



PART – A

1. Fill appropriate preposition in the blank :

The bread is made _____ wheat flour.

- A) of
B) from
C) in
D) on

2. Find the appropriate homonym for Altar.

- A) Alter
B) Altor
C) Altur
D) Altair

3. A Simile is a

- A) Contrast
B) Parallel
C) Combination
D) Comparison

4. Find the correct idiom.

- A) Better safe than sad
B) Better safe than serious
C) Better safe than sorry
D) Better safe than regretful

5. Find the correct expression.

- A) Between you and I
B) Between you and me
C) Between you and my
D) Between you and mine

6. Pair with harp from the following.

- A) on
B) at
C) upon
D) in

7. Choose the correct homophone for Ascent.

- A) Accent
B) Assent
C) Axent
D) Axant

8. Which of the following is an Indian Grammarian ?

- A) Bhash
B) Bharata
C) Panini
D) Prakasam

9. Who is the Indian Nobel Laureate for Literature ?

- A) Jatin Kumar Naik
B) Hargobind Khurana
C) Rabindranath Tagore
D) Mother Teresa



10. Who among the following wrote The Jungle Book?
A) Mark Twaine
B) R.K. Narayan
C) Rudyard Kipling
D) Rabindranath Tagore
11. Rangaswamy Cup is associated with
A) Archery
B) Cricket
C) Football
D) Hockey
12. Who is the father of Geometry ?
A) Aristotle
B) Euclid
C) Pythagoras
D) Kepler
13. Shivaji's war strategy used against the Mughals was
A) Alert Army
B) Political Supremacy
C) Large Army
D) Guerilla Warfare
14. Marginal utility, a consumer derives from a good, is
A) Change in his total utility as a result of adding one unit to his stock of a good
B) Utility derived from a particular good
C) Change in utility derived as a result of a change in the price of a good
D) Change in his total utility when he buys extra units of a good
15. Joint Military Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2017 is being held between India and
A) Vietnam
B) Mongolia
C) Sri Lanka
D) Thailand
16. $1014 \times 986 = ?$
A) 998804
B) 998814
C) 998904
D) 999804
17. After deducting a commission of 5%, a T.V. set costs Rs. 9595. Its marked price is
A) Rs. 10,000
B) Rs. 10,075
C) Rs. 10,100
D) Rs. 10,500
18. At what rate percent per annum will a sum of money double in 16 years ?
A) 6.25% p.a.
B) 6.00% p.a.
C) 6.75% p.a.
D) 6.50% p.a.



PART – B

26. Fill in the spaces left blank in this quotation - "We find certain types of remains – pots, implements, ornaments, burial rites, house forms – constantly recurring together. Such a complex of regularly associated traits we shall term a '_____ group' or just a '_____'. We assume that such a complex is the material expression of what today would be called a people." – V. Gordon Childe
- A) Matter/material
B) Spirit/spiritual
C) Culture/cultural
D) Domestic/settlement
27. Who amongst the following developed a detailed Marxian approach to the writing of ancient Indian history?
- A) K. M. Munshi
B) D. P. Agrawal
C) R. G. Bhandarkar
D) D. D. Kosambi
28. Which of the following historians has argued that beef was a part of food and ritual in ancient India?
- A) H. C. Raychaudhuri
B) R. S. Sharma
C) B. B. Lal
D) Meera Kosambi
29. Which of the following is a trained archaeologist ?
- A) B. B. Lal
B) Romila Thapar
C) Navtej Sarna
D) K. S. Lal
30. The *mahajanapada* period of Indian history corresponds most with which archaeological culture ?
- A) Painted Grey Ware
B) Northern Black Painted Ware
C) Red and Ochre Ware
D) Burnt Brick Ware
31. Roman style pottery has been found at which of the following archaeological sites ?
- A) Arikamedu
B) Atranjikhhera
C) Bhagnagar
D) Tattamangalam
32. In which of the following foreign accounts, a mention of the port of Barygaza (Bharuch) is found ?
- A) Bernier's Travels
B) Rehla of Ibn Battuta
C) Periplus of Erythrean Sea
D) Haft Anjum



33. Which Kannada novelist wrote a novel (*Mai Mangala Suhiyalli*, translated as *The Women of Basrur*) about Arab traders on the western coast of India ?
- A) H. Y. Sharada Prasad B) Basavanna
C) K. Shivarama Karanth D) S. L. Bhyrappa
34. The Kandahar Bilingual Rock Inscription of Ashoka is in which two languages ?
- A) Sanskrit and Scythian B) Aramaic and Greek
C) Aramaic and Sanskrit D) Greek and Sanskrit
35. The *Manimekalai*, an ancient Tamil literary text, describes which of the following traditions most favourably ?
- A) Buddhist B) Shaiva
C) Jain D) Brahminism
36. Who is credited with the discovery of Mohenjodaro ?
- A) Mortimer Wheeler B) B. B. Lal
C) R. D. Banerji D) Jean-Baptiste Ventura
37. Which of the following places is not associated with Chalukyas ?
- A) Badami B) Vengi
C) Kalyani D) Betul
38. Who wrote the book *Indian Epigraphy* ?
- A) Sumit Sarkar B) Susmit Sircar
C) D. C. Sircar D) A. B. Sircar
39. The earliest artwork at Ajanta caves dates back to
- A) Satavahana Period B) Gupta Period
C) Huna invasions D) Chalukya age
40. Which Rashtrakuta king wrote the *Kavirajamarga* ?
- A) Amoghavarsha I B) Govinda III
C) Krishna II D) Khanditbhakta
41. Which of the following scholars questioned and negated the idea of 'Indian feudalism' ?
- A) Harbans Mukhia B) Irfan Habib
C) Jadunath Sarkar D) Muhammad Habib



42. Amongst the following historical figures, who has never been depicted in films ?
A) Ashoka
B) Amrapali
C) Kanishka
D) Akbar
43. Which of the following mosques is regarded as the oldest in India ?
A) Cheraman Juma Masjid, Thrissur, Kerala
B) Konkanastha Masjid, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra
C) Patan Ashraf Manzil, Patan, Gujarat
D) Haji Noor Asthan, Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu
44. Who introduced the idea of 'segmentary state' to study South Indian history ?
A) Burton Stein
B) R. Champakalakshmi
C) Nilakanta Sastri
D) Nicholas Dirks
45. At which place would you find prehistoric cave paintings ?
A) Sonargaon
B) Bhimbetka
C) Mahabalipuram
D) Gohana
46. 'Hat stones' covering megaliths found in Kerala are called
A) Toppikkal
B) Devavastram
C) Pujavihara
D) Surasuravastram
47. Which Indian ruler's inscriptions is not to be found on a pillar at Allahabad ?
A) Ashoka
B) Samudragupta
C) Prithviraj II
D) Jahangir
48. Which Indian ruler issued Ashvamedha coins ?
A) Akbar
B) Samudragupta
C) Aurangzeb
D) Ashoka
49. Which of these archaeological sites has the oldest evidence of agriculture in the Indo-Pak subcontinent ?
A) Pilibangan
B) Mehrgad
C) Williamnagar
D) Kalka



58. Who wrote *The Agrarian System of Mughal India* ?
- A) Irfan Habib
B) Satish Chandra
C) Moreland
D) W.C. Smith
59. Who argued that the Ghaznavid and Ghurid conquerors were a continuation of Central Asian invaders since the Kushanas and the Scythians and they were novel only in their adoption of Islam?
- A) A. B. M. Habibullah
B) Shaukat Toorawi
C) R. P. Tripathi
D) Denys Lombard
60. Which of the following Indian rulers fought and killed an elephant that had gone on rampage in a crowded area ?
- A) Gautamiputra Satkarni
B) Razia Sultan
C) Sawai Man Singh
D) Aurangzeb
61. The Nand Rishi sufi order is associated with which part of South Asia ?
- A) Sri Lanka
B) Manipur
C) Maldives
D) Kashmir
62. Originally, in what language was the *Babarnama* written in?
- A) Arabic
B) Persian
C) Turkish
D) Armenian
63. Which 17th century English playwright wrote a play titled *Aureng-zebe* ?
- A) Melville
B) Steinbeck
C) Disraeli
D) Dryden
64. In what year did Shivaji visit Agra ?
- A) 1660
B) 1666
C) 1672
D) 1678
65. Which of the following is regarded as the first Hindi autobiography ?
- A) Tulsidas' *Atma Manthan*
B) Banarsidas' *Ardhakathanaka*
C) Khwaja Moin Ashraf's *Aapbiti*
D) Kristu Doss's *Yeshukabachcha*



66. What was the name of the English ambassador who visited Jahangir's court ?
A) Thomas Roe
B) Ralph Fitch
C) Thomas Bowery
D) Raymond Disraeli
67. Which Mughal Emperor was a very keen observer of nature; conducted experiments in captive breeding; imported animals from across the Americas; and commissioned detailed scientific paintings of the natural world ?
A) Humayun
B) Muhammad Shah 'Rangila'
C) Alamgir II
D) Jahangir
68. In 1791, the Marathas desecrated which temple shrine as a result of conflict with Tipu Sultan, who patronised the same temple ?
A) Sringeri
B) Rameswaram
C) Guruvayoor
D) Tirupati
69. *Masnawi Qadamrao Padamrao* was written in which of the following languages/dialects?
A) Sindhi
B) Dakhani
C) Bengali
D) Kashmiri
70. Alaol was a 17th century poet who rejuvenated Bengali literature. His most famous work is *Poddobhiti*, a translation of the
A) Prasad Bhita from Assamese
B) Padmavat from Hindi
C) Sikandarnama from Persian
D) Nabivamsa from Old Bengali
71. Which foreign firm dominated European trade in the 17th century Indian Ocean ?
A) Dutch East India Company (VOC)
B) Danish Tranquebar Company
C) English East India Company
D) Portuguese Estado de India
72. Bidar was the capital of which short-lived post-Bahmani sultanate ?
A) Qutbshahi
B) Adilshahi
C) Nizamshahi
D) Baridshahi
73. Guru Nanak is supposed to have visited which one of these places ?
A) Tokyo
B) Lhasa (Tibet)
C) Mecca
D) Kathmandu



83. Which of the following was an elected MP (Member of Parliament) of the House of Commons or the lower house of the British Parliament ?
- A) George Washington B) Dadabhai Naoroji
C) Vladimir Lenin D) Gen. Ayub Khan
84. From where to where was the ship *Komagata Maru* going with Sikh and Indian migrants who were denied entry at the destination in 1914 ?
- A) Bombay to San Francisco B) Calcutta to Sydney
C) Hong Kong to Vancouver D) Singapore to London
85. Who was the Prime Minister of England on August 15, 1947 ?
- A) Clement Attlee B) Winston Churchill
C) William Goldstone D) Margaret Thatcher
86. Who wrote the *Madhushala* ?
- A) Hasrat Mohani B) Hazari Prasad Dwivedi
C) Ramdhari Singh Dinkar D) Harivansh Rai Bachchan
87. The Unionist Party dominated the pre-1947 politics of which Indian province ?
- A) Bengal B) Punjab
C) United Provinces D) Bombay Presidency
88. In what year did Calcutta stop being the capital of British India ?
- A) 1901 B) 1921
C) 1891 D) 1911
89. Who wrote *The Indian War of Independence* about the events of 1857 in India ?
- A) V. D. Savarkar B) Bipan Chandra
C) J. L. Nehru D) K.M. Ashraf
90. Who is regarded as the founder of the Subaltern Studies project for history-writing ?
- A) D. D. Kosambi B) Ranajit Guha
C) K. M. Ashraf D) K. S. Lal
91. Which of the following English authors was born in Motihari, Bihar and worked for the Indian Police Service ?
- A) Charles Dickens B) W. Somerset Maugham
C) George Orwell D) Mary Wollstonecroft



92. Who wrote *The Man-eating Leopard of Rudraprayag* ?
A) Walter Scott
B) Jim Corbett
C) Maharana Digvijay Singh of Bundi
D) Sir Jadunath Sarkar
93. Which province of India contributed the highest numbers of soldiers to the British Indian Army during the two World Wars ?
A) Madras Presidency
B) Bombay Presidency
C) United Provinces
D) The Punjab
94. Which of the following was a British general against both Tipu Sultan and Napoleon ?
A) Cornwallis
B) Arthur Wellesley
C) George Washington
D) Thomas Jefferson
95. Which of the following nation-states was a Dutch colony ?
A) Kenya
B) Oman
C) Indonesia
D) Vietnam
96. Which American President survived the World War II despite being shipwrecked in action against Japan ?
A) John McCain
B) Ronald Reagan
C) John F. Kennedy
D) JethroTull
97. Who presided over the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991 ?
A) Mikhail Gorbachev
B) Boris Yelstin
C) Vladimir Putin
D) Rigoberta Menchu
98. In which country did Mahatma Gandhi begin his career as a lawyer ?
A) Iran
B) South Africa
C) Kenya
D) Sri Lanka
99. Who was the founder of the Independent Labour Party in Bombay ?
A) B. R. Ambedkar
B) G. P. Dange
C) Balasahab Deoras
D) Sharad Patil
100. Who founded the Mexican Communist Party and the Communist Party of India ?
A) M. N. Roy
B) Teotoniod' Souza
C) Antonio d'Penha
D) Bhagat Singh
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