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SERIES : I

QUESTION BOOKLET

Subjects : General English, General Knowledge & Aptitude

Full Marks : 250

Time Allowed : 2½ Hours

Read the following instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This Booklet contains **125 questions** to be answered in a separate OMR Answer Sheet using Black Ballpoint Pen in the following two Parts :

Part—A : General English : 50 questions
Part—B : General Knowledge & Aptitude : 75 questions

2. All questions are compulsory.
3. You will be supplied the Answer Sheet separately by the Invigilator. You must complete the details of particulars asked for.
4. Answer must be shown by completely blackening the corresponding circle in the Answer Sheet against the relevant question number by Black Ballpoint Pen. OMR Answer Sheet without marking Series shall not be evaluated.

Example :

Suppose the following question is asked :

The Capital of Meghalaya is

- (A) Guwahati
(B) Kohima
(C) Shillong
(D) Delhi

You will have four alternatives in the Answer Sheet for your response corresponding to each question of the Question Booklet as below :

(A) (B) (C) (D)

In the above illustration, if your chosen response is alternative (C), i.e., Shillong, then the same should be marked on the Answer Sheet by blackening the relevant circle with a Black Ballpoint Pen only as below :

(A) (B) ● (D)

The example shown above is the only correct method of answering.

5. Answer the questions as quickly and as carefully as you can. Some questions may be difficult and others easy. Do not spend too much time on any one question.
6. There will NOT be any negative marking for wrong answers.
7. The Answer Sheet must be handed over to the Invigilator before you leave the Examination Hall.
8. No Rough Work is to be done on the Answer Sheet. Space for Rough Work has been provided in the Question Booklet.

SEAL

PART—A : GENERAL ENGLISH

(Marks : 100)

Each question carries 2 marks

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-5) : Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Doing an internship at the University of Lille in France, I almost always found myself stuck whenever I had to speak to non-Indians about India or on anything 'Indian'. This was more because of the subtle differences in the way the French understood India in comparison to what I thought was 'Indian'. For instance, when I, or any Indian for that matter, say 'Hindi' is an Indian language, what it means is that it is one of the languages widely spoken in India. This need not be similar to the understanding that the French would have when they hear of 'Hindi' as an Indian language. Because for them Hindi then becomes the only language spoken in India. This is a natural inference that the French, Germans, Italians and many other European nationals would tend to make, because that is generally how it is in their own respective countries. The risk of such inappropriate generalizations made about 'Indian' is not restricted to language alone but also for India's landscape, cuisine, movies, music, climate, economic development and even political ideologies. The magnitude of diversity of one European country can be easily compared to that of one of the Indian States, isn't it? Can they imagine that India is one country whose diversity can be equated to that of the entire European continent? The onus is upon us to go ahead and clarify the nuances in 'Indianness' while we converse. But why should one do so? How does it even matter to clarify?

1. Why do some French people think that Hindi is the only Indian language?
(A) Because that is the way in most European countries
(B) That is what is being taught to them
(C) They know India is also called as Hindustan so people there must speak only Hindi
(D) As most Indians they meet speak Hindi
2. The writer was working at a university in which country?
(A) France (B) Germany
(C) Italy (D) India
3. What wrong with respect to India are the British responsible for?
(A) Their hatred towards Indian culture
(B) Their complete lack of knowledge regarding India's past
(C) That India is economically decades behind the developed worlds
(D) Their inappropriate generalizations
4. The writer compares diversity of one European country to the diversity of
(A) one major city in India
(B) one Indian State
(C) the whole continent of Asia
(D) the whole world
5. According to the writer, the responsibility of explaining the facts about India to Europeans rests with
(A) Europeans
(B) Indians
(C) rest of the world
(D) Indian continent

Directions (Q. Nos. 6–15) : Choose the word which expresses the opposite meaning of the given word.

6. Corny
(A) Old fashioned (B) Cheesy
(C) Trendy (D) Easy
7. Gibberish
(A) Meaningless (B) Unintelligible
(C) Coherent (D) Continuous
8. Shoals
(A) Shallow (B) Sand bank
(C) Deep (D) Narrow
9. Articulate
(A) Ineffective (B) Effective
(C) Inability (D) Eloquent
10. Ethereal
(A) Delicate (B) Worldly
(C) Heavenly (D) Airy
11. Dissuade
(A) Activate (B) Convince
(C) Discontinue (D) Persuade
12. Colloquial
(A) Informal (B) Formal
(C) Familiar (D) Unfamiliar
13. Clutter
(A) Racket (B) Noisy
(C) Peace (D) Tense
14. Spatter
(A) To splash (B) To push out
(C) To dry out (D) To spit out
15. Rational
(A) Self-contradictory
(B) Reassurance
(C) Sound
(D) Strategy

Directions (Q. Nos. 16–25) : There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

16. (A) Mortagages
(B) Mortgages
(C) Mortgageges
(D) Mortgaes
17. (A) Torrential
(B) Torrennttial
(C) Torrenntial
(D) Torenttial
18. (A) Granled
(B) Garnled
(C) Gnraled
(D) Gnarled
19. (A) Hypochondriac
(B) Hypercondiac
(C) Hypochondiac
(D) Hyperchondiac
20. (A) Peunomia
(B) Neumonia
(C) Pneumonia
(D) Pnemonia
21. (A) Deciduuous
(B) Diceduuous
(C) Decidudous
(D) Deciduous
22. (A) Casserole
(B) Casserrolle
(C) Caserole
(D) Casserolle
23. (A) Arbergine
(B) Aubergine
(C) Arbergyne
(D) Auberigine
24. (A) Guerella
(B) Guerrila
(C) Guerrilla
(D) Guerela
25. (A) Anonymity
(B) Anoimity
(C) Anonmity
(D) Anoimty

Directions (Q. Nos. 26–40) : Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

26. A collector of coins
(A) numismatist
(B) philanthropist
(C) misologist
(D) numerologist
27. A robbery at sea
(A) kidnapping
(B) piracy
(C) hijacking
(D) ransoming
28. Something which is no longer in use
(A) abstain (B) obelisk
(C) absolute (D) obsolete
29. Something which cannot be understood
(A) incomprehensible
(B) illegal
(C) ineligible
(D) indelible
30. Making a false statement before the court
(A) refrain (B) perjury
(C) abstain (D) notary
31. Making of permanent designs on human bodies
(A) highlighting
(B) tattooing
(C) inking
(D) colouring
32. The remains of plants and animals preserved in rocks
(A) crust (B) fossil
(C) niche (D) cliché
33. In order of time
(A) chronological
(B) connected
(C) logical
(D) illogical
34. Love and admiration for oneself
(A) anarchist (B) pompous
(C) bombastic (D) narcissist
35. A concerted set of messages aimed at influencing people's opinions
(A) propaganda
(B) defacement
(C) parody
(D) rumour
36. Mutual discourse
(A) soliloquy (B) obloquy
(C) colloquy (D) eloquence
37. Preferring or attracted to sunlight
(A) lithophilous
(B) heliophilous
(C) topophilia
(D) homophile
38. Lack of civic-mindedness or patriotism
(A) iconomachy
(B) incivism
(C) shag
(D) clergy
39. A person who stuffs skins of dead animals
(A) biloquist
(B) philologist
(C) taxidermist
(D) oculist
40. Love for dogs
(A) paedophilia
(B) sinophilia
(C) canophilia
(D) zoophilia

Directions (Q. Nos. 41–45) : In the following questions, out of the four given alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

41. A person's last performance
(A) prognosis
(B) elegy
(C) memoir
(D) swan song
42. Weather the storm
(A) be absolutely unwilling to cooperate
(B) fall over in a sudden or dramatic way
(C) survive a period of difficulty
(D) dispute a decision or choice already made
43. Spin your wheels
(A) set an activity in motion
(B) waste your time and efforts
(C) a firmly held belief
(D) with great affection or enthusiasm
44. Wear the green willow
(A) to do something for someone as an act of kindness
(B) suffer unrequited love
(C) cause someone to be very frightened
(D) producing a lavish celebratory feast
45. Give it a whirl
(A) to be engaged in cheating
(B) to completely destroy something
(C) to criticize someone
(D) to try out something new

Directions (Q. Nos. 46–50) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

It is a delight that (46) the illuminating thoughts which came to the minds of these men; and, on the other hand, it is amusing to see how (47) they launched (48) on boundless seas when they were not provided with chart and compass. They were (49) brilliant children, who knew little of the dangers of the great world, but are ready to undertake anything. These philosophers regarded all knowledge as their province, and did (50) despair of governing so great a realm.

46. (A) discover
(B) discovery
(C) rediscover
(D) to discover
47. (A) reckless
(B) recklessness
(C) recklessly
(D) reckless
48. (A) them
(B) their
(C) they
(D) themselves
49. (A) too
(B) like
(C) that
(D) so
50. (A) no
(B) not
(C) nothing
(D) none

PART—B : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & APTITUDE

(Marks : 150)

Each question carries 2 marks

51. What platform was unveiled to promote artisan empowerment in India?
- (A) PMKSY (Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana)
(B) MISS (Modified Interest Subvention Scheme)
(C) Saubhagya
(D) TULIP platform
52. Who is the present Speaker of the Lok Sabha, 2024?
- (A) Virendra Kumar
(B) Om Birla
(C) Sumitra Mahajan
(D) Ram Nath Kovind
53. Which is the odd term from the items listed below?
- (A) Internet
(B) Linux
(C) Unix
(D) Windows
54. On which day is the World Environment Day celebrated every year?
- (A) 1st April
(B) 5th July
(C) 5th June
(D) 1st August
55. GST is a comprehensive multistage destination-based indirect tax and it came into effect in India on
- (A) 1st October, 2016
(B) 1st July, 2017
(C) 1st April, 2018
(D) 30th September, 2015
56. Name the part of the digestive system where no digestion occurs.
- (A) Duodenum
(B) Esophagus
(C) Stomach
(D) Mouth
57. What is the name of Facebook's new digital currency?
- (A) Libra
(B) Bitcoin
(C) Dogecoin
(D) Litecoin
58. The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India from December 2024 is
- (A) Urjit Patel
(B) Raghuram Rajan
(C) Arvind Subramanian
(D) Sanjay Malhotra
59. Who was the last ruling Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir when it acceded to the Union of India?
- (A) Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah
(B) Gulab Singh
(C) Hari Singh
(D) Pratap Singh

60. Who was awarded the 'Best Creator for Social Change' at the National Creators Award, 2024 in Delhi?
(A) Jaya Kishori
(B) Kabita Singh
(C) Drew Hicks
(D) Aridaman
61. The term 'gambit' is associated with which sport?
(A) Table tennis
(B) Chess
(C) Judo
(D) Wrestling
62. The coil of electric heater is made of
(A) platinum
(B) tungsten
(C) nichrome
(D) brass
63. Qantas Airways is associated with which country?
(A) Australia
(B) Qatar
(C) Germany
(D) Canada
64. What is the first artificial satellite to orbit the earth?
(A) Apollo 1
(B) Sputnik 1
(C) Explorer 1
(D) Skylab
65. *Tripitakas* are the sacred books of
(A) Buddhists
(B) Jains
(C) Sikhs
(D) Hindus
66. Name the science that is associated with the study of insects.
(A) Ethology
(B) Ornithology
(C) Paleontology
(D) Entomology
67. Which one will be the host country of the G20 Summit, 2025?
(A) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
(B) Hamburg, Germany
(C) South Africa
(D) New Delhi, India
68. Which of the following is *not* found on the moon?
(A) Mountain
(B) Sunlight
(C) Lake
(D) Crater
69. Who among the following is known as the father of ecology in India?
(A) P. Maheshwari
(B) Ramdeo Misra
(C) Rohini Balakrishnan
(D) Dilip K. Biswas
70. Which among the following is the regulator of stock exchange in India?
(A) RBI
(B) SIDBI
(C) SEBI
(D) NABARD

71. Which of the following books have been written by A. P. J. Abdul Kalam?
- I. *Ignited Minds*
 - II. *Wings of Fire*
 - III. *The Luminous Sparks*
 - IV. *Spirit of India*
- (A) Both I and II
(B) Both I and III
(C) I, II and III
(D) All of the above
72. Global warming during winter becomes more pronounced at the
- (A) Equator
(B) Tropic of Cancer
(C) Tropic of Capricorn
(D) South Pole
73. Which of the following is **not** a computer language?
- (A) COBOL
(B) UNIX
(C) PASCAL
(D) FORTRAN
74. Under which Part of the Indian Constitution is Article 370 defined?
- (A) Part I
(B) Part VII
(C) Part XIII
(D) Part XXI
75. From which Indian space centre was Chandrayaan-2 launched?
- (A) ISRO Propulsion Complex
(B) Satish Dhawan Space Centre
(C) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
(D) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
76. Sterlite Copper which is in news recently is associated with which State?
- (A) Kerala
(B) Chhattisgarh
(C) Jharkhand
(D) Tamil Nadu
77. The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) has been shifted to which Union Ministry from the Heavy Industries Ministry?
- (A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(B) Ministry of MSME
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs
78. Which Indian State exported Burmese grapes (leteku), Bao-dhaan (red rice) and Kaji Nemu (lemon) to foreign countries?
- (A) West Bengal
(B) Bihar
(C) Assam
(D) Arunachal Pradesh
79. Which Indian company has recently raised \$750 million through sale of green bonds?
- (A) RIL
(B) ONGC
(C) Adani Green Energy Ltd.
(D) NTPC
80. Where is the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research located?
- (A) Kanyakumari
(B) Port Blair
(C) New Delhi
(D) Goa

81. The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is celebrated in which State of India every year on December 3?
(A) Goa
(B) Meghalaya
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Kerala
82. The Air Port Authority of India is partnered with which institution to develop indigenous Air Traffic Management System?
(A) ISRO
(B) DRDO
(C) BEL
(D) HAL
83. CBIC has notified exemption from customs duty and agriculture infrastructure development cess on which product?
(A) Jute
(B) Raw cotton
(C) Silk yarn
(D) Palm oil
84. Which is the first and only State in India to have their own Internet service?
(A) Tamil Nadu
(B) Kerala
(C) Odisha
(D) Andhra Pradesh
85. Benjamin Netanyahu is the PM of which country?
(A) Israel
(B) Oman
(C) Iran
(D) France
86. Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which was making news recently, passes through which sea?
(A) Caspian Sea
(B) Baltic Sea
(C) Red Sea
(D) East China Sea
87. Tax inspector without borders is an initiative of UNDP in association with which organization?
(A) OECD
(B) IMF
(C) UNESCO
(D) UNICEF
88. The famous 'Gandhi-Irwin Pact' was associated to which of the following in India?
(A) The Rowlatt Act
(B) The Quit India Movement
(C) The Civil Disobedience Movement
(D) The Non-Cooperation Movement
89. Which global company has changed its name to 'Capricorn Energy PLC'?
(A) BP Oil and Gas
(B) Cairn Energy PLC
(C) ONGC Videsh
(D) Reliance Energy
90. Which country is the world's largest consumer of gold?
(A) India
(B) China
(C) USA
(D) Australia

91. Arun's birthday is on May 25th which falls on Monday. His friend Vishal's birthday is on July 13th. On which day of the week will his friend Vishal's birthday fall?
 (A) Monday (B) Tuesday
 (C) Saturday (D) Sunday
92. Six friends are sitting in a circle and facing the centre of the circle. David is between Prince and Matt. Robert is between Joey and Ross. Prince and Ross are seated opposite to each other. Who is sitting to the right of Robert?
 (A) Joey (B) Matt
 (C) David (D) Ross
93. How many such letters are there in the word 'PMCLNOB' which will remain in its original position if they are rearranged in alphabetical order?
 (A) None (B) One
 (C) Two (D) Three
94. An accurate clock shows 8 o'clock in the morning. Through how many degrees will the hour hand rotate when the clock shows 4 o'clock in the afternoon?
 (A) 180 degree
 (B) 220 degree
 (C) 240 degree
 (D) 90 degree
95. If in a certain code GLARE is written as 67810 and MONSOON is written as 2395339, then the word RANSOM will be written as
 (A) 189523
 (B) 189532
 (C) 189352
 (D) 198523
96. If $a : b = 1 : 2$, $b : c = 2 : 3$ and $c : d = 6 : 5$, then $a : d =$
 (A) 12 : 17
 (B) 2 : 5
 (C) 3 : 7
 (D) 1 : 1
97. John and Harry started walking from their school to reach their homes. They started walking in opposite direction to each other for 3 kilometres and then each one turned to their right and walked another 4 kilometres and reached their respective home. What is the distance between their homes?
 (A) 10 kilometres
 (B) 14 kilometres
 (C) 12 kilometres
 (D) 15 kilometres
98. Choose the odd pair of words which is different from the other.
 (A) Petrol : Car
 (B) Garbage : Dustbin
 (C) Ink : Pen
 (D) Lead : Pencil
99. On arranging $\frac{12}{7}$, $\frac{13}{9}$ and $\frac{7}{5}$ in descending order, we get
 (A) $\frac{12}{7} > \frac{13}{9} > \frac{7}{5}$
 (B) $\frac{12}{7} > \frac{7}{5} > \frac{13}{9}$
 (C) $\frac{13}{9} > \frac{12}{7} > \frac{7}{5}$
 (D) $\frac{13}{9} > \frac{7}{5} > \frac{12}{7}$

100. In the series 2, 6, 18, 54,, what will be the 8th term?
- (A) 4390
(B) 4384
(C) 4380
(D) 4374
101. Find the odd number pair.
- (A) 28-56
(B) 24-64
(C) 25-54
(D) 36-81
102. A is B's sister. C is B's mother. D is C's father. E is D's mother. How is A related to D?
- (A) Grandmother
(B) Grandfather
(C) Daughter
(D) Granddaughter
103. Choose the word which is different from the rest.
- (A) Kiwi
(B) Eagle
(C) Emu
(D) Ostrich
104. The speed of a boat in still water is 5 km/hr. If the speed of the boat against the stream is 3 km/hr, what is the speed of the stream?
- (A) 2 km/hr
(B) 4 km/hr
(C) 8 km/hr
(D) 1.5 km/hr
105. Benjamin walks 5 kilometres towards east and then turns left and walks 6 kilometres, again he turns right and walks 9 kilometres. Finally he turns to his right and walks 6 kilometres. How far is he from the starting point, as the crow flies?
- (A) 26 kilometres
(B) 21 kilometres
(C) 14 kilometres
(D) 9 kilometres
106. In the series POQ, SRT, VUW, _____, the blank space shall be
- (A) XYZ
(B) XZY
(C) YXZ
(D) YZX
107. Which alternative will replace the following question mark?
- 27 : 125 :: 64 : ?
- (A) 162
(B) 216
(C) 517
(D) 273
108. Aman, who is 12 years old, is three times as old as his brother Rahul. How old will Aman be when he is twice as old as Rahul?
- (A) 14 years
(B) 16 years
(C) 18 years
(D) 20 years

In a company, 10% of the male workers are same in number as one-fourth of the female workers. What is the ratio of male workers to female workers?

- (A) 3 : 2
- (B) 2 : 1
- (C) 4 : 3
- (D) 5 : 2

If 15th August in a particular year falls on a Monday, then 17th November of the same year will fall on which day?

- (A) Tuesday
- (B) Wednesday
- (C) Thursday
- (D) Friday

If in a certain code the word FASHION is written as FOIHSAN, then how would the word PROBLEM be written in that code?

- (A) PELBOMR
- (B) PELBORM
- (C) PLEBORM
- (D) PELOBRM

In an automobile showroom, there are a certain number of vehicles, some of which are two wheelers, three wheelers and four wheelers. If there are 69 wheels in total and the number of two wheelers is six, then the numbers of four wheelers and three wheelers are

- (A) 7 four wheelers and 9 three wheelers
- (B) 8 four wheelers and 7 three wheelers
- (C) 9 four wheelers and 8 three wheelers
- (D) 9 four wheelers and 7 three wheelers

113. In a 500-metre race, the ratio of the speeds of the two contestants X and Z is 3 : 4. If X has a head start over Z of 140 metres, then X will win the race by

- (A) 20 metres
- (B) 15 metres
- (C) 24 metres
- (D) 36 metres

114. Which of the following conclusions logically follow(s) from the given statements?

Statement (I) :

All leaders are good team workers.

Statement (II) :

All good team workers are good orators.

Conclusion (I) :

Some good team workers are leaders.

Conclusion (II) :

All good orators are leaders.

- (A) Only conclusion I follows
- (B) Only conclusion II follows
- (C) Both conclusions I and II follow
- (D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

115. Which of the following conclusions logically follow(s) from the given statements?

Statement :

The percentage of national income shared by the top ten percent of the household in India is 35.

Conclusion (I) :

When economy grows fast concentration of wealth takes place.

Conclusion (II) :

The national income is unevenly distributed in India.

- (A) Only conclusion I follows
- (B) Only conclusion II follows
- (C) Both conclusions I and II follow
- (D) Neither conclusion I nor II follows

116. 1.4 expressed as a percentage of 1.9 is
 (A) 6%
 (B) 60%
 (C) 10%
 (D) 90%
117. How many terms are there in 20, 25, 30,, 140?
 (A) 22
 (B) 23
 (C) 24
 (D) 25
118. A train is running at the speed of 60 km/hr crosses a pole in 9 seconds. What is the length of the train?
 (A) 120 metres
 (B) 180 metres
 (C) 324 metres
 (D) 150 metres
119. In a shower, 5 cm of rain falls. The volume of water that falls on 1.5 hectares of ground is
 (A) 75 cubic metres
 (B) 750 cubic metres
 (C) 7500 cubic metres
 (D) 75000 cubic metres
120. 3 pumps, working 8 hours a day, can empty a tank in 2 days. How many hours a day must 4 pumps work to empty the tank in 1 day?
 (A) 9
 (B) 10
 (C) 11
 (D) 12
121. In order to obtain an income of ₹650 from 10% stock at ₹96, one must make an investment of
 (A) ₹3,100
 (B) ₹6,240
 (C) ₹6,500
 (D) ₹9,600
122. There is 60% increase in an amount in 6 years at simple interest. What will be the compound interest of ₹12,000 after 3 years at the same rate?
 (A) ₹2,160
 (B) ₹3,120
 (C) ₹3,972
 (D) ₹6,240
123. In how many different ways can the letters of the word 'LEADING' be arranged in such a way that the vowels always come together?
 (A) 360
 (B) 480
 (C) 720
 (D) 5040
124. A clock is started at noon. By 10 minutes past 5, the hour hand has turned through
 (A) 145°
 (B) 150°
 (C) 155°
 (D) 160°
125. In certain code, 'REACTION' is written as 'RAETCOIN'. How is 'BEAUTY' written in that code?
 (A) BAETUY
 (B) BTUAEY
 (C) BTAUEY
 (D) None of the above