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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS – 2019

MA English Language Studies

Time: 2 hrs

Maximum marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS:

There are 16 pages to this question paper. There are three sections to answer.

Section A and B consist of multiple-choice questions. Answer section 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 marks 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. There is no negative marking for this section.

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

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

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

1. Which of the following sentences is incorrect?

- A. I suggest that you go home.
- B. I suggest running away.
- C. I suggested many new avenues.
- D. I suggested her a topic.

2. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

In the event of a quarrel it is necessary for a neutral person to _____.

- A. assess
- B. adjudicate
- C. evaluate
- D. estimate

3. _____ the teacher's request, the students decided to conduct a seminar.
- A. In obedience to
 - B. Pursuant to
 - C. In quest of
 - D. In regard to

Select the appropriate sequence of options in questions 4 and 5 to fill in the blanks.

4. I lie _____ tonight,
_____ things I can change.
I try to convince myself,
But it's all so strange.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/whats-next>

- A. awake, wishing of
- B. prone, creating
- C. in bed, making
- D. sleeping, trying

5. I bend but do not break.
I've been lost, but I'm not a _____.
I'm a wreck, but I'm not totaled.
I'm _____ but not broken.
I've failed, but I'm not a failure.
I've fallen hard but can get up again.
I'm isolated, but still I'm free.
I have been destroyed but will rebuild.
My heart is broken, but it will mend.
See, no matter how close I come to breaking, I just continue to _____.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/i-bend>

- A. loser, fractured, bend
- B. bender, defeated, mend
- C. prey, victorious, blend
- D. victim, crippled, send

6. I don't think Susan has domestic problems, _____ I will talk to her.
- A. nonetheless
 - B. on the contrary
 - C. instead
 - D. on the other hand

7. What is the import of the following excerpt from an email communication?
"Please remember that your Manager must agree on any holiday dates before you fill in the form."
- A. ask for information
 - B. state a problem
 - C. explain what should be done
 - D. seek general consensus
8. Choose the right response to "Give me two tickets for tomorrow."
- A. Afternoon and evening.
 - B. How much do you pay?
 - C. Afternoon or evening?
 - D. Let me also buy a couple.
9. I'm not sure if I switched off the geyser; I can't really remember _____ it off.
- A. have switched
 - B. I switch
 - C. switching
 - D. to switch
10. _____ not been for her help, I couldn't have completed my work.
- A. If it
 - B. If she had
 - C. Was she
 - D. Had it
11. Have you seen "The Sound of Music"? _____, it's a very good film.
- A. Apparently
 - B. Admittedly
 - C. Nevertheless
 - D. Despite
12. The trial in which Mr. Mathur was accused of murder was scheduled to end _____ week.
- A. any
 - B. at the last
 - C. that very
 - D. after

13. Akarsh and Sara have been going out together _____ they met two weeks ago.
- A. for
 - B. since
 - C. because
 - D. as
14. Fill in the missing information in the conversation exchange below.
- P: Do you smoke?
Q: I _____, I _____ any more.
P: When did you give up?
- A. used to, don't
 - B. used to, didn't
 - C. was smoking, not smoking
 - D. smoked, didn't
15. I went to the bank but I forgot _____ the cheque into my account.
- A. depositing
 - B. to have deposited
 - C. to deposit
 - D. to have been deposited
16. Which of the following is grammatically INCORRECT?
- A. I look forward to hearing from you soon.
 - B. We are committed to serving you better.
 - C. The government announced the notification for employment with a view to pacifying the agitated unemployed youth.
 - D. The government's approach to handle the opposition has received a lot of criticism.
17. In the sentence below, identify the part which has an error.
- This model leads to the conclusion that even the most vulnerable child can show improvement if her environment improve markedly.
- A. This model leads to the conclusion
 - B. that even the most vulnerable child
 - C. can show improvement
 - D. if her environment improve markedly.

18. Identify the meaning of the underlined phrase in the sentence below.

I don't know anyone in England, but I am sure I will manage when I find my feet.

- A. Finding the place
 - B. Starting to feel confident in the place
 - C. Starting to move around the place
 - D. Taking off shoes
19. Fill in the blank with appropriate set of words.
When she went ____ to see her parents for the weekend, I thought nothing ____ it.
- A. of, off
 - B. in, with
 - C. off, of
 - D. out, on

Answer questions 20 to 24 by filling in the blanks with an appropriate word from the options given below.

The trouble with words is that most of _____ (20) have got more than one meaning – they're _____ (21). We can see this straight away if we look in a dictionary. Most of the entries give _____ (22) than one meaning for a word. Take a _____ (23) like 'band'. We might think its meaning is _____ (24): 'a pop group'.

(Source: Crystal, 2010, p.37)

20.
 - A. you
 - B. us
 - C. them
 - D. none of the above
21.
 - A. obvious
 - B. perspicacious
 - C. perspicuous
 - D. ambiguous
22.
 - A. more
 - B. less
 - C. higher
 - D. greater
23.
 - A. construct
 - B. concept
 - C. word
 - D. term

24. A. obvious
 B. opaque
 C. noticeable
 D. luminous
25. The sentences below are jumbled. Choose the best option that puts the sentences in the right order to create a coherent text for the reader.
- i. Ideally, engineering professionals share a vast amount of knowledge and experience.
 - ii. However, one major challenge faced by professional engineer is the successful communication of technical information to their clients.
 - iii. Successful communication is an important element of professional practice.
 - iv. Therefore, communication between peers can proceed without major misunderstandings.
 - v. Moreover, the information may be communicated in confusing detail, obscuring the points vital to avoiding safety hazards.
 - vi. Often, these clients lack the expertise to interpret the information provided.
- A. iii, i, iv, ii, vi, v
B. iii, vi, ii, I, iv, v
C. i, iii, iv, ii, vi, v
D. I, iii, iv, vi, ii, v

SECTION B
CONTENT AND ANALYTICAL ABILITY
(50 MARKS)

26. A synonym is a word or a phrase that means nearly the same as another word. A homonym is a word or a phrase that has similar spelling or pronunciation but different meanings and origins. A paronym is _____
- A. a word that is derived from the same root as another word
 - B. a word formed from the initial letters of a name
 - C. a word or phrase derived from the proper name of a person or place
 - D. a word or a phrase that means nearly the opposite of another word
27. _____ is an example of an isogram in English.
- A. buffet
 - B. dinner
 - C. brunch
 - D. chicken

28. The sentence, "Mary is a friend of John's but not a cousin of Bill's" contains two examples of _____ grammatical structure.
- A. double negative
 - B. double genitive
 - C. double superlative
 - D. double comparative
29. The /tʃ/ sound is a...
- A. voiceless palato-alveolar affricate
 - B. voiced palato-alveolar affricate
 - C. voiceless palato-alveolar plosive
 - D. voiced palato-alveolar plosive
30. The sentence, *When he became the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong said that it was a "small step for man, but a giant leap for mankind."* is an example of _____.
- A. antithesis
 - B. hypothesis
 - C. epithet
 - D. thesis
31. The first kind of writing system was...
- A. pictographic
 - B. morphemic
 - C. syllabic
 - D. phonetic
32. The original hypothesis about language was that...
- A. If infants were allowed to grow up without hearing or learning language, they would spontaneously use the original God-given language.
 - B. If infants were allowed to grow up without hearing or learning language, they would use their paralanguage.
 - C. If infants were allowed to grow up without hearing or learning language, they would not communicate in any manner.
 - D. If infants were allowed to grow up without hearing or learning language, they would pick up animal like communication patterns.

33. *Smurk*, *motel* and *telecast* are examples of...
- A. blending
 - B. clipping
 - C. compounding
 - D. blending and clipping.
34. Words that sound similar to the noises they describe are examples of...
- A. onomatopoeia
 - B. euphony
 - C. homophony
 - D. symphony
35. The property of _____ accounts for the fact that we can use language to think and talk about language itself, making it one of the distinguishing features of human language.
- A. displacement
 - B. reflexivity
 - C. arbitrariness
 - D. productivity
36. Who among the following coined the idea of a 'language game' serving as a mediator between language and the world?
- A. Halliday
 - B. Bloomfield
 - C. Saussure
 - D. Wittgenstein
37. The concept that different languages drive and are driven by different perceptions of the world is...
- A. mentalism
 - B. relativism
 - C. linguistic relativity
 - D. semantic variability
38. Chomsky's famous sentence, "Colourless green ideas sleep furiously" illustrates that ...
- A. well-formedness is independent of meaning
 - B. well-formedness and meaning are interdependent
 - C. meaning is inclusive of well-formedness
 - D. meaning and well-formedness are linked by words.

39. Universal Grammar is NOT...
- A. what the human mind knows genetically about language
 - B. exclusively linguistic
 - C. a system of conditions that every natural language fulfils
 - D. learnt by teaching or experience
40. Cultural Transmission in which culture is passed on to a new learner(s) through certain channels can be considered as a...
- A. one-way system
 - B. two-way system
 - C. randomly generated system
 - D. alternative system
41. The speech habits peculiar to a particular person is termed as...
- A. dialect
 - B. sociolect
 - C. idiolect
 - D. monolect
42. During childhood, there is a period when the human brain is most ready to receive input and learn a particular language. This is generally known as the _____ period.
- A. critical
 - B. insightful
 - C. learning
 - D. dominant
43. Rose is a hyponym of ...
- A. petal
 - B. flower
 - C. love
 - D. red
44. Two or more words with the same form and related meanings are ...
- A. polysemous
 - B. homophones
 - C. hyponyms
 - D. synonymous

45. The study of variation in language viewed from a historical perspective of change through time is referred to as _____ study.
- A. anachronic
 - B. synchronic
 - C. diachronic
 - D. parachronic
46. General Service list of English words is associated with _____.
- A. Averil Coxhead
 - B. Michael West
 - C. Harold Palmer
 - D. Henry Sweet
47. "A specification of the content of a course of instruction which lists what will be taught and tested" is called...
- A. curriculum
 - B. lesson plan
 - C. syllabus
 - D. unit
48. The words printed at the top of each page of the dictionary to indicate the first and the last word entry on the page are referred to as...
- A. Synonyms
 - B. Hyponyms
 - C. Usage
 - D. Guide
49. ESL stands for...
- A. English as a stationary language
 - B. English as a standard language
 - C. English as second language
 - D. English as a secondary language
50. Which of the following is a receptive skill?
- A. Speaking
 - B. Understanding
 - C. Reading
 - D. Thinking

51. Drills are commonly associated with...
- A. audiolingual method
 - B. natural approach
 - C. communicative approach
 - D. silent way
52. Stimulus, response and reinforcement are stages related to...
- A. behaviourism
 - B. cognitivism
 - C. constructivism
 - D. connectionism
53. Which of the following is an example of General English course?
- A. A Libyan marine biologist is preparing to present a research paper in English at an international conference.
 - B. A group of Indian air traffic controllers are receiving instruction in aviation English.
 - C. A group of freshly recruited software engineers in Asia are being trained on English communication for the call centre industry.
 - D. A young learner of class V is being taught how to describe the process of making paper kites.
54. What does this famous dictum refer to, "You shall know a word by the company it keeps!".
- A. Synonym
 - B. Phrasal verbs
 - C. Collocation
 - D. Idioms
55. What is *been* in the question, "*Where have you been?*"
- A. A participle
 - B. A modal verb
 - C. An infinitive
 - D. An auxiliary verb
56. The audio-lingual method emerged in...
- A. The United kingdom
 - B. The United states
 - C. South Asia
 - D. Africa.

57. Pair and group work are commonly associated with...
- A. grammar-translation method
 - B. situational language teaching
 - C. communicative approach
 - D. direct method
58. Piaget is known for...
- A. social constructivism
 - B. cognitive constructivism
 - C. emergentism
 - D. information processing theory
59. Which of the following supports the claim that the younger the learners are, the better the language learning is?
- A. The natural approach
 - B. The grammar translation method
 - C. The total physical response
 - D. The silent way
60. N. S. Prabhu is known for...
- A. Madras snowball movement
 - B. bilingualism
 - C. Bangalore project
 - D. national curriculum framework
61. Pick the odd one out.
- A. read
 - B. peruse
 - C. skim
 - D. opine

For questions 62 to 64, find the set of words from the choices which are related in the same way as in the question.

62. CAREFUL: CAUTIOUS
BOASTFUL: _____
- A. angry
 - B. humble
 - C. suspicious
 - D. arrogant

63. PSYCHOLOGIST: NEUROSIS
- A. Dentist: measles
 - B. Gynecologist: fracture
 - C. Dermatologist: diabetes
 - D. Cardiologist: chestpain
64. SPY: CLANDESTINE
- A. lawyer: ironic
 - B. astronaut: lightheaded
 - C. shepherd: garrulous
 - D. accountant: meticulous
65. Pick the odd one out.
- A. Phoneme
 - B. Lexeme
 - C. Morpheme
 - D. Meme
66. If STORY is coded as pqlov, SONG is coded as plkd, how can STRONG be coded in that language?
- A. pqolkd
 - B. pqllkd
 - C. poqlkd
 - D. plqlkd
67. If P is the husband of Q, S is the daughter of R and P is the father of R, then how is Q related to S?
- A. Mother
 - B. Grandmother
 - C. Aunt
 - D. Cousin
68. Find the odd one out.
- A. Profit: loss
 - B. Virtue: vice
 - C. Euphony: cacophony
 - D. Eulogy: praise

69. Which of these statements best sum(s) up the meaning of the passage given?

We would go to an IPA chart for a description of the sounds of all languages. It includes, for example, symbols for the velar fricative sound you may have heard in the German pronunciation of the "ch" part of Bach or Achtung. There are many other consonant sounds in the languages of the world.

- A. The IPA chart describes all the variations in the consonant sounds in languages of the world.
- B. The IPA chart describes difficult German sounds better than sounds of other languages.
- C. The IPA chart describes all the sounds of all the languages.
- D. The IPA chart describes all the sounds of some of the languages.

70. A study by the University of Edinburgh Business School found that the more Facebook friends a person has, the more stressful the person finds Facebook to use.

Possible conclusions of the study are:

- I. the less number of Facebook friends a person has, the less stressful it is for the person to use Facebook.
- II. the more number of Facebook friends a person has, the less stressful it is for the person to use Facebook.
- III. the more number of Facebook friends a person has, the more stressful it is for the person to use Facebook.
- IV. the less number of Facebook friends a person has, the more stressful it is for the person to use Facebook

It can be said from the above mentioned finding of the study that conclusions _____ are false.

- A. I and II
- B. I and III
- C. II and III
- D. II and IV

71. When the watch shows 9am and the minute hand points to north, in what direction will the hour hand point to?

- A. North
- B. South
- C. East
- D. West

72. Which course of action logically follows the given situation?
A large number of people in a hospital are diagnosed with dengue.
- I. The city municipal authority should take immediate steps to carry out extensive fumigation in the hospital.
 - II. The people in the area should be advised to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.
- A. Only I follows
 - B. Only II follows
 - C. neither I nor II follows
 - D. Both I and II follow
73. Arrange the given words in alphabetical order and identify the one that comes in the third position.
recoil, recompense, reciprocity, reckoning, recognize
- A. Reckoning
 - B. Recompense
 - C. Recoil
 - D. Recognize
74. Identify the data provided in the statements I and II below is sufficient to answer the question, "what is the code for SKY in the code language?"
- I. In the code language SKY IS BLUE is written as 'ka ni un'.
 - II. In the same code language I LIKE SKY is written as 'na ka is'.
- A. I alone is sufficient to answer the question.
 - B. II alone is sufficient to answer the question.
 - C. Both I & II are necessary for answering the question.
 - D. Neither of them are sufficient to answer the question
75. Which one of the following is always associated with 'visual aesthetics'?
- A. Homeliness
 - B. Presentation
 - C. Mathematics
 - D. Culture

SECTION C
ESSAY
(25 MARKS)

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

1. Travel as education or recreation?
2. Learning another language is like becoming another person.
3. Freedom of speech or a need for censorship?
4. Smart phones connect the world but disconnect family and friends.
5. English should not be the language of higher education in India.
6. Artificial intelligence: a bane or a boon?.
7. Organic farming- the way forward or back to the past?
8. Social media trolls: A necessary evil?
9. Should cricket be made the national sport of India?
10. Democracy: still the best form of governance?

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PART A

PART -A	PART -B	
		51. A
1. D	26. A	52. A
2. B	27. C	53. D
3. B	28. B	54. C
4. A	29. A	55. A
5. A	30. A	56. B
6. A	31. A	57. C
7. C	32. A	58. B
8. C	33. A	59. A
9. C	34. A	60. C
10. D	35. B	61. D
11. A	36. D	62. D
12. C	37. C	63. D
13. B	38. A	64. D
14. A	39. D	65. D
15. C	40. A	66. A
16. D	41. C	67. B
17. D	42. A	68. D
18. B	43. B	69. C
19. C	44. A	70. B
20. C	45. C	71. D
21. D	46. B	72. D
22. A	47. C	73. D
23. C	48. D	74. C
24. A	49. C	75. B
25. A	50. C	