence if necessary. They are coming here regularly.
  - a) ~~They are coming here regularly.~~
  - b) They are come here regularly.
  - c) ~~They come here regularly.~~
  - d) None of these.
4. I am studying every morning from 5-8 A.M.
  - a) I am studying every morning from 5-8 A.M.
  - b) ~~I have been studying every morning from 5-8 A.M.~~
  - c) I study every morning from 5-8 A.M.
  - d) None of these.
5. Every evening, he is going for a walk.
  - a) Every evening, he is going for a walk.
  - b) ~~Every evening, he goes for a walk.~~
  - c) Every evening, he has been going for a walk.
  - d) None of these.
6. A writer must not convey information with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) precision
  - b) clarity
  - c) randomness
  - d) truth

7. Which of these are to be avoided in any style of writing?
  - a) Truth
  - b) ~~Clarity~~
  - c) Compassion
  - d) Dishonesty
8. Which of these reports are used in business?
  - a) ~~Formal technical reports~~
  - b) Informal reports
  - c) Personal reports
  - d) Musical reports
9. Which of the following is NOT a method of writing a non-formal letter?
  - a) Filling in a blank form
  - b) Form of a letter
  - c) Form of a memorandum
  - d) ~~Form of a notice~~
10. A non-formal report written in the form of letter is similar to a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) friendly letter
  - b) ~~Business letter~~
  - c) complaint letter
  - d) notice
11. Which of these does not come under reports?
  - a) News items
  - b) Memorandums
  - c) ~~Notice~~
  - d) Report cards
12. Which of these is not a parameter of a formal report?
  - a) ~~Presentation~~
  - b) Complaint
  - c) Information
  - d) Request
13. Meaning of "Fly by night"
  - a) ~~Night journey~~
  - b) A bird busy in night
  - c) Cat's eye
  - d) Swindler
14. Synonym of Exhort
  - a) Weak Plea
  - b) ~~To urge strongly~~
  - c) Beg
  - d) Borrow
15. Antonym of Blunt
  - a) ~~Easy~~
  - b) Lazy
  - c) Sharp
  - d) Speedy
16. Antonym of Brave
  - a) Achieve
  - b) Gain
  - c) ~~Give~~
  - d) Cowardly
17. Synonym of Abjure
  - a) ~~To give~~
  - b) To take back
  - c) Happy
  - d) Sorry
18. Synonym of Abrogate
  - a) Create
  - b) Run
  - c) Fascinate
  - d) ~~Abolish~~
19. Unfortunately, he \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money to the bank.
  - a) Borrowed
  - b) ~~Owed~~
  - c) Deposited
  - d) Lent
20. I \_\_\_\_\_ the apartment all day yesterday.
  - a) Clear
  - b) Washed out
  - c) ~~Cleaned up~~
  - d) None of these
21. The train \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as the bus.
  - a) ~~went~~
  - b) running
  - c) ~~moves~~
  - d) going
22. He was seen \_\_\_\_\_ to the school.
  - a) went
  - b) going
  - c) gone
  - d) ~~go~~
23. She \_\_\_\_\_ in the sun for 1 hour.
  - a) sitting
  - b) ~~has been sitting~~
  - c) has been sit
  - d) has sit

24. ~~a) will~~ it help you in your studies?  
b) was c) is d) are
25. I never seen such a picture before  
a) did b) was c) ~~have~~ d) has
26. Words of same sound is?  
a) Soundryms b) Antonyms c) ~~Homonyms~~ d) None of these
27. Sounding the same but spelt differently?  
a) ~~Symphonius~~ b) Homophonous c) Synonyms d) Sannonymous
28. Choose the correct answer?  
a) My friend has got a new job b) My friend has got a new work  
c) My friend is got a new job d) ~~My friend did got a new job~~
29. Choose the correct sentence.  
a) Do you like a glass of water? b) ~~Would you like a glass of water?~~  
c) Would you like the glass of water? d) Do you like the glass of water?
30. Antonym of Ad-lib?  
a) Improvise b) ~~Extemporized~~ c) Deliberate d) Spontaneous
31. We at the party.  
a) Enjoyed ourself b) Enjoyed ourselves c) ~~Played with~~ d) None of these
32. Choose a correct sentence below :  
a) ~~There are seven girls in the class.~~ b) There is seven girls in the class.  
c) There are seven girl in the class. d) There is seven girl in the class.
33. I write a letter to the Principal yesterday  
a) write b) forward c) ~~mailed~~ d) have signed
34. Choose the correct statement :  
a) Although he was hurt, but he continued to walk.  
b) ~~Although he was hurt, he continued to walk.~~  
c) He was hurt, he continued to walk.  
d) Although he continued to walk, he was hurt.
35. Choose the correct statement :  
a) There were between 8 to 10 policemen present.  
b) There were between 8 and 10 policemen present.  
c) There were among 8 to 10 policemen present.  
d) ~~There were atleast 8 and 10 policemen present.~~
36. Meaning of See Eye to Eye  
a) To agree fully b) ~~Not agreeing fully~~ c) In a battle field d) Angry
37. He earned a very good grade in the examination  
a) Earned b) Given c) Received d) ~~None of these~~

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38. We at the party late  
a) ~~arrived~~ b) went c) played d) saw
39. The patient in his sleep  
a) Woke up b) Died c) ~~Cried off~~ d) None of these
40. I was delighted her answer.  
a) On b) ~~At~~ c) For d) In
41. I have no doubt it.  
a) At b) On c) ~~Upon~~ d) About
42. I assure you your safety  
a) Off b) ~~Of~~ c) From d) With
43. He competed me for the prize.  
a) Off b) With c) ~~To~~ d) Of
44. He is difficulties  
a) ~~In~~ b) On c) From d) With
45. He is true his words  
a) With b) ~~On~~ c) To d) For
46. The fan is my head  
a) Above b) On c) ~~To~~ d) With
47. You can see the house the trees  
a) To b) ~~On~~ c) With d) Among
48. Which of these is not a characteristic of a good essay?  
a) Brevity b) ~~Dignified style~~ c) Fakeness d) Personal touch
49. Which of these should be avoided in a good essay?  
a) Slang b) Dignified words c) Brevity d) ~~Unity~~
50. Which of these is not a type of essay?  
a) Narrative essay b) ~~Descriptive essay~~ c) Argumentative essay d) Personal essay
51. Which of these essays tells a story?  
a) Narrative essays b) ~~Descriptive essays~~  
c) Reflective essays d) Argumentative essays
52. In which of these essays, the writer arrives at a conclusion by logical reasoning?  
a) Narrative essays b) ~~Descriptive essays~~  
c) Reflective essays d) Argumentative essays
53. essays are a collection of one's thoughts  
a) Narrative b) Expository c) ~~Argumentative~~ d) Reflective

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54. Which of these explains a subject?  
 a) Narrative essays  
 c) Argumentative essays  
~~b) Expository essays~~  
 d) Reflective essays
55. Which kind of essay uses the five senses (touch, smell, taste, sound, sight) to enhance the imagery of the setting?  
~~a) Narrative essays~~  
 c) Expository essays  
 b) Descriptive essays  
 d) Argumentative essays
56. Indirect speech is also called as :  
 a) Reported speech b) Quoted speech  
~~c) Simple speech~~ d) Principal speech
57. A \_\_\_\_\_ report provides information on scientific tests carried out by engineers or scientists  
 a) progress ~~b) periodic~~  
 c) laboratory d) trouble
58. Convert the following direct speech to indirect :  
 She said, "My mother is cooking food."  
 a) She said that her mother was cooking food.  
 b) She said that my mother was cooking food.  
~~c) She said that her mother is cooking food.~~  
 d) She said that my mother is cooking food.
59. Change the speech for the following statement :  
 She said, "The man died in the afternoon."  
 a) She said the man died in the afternoon.  
~~b) She said that the man had died in the afternoon.~~  
 c) She had said the man died in the afternoon.  
 d) She said the man was dead in the afternoon.
60. Convert the following statement in direct speech to indirect :  
 He said to me, "I don't believe you."  
~~a) He said he didn't believe me.~~  
 c) He said he don't believe me.  
 b) He said I don't believe you.  
 d) He said I didn't believe you.
61. If the subject is of singular number, third person, in what number and person will the verb be?  
 a) Singular number, first person.  
 c) Plural number, first person.  
~~b) Singular number, third person.~~  
 d) Plural number, third person.
62. Fill in the blank: Neither he nor I \_\_\_\_\_ present.  
 a) were b) was ~~c) are~~ d) am
63. Convert the affirmative sentence into a negative sentence:  
 Mili is prettier than Neha.  
 a) Neha is not as pretty as Mili.  
~~c) Neha is not as prettier as Mili.~~  
 b) Mili is not as pretty as Neha.  
 d) Mili is not prettier than Neha.
64. Convert the following interrogative sentence to an assertive sentence:  
 Who would not love his country?  
 a) No one loves his country.  
 c) Someone loves his country.  
~~b) Everyone loves his country.~~  
 d) Everyone loves the country.
65. Convert the following compound sentence into a simple sentence:  
 We must eat, or we cannot live.  
 a) We must live to eat.  
 c) We can't live if we eat.  
~~b) We must eat to live.~~  
 d) We can't eat if we live.
- General English Questions on Adjectives:
66. Correct the sentence if necessary. She is senior than me.  
~~a) She is senior than me.~~  
 c) She is senior then me.  
 b) She is senior to me.  
 d) None of these.
67. Correct the sentence if necessary. He is junior than me.  
 a) He is junior than me.  
 c) He is junior to me.  
 b) He is junior then me.  
~~d) None of these.~~
68. Correct the sentence if necessary. He is senior to her.  
 a) He is senior than her.  
~~c) He is senior to her.~~  
 b) He is senior then her.  
 d) None of these.
69. This is preferable than that.  
~~a) This is preferable than that.~~  
 c) This is preferable to that.  
 b) This is preferable then that.  
 d) None of these.
70. My sister is elder than me.  
 a) My sister is elder than me.  
 c) My sister is elder then me.  
~~b) My sister is elder to me.~~  
 d) None of these.
- General English Questions on Pronoun Correction:
71. Correct the sentence if necessary. One should respect his elders.  
~~a) One should respect his elders.~~  
 c) One should respect one's elders.  
 b) One should respect her elders.  
 d) None of these.
72. Correct the sentence if necessary. One should respect his own country.  
 a) One should respect his own country.  
 c) One should respect their own country.  
~~b) One should respect her own country.~~  
 d) One should respect one's country.
73. Correct the sentence if necessary. One must love his parents.  
~~a) One must love her parents.~~  
 c) One must love their parents.  
 b) One must love his parents.  
 d) One must love one's parents.
74. Correct the sentence if necessary. I and Jimmy went home.  
 a) I and Jimmy went home.  
 c) a and b  
~~b) Jimmy and I went home.~~  
 d) None of these.
75. Correct the sentence if necessary. I and she are friends.  
 a) I and she are friends.  
 c) She and me are friends.  
~~b) She and I are friends.~~  
 d) None of these.

76. Correct the sentence if necessary. I and Dhoni went to college.  
 a) I and Dhoni went to college.  
 b) Dhoni and I went to college.  
 c) Dhoni and me went to college.  
 d) None of these.
77. Correct the sentence if necessary. Both he and you must attend the meeting.  
 a) Both he and you must attend the meeting.  
 b) Both you and he must attend the meeting.  
 c) a and b  
 d) None of these.
78. Correct the sentence if necessary. Peter invited me and you to dinner.  
 a) Peter invited you and me to dinner.  
 b) Peter invited me and you to dinner.  
 c) a and b  
 d) None of these.
79. Correct the sentence if necessary. I, you and she can do it.  
 a) I, you and she can do it.  
 b) You, I and she can do it.  
 c) You, she and I can do it.  
 d) She, you and I can do it.
80. Correct the sentence if necessary. None of the three questions are simple.  
 a) None of the three questions are simple.  
 b) None of the three questions is simple.  
 c) a and b  
 d) None of these.

General English Grammar: Select the correct option.

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81. Her thinking leans \_\_\_\_\_ democracy.  
 a) with  
 b) towards  
 c) for  
 d) None of these
82. He got too tired \_\_\_\_\_ over work.  
 a) because of  
 b) because of  
 c) on  
 d) for
83. \_\_\_\_\_ his principles, he has to be very careful.  
 a) with regard of  
 b) with regard on  
 c) with regard to  
 d) None of these
84. Building has been built \_\_\_\_\_ the new plan.  
 a) accordance to  
 b) in accordance with  
 c) for  
 d) about
85. He crossed the broken bridge \_\_\_\_\_ warning.  
 a) in spite of  
 b) in spite off  
 c) on  
 d) about
86. Which of these do not deal with precise information?  
 a) Engineer  
 b) Scientist  
 c) Technician  
 d) Fiction writer
87. In an office, an employee communicates horizontally with his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) superiors  
 b) subordinates  
 c) colleagues  
 d) assistant
88. An average length of sentence in a paragraph should be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) 15 to 20 words  
 b) 25 to 30 words  
 c) 2 to 5 words  
 d) 5 to 10 words
89. Which of these is not a feature of a paragraph?  
 a) Length  
 b) Unity  
 c) Coherence  
 d) Correctness

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90. Which of these is not an important feature of a paragraph?  
 a) Length  
 b) Breadth  
 c) Unity  
 d) Coherence
91. Resume is called curriculum vitae in \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a) India  
 b) France  
 c) North America  
 d) South America
92. Which of these letters are in response to an advertisement?  
 a) Solicited letters  
 b) Unsolicited letters  
 c) Letters of enquiry  
 d) Letters of complaint
93. Which of these letters of application must include a statement of the writer's age?  
 a) For complaint  
 b) For employment  
 c) For enquiry  
 d) For adjustment
94. Technical writing demands \_\_\_\_\_ use of language.  
 a) figurative  
 b) poetic  
 c) factual  
 d) dramatic
95. Which of these must be avoided in technical writing?  
 a) Facts  
 b) Grammar  
 c) Punctuation  
 d) Personal feelings
96. Which of these words is used in technical writing?  
 a) Apex  
 b) Top  
 c) Slanting  
 d) Bottom
97. Which of these is a technical word for slanting?  
 a) Lateral  
 b) Sloping  
 c) Tilting  
 d) Bent
98. Which of these should be avoided for an effective speech?  
 a) Planning of speech  
 b) Preparation of speech  
 c) Long sentences  
 d) Organization
99. Which of these should be avoided during the delivery of a speech?  
 a) Confidence  
 b) Clarity  
 c) Pauses  
 d) Rudeness
100. Which of these is not a type of public speech?  
 a) Short speech  
 b) Informal speech  
 c) Written speech  
 d) Professional speech

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