

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION – 2020

MA (COMPARATIVE LITERATURE)

Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

Hall Ticket No. :

INSTRUCTIONS

- i) Write your Hall Ticket Number in the OMR Answer Sheet given to you. Also, write your Hall Ticket Number in the space provided above.
- ii) The Question Paper consists of 100 objective questions in two parts (A & B) for a total of 100 (25 + 75) marks.
- iii) There is negative marking for all questions. Each wrong answer carries –0.33 (minus 0.33) mark. No mark will be deducted for an unanswered question.
- iv) Answers are to be marked on the OMR Answer Sheet following the instructions provided there upon.
- v) Hand over the OMR Answer Sheet at the end of the examination to the Invigilator.
- vi) No additional sheets will be provided. Rough work can be done in the Question Paper itself or in the space provided at the end of the Booklet.

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PART - A

- 1) Complete the sentence: The builders are ___ good progress with the new house.
 A) getting B) doing C) making D) taking
- 2) Chose the best option to complete the conversation: How long are you here for?
 A) Since last week B) Ten days ago
 C) Till tomorrow D) Is he dead?
- 3) Parapraxes is another term for:
 A) Slips of the Tongue B) Writing fiction
 C) Dreamwork D) Plagiarising from several sources
- 4) Items in a published book usually appear in the following order:
 A) Index, Copyright Page, Bibliography, Footnotes
 B) Copyright Page, Bibliography, Index, Footnotes
 C) Copyright Page, Footnotes, Bibliography, Index
 D) Bibliography, Copyright Page, Index, Footnotes
- 5) Which number is missing in the series: 2, 5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 50, ____.
 A) 63 B) 65 C) 67 D) 69
- 6) Choose the odd word:
 A) Nun B) Knight C) Monk D) Priest
- 7) "www" represents:
 A) who what where B) weird wide web
 C) word wide web D) world wide web
- 8) Communication with oneself is known as:
 A) Group communication B) Grapevine communication
 C) Interpersonal communication D) Intrapersonal communication
- 9) What will be the next letter in the series: DCXW, FGVU, HGTS, ____.
 A) AKPO B) JBYZ C) JIRQ D) LMRS
- 10) The statement "To be non-violent is good" is a ___ judgement.
 A) Moral B) Factual C) Religious D) Social
- 11) If AGARTALA is written in code as 14168171, the code for AGRA is:
 A) 1641 B) 1416 C) 1441 D) 1461
- 12) An E-mail address consists of ___ parts.
 A) two B) three C) four D) five
- 13) NAAC is an autonomous institution under the aegis of:
 A) ICSSR B) CSIR C) AICTE D) UGC
- 14) National Council for Women's Education was established in:
 A) 1958 B) 1976 C) 1989 D) 2000

- 15) There are five books: A, B, C, D and E. The topmost book C is above D, the book E is below A and book B is below E. Which is at the bottom?
 A) E B) B C) A D) C
- 16) Insert the missing number in the series: 3, 8, 18, 23, 33, ____, 48.
 A) 37 B) 40 C) 38 D) 45
- 17) Which year did the Sachar Committee submit its report on Muslims in India?
 A) 1996 B) 2006 C) 2016 D) 1995
- 18) Article 370 that assured the special status of Jammu and Kashmir was revoked in?
 A) 2015 B) 2019 C) 2000 D) 1990
- 19) Which Article that criminalized homosexuality was ruled unconstitutional in 2018?
 A) 377 B) 370 C) 307 D) 317
- 20) What does AFSPA stand for?
 A) Armed Forces Special Powers Act B) Air Force Special Protection Act
 C) Army Force Special Provisions Act D) Air Force Special Provisions Act
- 21) Who was the Chairperson of the independent India's Constitution Drafting Committee?
 A) M.K. Gandhi B) Jawaharlal Nehru
 C) B.R. Ambedkar D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- 22) Which of the following is an analogous statement?
 A) Man is like God B) God is great
 C) Gandhi is the Father of the Nation D) Man is a rational being
- 23) A hypothesis is a:
 A) law B) canon C) postulate D) supposition
- 24) Internet Explorer is a type of:
 A) Operating System B) Computer
 C) Browser D) IP address
- 25) A reasoning method where we start with certain particular statements and conclude with a universal statement is called ____ Reasoning.
 A) Deductive B) Inductive
 C) Abnormal D) Transcendental

PART – B

- 26) Consider the following statements, and choose the correct option:
 I. Jyotibha Phule wrote *Slavery*. II. Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote *Slavery*.
 III. It was published in 1853. IV. It was published in 1873.
 A) I & III B) II & IV C) II & III D) I & IV

- 27) What is the first pen name of Dhanpat Rai Shrivastava or Munshi Premchand?
 A) Nawab Rai B) Dhanpat Das C) Gopal Sharma D) Prem Das
- 28) The first woman to receive Sahitya Akadami Award is:
 A) Mahasweta Devi B) Bani Basu C) Ashapurna Devi D) Amrita Pritam
- 29) The fictional South Indian city "Malgudi" is a creation of:
 A) Ruskin Bond B) Mulk Raj Anand
 C) Rabindranath Tagore D) R.K. Narayan
- 30) Identify the Booker Prize awardee from the list below, who was NOT born in India.
 A) Arundhati Ray B) Salman Rushdie C) V.S. Naipaul D) Aravind Adiga
- 31) The first Department of Comparative Literature in India was started at:
 A) Calcutta University B) Delhi University
 C) Jadavpur University D) University of Hyderabad
- 32) Match the texts in the first set with the languages in the second set:
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| I. <i>Umaraojan Ada</i> | | | | 1. Oriya |
| II. <i>Kundalatha</i> | | | | 2. Gujarati |
| III. <i>Sarswatichandra</i> | | | | 3. Urdu |
| IV. <i>Chhman Ath Ghuntha</i> | | | | 4. Malayalam |
| | I | II | III | IV |
| A) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| B) | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| C) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| D) | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
- 33) Who among the following won the Jnanpith Award for the year 2019?
 A) Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri B) Amitav Ghosh
 C) Shankha Ghosh D) Kedarnath Singh
- 34) "Ambiguity" is a term made famous by:
 A) Wayne C. Booth B) Cleanth Brooks C) William Empson D) John Crowe Ransom
- 35) "Heteroglossia" is used by ___ to describe the variety of languages and voices within a novel.
 A) Jacques Lacan B) Mikhail Bakhtin C) Michel Foucault D) Ferdinand Saussure
- 36) Which of the following represents the correct chronological order of the publication of the works of Chinua Achebe?
 A) *Things Fall Apart* – *No longer at Ease* – *Arrow of God* – *Anthills of Savannah*
 B) *Arrow of God* – *Anthills of Savannah* – *Things Fall Apart* – *No longer at Ease*
 C) *Things Fall Apart* – *Arrow of God* – *No Longer at Ease* – *Anthills of Savannah*
 D) *Anthills of Savannah* – *No longer at Ease* – *Arrow of God* – *Things Fall Apart*
- 37) *Vyasa*, the graphic novel drawn by Sankha Bannerjee, was written by:
 A) Ashis Nandy B) Sibaji Bandyopadhyay
 C) Devdutt Patnaik D) Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

Read the following passage and answer questions 38-43:

At magic hour, when the sun has gone but the light has not, armies of flying foxes unhinge themselves from the Banyan tree in the old graveyard and drift across the city like smoke. When the bats leave, the crows come home. Not all the din of their homecoming fills the silence left by the sparrows that have gone missing, and the old white-backed vultures, custodians of the dead for more than a hundred million years, that have been wiped out. The vultures died of diclofenac poisoning. Diclofenac, cow-aspirin, given to cattle as a muscle relaxant, to ease pain and increase production of milk, works – worked – like nerve gas on white-backed vultures. Each chemically relaxed, milk-producing cow or buffalo that died became poisoned vulture-bait. As cattle turned into better dairy machines, as the city ate more ice cream, butterscotch-crunch, nutty-buddy and chocolate-chip, as it drank more mango milkshake, vultures' necks began to droop as though they were tired and simply couldn't stay awake. Silver beards of saliva dripped from their beaks, and one by one they tumbled off their branches, dead.

- 38) "Flying foxes" refer to:
 A) Crows B) Bats C) Vultures D) Sparrows
- 39) "Drift across the city like smoke" is an example of:
 A) Metaphor B) Metonymy C) Simile D) Synecdoche
- 40) Sparrows are missing because they are:
 A) late B) wayward C) lost their way D) dying out
- 41) White-backed vultures are custodians of death for more than a hundred million years because:
 A) they are part of religious ceremonies B) they mostly depend on carrion
 C) they only prey on sparrows D) they are solitary and shun the city
- 42) According to the narrator, chemically enhanced cattle produce has:
 A) poisoned white-backed vultures B) improved children's health
 C) impoverished people dependent on cattle D) promoted a more natural equilibrium
- 43) "Magic hour" refers to:
 A) Sunrise B) Sunset C) Noon D) Midnight
- 44) "Sadgati" is a short story by:
 A) Krishan Chander B) Joginder Paul C) Premchand D) Rabindranath Tagore
- 45) Shyam Benegal's television series *Bharat, Ek Khoj* was based on:
 A) *Mother India* B) *The Discovery of India*
 C) *Glimpses of World History* D) *The Story of My Experiments with Truth*
- 46) "One is Not Born a Woman" is a speech by:
 A) Judith Butler B) Hélène Cixous C) Monique Wittig D) Simone de Beauvoir
- 47) "The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line" is a statement by:
 A) W.E.B. Dubois B) James Baldwin C) B.R. Ambedkar D) Dadabhai Naoroji
- 48) The concept of "the fetishism of the commodity" is associated with:
 A) Antonio Gramsci B) Rosa Luxemburg C) Karl Marx D) Vladimir Lenin

- 49) *The Buried Giant* is a 2015 novel by:
 A) Orhan Pamuk B) A.S. Byatt C) J.K. Rowling D) Kazuo Ishiguro
- 50) The first Urdu poet to have a collection of poetry to his name is:
 A) Mir Taqi 'Mir' B) Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah
 C) Mirza Ghalib D) Altaf Hussain Hali
- 51) The feminist writer known as Volga, writes in:
 A) Kannada B) Russian C) Telugu D) Bengali
- 52) *Dalit Panthers: An Authoritative History* is a translated account of the movement by:
 A) Namdeo Dhasal B) J.V. Pawar C) Annabhau Sathe D) Urmila Pawar
- 53) Which of the following is a play by Girish Karnad?
 A) *Andha Yug* B) *Draupadi* C) *Hayavadana* D) *Ghashiram Kotwal*
- 54) *Jejuri* is a collection of poetry by:
 A) Iravati Karve B) Pandita Ramabai C) Arun Kolatkar D) Dom Moraes
- 55) The author of *Ants Among Elephants* is:
 A) G. Kalyan Rao B) Kancha Ilaiah C) Sujatha Gidla D) Joopaka Subhadra
- 56) Which of the following is a well-known Assamese novelist and activist?
 A) Bhupen Hazarika B) Indira Goswami
 C) Binalakshmi Nepram D) Heisnam Kanhailal
- 57) *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* belongs to which genre?
 A) Novel B) Romance C) Drama D) Epic
- 58) "Feminist knowledge is for everybody" is a statement by:
 A) Hélène Cixous B) Betty Friedan C) Luce Irigaray D) bell hooks
- 59) *Growing Up Untouchable in India* is written by:
 A) Vasant Moon B) Baburao Bagul C) Namdeo Dashal D) Bama
- 60) *Oroonoko* is written by
 A) Aphra Behn B) Ben Johnson C) Robert Greene D) Thomas Lodge
- 61) Consider the following statements and choose the correct combination of answers:
 I. The stories of *Tutinama* are of Sri Lankan origin.
 II. *Iskandarnama* of Nizami is a treatment of the legend of Alexander.
 III. *Shahnama* and *Iskandarnama* are Perso-Arabic Epics.
 IV. *Shahnama* is the history of Persia from the creation to the fall of the Sasanian empire.
 A) I, II, III & IV B) I & III C) II, III & IV D) I, II & IV
- 62) Who among the following is not an African-American writer?
 A) Alice Walker B) Toni Morrison C) Angela Davis D) Barbara Kingsolver
- 63) In which year was National Book Trust established?
 A) 1957 B) 1967 C) 1948 D) 1978

Read the following lines and answer questions 64 to 66:

Herr God, Herr Lucifer
Beware.
Beware

Out of the ash
I rise with my red hair
And I eat men like air.

- 64) The poem references:
A) Holocaust B) Crusades C) Salem witch trials D) Protestant Reformation
- 65) The speaker's tone is best described as:
A) Contrite B) Anxious C) Complacent D) Vengeful
- 66) Lines 4-5 evoke:
A) the myth of the Phoenix B) the resurrection of Christ
C) a Jacobean tragedy D) a fairy tale
- 67) Which of the following films was not directed by Satyajit Ray?
A) *Aparajito* B) *Teen Kanya* C) *Bhuvan Shome* D) *Shatranj ke Khiladi*
- 68) *A Handful of Rice* is a novel by?
A) Kamala Surayya B) Nayantara Sahgal C) Kiran Desai D) Kamala Markandaya
- 69) Who is the first woman author to win the Jnanpith Award?
A) Ashapoorna Devi B) Qurratulain Hyder
C) Mahasweta Devi D) Mahadevi Varma
- 70) *With Malice towards One and All* was the weekly column of which author?
A) Shobhaa De B) Jug Suraiya
C) Khushwant Singh D) Rajdeep Sardesai
- 71) Which journalist wrote the book *Assam: The Accord and Discord*?
A) Teresa Rehman B) Sangeeta B. Pisharoty
C) Sanjoy Hazarika D) Arnab Goswami
- 72) Who wrote an introduction to Tagore's 1912 prose translation *Gitanjali: Song Offerings*?
A) William Butler Yeats B) Thomas Mann
C) Robert Frost D) George Bernard Shaw
- 73) ___ labeled close-reading the lemon-squeezer school of criticism.
A) I.A. Richards B) F.R. Leavis C) Q.D. Roth D) T.S. Eliot
- 74) Which of the following statements are true about *Mudrarakshasa*:
I. It is written by Vishakhadatta.
II. It is entirely fictional in nature.
III. It is about Chandragupta Maurya's ascent to power.
A) I & II B) II & III C) III & II D) I & III

- 75) The Bengali novel *Saheb, Bibi, Gholam* was written by:
 A) Bimal Mitra
 B) Tarashankar Bandyopadhyay
 C) Akhteruzzaman Elias
 D) Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
- 76) Which of the following is a short story by Mahasweta Devi?
 A) "Uttaran"
 B) "Shishu"
 C) *Mother of 1084*
 D) "Mahesh"
- 77) The author of the four-volume series *The Neapolitan Novels* is:
 A) Bernadine Evaristo
 B) Italo Calvino
 C) Margaret Atwood
 D) Elena Ferrante
- 78) If you are in the "Land of Chup," which narrative by Salman Rushdie would you be in?
 A) *Midnight's Children*
 B) *Shame*
 C) *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*
 D) *Shalimar the Clown*
- 79) Consider the following statements and select the combination of FALSE statements:
 I. *The Wretched of the Earth* was originally written in French.
 II. Frantz Fanon was inspired by Michel Foucault's work.
 III. *The History of Sexuality* was written in the late twentieth century.
 IV. Simone de Beauvoir was the author of *The History of Sexuality*.
 V. *The Wretched of the Earth* is a novel.
 A) I, II & III
 B) II, III & V
 C) I, III & IV
 D) II, IV & V
- 80) The Progressive Writers' Movement had its origins in the publication of?
 A) *Kallol* in Bangla
 B) *Angare* in Urdu
 C) *Saraswati* in Hindi
 D) *Parimal* in Hindi
- 81) Who suggested that poetry is what gets lost in translation?
 A) Mathew Arnold
 B) Robert Frost
 C) Charles Baudelaire
 D) R.N. Tagore
- 82) *The Shadow Lines* is a novel by:
 A) Vikram Seth
 B) R.K. Narayan
 C) Amitav Ghosh
 D) Rohinton Mistry
- 83) *The Story of My Experiments with Truth* was translated to English by:
 A) Mahadev Desai
 B) J.B. Kripalani
 C) Mohanlal Pandya
 D) Vinoba Bhave
- 84) Which Indian won the FIRST Pulitzer Prize?
 A) Jhumpa Lahiri
 B) Geeta Anand
 C) Gobind Behari Lal
 D) Siddhartha Mukharjee
- 85) Consider the following statements and choose the correct combination:
 I. *Hind Swaraj* was written by Mohandas Gandhi.
 II. *Hind Swaraj* was not translated by Mohandas Gandhi.
 III. It was translated from English to Gujarati.
 IV. It was translated from Gujarati to English.
 A) I & III
 B) I & IV
 C) II & III
 D) II & IV
- 86) Consider the following statements and choose the correct combination:

- I. Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay published his first novel in Bengali.
 II. Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay did not publish his first novel in Bengali.
 III. It was serialized in a journal.
 IV. It was not serialized in a journal.

A) I & III B) I & IV C) II & IV D) II & III

- 87) The language into which a text is translated is known as ___ Language.
 A) Ancient B) Source C) Target D) Translator's
- 88) Formalism is associated with:
 A) Episteme B) Epiphany C) Defamiliarization D) Objective Correlative
- 89) Who among the following was the first to use the term "Histoire Comparative"?
 A) Goethe B) F.W. Chandler C) Henry Remak D) Mathew Arnold
- 90) Who is the author of *What is World Literature*?
 A) Pascale Casanova B) David Damrosch C) Siegfried Sassoon D) Friedrich Schlegel
- 91) What is the name of the storyteller in *One Thousand and One Nights*?
 A) Scheherazade B) Sultana C) Nura D) Morgiana
- 92) Who is the author of *Hajar Churashir Maa*?
 A) Aparna Sen B) Taslima Nasrin C) Ashapoorna Devi D) Mahasweta Devi
- 93) Which of the following is reputed to be the first modern novel in Kannada?
 A) *Indulekha* B) *Sharapanjara* C) *Indira Bai* D) *Taledanda*
- 94) The Tamil film *Asuran* was based on the 1982 novel ___ by Poomani.
 A) *Vekkai* B) *Asuran* C) *Piragu* D) *Sangati*
- 95) "What is an Author?" is an essay by?
 A) Roland Barthes B) Tzvetan Todorov C) Roman Jakobson D) Michel Foucault
- 96) In which language did Namdeo Dhasal originally write?
 A) Bengali B) Odia C) Marathi D) Gujarati
- 97) "There are more things in heaven and earth ... than are dreamt of in your Philosophy" is a line by?
 A) St. John B) Aristotle C) Plato D) Shakespeare
- 98) The Malayalam novel *Meesha*, recently translated into English as *Moustache*, was written by?
 A) S. Hareesh B) Sara Joseph C) Paul Zacharia D) M.T. Vasudevan Nair
- 99) Which theory is the term "Orientalism" most strongly associated with?
 A) Structuralism B) New Historicism C) Post-colonialism D) Deconstruction
- 100) The study of systems of signs is known as:
 A) Semantics B) Semiotics C) Post-structuralism D) New Criticism
