

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS – 2016**M.Phil. English Language Studies**

INSTRUCTIONS:

There are three sections to answer. There are TWELVE pages to this question paper.

Sections A and B consist of multiple-choice questions. Answer sections A and B in the OMR sheet provided to you.

Section A consists of 25 questions (1 to 25). Each question carries one mark. There is negative marking for this section. 0.33 marks will be deducted for every wrong answer.

Section B consists of 25 questions (26 to 50). Each question carries one mark. There is no negative marking for wrong answers in this section.

Section C consists of essay type questions. Answer Section C in the separate answer book provided to you.

SECTION A**(25 Marks)****ENGLISH PROFICIENCY****MARK THE CORRECT ANSWERS IN THE OMR SHEET PROVIDED TO YOU.**

1. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option given below.
She flew _____ the country _____ vacation last year.
 - a. about – on
 - b. around – on
 - c. about – in
 - d. around – in

2. Choose the right sentence from the options given below.
 - a. There is plenty of opportunity to learn online.
 - b. There are plenty of opportunity to learn online.
 - c. There is plenty of opportunities to learn online.
 - d. There are plenty of opportunities to learn online.

3. Read the sentences below and choose the right sequence. The first sentence has been placed for you.

Sentence 1. During the Cold War normal relations between Korea and China were non-existent.

- i. Letters and telephone calls were also out of the question.
 - ii. Yet, table tennis stars Ahu and Cho still connected.
 - iii. And in 1989, Cho and Ahu reunited in Sweden and got married.
 - iv. Personal visits between the two countries were not possible.
 - v. As leading athletes they kept meeting at international competitions.
- a. iv, i, ii, v, iii
 - b. ii, iv, i, v, iii
 - c. i, iv, ii, v, iii
 - d. iv, ii, v, iii, i

4. Identify the odd expression:

- a. alone together
- b. living dead
- c. silent scream
- d. clearly understood

5. "When the repeat offender stood in front of the court, the judge asked him if he had a predilection for getting into trouble."

'Predilection' in this context means:

- a. forecast
- b. inclination
- c. predestined
- d. influence

6. Fill in the blank with the appropriate option.

To refurbish a room at no expense at all, little is needed but _____ grease, imagination and a free weekend.

- a. wrist
- b. hand
- c. elbow
- d. palm

7. Complete the sentence below with the right expression from the options.

It's always better to tell the truth; _____.

- a. lies have a nasty habit of catching up with you.
- b. lies have a nasty habit of catching up of you.

- c. lies have a nasty habit of catching in with you.
d. lies have a nasty habit of catching up on you.
8. Fill in the blank with the right expression from the choices given below.
If you are _____ with our products, you could contact us within seven days, and we shall arrange for collection and refund your money in full.
- not completely satisfied
 - not completely satisfactory
 - not completely satisfying
 - not satisfied completely
9. Fill in the blank with the right expression from the choices given below.
- As you _____ the technology on the inside matches the elegance of the exterior.
- expect
 - would expect
 - are expecting
 - have expected
10. Choose the correct sentence:
- No sooner had I fallen asleep than the neighbour's dog started barking.
 - I no sooner fell asleep than the neighbour's dog started barking.
 - I had no sooner fallen asleep than the neighbour's dog had started barking.
 - I no sooner had fell asleep than the neighbour's dog started barking.
11. Read the newspaper passage below and answer the question that follows.
- The UK government is hoping that the extra investment will improve the housing situation. Britain with her increasing population builds fewer new houses than are needed, with a shortfall of 100,000 a year according to Shelter, a housing charity. The result is a boom in house prices that has made owning a home unaffordable for many, especially in London and the south of England. Key public sector workers, such as nurses and teachers, are among those affected.
- What would be an appropriate heading to this news item?
- housing to be more affordable
 - public sector workers' woes
 - how to improve housing situation
 - owning a home
12. Fill in the blank with the appropriate option.
- "After all her hard work, Sarah was _____ disappointed when the result revealed 6.5 band in her IELTS exam."

- a. unfortunately
- b. painfully
- c. bitterly
- d. deliberately

13. Which of the following sentences is the most appropriate in academic writing?

- a. Because she had decided something, she had to suffer the consequences which were adverse.
- b. Her decision caused her adverse consequences.
- c. As she had decided something, she had to suffer the consequences which were adverse.
- d. Because she had decided something, she had to suffer adverse consequences.

14. Which sequence of sentences given below makes the text coherent?

- i. The owner of the spa claimed he was unaware of the danger as he could not understand the engineer's report on the operation of the pool.
- ii. In particular, operating instructions and descriptions of the capabilities and limitations of their products should be communicated in clear and not overtly technical language.
- iii. Engineers need to pay attention to the need for clarity when communicating with clients.
- iv. Accidents of this sort clearly demonstrate the dangers of overestimating a client's ability to deal with technical language and place an obligation on the engineering professional to avoid misunderstandings.
- v. In a recent incident a young girl was drowned in a spa when suction from the pump trapped her at the bottom of the pool.

- a. iii, ii, v, i, iv b. iii, i, iv, ii, v c. i, v, ii, iii, v d. i, iii, ii, v, iv

15. Which of the following sentences is **not** correct?

- a. Carers need to provide a stimulating environment, and this only occurs when play materials, books and interesting articles are available to children.
- b. Although carers need to provide a stimulating environment, this only occurs when materials, books and interesting articles are available to children.
- c. Carers need to provide a stimulating environment, however this only occurs when materials, books and interesting articles are available to children.
- d. Carers need to provide a stimulating environment. However, this only occurs when materials, books and interesting articles are available to children.

16. The entire industry was _____ for the megastar who won the most prestigious National Award recently.
a. in praises b. all praises c. all praise d. in praise
17. I used a new cream and my skin broke _____ a rash.
a. out in b. in c. out d. as
18. Choose the **incorrect** sentence:
a. I will call you up when I come to town next.
b. I will call up you when I come to town next.
c. I will call Sunil up when I come to town next.
d. I will call up Sunil when I come to town next.
19. Complete the sentence fragment below choosing the correct option:
After the tea break ...
a. staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.
b. staff should empty the teapot and it stand upside down on the draining board.
c. staff should empty the teapot and it should stand upside down on the draining board.
d. staff should empty the teapot and stand it upside down on the draining board.
20. Da Vinci's plan for the largest equestrian statue in the world was a perfectly _____ project which, if completed, would have probably been his greatest legacy, more than "The Last Supper" or any other work.
a. feasible b. possible c. adaptable d. probable
21. Choose the correct set of sentences.
a. The number of mistakes was small.
A number of mistakes were made.
b. The number of mistakes was small.
A number of mistakes was made.
c. The number of mistakes were small.
A number of mistakes were made.
d. The number of mistakes were small.
A number of mistakes was made.

22. "Political skill is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month and next year, and have the ability afterwards to say why it didn't happen."

This statement means that

- a. Politicians must be glib talkers.
- b. Politicians are liars.
- c. Politicians are soothsayers.
- d. Politicians must know how to make excuses.

23. Which of the following sentences have used words correctly?

- (i) I have to revise my chapter and improve it.
- (ii) I have to revise my chapter and improvise it.
- (iii) I am not prepared with my speech; I have to improvise on the spot.
- (iv) I am not prepared with my speech; I have to improve on the spot.

- a. (i) and (iii)
- b. (i) and (ii)
- c. (ii) and (iii)
- d. (iii) and (iv)

24. Choose the sentence that is **not** an opinion.

- a. It is hard to learn to ride a bike.
- b. Everyone likes eating crisps to this day at school.
- c. The American flag has 7 red stripes and 6 blue stripes
- d. Snow is pretty when the sun shines on it.

25. The research paper _____ to a number of interesting research studies which I would really like to find out more about.

- a. hints
- b. cites
- c. alludes
- d. affirms

SECTION B

RESEARCH APTITUDE AND CONTENT-BASED QUESTIONS

(25 Marks)

MARK THE CORRECT ANSWERS IN THE OMR SHEET PROVIDED TO YOU.

- 26. A base in morphology is
 - a. Any item to which affixation can take place
 - b. The root
 - c. An undecomposable item
 - d. A morpheme

- 27. Which of the following statements are true?
 - i. Affricates are a combination of plosives and fricatives
 - ii. Nasals have closure similar to plosives
 - iii. There are eight fricatives in RP
 - iv. /j/ and /w/ are liquids
 - a. i and ii b. i and iii c. ii and iv d. i and iv

- 28. In the sentence "The children found the story fascinating," *fascinating* is
 - a. The direct object
 - b. indirect object
 - c. complement of the verb
 - d. complement of the noun

- 29. In the sentence, "Mary was a good person and a good singer," the word *good* exemplifies an instance of:
 - a. homonymy b. homophony c. polysemy d. synonymy

- 30. The sentence "John ran into the man wearing a blue shirt" is an example of
 - a. lexical ambiguity
 - b. structural ambiguity
 - c. anaphora
 - d. cataphora

- 31. Language variation as a result of social class is known as:
 - a. isogloss
 - b. heteroglossia
 - c. sociolect
 - d. slang

- 32. Which of these are properties of human language?
 - i. We can use language to think and talk about language itself.
 - ii. Language allows its users to think and talk about events not present in the immediate environment.

- iii. The potential number of utterances in any human language is finite.
iv. Humans are born with some kind of predisposition to acquire language.
a. All of the above b. i and ii c. i, iii, and iv d. i, ii and iv
33. Recent studies on bilingualism have found that it...
- a. causes confusion in the language development of children.
 - b. has a positive effect on children's cognitive development.
 - c. has a negative effect on children's cognitive development.
 - d. results in children scoring lower than monolingual children on intelligence tests.
34. Which of the following is an indirect speech act?
- a. Would you mind if I see you later?
 - b. Leave me alone.
 - c. Get out!
 - d. Watch out!
35. The Sapir-Whorf hypothesis is related to...
- a. class differences
 - b. language and culture
 - c. culture
 - d. gender
36. TESOL stands for...
- a. Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
 - b. Teaching English as a Second and Other Language
 - c. Teaching English as a Special and Occupational Language
 - d. Teaching English to Students of Other Languages
37. Blended learning refers to...
- a. a combination of print and electronic materials
 - b. a combination of face-to-face and online teaching
 - c. computer-mediated learning
 - d. computer-assisted language learning

- 38. Communicative competence refers to...
 - i. grammatical knowledge
 - ii. social knowledge about how and when to use language appropriately.
 - a. Both (i) and (ii)
 - b. (ii) only
 - c. (i) only
 - d. Neither (i) nor (ii)

- 39. Language syllabus design is influenced by...
 - a. the characteristics of the students
 - b. the teaching context
 - c. the teacher's beliefs about teaching and learning
 - d. all of the above

- 40. Which of the following is **not** an advantage of authentic materials?
 - a. Exposing learners to real language
 - b. Providing information about target culture
 - c. Maintaining natural coherence and cohesion of text
 - d. Language being beyond learner competence

- 41. Cohesion in a text is achieved through...
 - a. language by the writer.
 - b. context by the writer.
 - c. imagination of the reader.
 - d. context by the reader.

- 42. The 'Army Method' is known for...
 - a. Cognitivism
 - b. Behaviorism
 - c. Humanism
 - d. Mentalism

- 43. According to Saussure, the combination of units in a sentence falls in the category of...
 - a. Syntagmatic relationship
 - b. Distinctive relationship
 - c. Associative relationship
 - d. Paradigmatic relationship

- 44. Halliday's grammar primarily explores the...

- a. structures of language
 - b. forms of language
 - c. functions of language
 - d. applications of language.
45. The language relativity hypothesis was propounded by...
- a. Bernstein
 - b. Labov
 - c. Sapir
 - d. Boas
46. Which of the following is not a type of test?
- a. Diagnostic
 - b. Portfolio
 - c. Proficiency
 - d. Placement

Read the paragraph below and answer questions 47 and 48 by choosing the right option.

Target words were selected from a primary school dictionary to make sure that they would be representative of the vocabulary the readers would encounter during reading. An attempt was made to ensure that the lexical selection included no words the participants were already familiar with. Only morphologically transparent words were included to promote derivation of word meaning from (external) context.

47. According to the context given, this research was probably carried out on...
- a. Young adults above 15
 - b. Children below 3
 - c. Children above 8
 - d. Young adults below 15
48. The research probably is to test the acquisition of...
- a. Words whose meanings can be derived from the word structure.
 - b. Words whose meanings cannot be derived from the word structure.
 - c. Words whose meanings are dependent on the context.
 - d. Words whose meanings are not dependent on the context.
49. Research means...
- a. Finding answers to questions
 - b. Studying problems and finding probable solutions
 - c. Finding out if something works or not
 - d. All of the above.

50. Which of the following best illustrates data collection in a qualitative study that focusses on computer-based technology usage?

- a. Dinesh randomly selects 125 participants to answer a questionnaire on technology.
- b. Dhruv uses test scores on Information Technology to assess computer-based technology skills.
- c. Disha interviews parents and children about their use of technology for learning activities.
- d. Diya gives teachers an attitude survey on their willingness to use computer technology in the classroom.

SECTION C
ESSAY (25 MARKS)

WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN THE SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED TO YOU.

Write an essay on any ONE of the following in about 1500 words. Give suitable examples wherever appropriate.

1. What factors are taken into consideration when constructing a language family tree? Elaborate giving examples.
2. Do you believe that it is necessary to have a common 'international' accent, the features of which are globally determined? Explain.
3. "A language is a dialect with an army and navy." Explain what this means and whether you agree with this view, giving examples.
4. What are the ways in which the mother tongue influences second language learning? Which aspects of language learning would be affected the most?
5. Do you think content-based language teaching can make English language learning more successful? How?
6. Wittgenstein says: "The limits of my language are the limits of my world". Do you agree? What are the implications of this statement?
7. Discuss the similarities between TBLT and Communicative Language Teaching.
8. "Poetry, as opposed to prose, does not lend itself to teaching language." Do you agree? Justify.
9. Should soft skills be taught by English language teachers? Define soft skills and justify your answer.
10. How are the various word formation processes in English being exploited in the multilingual context of India?

END OF PAPER