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SECTION A - WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

Complete the sentence choosing the best option.

1. Nymph: _____ :: seraphim: angel
 - a. maiden
 - b. sinner
 - c. candle
 - d. priest

2. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

Although the twins look identical, they have widely _____ opinions on almost every topic under the sun.

 - a. dissimilar
 - b. divergent
 - c. distinct
 - d. distinguished

3. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

That which cannot be corrected _____

 - a. unintelligible
 - b. indelible
 - c. illegible
 - d. incorrigible

4. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

The miser gazed _____ at the pile of gold coins in front of him.

 - a. avidly
 - b. admiringly
 - c. earnestly
 - d. thoughtfully

5. **Choose the option that best suits the sentence.**

You cannot have your cake and eat it too.

 - a. have it both ways
 - b. enjoy forever
 - c. run away from responsibility
 - d. absolve yourself of guilt

6. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option for the highlighted phrase.**
It is no longer easy **to strike gold** in Shakespeare's research since much work is already been done on him.
- Hit a golden spot
 - Come across gold
 - Come across the word 'gold'
 - Uncover a valuable line of argument
7. Find the correctly spelt word.
- chancellory
 - chancelary
 - chancellery
 - chancellary
8. Give the antonym of INDISCREET.
- reliable
 - prudent
 - honest
 - foolish
9. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**
The Professor _____ South Africa amazed the Americans students with her stories.
- in
 - from
 - of
 - at
10. **Choose the correct phrasal verb.**
"The plan happened after I talked about it with my father."
- came out
 - came about
 - made out
 - tried out
11. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**
He escaped by _____
- the hair's breadth
 - the breadth of a hair
 - a hair's breadth
 - a breadth of a hair

12. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

Why do you object to _____ - he'll be an asset to the company?

- a. him being taken on
- b. he be taken on
- c. he being taken on
- d. him be taken on

13. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

His habits are very similar _____ mine.

- a. of
- b. to
- c. for
- d. from

14. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

When I come home from school, my mother _____ at the door, waiting for me.

- a. would have been sitting
- b. has been sitting
- c. will be sitting
- d. will have sitting

15. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

Reema _____ two books this year with a new publisher.

- a. got along
- b. brought up
- c. drew on
- d. brought out

16. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

It was so hot in the restaurant that, after half an hour, we were all starting to _____ .

- a. wilt
- b. fade
- c. shrivel
- d. weed

17. **Mark the most appropriate one-word substitution for the given description.**

One who is very particular in one's taste and choice _____

- a. Veteran
- b. Stoic
- c. Ascetic
- d. Fastidious

18. **Complete the sentence choosing the best option.**

We were at a disadvantage _____ that we did not have a very good knowledge of the language the others were using.

- a. by
- b. in
- c. with
- d. for

19. **Choose the incorrect part of the sentence.**

I was talking about those people which were involved with the party.

- a. I was talking about those
- b. people which were
- c. involved with the party
- d. No error

20. Identify the sentence with a metaphor.

- a. The sun gives light to my day.
- b. The sun is the light of my life.
- c. The sun shines her light on me.
- d. The sun is like joy to me.

SECTION B – READING COMPREHENSION

Read the passage and answer the questions (21 – 25) that follow.

The UN General Assembly vote on a resolution calling for the final settlement of Jerusalem through negotiations may have been pitched as a contest between Israel and Palestine; however, it became a referendum on U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to recognise the city as Israel's capital. The final outcome should force the U.S. to rethink its move, with 128 of the

UNGA's 193 member-countries voting for the resolution, and only nine against it.

Among those voting for the resolution that "deeply regretted" the U.S. decision were its NATO allies, Germany, the U.K. and France, its Asian allies Japan and South Korea; its closest neighbours Canada and Mexico chose merely to abstain. The overwhelming majority ignored Mr. Trump and his UN Ambassador Nikki Haley's threats that all countries that defied America would be 'named and shamed' and face cancellation of U.S. aid.

The suggestion was that the U.S. would exact its revenge by refusing to support these countries when they next need it at the UN. Israel showed deep derision for the world body, which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu referred to as a "house of lies", while his UN envoy called the 128 countries "puppets forced to dance".

Such threats and epithets mark new lows in international diplomacy, and Israel and the U.S. come away looking like churlish bullies for issuing them. With all its weaknesses, the UN is a global collective, and it is imperative to acknowledge its mandate when such a large number of nations speak in one voice.

The U.S. only recently asserted its intention to uphold the international rules-based order in its National Security Strategy document. It cannot now just walk away from both UN resolutions and its national commitment to the Israel-Palestine peace process by unilaterally changing its stand on the status of Jerusalem, without being accused of doublespeak. (Source: The Hindu)

21. Who among the following were referred to as – "puppets forced to dance".
 - a. those who voted in favour of resolution
 - b. those who voted against the resolution
 - c. those who restrained from voting on the resolution
 - d. the USA & Israel

22. What is an appropriate synonym of 'epithet' used in the passage?
 - a. message
 - b. brickbat
 - c. praise
 - d. acclaim

23. Which of the following countries voted in favour of the resolution?
- a. Canada
 - b. India
 - c. Mexico
 - d. Germany
24. What is the primary intention of the author?
- a. to expose the USA's inconsistent stance on Israel-Palestine issue
 - b. to appreciate the USA for its bold move
 - c. to appreciate the UN for taking a stand on Israel-Palestine issue
 - d. to denounce Israel's stance on the UN resolution
25. Which of the following is the most suitable title for the passage?
- a. The USA vs Israel: Who is right?
 - b. Jerusalem: New Capital of Israel
 - c. Affirmative vote: on US' move on Jerusalem
 - d. Trump & Haley's threats on Jerusalem

Read the passage and answer the questions (26 – 30) that follow.

In what may be the Centre's first strike in response to the rural distress read into the Gujarat Assembly poll outcomes, a 30% customs duty has been slapped on the import of chana dal and masoor dal.

The official reasoning is clear. Cheap imports could hit farm incomes especially at a time when domestic production of pulses is at a record high and a bumper rabi crop is expected. With an adequate domestic stockpile of pulses and with international prices remaining low for a prolonged period, the Centre fears that traders may still prefer to import some pulses rather than buy the fresh crop from local farmers at higher prices.

There has been a significant upsurge in imports, in the range of 30% to 46%, in four out of the first six months of this financial year. Chana and masoor were the key contributors for India's pulses imports rising to over \$1.6 billion between April and September, compared to \$1.2 billion in the same period last year. The value of chana imports in this period rose 373%, while masoor grew 204% year on year. However, the recent trends suggest that there has been a moderation in imports, especially since October.

Against this backdrop, the government's is too late, but flawed market timing isn't the real issue. Because, reflexively raising or breaking such tariff walls, as the production cycle warrants, doesn't add up to a serious long-term policy, which should be aimed at boosting farm incomes and ensuring food security.

Farmers, like investors, need predictability and coherence in government policies. Just as a duty hike on electronic goods won't directly prop up local manufacturing or curb their consumption, hiking import duties on one dal or another won't make farmers better-off — though traders who accumulated cheaper imports will benefit. The government must devise better means to shore up farm incomes without stirring up inflation. (Source: The Hindu)

26. What does 'reflexively raising' refers to in the passage?
- by not giving much thought into it
 - by consulting with the concerned officials
 - by reflecting on the issues faced by farmers
 - none of the above
27. The focus of the passage is to _____
- suggest measures to boost electronic goods production
 - emphasize the need to curb imports of pulses
 - evaluate the long term efficacy of the hike in duties on pulses
 - suggest measures to investor protection in agriculture infrastructure
28. Between April and November, imports of chana and masoor
- have been rising consistently
 - have been decreasing consistently
 - decreased in the initial period and then increased
 - increased in the initial period and then moderated
29. The appropriate title for the passage can be _____
- Agricultural Distress – Reasons & Analysis
 - Agriculture EXIM policy: Need for revision
 - Reasons behind farmers suicide
 - Missing the pulse: on policies for farmers

30. The government's move to increase import duty on chana and masoor is
- a. too early
 - b. too late
 - c. timely
 - d. can't be decided

Read the passage and answer the questions (31 – 35) that follow.

A man is known by the book he reads as well as by the company he keeps; for there is a companionship of books as well as of men and one should always live in the best company, whether it be of books or of men.

A good book may be among the best of friends. It is the same today that it always was, and it will never change. It is the most patient and cheerful of companions. It does not turn its back upon in times of adversity or distress. It always receives us with the same kindness; amusing and interesting us in youth, comforting and consoling us in age.

31. Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the given passage?
- a. Books show the reader's character
 - b. Books as man's abiding friends
 - c. Books are useful in the youth
 - d. The importance of books in old age.
32. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to the word 'adversity' occurring in the passage?
- a. happiness
 - b. prosperity
 - c. progress
 - d. misfortune
33. The statement, " a good book may be among best of friends," in the passage means that _____
- a. there cannot be a better friend than a good book
 - b. books may be good friends, but not better than good men
 - c. a good book can be included among the best of friends of mankind.
 - d. our best friends read the same good books.

34. According to the passage, which of the following statements is not true?
- a. Good books as well as good men always provide the finest company.
 - b. A good book never betrays us
 - c. We have sometimes to be patient with a book as it may bore us.
 - d. A good book serves as a permanent friend.
35. According to the passage, A man may usually be known by the books he reads because
- a. His reading habits shows that he is a scholar.
 - b. The books he reads affect his thinking
 - c. Books provide him a lot of knowledge
 - d. His selection of books generally reveals his temperament and character

SECTION C - SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

36. **Choose the best option to complete the conversation.**
Rahul: Hello Sona! Where are you?
Sona: _____. Can we talk later?
Rahul: Sure. I'll call you in the evening.
- a. I'm good
 - b. I'm out now
 - c. I call you later
 - d. Yes, I'm out
37. What is the expression used to connect two people on the telephone?
- a. I am taking you through
 - b. I am putting you through
 - c. I am sending you through
 - d. I am putting you through
38. I get a real kick out of reaching the school before anybody else.
It means _____
- a. I get a kick on my backside on reaching the school
 - b. I get punishment for reaching the school before time
 - c. I very much enjoy reaching the school early
 - d. I receive a kick from those who reach the school late

39. **What does the highlighted phrase mean?**

On the eve of inspection everything was kept in **apple pie order**.

- a. In random order
- b. Related to fruits packing
- c. Related to dry fruit packing
- d. In perfect order

40. **Choose the best option that explains the meaning of the sentence given.**

Don't let your seniors bully you.

- a. You should stand yourself up
- b. You should rather stand yourself.
- c. You should stand up by yourself.
- d. You should rather stand for yourself

41. **Fill the blanks by choosing options that will make the dialogues meaningful.**

Ram : Eureka! I have met my deadline.

Shyam : You will be given some more work.

Ram : Nay! _____

Shyam : This is a testing time for all of us. We will have to slog.

- a. I am half-way through.
- b. I am head-over-heel on it.
- c. I am through with it.
- d. I am right under.

42. Try not to mention squint while she's here it's a sore spot for Meera.

It means _____ .

- a. it is a subject which she avoids because it makes her feel embarrassed.
- b. she has bed sores
- c. she has sore throat
- d. she has a sore point which hurts her badly

43. Replace the error with the option given below.

"Supposing if it rains what shall we do?"

- a. suppose if
- b. it rains
- c. what shall
- d. we do?

44. Shalu: Every summer, I go to Paris.
Benny: You must know it like the back of your hand!
Shalu: Yes, you can say that.

What does Benny mean?

- a. Shalu is very familiar with Paris.
 - b. Shalu has a tattoo of Paris on her hand.
 - c. Benny likes Shalu's hand.
 - d. Shalu's backhand is strong.
45. **Choose the best answer from the options given below:**
Ajiz: "Riaz, I've got an offer from HCL, London." Riaz: " _____ "
- a. How did you manage to get the offer?
 - b. What's that to me?
 - c. Oh, that's great! But I'm going to miss you.
 - d. None of the above.

SECTION D – HIGHER ORDER THINKING

46. **Choose the best answer to complete the sentence:**
He believed that in order to _____ the problem fully, he would need to understand all of its _____.
- a. comprehend...extreme
 - b. solve...positions
 - c. experience...thoughts
 - d. address...intricacies

Choose the option which gives correct meaning of the given idiom/phrase.
In the next few days we will see if the ambassador can **weather the political storm** caused by his remarks.

47. To weather the storm
- a. survive a difficult situation
 - b. create difficulty for others
 - c. victim of crisis
 - d. unsuccessful attempt

48. **Choose the option which gives correct meaning of the given idiom/phrase.**

It is not necessary that we should always reply at **the spur of moment** in interview, we should think before answer if we are not sure.

- a. Difficult Moment
- b. Without Delay
- c. Great Moment
- d. Very Slow

49. **Select the option which best expresses the direct sentence in Indirect form.**

“Are you alone, my son?” asked a soft voice close behind me.

- a. A soft voice from my back asked if I was alone.
- b. A soft voice said to me are you alone son.
- c. A soft voice asked that what I was doing there alone.
- d. A soft voice behind me asked if I was alone.

50. The weather seems to be picking up.

What does this mean?

- a. The temperatures are getting higher
- b. The weather is getting windy.
- c. The weather is getting better.
- d. The season is over.