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TEST BOOKLET NO-26007

PAPER - A

Time Allowed: 02:00 hrs

Maximum Marks: 150

GENERAL STUDIES

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1. This Test Booklet consists of 16(SIXTEEN) pages and has 75 (SEVENTY FIVE) **items (questions).**
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5. Use **only Black Ball Point Pen** to fill the OMR Answer Sheet.
6. **All questions are Multiple Choice-based. The** answers to these questions have to be marked in the **OMR Answer Sheet** provided to you.
7. Each item (question) comprises of 04 (four) responses (answers). You are required to select the response which you want to mark on the OMR Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose ***ONLY ONE*** response for each item.
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   (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer** even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to the question.

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MULTIPLE CHOICE BASED QUESTIONS

Instructions for Questions 1 to 75:

- Choose the correct answer for the following questions
- Each question carries 2 marks

(75 x 2 = 150 marks)

1) The Ice hockey training programme in Sikkim is being conducted under .....

A) Vibrant Village Programme
B) Knowledge and Skill Programme
C) Mera Bharat Mahan
D) National Youth Policy

2) Which two countries are involved in the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project (KMTT) and is to be operational by 2027?

A) India, Bangladesh
B) India, Myanmar
C) India, Nepal
D) India, China

3) What is the name of the initiative launched by BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry to promote women's leadership in technology?

A) SHE TECH
B) WE RISE
C) WE WISE
D) None of the above

4) Who has become the first Indian to win the title of 'Best Magic Creator 2025' at FISM World Championship of magic?

A) Priya Bansal
B) Kritika Sinha
C) Preeti Thapa
D) Suhani Shah

5) The Diamantina fracture zone which was in the news due to the discovery of the world's largest whale graveyard is located in which ocean?

A) Pacific Ocean
B) Indian Ocean
C) Atlantic Ocean
D) Arctic Ocean

6) National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) scheme is implemented by which ministry?

A) Ministry of External Affairs
B) Ministry of Home affairs
C) Ministry of Finance
D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

7) Which country made their debut in FIFA World Cup 2026 and also advanced to the knock-out stage?

A) Curacao
B) Jordan
C) Cape Verde
D) Uzbekistan

8) Sikkim government has signed MoU with which company to procure advanced mechanized sewage and waste collection equipment to replace hazardous manual practices?

A) TATA Motors
B) Toyota Kirloskar Motor
C) Ashok Leyland
D) Hyundai Motor India

9) Which month has been designated as 'Sarcoma Cancer Awareness Month'?

A) April
B) May
C) July
D) August

10) The 'Flamingo Revolution' is associated with which country?

A) Albania
B) Greece
C) Montenegro
D) Croatia

11) What is the theme of the 'Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) 2026?

A) One Earth, One Future
B) Together we co-create Sustainability Development
C) Accelerating Climate Action
D) Partnership for Global Prosperity

12) Which country is the host of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2027?

A) Indonesia
B) France
C) China
D) India

13) The Communal Award (1932) was countered by Gandhi through the:

A) Quit India Movement
B) Poona Pact
C) Individual Satyagraha
D) August Offer rejection

14) The "Dancing Girl" bronze figurine from Mohenjo-daro was created using which specific metallurgical technique?

A) Cold hammering of bronze sheets
B) Sand casting
C) Lost-wax casting (cire perdue) technique
D) Repoussé technique only

15) Megasthenes was the ambassador of which Greek ruler to Chandragupta's court?

A) Alexander
B) Seleucus Nicator
C) Antiochus I
D) Ptolemy

16) The Vernacular Press Act was enacted in:

A) 1878
B) 1882
C) 1891
D) 1905

17) Dayananda Saraswati's core philosophy of "Back to the Vedas" is elaborated in his work:

A) Veda Bhashya Bhumika
B) Rig Bhashya
C) Sanskarvidhi
D) Satyartha Prakash

18) Khudiram Bose and Prafulla Chaki's failed bomb attempt (1908) targeted:

A) Magistrate Kingsford at Muzaffarpur
B) Viceroy Minto
C) Lord Curzon
D) Magistrate Douglas at Alipore

19) The INA's formal reorganization under Subhas Chandra Bose (after Rash Behari Bose's earlier formation) occurred in:

A) 1942, Tokyo
B) 1944, Rangoon
C) 1943, Singapore
D) 1941, Berlin

20) Cornwallis's 1793 judicial reforms established the Sadar Diwani Adalat as the highest court of appeal for:

A) Civil cases
B) Criminal cases only
C) Revenue cases only
D) Religious disputes only

21) Naoroji's key work elaborating the drain theory, published in 1901, was titled:

A) Economic History of India
B) Poverty and Un-British Rule in India
C) The Wealth of Nations (India edition)
D) India's Economic Problem

22) The Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) shifts seasonally, and its position over India in July is termed:

A) Equatorial Trough
B) Doldrums
C) Monsoon Trough
D) Sub-tropical High

23) The "Golden Quadrilateral" highway project connects which four Indian metros, and what is its approximate total length?

A) Delhi-Mumbai-Bangalore-Kolkata; ~4,000 km
B) Delhi-Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata; ~5,846 km
C) Delhi-Chennai-Mumbai-Hyderabad; ~6,500 km
D) Mumbai-Chennai-Kolkata-Bangalore; ~5,000 km

24) The "Bhakra Nangal" and similar multipurpose river valley projects was famously termed by Nehru as ?

A) "Temples of Modern India"
B) "Engines of Growth"
C) "Pillars of Self-Reliance"
D) "Nation's Backbone"

25) The "Madden-Julian Oscillation" (MJO), a significant intraseasonal tropical climate driver, has an approximate periodicity of:

A) 30-60 days
B) 2-7 days
C) 6-12 months
D) 2-7 years

26) "Ocean acidification," a consequence of increased atmospheric CO_2 absorption, primarily threatens marine calcifying organisms by reducing availability of which specific ion?

A) Sodium ions
B) Chloride ions
C) Carbonate ions
D) Nitrate ions

27) "Jhum" cultivation (shifting/slash-and-burn agriculture) is most prevalent in which Indian region?

A) Thar Desert
B) North-Eastern hill states
C) Deccan Plateau
D) Indo-Gangetic plains

28) The "Wilson Cycle" describes the lifecycle of which geological process?

A) Ocean basin opening and closing through plate tectonic phases
B) River meandering evolution
C) Glacial advance-retreat cycles only
D) Volcanic eruption periodicity

29) "Karst topography," featuring sinkholes, caves, and underground drainage, forms primarily through chemical weathering of which rock type?

A) Granite
B) Limestone
C) Basalt
D) Sandstone

30) Which strait separates the continents of Asia and North America?

A) Bering Strait
B) Strait of Malacca
C) Davis Strait
D) Cook Strait

31) Which of the following Fundamental Rights is/are available to a person even in the absence of any enabling legislation?

1. Right against exploitation (Article 23)
2. Right to constitutional remedies (Article 32)
3. Right to freedom of religion (Article 25)

Select the correct answer:

A) 1 and 2 only
B) 2 only
C) 1, 2 and 3
D) 3 only

32) Consider the following pairs of DPSP Articles and their content:

1. Article 39A — Equal justice and free legal aid
2. Article 43A — Participation of workers in management of industries
3. Article 48A — Protection and improvement of environment and forests
4. Article 44 — Uniform Civil Code

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched?
A) One
B) Two
C) Three
D) All four

33) With respect to a "Vote on Account," which of the following statements is correct?

A) It enables the government to draw funds from the Consolidated Fund of India to meet expenditure during the period before the Appropriation Bill is passed, usually for two months.
B) It is a device that grants the executive full spending powers for the entire financial year in advance.
C) It requires a two-thirds majority in Lok Sabha for passage.
D) It is passed only during a Financial Emergency.

34) Which Article provides for the constitution of an Inter-State Council to effectuate coordination between States and between the Centre and States?

A) Article 262
B) Article 280
C) Article 263
D) Article 261

35) Which of the following statements regarding a "Calling Attention Motion" is/are correct?

1. It is an Indian parliamentary device, not found in the British parliamentary system in the same form.
2. It is introduced by a private member to call the attention of a Minister to a matter of urgent public importance.
3. Discussion under this motion can result in a formal vote or censure motion against the government.

A) 1 and 2 only
B) 2 and 3 only
C) 1, 2 and 3
D) 1 only

36) Which Article of the Constitution empowers the Supreme Court to review its own judgments or orders?

A) Article 137
B) Article 141
C) Article 145
D) Article 132

37) Which of the following constitutional bodies is NOT explicitly provided for by the original Constitution but was created later through a Constitutional Amendment?

A) Union Public Service Commission
B) Finance Commission
C) National Commission for Scheduled Castes
D) Election Commission of India

38) With reference to the State Finance Commission (SFC) under Article 243-I, which of the following is/are correct?

1. It must be constituted by the Governor every five years to review the financial position of Panchayats.
2. Its recommendations are binding on the State Government in the same way Finance Commission recommendations bind the Union.
3. It recommends principles governing the distribution of taxes, duties, tolls, and fees between the State and Panchayats.

A) 1 and 3 only
B) 1, 2 and 3
C) 2 and 3 only
D) 1 only

39) Consider the following statements regarding the National Food Security Act, 2013:

1. It provides a statutory/legal entitlement to subsidised foodgrains for up to 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population.
2. Under the Act, the eldest woman of the household (18 years or above) is mandatorily recognised as the head of household for the purpose of issuing ration cards.
3. The Act provides for a Grievance Redressal Mechanism at the district level but does not provide for penalties on public officials for non-compliance.

Which of the statements are correct?

A) 2 and 3 only
B) 1 and 2 only
C) 1, 2 and 3
D) 1 only

40) Which SDG specifically targets "No Poverty"?

A) SDG 1
B) SDG 2
C) SDG 5
D) SDG 10

41) The demographic phenomenon where a fertility decline temporarily increases the proportion of working-age population before population aging sets in is known as:

A) The epidemiological transition
B) The demographic dividend window
C) The second demographic transition
D) Population momentum

42) The Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) was jointly developed by which two institutions?

A) World Bank and IMF
B) WHO and UNICEF
C) UNDP and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI)
D) UN Habitat and ILO

43) The fiscal deficit is best defined as:

A) Total government revenue minus total expenditure on subsidies
B) The trade deficit between exports and imports
C) The gap between GDP and GNP
D) The excess of total government expenditure over total non-borrowed receipts

44) The term "twin balance sheet problem" in the Indian economy refers to stress in which two sectors?

A) Agriculture and IT
B) Real estate and education
C) Retail and e-commerce
D)Banks (NPAs) and corporate debt-laden companies

45) The Reserve Bank of India primarily uses which tool to manage short-term liquidity and inflation?

A) Fiscal deficit targets
B) Direct tax rate changes
C) Repo rate and open market operations (OMOs)
D) Import tariff adjustments

46) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 replaced the earlier 10+2 school structure with which pedagogical/curricular framework?

A) 8+4 structure
B) 5+3+3+4 structure
C) 6+6 structure
D) 12+3 structure

47) PM-KISAN provides direct income support to eligible farmer families of how much per year?

A) ₹2,000
B) ₹6,000
C) ₹10,000
D) ₹12,000

48) The "Health and Wellness Centres" under Ayushman Bharat were later rebranded as

A) Primary Health Units
B) Swasthya Kendras
C) Ayushman Arogya Mandirs
D) Jan Aushadhi Centres

49) Under the Paris Agreement, countries submit voluntary climate action plans known as

A) Kyoto Commitments
B) Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
C) Green Climate Pledges
D) Carbon Reduction Targets (CRTs)

50) The "Tragedy of the Commons" concept, relevant to environmental resource depletion, was popularized by whom?

A) Garrett Hardin
B) Elinor Ostrom
C) Rachel Carson
D) James Lovelock

51) The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty concerned with the conservation of:

A) Coral reefs
B) Mangroves
C) Rainforests
D) Wetlands

52) Which of the following is considered a "biodiversity hotspot" in India?

A) Thar Desert
B) Western Ghats
C) Gangetic Plains
D) Deccan Plateau

53) Mangrove forests are primarily important for:

A) Producing timber only
B) Reducing air pollution in cities
C) Providing freshwater
D) Acting as a buffer against coastal erosion and storms

54) Which of the following species is often cited as a bioindicator of climate change due to shifts in its migratory timing and range?

A) House sparrow
B) Monarch butterfly
C) Domestic cat
D) Common pigeon

55) The "Loss and Damage Fund," a landmark decision to compensate vulnerable nations for climate impacts, was formally established at which COP?

A) COP26 (Glasgow)
B) COP27 (Sharm el-Sheikh)
C) COP28 (Dubai)
D) COP21 (Paris)

56) Mango showers, pre-monsoon showers beneficial for mango cultivation, are commonly experienced in which Indian region?

A) Punjab and Haryana
B) Karnataka and Kerala
C) Rajasthan
D) Jammu and Kashmir

57) Western disturbances, responsible for winter rainfall in northern India, originate from which region?

A) Bay of Bengal
B) Arabian Sea
C) Mediterranean Sea
D) Indian Ocean

58) A student keeps a sealed bottle of water in a refrigerator. After it freezes completely, the bottle cracks. The most appropriate reason is:

A) Ice becomes heavier than water.
B) Ice evaporates inside the bottle.
C) The bottle contracts more than the ice.
D) Water expands on freezing, increasing pressure

59) Two identical plants are kept under identical conditions except that one is exposed to green light and the other to white light. Which plant will grow better?

A) Plant under green light
B) Both will grow equally
C) Plant under white light
D) Neither will survive

60) A person standing on the Moon would find that:

A) His mass decreases.
B) His weight decreases, but mass remains the same.
C) Both mass and weight decrease.
D) Neither mass nor weight changes.

61) Which of the following changes is purely a chemical change?

A) Melting of wax
B) Rusting of iron
C) Breaking of glass
D) Boiling of water

62) Why do astronauts experience weightlessness inside a spacecraft orbiting Earth?

A) There is no gravity in space.
B) Gravity is cancelled by air resistance.
C) The spacecraft and astronauts are in continuous free fall.
D) The spacecraft moves faster than gravity.

63) Which statement correctly explains why cooking food increases its digestibility?

A) It breaks down complex molecules into simpler forms.
B) It removes all nutrients.
C) It increases water content only.
D) It kills bacteria but does not affect food structure.

64) Which of the following will have the greatest resistance if all are made of the same material and length?

A) Thick copper wire
B) Thin copper wire
C) Thick aluminium wire
D) Thin aluminium wire

65) If carbon dioxide in the atmosphere suddenly doubled, the immediate long-term effect would most likely be:

A) Lowered Earth's temperature
B) Increased greenhouse effect
C) Increase in oxygen concentration
D) Reduced evaporation

66) Which part of the brain regulates body temperature, hunger, and thirst?

A) Cerebellum
B) Medulla oblongata
C) Hypothalamus
D) Thalamus

67) If the average of five consecutive integers is 36, what is the largest integer?

A) 37
B) 40
C) 39
D) 38

68) A number is increased by 20% and then decreased by 20%. The final value is:

A) Equal to the original number
B) Greater than the original number
C) Less than the original number
D) Cannot be determined

69) A train increases its speed from 60 km/h to 90 km/h. By what percentage has the speed increased?

A) 25%
B) 40%
C) 50%
D) 60%

70) The sum of two numbers is 30 and their product is 221. The numbers are:

A) 17 and 13
B) 19 and 11
C) 21 and 9
D) 26 and 4

71) Which of the following is always an irrational number?

A) $\sqrt{49}$
B) $\sqrt{64}$
C) $\sqrt{81}$
D) $\sqrt{7}$

72) A shopkeeper marks an article 25% above the cost price and gives a discount of 20%. His profit percentage is:

A) 0%
B) 5%
C) 10%
D) 15%

73) If the radius of a circle is doubled, its area becomes:

A) Twice
B) Three times
C) Four times
D) Eight times

74) The probability of drawing a king from a standard deck of 52 cards is:

A) 1/13
B) 1/26
C) 1/4
D) 4/13

75) How many 4-digit numbers can be formed using digits 1–9 (no repetition) that are divisible by 5?

A) 0
B) 720
C) 504
D) 336

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