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**ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS - 2018**

**MA English Language Studies**

Time: 2 hrs

Maximum marks:100

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

There are 15 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.

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. She was \_\_\_\_\_ to proceed further on the road, because she knew there would be danger.
  - A. unafraid
  - B. reluctant
  - C. indifferent
  - D. unhappy
  
2. "In the drudgery of modern existence, campus life is like a breath of fresh air." Here the meaning of the word 'drudgery' is:
  - A. rewarding
  - B. inspiring
  - C. monotonous
  - D. exciting

3. "A sterling attachment to truth helped her navigate the ambiguous paths of journalism." Here the meaning of 'sterling' is:
  - A. convenient
  - B. corrupt
  - C. diplomatic
  - D. uncompromising
  
4. "Ten years of dogged research catapulted him to international prominence." Here the meaning of 'dogged' is:
  - A. Persistent
  - B. Sporadic
  - C. Ambitious
  - D. Zoological
  
5. Identify the odd expression.
  - A. Wise teacher
  - B. Grateful dead
  - C. Stylish vagabond
  - D. Sober drunkard
  
6. The work can be completed \_\_\_\_\_ manual labour \_\_\_\_\_ using machines.
  - A. by means of, apart from
  - B. in spite of, apart from
  - C. by means of, in spite of
  - D. apart from, by means of
  
7. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

*Education is inevitably perceived as the universal social panacea. Claims are ubiquitously made that if designed scientifically and efficiently, education will solve the problems of our society. If reformed, transformed, revived, and financially supported, schools can save the nation from an accelerating descent down the road to ruin on which a country's citizens, and especially the children, may be seen to be sliding. Such ideas drive the pervasive machine of educational reform.*

The passage suggests that:

  - (i) current education system is adequate to solve problems in society
  - (ii) education can solve society's problems
  - (iii) the nation is on a descending path of ruin
  - A. Only (i)
  - B. Only (ii)
  - C. Only (iii)
  - D. (i) and (ii)
  
8. Which of the following sentences is correct?
  - A. I would if I could, but I could not.
  - B. I would if I could, but I cannot.
  - C. I would if I can, but I cannot.
  - D. I will if I could, but I cannot.

9. "Sir CV Raman received India's first Nobel Prize for India in the field of science."  
The sentence above contains an example of:  
A. incorrect use of possessive markers  
B. Tautology  
C. incorrect tense  
D. Reduplication
10. Complete the following utterance with the most appropriate option.  
"I have always used that company....."  
A. So is my dad.  
B. So does my dad.  
C. So has my dad.  
D. So did my dad.
11. 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. I confessed to the student that our library stocked many more specimens of such "ungrammatical" English, like *World Englishes and International Englishes*, not to speak of *Poetries and Sciences*!
  - ii. The first title that upset him was *Alternative Shakespeares*(ed.JohnDrakakis 1985).
  - iii. About a decade and a half ago, I offered a course called "Re-reading Shakespeare" to the first batch of M.A. students of the EFL university.
  - iv. He had been taught that proper nouns, having unique reference, have no plural forms.
  - v. As I was giving out a reading list, one of the students—who had done quite a bit of Shakespeare and also some grammar as part of his undergraduate curriculum—expressed surprise at a couple of titles in my list.
  - vi. (Incidentally, as I am keying this in, my computer seems to be in agreement with my student, for it too has underlined "Shakespeares"!)
- (Original text from Sreeraman, T. (2015). EFL Journal.)
- A. i, iii, v, ii, iv, vi
  - B. i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi
  - C. iii, v, ii, iv, vi, i
  - D. iii, iv, v, ii, vi, i

12. Which of the following sequence of sentence structures has a flow?  
A. Have you heard the news about YouTube? It was bought by Google.  
B. Have you heard the news about Google? YouTube was bought by it/them.  
C. Have you heard the news? Google bought YouTube.  
D. Have you heard the news? YouTube was bought by Google.
13. Which of the following is ungrammatical?  
i. The government had the police investigate the case.  
ii. The government had the case investigated by the police.  
iii. The government had the police to investigate the case.  
iv. The government had the case been investigated by the police.
- A. Only iii  
B. Only iv  
C. Both iii and iv  
D. Both i and ii

Read the text below and answer questions 14 to 20 by filling in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the options following the text.

Article 21 of the Constitution gives me the right to life, \_\_\_\_\_(14) I also interpret it as giving me the right to take \_\_\_\_\_(15) my life. The right to life includes the right to live \_\_\_\_\_(16) dignity. When you are in pain, that dignity is lost and \_\_\_\_\_(17) are forced to rely on your kith and kin for \_\_\_\_\_(18).

Section 309 of the Indian Penal Code prescribes punishment for attempting \_\_\_\_\_(19). It is an offence, but it should not be one. You \_\_\_\_\_(20) die, but if you survive, you should get counselling, not go to jail. (Agnes, Flavia, 26 Jan 2018, The Hindu)

14. A. for  
B. and  
C. since  
D. but
15. A. away  
B. after  
C. from  
D. of
16. A. to  
B. with  
C. for  
D. on
17. A. people  
B. we  
C. you  
D. they

- 18. A. living  
B. food  
C. shelter  
D. support
  
- 19. A. a kidnap  
B. a murder  
C. suicide  
D. a trial
  
- 20. A. have to  
B. could  
C. might  
D. should
  
- 21. Identify the sentence with the right punctuation.
  - A. "There is no room for error the engineer said, we have to double check every calculation".
  - B. "There is no room for error", the engineer said, we have to double check every calculation.
  - C. "There is no room for error" the engineer said, "we have to double check every calculation".
  - D. "There is no room for error", the engineer said, "we have to double check every calculation".
  
- 22. Identify the correct sentence.
  - A. One of the ship has a red mast
  - B. One of the ships have a red mast
  - C. One of the ships has a red mast
  - D. One of the ship have a red mast
  
- 23. Identify the odd sentence.
  - A. I saw the notice board.
  - B. I have seen the notice board last week
  - C. I have seen the notice board
  - D. I saw the notice board last week.
  - E.
  
- 24. Identify the correct sentence.
  - A. Rashmi went abroad for higher studies.
  - B. Rashmi went to abroad for higher studies
  - C. Rashmi was in abroad for higher studies.
  - D. Rashmi was in abroad because of her studies.

25. Which of the following is NOT the correct usage?  
Kiran suggested Ram meet his supervisor.
- A. Kiran suggested that Ram meet his supervisor.
  - B. Kiran suggested Ram to meet his supervisor.
  - C. Kiran suggested to Ram that he meet his supervisor.

**SECTION B**  
**CONTENT AND ANALYTICAL ABILITY**  
**(50 MARKS)**

26. The verbs *freeze, give, find, go, hit* are irregular verbs. Based on this data we may conclude that:
- A. Transitive verbs are irregular.
  - B. Irregular verbs are transitive.
  - C. Irregular verbs are intransitive.
  - D. None of the above.
27. *Radha went home because she had completed her work.* In this sentence, *she* is:
- A. deictic and anaphoric
  - B. only anaphoric
  - C. only deictic
  - D. cataphoric
28. The sentence "You were waiting in the sun" becomes a question when said with a
- A. rising and falling pitch.
  - B. falling pitch
  - C. rising pitch
  - D. falling and rising pitch
29. The words *lba* and *rta* are not possible words in English due to :
- A. phonotactic constraints
  - B. phonetic constraints
  - C. phonemic constraints
  - D. phonological constraints

30. Which of the following statements is true?  
(i) Arbitrariness and iconicity are opposites.  
(ii) Language is arbitrary.
- A. Only (ii)  
B. Only (i)  
C. Neither (i) nor (ii)  
D. Both (i) and (ii)
31. Community language learning is associated with:  
A. N.S. Prabhu  
B. Lev Vygotsky  
C. Stephen Krashen  
D. Charles Curran
32. Communicative competence  
(i) is context specific  
(ii) involves negotiation of meaning
- A. only (i)  
B. only (ii)  
C. both (i) and (ii)  
D. neither (i) nor (ii)
33. The structural methods of teaching language are:  
(i) grammar translation (ii) audiolingual method (iii) direct method (iv) natural method
- A. (i) and (iv)  
B. (i) and (ii)  
C. (ii) and (iii)  
D. (iii) and (iv)
34. The study of language acquisition including how children learn languages over a period of time falls in the subject area of:  
A. sociolinguistics  
B. speech therapy  
C. neurolinguistics  
D. psycholinguistics
35. PPP method for teaching structures stands for :  
A. preparation, production, practice  
B. preparation, presentation, practice  
C. presentation, practice, preparation  
D. presentation, practice, production

36. The past tense forms are given for a few verbs in a language called ilag.

(i)	jan	'break'	jon	'broke'
(ii)	naj	'eat'	najn	'ate'
(iii)	kam	'come'	kom	'came'
(iv)	nap	'sleep'	napen	'slept'
(v)	traí	'tie'	train	'tied'

Based on these examples, identify the correct past tense form for *man* 'do':

- A. manjn  
B. mann  
C. mon  
D. monen
37. The correct division of the sentence "Different spellings have existed throughout English history" is:
- A. [[different] [spellings have existed] [throughout English history]]  
B. [[different spellings] [have existed [throughout English history]]]  
C. [[different spellings have existed throughout] [English history]]  
D. [[different spellings have] [existed] [throughout English history]]
38. What is the correct sequence in which the objects are laid out?  
A red pen is next to a blue pencil.  
A white eraser is next to a black pen.  
The blue pencil is next to a black pen.
- A. white eraser--black pen--blue pencil—red pen  
B. red pen--blue pencil--black pen--white eraser  
C. blue pencil--red pen--white eraser--black pen  
D. black pen--red pen--white eraser--blue pencil
39. Who will frown upon the following sentence construction?  
*He decided to quickly leave the room.*
- A. Functional grammarians  
B. Prescriptive grammarians  
C. Descriptive grammarians  
D. Reference grammarians
40. Which of the following is not a passive construction in English?
- A. The government had the police investigate the case.  
B. 28 injured in accidental detonation  
C. I had the suit stitched in Chennai.  
D. She got photographed when speaking to her colleagues.

41. The language family English belongs to is....
- A. Celtic
  - B. Hellenic
  - C. Italic
  - D. Germanic
42. Identify the non-finite verbs in the data given below.
- i. I saw her cross the road.
  - ii. She made me understand the problem.
  - iii. They did not let her finish the presentation.
- A. saw, cross, made, understand, let, finish
  - B. saw, made, let
  - C. cross, understand, finish
  - D. did, let, made, saw
43. Which of the following does not relate to 'aspect'?
- A. tense element
  - B. indefinite element
  - C. progressive element
  - D. perfective element
44. Identify the meaning relationships in the data given below.
- i. cat – animal
  - ii. wiper – car
  - iii. autumn - fall
- A. meronymy, synonymy, antonymy
  - B. antonymy, synonymy, hyponymy
  - C. meronymy, antonymy, synonymy
  - D. hyponymy, meronymy, synonymy
45. Identify the complex sentence construction from the options given below.
- A. Sreeram was naïve but not gullible.
  - B. Despite the acrimonious argument with his manager on the inclusion of working from home, Rashmi figured in the list as the best performer of the year.
  - C. When the sky is blue, it won't rain.
  - D. Rahul was busy but made time for everybody.

- 46. The sentence construction, 'It's time we taught boys not to make girls cry.' is an example of:
  - A. Subjunctive mood
  - B. Indicative mood
  - C. Imperative mood
  - D. None of the above.
  - E.
  
- 47. The examples in-, il- and im- are:
  - A. Inflections
  - B. Prefixes
  - C. Suffixes
  - D. Infixes
  
- 48. Identify the class of the underlined word, in the sentence, *they were like brothers.*
  - A. Preposition
  - B. Conjunction
  - C. Adjective
  - D. Noun
  
- 49. Identify the word in which 'in-' is not a negative prefix.
  - A. Ineptitude
  - B. Indebted
  - C. Innocent
  - D. Innocuous
  
- 50. CELS in the University of Hyderabad stands for...
  - A. Centre for English Language Studies
  - B. Centre for European Language Studies
  - C. Centre for English Literature Studies
  - D. Centre for English Linguistics Studies
  - E.
  
- 51. Language is a system of:
  - A. words
  - B. systems
  - C. thoughts
  - D. pictures
  
- 52. Semantics is the study of:
  - A. symbols
  - B. words
  - C. meanings
  - D. structures

53. Phonetics is the study of:
- A. The speech sound of a group of languages.
  - B. The speech sounds.
  - C. The speech sounds of a language.
  - D. The speech sounds of a family of languages.
54. The English word "justice" is basically:
- A. Arabic
  - B. German
  - C. French
  - D. Spanish
55. Who among the following taught English in India?
- A. Otto Jespersen
  - B. Henry Sweet
  - C. Harold Palmer
  - D. Michael West
56. Noam Chomsky claims that language is:
- A. post structure
  - B. habit
  - C. generative
  - D. structure
57. English in India is:
- A. A second associate language.
  - B. An associate official language.
  - C. An associate second language.
  - D. A foreign associate language.
58. The three language formula was formulated by \_\_\_\_\_
- A. The Portuguese colony.
  - B. The East India company.
  - C. The British government.
  - D. The Indian government.
59. Consider this situation. The teacher in the English language classroom tells a story about animals. Young students make animal noises every time they hear the name of the animal. Which approach is being followed?
- A. Reading Approach
  - B. Total Physical Response
  - C. Communicative Language Teaching
  - D. Grammar Translation

60. English word order is:  
A. OVS  
B. SOV  
C. SVO  
D. VOS
61. Identify the odd one from the words given below.  
A. Sour  
B. Hot  
C. Warm  
D. Tepid
62. A branch of linguistics that deals with language in use and the context in which it is used is called:  
A. Morphology  
B. Pragmatics  
C. Stylistics  
D. Syntax
63. Which of the following is not a minimal pair?  
A. date/bait  
B. Fit/fire  
C. buy/die  
D. tie/guy
64. RP stands for  
A. Retroactive pronunciation  
B. Received pronunciation  
C. Received pragmatics  
D. Reverse phonemes
65. Find the odd one in relation to various methods of teaching language.  
A. Audio-Lingual method  
B. Transactional method  
C. Direct method  
D. Communicative language teaching
66. Find odd one.  
A. Conjunctions  
B. Consonants  
C. Pronouns  
D. Prepositions

67. Which of the following are false?

- i. Linguists examine structure of languages
- ii. Linguists examine the principles that underlie the structures of language
- iii. Linguists study human speech
- iv. Linguists learn and speak different languages
- v. Linguists find ways of reforming peoples' languages

- A. iv & v
- B. i & ii
- C. i & iii
- D. ii & iii

68. Which of the following are true?

- i. Across different individuals, places and times, pronunciation is more uniform than spelling.
- ii. To a larger extent, language is arbitrary.
- iii. The changes in the styles of writing are faster than the changes in the speech styles.
- iv. Speech is secondary
- v. Writing must be taught
- vi. There are no exceptions to the arbitrariness of language.

- A. ii & v
- B. i & vi
- C. i & iii
- D. ii & iv

69. Which is the number that comes next in the following sequence?  
17, 50, 149, 446, 1337, \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 3346
- B. 4010
- C. 4040
- D. 3907

70. If in a code language PRINT is written as KMDIO, how will GROWTH be written in that language?

- A. BMKSOC
- B. BMKROC
- C. AMKROC
- D. AMJROC

71. If EXAMINATION is coded as 30 and EXAMINER is coded as 21, then what is the code for RESULT?
- A. 05
  - B. 15
  - C. 25
  - D. None of the above
72. If HORSE is coded as 35672 and ANT is coded as 148, RENT and SENT can be coded as
- A. 5289 & 6289
  - B. 6248 & 7248
  - C. 6347 & 7249
  - D. 5289 & 6487
73. Select the word which cannot be formed using the letters in the word INTERNATIONALIZATION
- A. ATTENTION
  - B. ZONAL
  - C. RETINA
  - D. TENSION
74. Markedness in language studies refers to...
- A. tense, aspect, voice, mood, and modality
  - B. usual language form
  - C. unusual language form
  - D. number, person and gender
75. The word "satin" has:
- A. Arabic origin
  - B. French origin
  - C. Dutch origin
  - D. Indian origin

**SECTION C**  
**ESSAY**  
**(25 MARKS)**

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

1. English is the language of common man in India.
2. Reasons for your interest in the English language and this M.A programme.
3. Car-free townships or mega cities?
4. Life with social media
5. Book reading: A dying habit?
6. Reality shows: Real?
7. Use of English in Indian movies.
8. Cricket: not cricket anymore?
9. High-rise buildings or water?
10. Solutions to crowded roads in India.

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