

Hall Ticket Number

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS-2017

MA English Language Studies

Time- 2 hours

Maximum marks - 100

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INSTRUCTIONS:

There are 13 pages to this question paper. There are three sections to answer.

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 (Questions 1-25). Each question carries 1 mark. There is negative marking for this section. 0.33 is deducted for every wrong answer. No marks are deducted for unattempted questions.

Section B consists of 50 Questions (Questions 26-75). Each question carries 1 mark.

Section C consists of essay-type questions. This section carries 25 marks.

Answer section C in the separate answer book provided to you.

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**SECTION A
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
(25 MARKS)**

1. It is refreshing sometimes to read a book about our environment by an author who does not allow facts to be _____ by politics.
 - A. overshadowed
 - B. invalidated
 - C. illuminated
 - D. underscored

2. Vain and prone to violence, Rajiv could not handle his success. The more his eminence as artist increased, the more _____ his life became.
 - A. tumultuous
 - B. providential
 - C. dispassionate
 - D. peaceful

3. In parts of the Arctic, the land grades into the landfast ice so _____ that you can walk off the coast and not know that you are over the sea.
- precariously
 - imperceptibly
 - irregularly
 - permanently
4. The organisation is very _____, so I can rely on it.
- reputation
 - reputable
 - repute
 - reputing
5. Which of the given sentences is the right form of reported speech for the following sentence? She says, "I am sad".
- She said that she is sad.
 - She says that she is sad.
 - She said that she was sad.
 - She says she was sad.
6. Which of the options given below can replace the underlined word.
- Paes and Bhupati complemented each other while playing tennis doubles.
- praised
 - matched
 - completed
 - supported

Choose the appropriate answer from the choices given for each blank.

_____ 7 _____ circumstances are required for a happiness index of 100. Good education and material prosperity provide a good foundation. _____ 8 _____ environmentally harmonious living is as crucial. After all, Sustainable Development Goals have been enunciated by the United Nations for a _____ 9 _____. Could this approach, then, define modern spirituality?

7.
 - Idyllic
 - Challenging
 - Unhappy
 - Intellectual
8.
 - However
 - Sometimes
 - Always
 - Therefore

- 9. A. target
B. reason
C. guideline
D. benchmark

- 10. "I have always had a good opinion about my neighbour. But today I think differently". The underlined part of the sentence indicates the
A. past time
B. present time
C. future time
D. none of the above

- 11. The matter being sensitive, the judge decided that the hearing should be held in-camera. Here, the meaning of the phrase 'in-camera' is
A. in public
B. video-recorded
C. behind closed doors
D. police taking photographs

- 12. He was asked _____ demonstrate his firm's compliance _____ the regulations.
A. towith
B. for.....on
C. to.....on
D. toof

- 13. A digital strategy _____ around a _____ understanding of Information Technology.
A. revolves, deep
B. hinges, great
C. rotates, deep
D. focuses, flexible

- 14. Choose the right sentence:
A. Parental pressure are instrumental in her choice of a career in music.
B. Her choice of music career is instrumental due to her parental pressure.
C. Parental pressure was instrumental in her choice of a career in music.
D. Instrumental music was her choice career due to parental pressure.

Fill in the blanks choosing from the options below. (Questions 15, 16 and 17)

To _____ 15 _____ the aspirations of the silent majority, we must _____ 16 _____ the struggle for equal pay to its _____ 17 _____ conclusion.

- 15. A. make
B. aim
C. stare
D. meet

16. A. meet
B. aspire
C. take
D. voice

17. A. fair
B. justice
C. logical
D. initial

Which of the following sentences are correct? (Questions 18 and 19)

18. A. He sent a word that he would come soon.
B. He sent word that he would come soon.
C. He sent a word because he would come soon.
D. He sent the word that he would come soon.
19. A. He availed of the opportunity.
B. He availed himself of the opportunity.
C. He availed the opportunity.
D. He availed himself the opportunity.

20. Which of the options is the most appropriate to fill in the blank.

Rama is not a people person. Thank God, her job does not require her to

- _____.
- A. fly a lot.
B. manage absentism.
C. deal with clients.
D. prepare case studies.

21. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate option (Questions 21, 22 and 23).

After _____ the company is finally above water.

- A. a wonderful performance last quarter
B. the disastrous recruitments last quarter
C. the receding of the flood water
D. being refused grants for the second consecutive year

22. Find the odd expression

- A. computer chip
B. salt water
C. weak tea
D. strong coffee

23. Will you be kind enough to fill _____ this application form please?
A. on
B. of
C. in
D. with
24. Which of the following is **not** correct?
A. preposterous
B. preponderance
C. prevarication
D. prenecessary
25. In which of the words is 'in' not negative?
A. inhuman
B. invaluable
C. indiscriminate
D. intolerant

SECTION B
CONTENT AND ANALYTICAL ABILITY
(50 MARKS)

26. Look at the two sentences given below and choose the right option.
i. Language is a code.
ii. Language is a sign.
A. (i) is right
B. (ii) is right
C. Both (i) and (ii) are right
D. Both (i) and (ii) are wrong
27. Synonyms are
A. closely related
B. exactly the same
C. mutually exclusive
D. interchangeable
28. The field of 'semantics' primarily deals with
A. structure
B. form
C. meaning
D. function
29. Contextually situated meaning is the focus of
A. morphology
B. phonology
C. pragmatics
D. semantics

30. The meaning of the word 'phone' is related to
- A. word
 - B. sound
 - C. meaning
 - D. usage
31. Communication skills do not deal with
- A. interpersonal communication.
 - B. intrapersonal communication .
 - C. formal and informal communication.
 - D. grammatical rules.
32. Which of the following is true
- A. English has only the 'past' and the 'present' form.
 - B. English has only the 'past' and the 'future' form.
 - C. English has only the 'present' and the 'future' form.
 - D. English has the 'present', 'past' and the 'future' form.
33. In the study of sociolinguistics which of the following are likely to be relevant:
- A. Language and Society
 - B. Language and History
 - C. Grammar and Society
 - D. Grammar and History
34. Which of the following is a dead language?
- A. German
 - B. Greek
 - C. Gothic
 - D. Croatian
35. Linguistics is the study of
- A. foreign languages.
 - B. language and its structure.
 - C. language within the country.
 - D. people who know many languages.

Find the right analogy from among the choices given

36. facebook : social media
- A. mobile phone : landline
 - B. mouse : cat
 - C. pitcher : container
 - D. summer : ice-cream
37. copper : metal
- A. engine: car
 - B. furniture : wood
 - C. pen: pencil
 - D. pepper : spice

38. granary : wheat
A. lake: water
B. winepress: grapes
C. gallery: work of art
D. archive: documents
39. baker : eating
A. surgeon : anesthetising
B. author: reading
C. gardener: plant
D. policeman: enforcing
40. pencil : eraser :: pen : _____
A. ink
B. whitener
C. paper
D. nib
41. book : editor:: _____
A. paper: pen
B. article: author
C. phone: text
D. computer: keyboard
42. Long queues and bad weather, yet the voters _____ their way to polling stations even though they _____ a lot.
A. made, dropped
B. encouraged, prepared
C. made, suffered
D. undaunted, spade
43. The counter clerk was very busy and _____ not pay any _____ to the customer's request.
A. can, help
B. could, respect
C. had, cash
D. did, attention
44. Find the odd one
A. friend
B. ally
C. adversary
D. partner
45. Find the odd one
A. expand
B. elaborate
C. elongate
D. edit

46. Find the odd one.
- A. blood
 - B. water
 - C. wine
 - D. saliva
47. "The simple things are also the most extraordinary things. And only the wise can see them." (Paulo Coelho)
This sentence implies that
- A. The simple is always extraordinary.
 - B. The extraordinary is always simple.
 - C. The simple can be extraordinary.
 - D. The extraordinary cannot be simple.
48. Pick out the odd item from the following group
- A. leaf
 - B. stem
 - C. pollen
 - D. branch
49. Put the following words in the correct sequence:
- i. trunk
 - ii. branch
 - iii. root
 - iv. seed
- A. ii, i, iii, iv
 - B. iv, iii, i, ii
 - C. iii, iv, ii, i
 - D. iv, iii, ii, i
50. Misusing the ability to discriminate is
- A. noteworthy
 - B. praiseworthy
 - C. regrettable
 - D. none of the above
51. Exactly equal number of toilets for gents and ladies in a girls' college is
- A. proportionate
 - B. discriminatory
 - C. laudable
 - D. illogical
52. Pick the odd one.
- A. parrot
 - B. cat
 - C. falcon
 - D. dog

53. Pick the odd one.
- A. negotiation
 - B. plebiscite
 - C. election
 - D. referendum
54. Arrange the following in order:
- i. penthouse
 - ii. basement
 - iii. lobby
 - iv. mezzanine
- A. i, ii, iii, iv
 - B. i, ii, iii, iv
 - C. iv, i, ii, iii
 - D. ii, iii, iv, i
55. Which of the following statements is true?
- A. Language is superior to dialect.
 - B. Dialect is a subset of language.
 - C. Language is a subset of dialect.
 - D. Language and dialect are the same.
56. A variety of language, used in a specific context for a specific purpose is
- A. dialect
 - B. jargon
 - C. register
 - D. style
57. Which part of speech does the word 'articulate' belong to
- A. verb
 - B. adjective
 - C. both 'a' and 'b'
 - D. neither 'a' nor 'b'.
58. The smallest meaningful unit which carries meaning and may have grammatical function is a
- A. Morpheme
 - B. Phoneme
 - C. Sentence
 - D. Affix
59. Which of the following is correct?
- A. {{The library is} near the bus stop}
 - B. {{The library} {is near the bus stop}}
 - C. {{The library is near} the bus stop}
 - D. {{The library} {is} near the bus stop}

60. Where can you find the sign: STORE IN A COOL, DRY PLACE
- On plastic water bottle
 - On medicines
 - On branded footwear
 - On groceries
61. Which is the number that comes next in the following sequence?
2, 6, 12, 20, 30, 42, 56 _____
- 60
 - 64
 - 70
 - 72
62. "Reema floated the boat between the rocks". This sentence implies that
- The boat was floated between the rocks.
 - The boat that was between the rocks was floated.
 - Both 'a' and 'b'
 - Neither 'a' nor 'b'.
63. "Superfluous hair remover". This sentence implies that
- the hair is superfluous
 - the implement is superfluous
 - Both 'a' and 'b'
 - Neither 'a' nor 'b'
64. Read the statement given below and from the choices given, identify the two statements necessary to confirm the given statement.
"48 students appeared for the final examination".
- 17 students did not appear for the final examination.
 - 12 students finished writing the examination well before time.
 - The examination was boycotted by 8 students.
 - 36 students went on writing the examination till the end.
- 'i' and 'iii'
 - 'i' and 'ii'
 - 'iii' and 'iv'
 - 'ii' and 'iv'
65. Imagine you have to write a letter of explanation to your instructor for the delay in the submission of your essay. Which of the following sentences is the most appropriate one?
- I handed in my essay late because my mom got sick.
 - The reason for the late handing in of my essay was my mother's illness.
 - I handed my essay in late because my mom fell ill.
 - The reason why I handed my essay in late was the illness of my mom.

Read the passage below and choose the appropriate response from the options given.

Many organisations find it beneficial to employ students over the summer. Permanent staff often wish to take their own holidays over this period. Furthermore, it is not uncommon for companies to experience peak workloads in the summer and so require extra staff. Summer employment also attracts students who may return as well-qualified recruits to an organisation when they have completed their education. Ensuring that the students learn as much as possible about the organisation encourages their interest in working on a permanent basis. Organisations pay students on a fixed rate without the usual entitlement to paid holidays or bonus schemes.

66. The permanent staff who are on holiday can have their work carried out by students.
- A. Definitely stated in the passage
 - B. Definitely not stated in the passage
 - C. Can be inferred from the passage
 - D. Cannot be inferred from the passage
67. Students in summer employment are given the same paid holiday benefit as permanent staff.
- A. Definitely stated in the passage
 - B. Definitely not stated in the passage
 - C. Can be inferred from the passage
 - D. Cannot be inferred from the passage
68. Some companies have more work to do in the summer when students are available for vacation work.
- A. Definitely stated in the passage
 - B. Definitely not stated in the passage
 - C. Can be inferred from the passage
 - D. Cannot be inferred from the passage

Read the passage below and choose the appropriate response from the options given.

Stem cells are cells that can self-renew and differentiate into specialised cell types. Because of their potential to replace diseased or defective human tissue, stem cells are seen by scientists as key to developing new therapies for a wide range of conditions, including degenerative illnesses and genetic diseases.

69. Stem cells are crucial in developing new therapies for degenerative diseases because
- A. they can self-renew everyday.
 - B. they can become specific cell types.
 - C. they can grow indefinitely.
 - D. they can replace diseased cells.

70. Stem cells can be a cure for
- i. Degenerative diseases
 - ii. Genetic diseases
 - iii. Many other diseases
- A. Only i
 - B. i and ii
 - C. ii and iii
 - D. i, ii and iii

Read the following text and answer the questions that follow.

Rocks, on which messages were carved or painted, were the earliest medium of written communication. Pieces of leather, however, had the advantage of being portable when rolled into scrolls and they replaced rock carvings. These leather scrolls were in turn replaced in the Middle Ages. Parchment books took over and were laboriously copied by hand until the invention of the printing press. Printed books have been central to communication for centuries but various forms of electronic media are sure to replace them in the end.

71. Which of the following is the most appropriate title to the text below?
- A. Written communication through ages
 - B. Materials used for writing across time
 - C. History of written communication
 - D. Historical development of materials
72. The recent change in the print material was due to
- A. difficulties in procurement
 - B. reduction in the cost of production
 - C. development in technology
 - D. all the above

Read the paragraph below and answer by choosing from the options given.

The professor claimed that, as a result of continued cutbacks in the budget for social sciences research, fewer students are choosing a career in social sciences, and therefore the number of postgraduate students studying in the area is likely to decline further.

73. This statement assumes that the budget cutback
- A. might affect admissions
 - B. will affect admissions
 - C. has been affecting admissions
 - D. has affected admissions

74. What does the following sentence mean?
“I wish I had studied at the University of Hyderabad.”
- A. It expresses the speaker’s volition to study at the University.
 - B. It expresses the speaker’s regret that s/he could not study at the University.
 - C. It expresses the speakers’ disappointment that s/he could not study at the University.
 - D. It expresses the speaker’s hope that he would study at the University in future.
75. Find the sentence that has the correct word order
- A. Find Andrew and Debora in this drawing and talk about what you think they are doing.
 - B. Find Andrew and Debora and talk about in this drawing what you think they are doing.
 - C. Find Andrew and Debora and talk about what you in this drawing think they are doing.
 - D. Find Andrew and Debora in this drawing you think they are doing and talk about what.

SECTION C
ESSAY

Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following in about 1500 words.

1. Trends in alternative energy sources
2. Gender sensitivity as a compulsory subject
3. Physical fitness in the age of the smart phone
4. Importance of primary education in India
5. Environmental pollution and our future
6. Science vs superstition
7. Media and violence in society
8. Extensive use of English in Indian films and advertisements.
9. Role of education in social change
10. Living with many languages.

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