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Section—A : Multiple Choice Questions

PART—I (Core Subject)

1. Which of the following plays by Marlowe used a German work about an early 16th century scholar who claimed to have powers of black magic?
[A] *The Jew of Malta*
[B] *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus*
[C] *Tamburlaine the Great*
[D] *Dido, queen of Carthage*
2. John Keats directed that the epitaph on his grave should read,
[A] Bright star, would I were steadfast as thou art
[B] He will awake no more, oh, never more!
[C] Here lies one whose name was writ in water
[D] Beauty is truth, truth beauty
3. Which of the following statements is **not true** about the Victorian Age?
[A] A sense of doubt pervaded much of Victorian literature
[B] During the Victorian age, England established an empire “on which the sun never sets”
[C] Pre-Raphaelite poets were deeply attached to contemporary issues
[D] Fantasies and science fiction became popular in the late Victorian period
4. Which of the following is **not** an example of a sonnet cycle?
[A] *Astrophil and Stella* by Philip Sidney
[B] *Amoretti* by Edmund Spenser
[C] *The House of Life* by Dante Gabriel Rossetti
[D] *Gathered Leaves* by Mary Coleridge
5. Which of the following is **not** a form of comic verse?
[A] Eclogue
[B] Limerick
[C] Clerihew
[D] Doggerel
6. The most important element of a tragedy, in Aristotle’s view, is
[A] plot
[B] character
[C] spectacle
[D] propriety
7. ‘Allegory of the cave’ is presented in
[A] Aristotle’s *Poetics*
[B] *Ars Poetica* by Horace
[C] *The Defence of Poesy* by Philip Sidney
[D] Plato’s *Republic*
8. In which of the following works is a parallel between a card game and the battle of the sexes developed?
[A] *Pamela*
[B] *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman*
[C] *The Rape of the Lock*
[D] *Absalom and Achitophel*
9. Which of the following statements **does not** apply to the writers of the Romantic period?
[A] They glorified emotions
[B] Many of them idealized the peasants and the child
[C] Many of them shunned individualism
[D] Many of them were fascinated by the remote

10. Which of the following statements related to Coleridge's 'Kubla Khan' is **untrue**?
- [A] In the poem the "sunny pleasure-dome with caves of ice" brings together nature and artifice
 - [B] The poem is about the creation of art
 - [C] The Abyssinian maid of the poem sings of Alph, the sacred river
 - [D] The artist represented in the poem is to be regarded with 'holy dread'
11. Which of the following statements related to Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* is **untrue**?
- [A] Thrushcross Grange symbolizes the rational, civilized world
 - [B] The novel adopts a linear first-person narrative technique
 - [C] The storm-swept moorland of the novel is imaginatively close to that of *King Lear*
 - [D] Heathcliff is one of the most fascinating hero-villains in English literature
12. The horror of Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* lies in
- [A] Kurtz's degeneration and ultimate despair
 - [B] Marlow's realization that he too is capable of moral transgression like Kurtz
 - [C] knowing the savagery pulsating behind the civilized façade
 - [D] All of the above
13. Which of the following novels is **not** autobiographical?
- [A] *A Portrait of the Artist as Young Man*
 - [B] *The Way of All Flesh*
 - [C] *Of Human Bondage*
 - [D] *Waiting for the Barbarians*
14. Why does the speaker in Eliot's *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* say, "I am not Prince Hamlet"?
- [A] Because he is indecisive like Hamlet
 - [B] Because he wants to justify his inability to ask a question that he intends to ask
 - [C] Because he is an ordinary man, not a prince
 - [D] Because he is talking to a twentieth century woman
15. How does the speaker in the poem *Strange Meeting* understand that he is in hell?
- [A] By the sight of the "profound dull tunnel"
 - [B] By the groaning of the sleepers in the tunnel
 - [C] By the "dead smile" of one of the sleepers who suddenly sprang up
 - [D] By the "thousand fears" that "grained" the vision's face
16. Which of the following lines by Yeats is related to the Easter Rising of 1916?
- [A] Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold
 - [B] That is no country for old men
 - [C] I made my song a coat
 - [D] A terrible beauty is born
17. Which image from James Joyce's short story *Araby* reminds us of the Grail legend?
- [A] Mangan's sister's figure defined by the light from the half-open+ed door
 - [B] The boy's eyes burning with anguish and anger
 - [C] The boy bearing his chalice through a throng of foes
 - [D] The houses at Richmond Street gazing at one another

18. Which one is the most possible theme of Conrad's story, *The Lagoon*?

- [A] Sin, repentance and salvation
- [B] Crime and punishment
- [C] Wages of sin is death
- [D] Sin and repentance

19. How did the boss feel after the death of the fly?

- [A] The boss was terribly sad
- [B] The boss had a feeling of wretchedness
- [C] The boss felt a sense of power
- [D] The boss experienced the catharsis of his feelings

20. W. H. Auden presents several reactions to the fall of Icarus in his poem *Musée des Beaux Arts*. Which one of the following is **not true** about the reactions?

- [A] For the ploughman it was not an important failure
- [B] The ship calmly sailed on
- [C] The sun went on shining
- [D] The horse scratched its innocent behind on a tree

21. Who in William Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* was "from his mother's womb / Untimely ripped"?

- [A] Malcolm
- [B] Macduff
- [C] Fleance
- [D] Banquo

22. Which of the following statements about Shakespeare's play *Twelfth Night* is **untrue**?

- [A] A cross-dressing heroine is at the center of the action
- [B] With the final song, the comedy ends in a bitter-sweet note
- [C] In the tradition of the Christian festivity of Twelfth Night, Malvolio can be considered the "Lord of Misrule"
- [D] The complete title of the play is *Twelfth Night or What You Will*

23. Why does Bluntschli in Shaw's *Arms and the Man* come back to return a coat?

- [A] Being honest, he did not want to be in debt
- [B] As a professional soldier he wanted to maintain a high standard of morality
- [C] Because he was incurably romantic
- [D] Because he wanted to fight a duel with Sergius

24. Periphrasis, which is a roundabout way of speech/writing, is also known as

- [A] circumlocution
- [B] chiasmus
- [C] understatement
- [D] synecdoche

25. "He is not the brightest boy in the class." This is an example of

- [A] hyperbole
- [B] irony
- [C] litotes
- [D] transferred epithet

26. "Imagined Community" is a concept propounded by
 [A] Edward Said
 [B] Frantz Fanon
 [C] Paul Gilroy
 [D] Benedict Anderson
27. Which one of the following is accepted as the earliest tract on feminism?
 [A] Mary Astell's *A Serious Proposal to the Ladies*
 [B] Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*
 [C] Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*
 [D] Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*
28. "Heteroglossia" refers to
 [A] the juxtaposition of multiple voices in a text
 [B] the comments on the margins of a text
 [C] the gloss or commentary relating to a text
 [D] the multiple readings of a text
29. Who among the following argued that the birth of the reader must be at the cost of the death of the author?
 [A] Roman Jakobson
 [B] Michel Foucault
 [C] Roland Barthes
 [D] Mikhail Bakhtin
30. Homi K. Bhabha's concept of 'mimicry' is related to
 [A] the reading of structure and signs
 [B] the analysis of Disneyland as a perfect model of simulation
 [C] the foregrounding of the voice of the subalterns
 [D] the understanding of the operations of colonial discourses

31. Which American poet is referred to as the father of free verse?
 [A] Langston Hughes
 [B] Robert Frost
 [C] Ralph Waldo Emerson
 [D] Walt Whitman
32. Which of the following is the setting of William Faulkner's novels and short stories?
 [A] Lafayette County, Mississippi
 [B] Yoknapatawpha County, Mississippi
 [C] Mississippi County, Arkansas
 [D] Cleveland County, Oklahoma
33. Which of the following literary traditions is Frederick Douglass associated with?
 [A] Gothic fiction
 [B] Transcendental Poetry
 [C] Abolitionist narratives
 [D] American Nationalist Literature
34. Which of the following is **not** a feature of Emily Dickinson's poems?
 [A] Extensive use of dashes
 [B] Use of pentameter
 [C] Capitalizing of interior words
 [D] Slant Rhymes
35. The letter 'A' in *The Scarlet Letter* stands for
 [A] Appetite
 [B] Arrogance
 [C] Adultery
 [D] Available

36. Which play by Girish Karnad can be related to Thomas Mann's *Transposed Heads*?

- [A] *Hayavadana*
- [B] *Naga-Mandala*
- [C] *Tughlaq*
- [D] *Tale-danda*

37. Which of the following Indian English authors wrote the line - "The best poets wait for words"?

- [A] Kamala Das
- [B] Nissim Ezekiel
- [C] A. K. Ramanujan
- [D] Sarojini Naidu

38. In which of the following novels *Harikatha* is used as a medium of 'consciousness raising'?

- [A] *Waiting for the Mahatma*
- [B] *Kanthapura*
- [C] *Untouchable*
- [D] *Fire on the Mountain*

39. Which of the following is **not** a novel by Salman Rushdie?

- [A] *Shame*
- [B] *The Moor's Last Sigh*
- [C] *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*
- [D] *An Equal Music*

40. Who among the following Indian writers in English, has created an identifiable imagined locale?

- [A] Anita Desai
- [B] R. K. Narayan
- [C] Raja Rao
- [D] Mulk Raj Anand

41. Which of the following is **not** a Partition novel?

- [A] *Sunlight on a Broken Column*
- [B] *The Shadow Lines*
- [C] *Train to Pakistan*
- [D] *Twilight in Delhi*

42. The word 'gym' is an example of

- [A] clipping
- [B] abbreviation
- [C] acronym
- [D] eponym

43. The branch of linguistics that deals with the scientific study of meaning is

- [A] semantics
- [B] morphology
- [C] phonology
- [D] syntax

44. A regional variety of a language is

- [A] register
- [B] creole
- [C] dialect
- [D] pidgin

45. Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot* has
- [A] three acts
 - [B] four acts
 - [C] one act
 - [D] two acts
46. Which of the following works of John Milton is an elegy?
- [A] *Lycidas*
 - [B] *L'Allegro*
 - [C] *Camus*
 - [D] *Paradise Lost*
47. The IPA stands for
- [A] International Phonemic Association
 - [B] International Phonological Association
 - [C] International Phonological Alphabet
 - [D] International Phonetic Alphabet
48. Who famously said, "Three or four families in a Country Village is the very thing to work on"?
- [A] Jane Austen
 - [B] Charlotte Bronte
 - [C] George Eliot
 - [D] Emily Brontë
49. Who among the following women writers, imagined the plight of Shakespeare's sister?
- [A] George Eliot
 - [B] Virginia Woolf
 - [C] Simone de Beauvoir
 - [D] Elizabeth Barrett Browning

50. The famous line "..... where ignorant armies clash by night" is taken from a poem by
- [A] Wilfred Owen
 - [B] Siegfried Sassoon
 - [C] S. T. Coleridge
 - [D] Matthew Arnold
51. The phrase 'the willing suspension of disbelief' occurs in
- [A] *Preface to Lyrical Ballads*
 - [B] *In Defence of Poetry*
 - [C] *Biographia Literaria*
 - [D] *Tradition and Individual Talent*
52. Sexual jealousy is a theme in Shakespeare's
- [A] *The Tempest*
 - [B] *The Merchant of Venice*
 - [C] *King Lear*
 - [D] *Othello*
53. Who among the following is **not** a Restoration playwright?
- [A] Ben Jonson
 - [B] William Congreve
 - [C] George Etherege
 - [D] William Wycherley
54. The term *diaspora* was originally applied to the following ethnic group :
- [A] Arab Muslims
 - [B] French Canadians
 - [C] Spaniards
 - [D] Jews

PART—II

(Islamic History and Culture, General English & General Knowledge)

55. Revelation to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) started with the word 'Iqra' which means
নবী মুহাম্মদ (সা.)-এর কাছে অবতীর্ণ প্রত্যাদেশ শুরু হয়েছে 'ইকরা' শব্দ দিয়ে যার অর্থ হল
[A] pray
[B] prostrate
[C] read
[D] write
56. Which of the following cities is **not** a sacred city for Muslims?
নিম্নের কোন্ শহরটি মুসলিমদের কাছে পুণ্যস্থান নয়?
[A] Jerusalem
[B] Mecca
[C] Cairo
[D] Medina
57. What does Islam say about acquiring knowledge?
জ্ঞান অর্জনের ব্যাপারে ইসলাম কী বলে?
[A] Obligatory for men only
[B] Obligatory for women only
[C] Obligatory for rich people only
[D] Obligatory for all
58. Which one is **not** part of the five pillars of Islam?
নিচের কোনটি ইসলামের পঞ্চস্তম্ভের মধ্যে অন্তর্ভুক্ত নয়?
[A] Profess Allah is the only God
[B] Pray five times daily
[C] Make a pilgrimage to Mecca
[D] Read the *Qur'an* every day
59. The divine book revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is
নবী মুহাম্মদ (সা.)-এর নিকট অবতীর্ণ ঐশী গ্রন্থের নাম হল
[A] *Torah*
[B] *Qur'an*
[C] *Injeel*
[D] *Zabur*
60. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was born in
নবী মুহাম্মদ (সা.)-এর জন্মস্থান হল
[A] Jordan
[B] Jeddah
[C] Mecca
[D] Medina
61. In Islam, legal matters are part of
ইসলামে আইন সংক্রান্ত বিষয়াদি কীসের অন্তর্ভুক্ত?
[A] Fikr
[B] Zikr
[C] Shariah
[D] Taharat
62. Hajj is performed in the month of
যে মাসে হজ পালিত হয়, তা হল
[A] Dhul Qadah
[B] Dhul Hijjah
[C] Shaban
[D] Shawwal
63. Rashidun Caliphate lasted for _____ years.
রাশিদুন খিলাফতের সময়কাল _____ বছর।
[A] 20
[B] 30
[C] 40
[D] 50
64. Who accompanied Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) during migration?
কোন ব্যক্তি হিজরতের সময় নবী মুহাম্মদ (সা.) কে সঙ্গ দিয়েছিলেন?
[A] Abu Hurayra
[B] Hazrat Ali
[C] Khadija
[D] Abu Bakr

65. What are the companions of the Prophet called?

নবীর সাহাবীদের কি বলা হয়?

- [A] Sahabah
- [B] Friends
- [C] Ansar
- [D] None of the above

66. What to say when anyone sneeze?

কেউ হাঁচি দিলে কী বলতে হয়?

- [A] Yarhamukallah
- [B] Ya Allah
- [C] Alhamdu lillah
- [D] La Ilaha Illallah

67. What is Salat means?

সালাত মানে কী?

- [A] Fasting
- [B] Giving to the poor
- [C] Praying
- [D] Pilgrimage

68. What is the meaning of 'Astaghfirullah'?

'অস্তাগফিরুল্লাহ'-এর অর্থ কী?

- [A] I ask Allah for Forgiveness
- [B] We are for Allah
- [C] Accept our prayer
- [D] None of the above

69. What is the first duty to become a Muslim?

মুসলমান হওয়ার প্রথম কর্তব্য কী?

- [A] Salat
- [B] Sawm
- [C] Hajj
- [D] Shahadah

70. Which gates are closed during the month of Ramadan?

রমজান মাসে কোন্ দরজাগুলো বন্ধ থাকে?

- [A] Gates of Hell
- [B] Gates of Heaven
- [C] Gates of Light
- [D] Gates of Mosque

71. What is the Shari'ah?

শরিয়ত কী?

- [A] A religious school
- [B] A native dance
- [C] A style of calligraphy
- [D] A form of Muslim law

72. The Kabah is located in ____.

কাবাঘর _____ তে অবস্থিত।

- [A] Mecca
- [B] Medina
- [C] Istanbul
- [D] Iraq

73. Are women allowed to go to mosques to offer prayers?

মহিলাদের কি মসজিদে নামাজ পড়ার অনুমতি দেওয়া হয়?

- [A] No, women are not allowed in the mosques
- [B] Women can only listen to prayers
- [C] Yes, women can offer prayers in mosques, provided there are separate facilities and provision
- [D] Women can pray in the mosques, standing right beside the men

74. In which language was the *Holy Qur'an* revealed?

'পবিত্র কুরআন' কোন্ ভাষায় অবতীর্ণ হয়েছিল?

- [A] Arabic
- [B] Greek
- [C] Latin
- [D] Hebrew

75. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words.

The _____ workers will come forward and protest against the _____ of the organization.

- [A] deprived, issues
- [B] depraved, policies
- [C] derived, interests
- [D] depreciated, management

76. Find the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

Rahim's foolishness will drive me to despair.

- [A] Hopefulness
- [B] Desperation
- [C] Destruction
- [D] Repulsed

77. Fill in the blanks with the **correct** alternatives.

The farmer placed his shovel _____ the wall and sat _____ to rest.

- [A] beside, over
- [B] against, down
- [C] by, along
- [D] on, in

78. Identify the synonym of the word 'ABJECT'.

- [A] Outrageous
- [B] Fantastic
- [C] Devastated
- [D] Deplorable

79. Fill in the blank with the appropriate collective noun.

A _____ of cards.

- [A] pile
- [B] bundle
- [C] deck
- [D] bunch

80. In which of the following States Rawatbhata Nuclear Plant is situated?

রাওয়াতভাটা পারমাণবিক কেন্দ্র নিচের কোন্ রাজ্যে অবস্থিত?

- [A] Rajasthan
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Madhya Pradesh
- [D] Tamil Nadu

81. Who invented the railway engine?

রেলওয়ে ইঞ্জিন কে আবিষ্কার করেন?

- [A] Charles Babbage
- [B] Isaac Newton
- [C] James Watt
- [D] George Stephenson

82. Who is said to be the father of the Indian Space Programme?

ভারতীয় মহাকাশ কর্মসূচির জনক কাকে বলা হয়?

- [A] Abdul Kalam
- [B] Rakesh Sharma
- [C] Vikram Sarabhai
- [D] Homi Bhabha

83. Which of the following was Indian's first mapping satellite?

নিচের কোনটি ভারতের প্রথম ম্যাপিং স্যাটেলাইট ছিল?

- [A] CARTOSAT-1
- [B] Aryabhata
- [C] Bhaskara-II
- [D] INSAT-1A

84. The super computer 'PARAM' was developed by

সুপার কম্পিউটার 'PARAM' তৈরি করেন

- [A] TATA
- [B] IIT-Kharagpur
- [C] IIT-Kanpur
- [D] C-DAC

Section—B : Descriptive Questions on Core Subject

Attempt a short essay on the topic given :

85. Attempt a short essay on the topic given :

Poetry makes nothing happen

86. Who, according to you is the most interesting of Shakespearean female characters?
Justify your answer.

SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

