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***Instruction** : Answer **all** the questions.*

I. Choose the best option in the following questions :

A) 1) She is _____ best teacher in the school.

a) zero article b) an
c) a d) the

2) Have you visited _____ U.S.A. ?

a) a b) the
c) zero article d) an

3) You should inform us your decision within two days. In this sentence, 'within' is _____

a) an adverb b) a preposition
c) an adjective d) none of these

4) He gave a brilliant lecture _____ Shakespeare.

a) in b) of
c) by d) on

B) 5) My brother works _____ a factory.

a) at b) to
c) of d) in

6) The cabinet is having _____ regular meeting.

a) their b) its
c) our d) none of these

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7) "It is rather a hot and humid weekend in Kerala". Which word is the adverb in the sentence ?

a) hot
b) rather
c) good
d) weekend

8) In the sentence "one should help the poor", "Should" shows _____

a) habit
b) duty
c) command
d) suggestion

C) 9) I see him _____ every day.

a) zero article
b) on
c) at
d) by

10) The bulldozer _____ the old building.

a) pulled down
b) pulled out
c) pulled off
d) pulled over

11) Which among the following has an '-ies' ending when pluralised ?

a) storey
b) ray
c) chimney
d) puppy

12) Which of the following pair is wrong ?

a) lad-lass
b) count-countess
c) dog-bitch
d) monster-monstress

D) 13) The plural of 'mother-in-law' is _____

a) mother-ins-law
b) mother-in-laws
c) mothers-in-law
d) mothers-in-laws

14) Bread and butter _____ served for breakfast.

a) had
b) were
c) was
d) have

15) He gave me _____ good advice.

a) much
b) many
c) several
d) lots

16) Which of the following is correct ?

a) This is all my luggages
b) This are all my luggage
c) This is all my luggage
d) This are all my luggages

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II. Answer **eight** of **twelve** short questions as directed :

17) Transform the following simple sentence into a complex sentence :

His absence is dues to his illness.

18) Transform into a simple sentence :

John is so strong that he can lift the table.

19) Combine the sentences using a noun clause :

He never came back. It is a mystery.

20) Change the voice :

My brother sent me a birthday gift from Delhi.

21) Rewrite the sentence with 'it' :

That he failed to win the championship came as a surprise to everyone.

22) Frame a question so as to get the underlined word as an answer :

Rajan managed to win <u>with great difficulty</u>.

23) Change into the comparative degree :

The cheetah is the fastest animal.

24) Add the correct question tag :

We are not late, _____ ?

25) Rearrange the jumbled words into a meaningful sentence :

Way the one Sun is in of stars the the Milky.

26) Identify the sentence pattern :

He left the job unfinished.

27) Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'never'.

I have never eaten meat or fish.

28) Rewrite the following sentence by replacing the underlined words with an adverb :

Radha always dresses in a very <u>casual fashion</u>. **(1×8=8 Weights)**

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III. Answer **any five** of the following as directed :

29) **Complete** the following sentences using the correct form of **tenses** :

a) I _____ (live) here since 1999.

b) My mother _____ (wash) her clothes at this moment.

c) His parents _____ (die) last year in an accident.

d) I have never _____ (eat) non vegetarian food.

e) The passenger arrived only after the train _____ (leave).

30) Use the **correct** form of **words** given :

The bomb _____ (explode) by the time the squad _____ (arrive). The police _____ (examine) the location and tried to _____ (question) the witnesses.

31) Rewrite the following sentences with **correct prepositions** :

1) Shakespeare lived _____ the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

2) I go to office _____ walk.

3) The movie starts _____ 3 p.m.

4) She is a friend you can always confide _____.

5) You can divide the profit _____ the three of you equally.

6) The snake crept _____ my room unnoticed.

7) Please do not jump into conclusions _____ a hurry.

8) He was accused _____ murder.

32) **Rewrite** the following conversation in **indirect speech** :

Ram Singh : Can I get a bus from here to the town ?

Sheela : There are a number of buses. You can take any route.

Ram Singh : I can't read Malayalam.

Sheela : Don't worry. I will show you the bus.

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33) **Correct** the following sentences :

a) The kids created lots of troubles for the teacher.

b) Our college purchased new equipments for the laboratory.

c) I like the poetries of Chullikad very much.

d) That patient has been in the hospital for a week.

34) Complete the following sentences using **suitable modals** :

1) My friends _____ help you however they can. (will/shall/may)

2) You _____ not enter without my permission. (shall/will/must)

3) You _____ be loyal to your institution. (should/would/could)

4) We _____ obey the rules of the college. (could/would/ought to)

35) Rewrite the following passage underlining the determinatives, quantifiers, and possessives in it :

Millions of people watch advertisements on the television. My kids are fascinated by the ads on some chocolates. In one ad, three kids eat the chocolate and are transformed into three superkids. This is their favourite ad.

36) Fill up using suitable articles :

We went to visit _____ classmate yesterday. _____ location of her house was _____ beautiful one. _____ house was by _____ small river. _____ engineer had designed this house. **(2×5=10 Weights)**

IV. Answer **any two** of the following questions as directed :

37) Arrange the given sentences in the proper order :

[Hint : The first and the last sentences are in correct order. The rest have to be rearranged to give logical sense to the passage.]

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The King of Sicilia, Leontes, invited Polixenes, the king of Bohemia to his castle. Leontes insisted that Camillo should kill Polixenes. This aroused Leontes's suspicion. He asked his trusted lord, Camillo, to poison Polixenes. Polixenes decided to stay when she requested him to. Camillo told him that he was making a mistake. Leontes did not stop him, but asked Hermione to intervene. After a few days, Polixenes decided to leave. Polixenes arrived and Leonnes asked his wife, Hermione, to look after the guest. Camillo agreed, but escaped with Polixenes from Sicilia.

38) Attempt **any one** of the following :

a) Read the following passage and reduce it to one-third of its length. Provide a suitable title.

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen, shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns.

Now, is discipline necessary at all ? Please listen carefully. Don't immediately say Yes or No. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like and we think that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free and so on has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline.

The keen athlete is disciplining himself the whole time, isn't he ? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline and punctuality is not an imposition but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics.

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b) Develop the outline into a meaningful, well-knit story with a title, in about a page.

Three men in a forest — treasure — agree to share it — one goes to town and brings food — he is killed — the others eat the poisoned food and die — greed and evil thoughts — penalty is death.

39) Attempt **any one** of the following :

a) Make a clear exposition of the meaning(s) contained in the given proverb, explaining with suitable details and examples, in about a page.

All that glitters is not gold.

OR

b) Attempt a short essay in about a page on the given area/subject of discussion :

Cinema : uses and abuses. **(4×2=8 Weights)**

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