

UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD
ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS- JUNE, 2012
M.A., APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

Hall Ticket No:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATE

- i) Write your **Hall Ticket Number in the OMR Answer sheet given to you. Also write the Hall Ticket Number in the space provided above.**
- ii) **There is negative marking. Each wrong answer carries -0.33 mark.**
- iii) **Answers are to be marked on the OMR answer sheet following the instructions provided there upon.**
- iv) **Hand over both the question paper and OMR answer sheet at the end of the Examination, to the invigilator.**
- v) **No additional sheet will be provided. Rough work can be done in the question paper itself / space provided at the end of the booklet.**

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Section A – Aptitude for Language

Part I: Identify the odd one from the words given under each group:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| 1. A. language | B. tongue | C. speech | D. word |
| 2. A. cornea | B. retina | C. vision | D. pupil |
| 3. A. noun | B. preposition | C. punctuation | D. adverb |
| 4. A. unimportant | B. familiar | C. insignificant | D. trivial |
| 5. A. run | B. walk | C. limp | D. move |

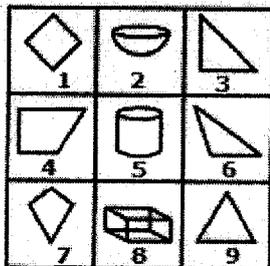
Part II: Find the statement that must be true according to the given information.

6. Nirmala is twelve years old. For three years, she has been asking her parents for a dog. Her parents have told her that they believe a dog would not be happy in an apartment, but they have given her permission to have a bird. Erin has not yet decided what kind of bird she would like to have.
- A. Nirmala's parents like birds better than they like dogs.
 B. Nirmala does not like birds.
 C. Nirmala and her parents live in an apartment.
 D. Nirmala and her parents would like to move.
7. When they heard the news of the hurricane, Maya and Julian decided to change their vacation plans. Instead of travelling to the island beach resort, they booked a room at a fancy new spa in the mountains. Their plans were a bit more expensive, but they had heard wonderful things about the spa and they were relieved to find availability on such short notice.
- A. Maya and Julian take beach vacations every year.
 B. The spa is over-priced.
 C. It is usually necessary to book at least six months in advance at the spa.
 D. Maya and Julian decided to change their vacation plans because of the hurricane.
8. Ten new television shows appeared during the month of September. Five of the shows were sitcoms, three were hour-long dramas, and two were news-magazine shows. By January, only seven of these new shows were still on the air. Five of the shows that remained were sitcoms.
- A. Only one of the news-magazine shows remained on the air.
 B. Only one of the hour-long dramas remained on the air.
 C. At least one of the shows that was cancelled was an hour-long drama.
 D. Television viewers prefer sitcoms over hour-long dramas.

9. On weekends, Mr. Kumar spends many hours working in his vegetable and flower gardens. Mrs. Kumar spends her free time reading and listening to classical music. Both Mr. Kumar and Mrs. Kumar like to cook.
- Mr. Kumar enjoys planting and growing vegetables.
 - Mr. Kumar does not like classical music.
 - Mrs. Kumar cooks the vegetables that Mr. Kumar grows.
 - Mrs. Kumar enjoys reading nineteenth century novels.
10. Sara lives in a large city on the East Coast. Her younger cousin Marlee lives in the Mid-west in a small town with fewer than 1,000 residents. Marlee has visited Sara several times during the past five years. In the same period of time, Sara has visited Marlee only once.
- Marlee likes Sara better than Sara likes Marlee.
 - Sara thinks small towns are boring.
 - Sara is older than Marlee.
 - Marlee wants to move to the East Coast.

Part III: Miscellaneous

11. Group the given figures into three classes where members of each class share at least one feature. Condition: each figure shall be used only once.



- 1,4,7 ; 2,5,8 ; 3,6,9
 - 1,4,7 ; 2,5,9 ; 3,6,7
 - 1,3,4 ; 2,5,8 ; 6,7,9
 - 1,2,3 ; 4,5,6 ; 7,8,9
12. Identify the word that cannot be used to fill in the following sentence:
Due to the background _____ nothing can be heard.
- voice
 - audio
 - phone
 - noise
13. Find the correctly spelt word.
- bouquete
 - bouquette
 - bouquet
 - boquet
14. Which of the following has a grammatical error in it?
- If I had known.
 - This is yesterday.
 - I will have helped him.
 - When did you go?

15. Pick out the most effective word from the given words to fill in the blank to make the given sentence meaningfully complete:

I saw a _____ of cows in the field.

A. group B. herd C. swarm D. flock

16. The meaning of the idiom 'to cry wolf' is _____.

A. to listen eagerly B. to give false alarm
C. to turn pale D. to keep off starvation

17. Rearrange the following words to make a meaningful sentence.

1. at 2. it 3. take 4. once 5. Away

A. 23514 B. 14352 C. 32514 D. 53214

18. The 'in' in the words 'inept', 'inadequate' represents _____.

A. preposition B. negation C. passivisation D. adjectivizer

19. The word 'pickle' has _____.

A. 6 letters, 4 sounds B. 4 letters, 6 sounds
C. 6 letters, 6 sounds D. 6 letters, 5 sounds

20. Identify the part of speech of the word tall In the sentence *John is tall*:

A. verb B. adjective C. adverb D. noun

Section – B: General Knowledge of World Languages

21. Approximately, how many languages are spoken all over the world?

A. 6,000 B. 9,000 C. 4,000 D. 1,000

22. Approximately, how many people speak the Chinese language?

A. 1 billion B. 1 million C. 1 lakh D. 1 thousand

23. Identify the most popular mother tongue in the world.

A. Hindi B. Russian C. English D. Mandarin

24. The word English has _____ sounds.
- A. 7 B. 6 C. 5 D. 4
25. _____ is not a Classical language of India.
- A. Telugu B. Sanskrit C. Tamil D. Punjabi
26. Which book has been printed in the maximum number of languages?
- A. the Bible B. Hiraka Sutra
C. the Super Book D. the Koran
27. The only religious book ever printed in a shorthand script is _____.
- A. the Ramayana B. the Mahabharata
C. the Bible D. Guru Granth Sahib
28. The oldest printed work in the world, which dates back to AD 868, is _____.
- A. the Bible B. the Hiraka Sutra
C. the Ramayana D. the Mahabharata
29. Esperanto is _____.
- A. an Argot B. trade language
C. an artificial language D. formal language
30. 'Arena' is the special name for playground of _____.
- A. cricket B. lawn tennis C. wrestling D. skating
31. A Creole is a/an _____.
- A. natural language B. artificial language
C. computer language D. trade language
32. Sounds in a language are generally classified into _____.
- A. vowels and consonants B. monophthongs and diphthongs
C. clusters and geminates D. spirated and unaspirated
33. Etymology means _____.
- A. study of word formation B. the correct usage of a word
C. the origin and history of a word D. the scientific study of language

34. Hyponyms are _____.

- A. words having similar sense
- B. words where the sense of one is included in the sense of another
- C. words whose meanings are unrelated
- D. words with similar pronunciation and spelling

35. In human history _____.

- A. writing appeared before speech
- B. speech appeared before writing
- C. speech and writing appeared together
- D. various places had various sequences of speech and writing

36. The *katakana* is a script used in _____.

- A. Japanese
- B. Chinese
- C. Vietnamese
- D. Korean

37. Which of the following is a Semitic language?

- A. Persian
- B. Turkish
- C. Arabic
- D. Urdu

38. Which of the following is **not** a human language?

- A. Burushasky
- B. Basque
- C. Algonquian
- D. Jawa

39. English, Hindi, Russian and Greek _____.

- A. are genetically related
- B. have extensively borrowed from each other
- C. are ancient languages
- D. military languages of the region

40. The number of syllables in the word 'behaviouristic' is _____.

- A. four
- B. five
- C. six
- D. seven

Section C – Knowledge of Indian Languages

41. Which of the following is not a Schedule language?

- A. Bengali
- B. Bodo
- C. Malayalam
- D. Tenyidie

42. _____ is not a Dravidian languages.
- A. Brahui B. Kurux C. Toda D. Billi
43. Most Indian languages have the word order _____.
- A. verb-subject-object B. subject-verb-object
C. subject-object-verb D. object-verb-subject
44. The writing system of Telugu, a Dravidian language is _____.
- A. alphabetic B. syllabic C. logographic D. iconic
45. Romanis in Europe speak a _____ language.
- A. Indo-Aryan B. Tibeto-Burman C. Dravidian D. Munda
46. Which of the following is a feature of Tibeto-Burman languages?
- A. preposition B. verb-initial C. tonal D. all of the above
47. In the construction of inflected forms, Proto-Dravidian used only _____.
- A. suffixes B. infixes C. prefixes D. simulfixes
48. Which one of the following languages has a dual marker?
- A. Kashmiri B. Telugu C. Assamese D. Sanskrit
49. Verb + PNG markers is a feature of _____.
- A. Dravidian languages B. Tibeto-Burman languages
C. Indo-Aryan languages D. All of the above
50. Which feature does Kashmiri language exhibit?
- A. verb-final B. verb-medial
C. verb-initial D. all of the above
51. Reflexive *tan* is associated with _____.
- A. Malayalam B. Marathi C. Maithili D. Oriya
52. *Dahi* 'curd' in Hindi is _____.
- A. masculine B. feminine C. neuter D. first two

53. Which language is said to be a relexified Dravidian language?
 A. Gujarati B. Marathi C. Sindhi D. Konkani
54. Which one of the following is genetically unrelated to the remaining?
 A. Oriya B. Marathi C. Assamese D. Mizo
55. Which one is not genetically related to the remaining?
 A. Maithili B. Sanskrit C. Kashmiri D. Telugu
56. Paninian grammar was written for _____.
 A. Prakrit B. Pali C. Sanskrit D. Apabhramsha
57. Hindi has _____.
 A. honorific pronouns B. non-honorific pronouns
 C. both A and B D. none of the above
58. The original script of Kashmiri was _____.
 A. Sharada B. Devnagari C. Brahmi D. Persian
59. Kumaoni and Garhwali are dialects of _____.
 A. Hindi B. Punjabi C. Telugu D. Marathi
60. Kokborok is a tribal language spoken in _____.
 A. Assam B. Tripura C. Nagaland D. Andhra Pradesh

Section D – General Knowledge on Indian Languages

61. How many language families are generally held to be there in India?
 A. four B. five C. six D. seven
62. Which script is used for Hindi?
 A. romani B. nandinagari C. Brahmi D. Devnagari

63. How many languages are listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution?
 A. 27 B. 21 C. 22 D. 24
64. Which is the most populous language family of India?
 A. Dravidian B. Indo-Aryan C. Tibeto-Burman D. Austro-Asiatic
65. The four languages viz. Bodo, Maithili, Dogri and Santhali were added to the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution in the year _____.
 A. 2003 B. 2004 C. 2001 D. 2009
66. Which language family does the Munda group belong to?
 A. Austro-Asiatic B. Indo-European
 C. Sino-Tibetan D. Austro-Asiatic
67. Most ancient inscriptions in Indian are found in _____.
 A. Tamil B. Telugu C. Sanskrit D. Prakrit
68. The author of the Sanskrit grammatical treatise Ashtadhyayi was _____.
 A. VaSiShtha B. Valmiki C. Patanjali D. Panini
69. Which of the following is a Tibeto-Burman language?
 A. Khasi B. Meiteilon C. Tulu D. Bagri
70. Singhalese, the language of Sri Lanka is genetically related to _____.
 A. Marathi B. Tamil C. Andamanese D. Nehali
71. Which of the following Dravidian languages is not spoken in India?
 A. Brahui B. Gondi C. Kodagu D. Koya
72. The Indo-Aryan languages are a sub-branch of _____.
 A. the Caucasian family B. the Afro-Asiatic family
 C. the Indo-European family D. the Austronesian family
73. Which of the Indian languages does not have a script of its own?
 A. Tenyidie B. Marathi C. Assamese D. Meiteilon

74. The Tibeto-Burman language family does not include?

- A. Assamese B. Bodo C. Garo D. Mizo

75. The concept of "India as a linguistic area" is based on _____.

- A. common features found in similar languages
 B. common features found in most of the languages of a geographical area
 C. inherited features found in languages
 D. diffused features found in an area

76. Naga languages belong to the _____.

- A. Austro-Asiatic family B. Tibeto-Burman family
 C. Dravidian family D. Indo-Aryan family

77. Who wrote the Mahabharata?

- A. bhavabhuti B. Veda Vyas C. Valmiki D. vaSishtha

78. To which religion is the Pali language related?

- A. Hinduism B. Sikhism C. Buddhism D. Jainism

79. Where is the Central Institute of Indian Languages located?

- A. Kolkata B. Mysore C. Dehradun D. Cochin

80. Which language has the highest number of speakers in India?

- A. Bengali B. Marathi C. Telugu D. Hindi

Section E – Language Problems Set

Problem-1

Consider the hypothetical data given below and answer the following questions:

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. [minak] | 'I hunt' |
| b. [mitonak] | 'we hunt' |
| c. [mitonaket] | 'we hunted' |
| d. [kalam] | 'he sees' |
| e. [katolamet] | 'they saw' |
| f. [somi] | 'my blanket' |

g. [somito]	'our blanket'
h. [sosomito]	'our blankets'
i. [sosoti]	'your blankets'
j. [nuka]	'his horse'
k. [nunuka]	'his horses'
l. [smomi]	'my grandfather'

81. What is the word that corresponds to English 'I' in this language?

- A. min B. mi C. mito D. nak

82. What is the word for 'blankets' ?

- A. so B. soso C. soto D. somi

83. The plural marker in the word 'horses' is _____

- A. nu B. ka C. to D. ti

84. What is the word for 'your'?

- A. so B. ti C. soti D. soso

85. What is the word for 'his'?

- A. nunu B. nuka C. ka D. nu

86. What is the word for 'our'?

- A. mito B. soso C. som D. somi

87. How would you say 'your grandfathers' in this imaginary language?

- A. smoti B. smosmoti C. smomi D. smosmoka

88. What is the word for 'see'?

- A. kal B. lam C. kato D. lamet

89. What is the word for 'hunt'?

- A. tona B. ak C. onak D. nak

90. How would you say 'I saw'?

- A. milamet B. mitomet C. lammi D. lalami

Problem-2

Consider the simplified data from Isthmus Zapotec given below and answer the following questions:

1a. [rukaa]	'writes'	1b. [bikaa]	'wrote'
2a. [zukaa]	'will write'	2b. [kukaa]	'is writing'
3a. [ruzoone]	'runs'	3b. [bizoone]	'ran'
4a. [ruyubi]	'looks for'	4b. [biyubi]	'looked for'
5a. [riree]	'goes out'	5b. [biree]	'went out'
6a. [ribani]	'wakes up'	6b. [bibani]	'woke up'
7a. [rijela]	'finds'	7b. [bijela]	'found'

91. What is the word for 'write' in this language?

- A. ruk B. kaa C. uka D. ru

92. What is the word for 'go out'?

- A. rire B. iree C. ire D. ree

93. What does 'ru' represent in this language?

- A. the present B. the present progressive
C. the future D. the future progressive

94. What does 'ri' represent in this language?

- A. the present B. the present progressive
C. the future D. the future progressive

95. How will you say 'will wake up' in this language?

- A. kubiba B. rikaa C. zubani D. kaabani

96. How will you say 'is looking for' in this language?

- A. zuyubi B. ruyuku C. yubiku D. kuyubi

97. How is the past tense represented in this language?

- A. je B. bi C. ni D. la

98. What is the word for 'find' in this language?

- A. rije B. ije C. jela D. ela

99. In this language the word 'zuree' means _____.

- A. will go out B. will look for C. is going out D. is looking for

100. In this language the word 'kubani' means _____.

- A. will look for B. will wake up C. is waking up D. is running
