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Question Paper Version : B

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### Professional Writing Skills in English

[Max. Marks: 50]

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. Answer all the **fifty** 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.

1. Identify the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
  - a) The majority of the population is happy with the new policy
  - b) The majority of the population are happy with the new policy
  - c) The majority of the population were happy with the new policy
  - d) The majority of the population am happy with the new policy
2. Choose the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
  - a) My family is going on vacation next week
  - b) My family are going on vacation next week
  - c) My family were going on vacation next week
  - d) My family am going on vacation next week
3. Identify the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
  - a) The price of these shoes are too high
  - b) The price of these shoes is too high
  - c) The price of these shoes were too high
  - d) The price of these shoes am too high
4. Choose the correct form of the verb to complete the sentence :  
“She \_\_\_\_\_ her homework before dinner”.
  - a) finish
  - b) finishes
  - c) finished
  - d) finishing
5. Which sentence uses the verb “to swim” in the past tense correctly?
  - a) She swimmied across the lake
  - b) She swam across the lake
  - c) She swims across the lake
  - d) She has swum across the lake
6. Identify the sentence with the correct form of the verb “to be” in the present progressive tense :
  - a) He are studying for the exam
  - b) He am studying for the exam
  - c) He is studying for the exam
  - d) He be studying for the exam

7. Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence :  
 "She was able to think on her \_\_\_\_\_ during the presentation".  
 a) head                      b) feet                      c) nose                      d) ears
8. Which idiom means "to tell someone a secret"?  
 a) Spill the beans      b) Hit the sack      c) Kick the bucket      d) Break the ice
9. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence :  
 "Can you please \_\_\_\_\_ the window? It's getting hot in here".  
 a) break up              b) break down              c) break in              d) break out
10. What does the phrasal verb "to put off" mean?  
 a) To postpone              b) To turn off              c) To put away              d) To put on
11. Identify the correct usage of the word "whom" :  
 a) To who shall I address this letter?      b) Whom did you see at the party?  
 c) Whom is responsible for this mess?      d) Whom wants to go to the concert?
12. Choose the correct transformation of the sentence into reported speech :  
 "She said, 'I have already finished my work'".  
 a) She said that she already finished her work  
 b) She says that she has already finished her work  
 c) She said that she had already finished her work  
 d) She says that she had already finished her work.
13. Select the option with correct subject – verb agreement :  
 a) The committee is discussing the issue now  
 b) The committee are discussing the issue now  
 c) The committee were discussing the issue now  
 d) The committee am discussing the issue now.
14. Identify the error in the sentence : "She don't have enough time to finish the project".  
 a) She                      b) don't                      c) have                      d) enough
15. Which part of the sentence contains the error :  
 "The children are playing in the park yesterday".  
 a) The children              b) are playing              c) in the park              d) yesterday
16. Find the error in the sentence : "He are a talented musician".  
 a) He                      b) are                      c) a talented musician      d) No error
17. Where is the error in the sentence : "The cake is laying on the table".  
 a) The cake              b) is laying              c) on the table              d) No error
18. Which sentence demonstrates correct subject – verb agreement?  
 a) There is many books on the shelf      b) There are many books on the shelf  
 c) There was many books on the shelf      d) There were many books on the shelf



19. Identify the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- Neither of the boys are going to the party
  - Neither of the boys is going to the party
  - Neither of the boys were going to the party
  - Neither of the boys am going to the party
20. Choose the sentence with correct subject – verb agreement :
- The news are interesting
  - The news is interesting
  - The news were interesting
  - The news am interesting
21. Choose the correct sentence :
- The children is playing in the park yesterday
  - The children was playing in the park yesterday
  - The children were playing in the park yesterday
  - The children are playing in the park yesterday.
22. Identify the error in sentence : “The price of these shoes are too high”.
- The price
  - of these shoes
  - are
  - too high
23. Choose the correct sentence :
- She enjoys to read
  - She enjoys reading
  - She enjoys reads
  - She enjoys read
24. Identify the error in the sentence : “He speak French fluently”.
- He
  - Speak
  - French fluently
  - No error
25. Choose the correct sentence :
- The news are interesting
  - The news is interesting
  - The news were interesting
  - The news an interesting
26. Which option best completes the collocation : “\_\_\_\_\_ a shower”?
- Take
  - Do
  - Make
  - Have
27. Identify the correct collocation : “\_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee”.
- Make
  - Do
  - Have
  - Take
28. Choose the correct collocation : “\_\_\_\_\_ a decision”.
- Make
  - Do
  - Have
  - Take
29. What is the contraction of “they are”?
- Their
  - They're
  - There
  - Theres
30. Choose the correct contraction : “He will not” becomes \_\_\_\_\_.
- He'll not
  - He's not
  - He won't
  - He'sn't
31. Identify the correct phrasal verb “I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my old clothes to make space for the new ones”.
- thrown in
  - thrown off
  - thrown out
  - thrown up
32. Which phrasal verb means “to begin to understand something”?
- Catch on
  - Hold on
  - Put on
  - Turn on

33. Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence :  
 "I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this report before tomorrow's meeting".  
 a) bring up                      b) bring out                      c) bring in                      d) bring forward
34. What is the meaning of the word "Capricious"?  
 a) Friendly and outgoing                      b) Predictable and reliable  
 c) Unpredictable and impulsive                      d) Serious and solemn
35. Choose the correct definition of "Obfuscate".  
 a) To clarify or elucidate                      b) To confuse or obscure  
 c) To enlighten or illuminate                      d) To simplify or streamline
36. What does the word "cogent" mean?  
 a) Weak or unconvincing                      b) Clear, logical and convincing  
 c) Indecisive or hesitant                      d) Fanciful or imaginative
37. Select the synonym for "perfidious".  
 a) Loyal                      b) Trustworthy                      c) Faithful                      d) Treacherous
38. Arrange the following sentences in the correct order :  
 i) He woke up early in the morning                      ii) After breakfast, he went for a jog  
 iii) Then, he took a shower                      iv) Finally, he got ready for work.  
 a) i, ii, iii, iv                      b) iii, ii, i, iv                      c) ii, iv, iii, i                      d) iv, iii, ii, i
39. Arrange the following sentences to form a coherent paragraph :  
 i) The company announced a new product launch. **CMRIT LIBRARY**  
 ii) Customers eagerly awaited the release **BANGALORE - 560 037**  
 iii) The product received positive reviews from critics.  
 iv) Sales exceeded expectations.  
 a) i, ii, iii, iv                      b) iii, ii, i, iv                      c) ii, iii, iv, i                      d) ii, i, iii, iv
40. Identify the error in the sentence : "She don't have enough time to finish the project".  
 a) she                      b) don't                      c) have                      d) enough
41. Identify the contraction of "could not" :  
 a) Couldn't                      b) Could'nt                      c) Could'not                      d) Could'nat
42. What is the correct word order for a question in English?  
 a) Subject – Verb – Object                      b) Object – Verb – Subject  
 c) Verb – Subject – Object                      d) Subject – Object – Verb
43. Which option represents the correct word order for an affirmative sentence in English?  
 a) Subject – Object – Verb                      b) Object – Verb – Subject  
 c) Verb – Subject – Object                      d) Subject – Verb – Object
44. Choose the correct word order for a negative sentence in English :  
 a) Object – Verb – Subject                      b) Subject – Verb – Object  
 c) Verb – Subject – Object                      d) Subject – Object – Verb



45. Identify the correct word order for a sentence in English :  
a) She eats breakfast every morning      b) Eats she breakfast every morning  
c) Every morning she eats breakfast      d) East breakfast she every morning
46. Choose the sentence in the passive voice :  
a) She wrote a letter      b) A letter was written by her  
c) She is writing a letter      d) She has written a letter
47. Choose the sentence with the correct transformation into reported speech :  
"He said, "I will help you tomorrow".  
a) He said that he would help me the next day  
b) He says that he will help me tomorrow  
c) He said that he help me tomorrow  
d) He said that he helped me the next day
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