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QUESTION PAPER

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Each question in Achievers Section carries 3 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
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5. There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
6. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only. E.g.

Q.16: Fill in the blanks.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

A. to fetch B. learn C. show D. to learn

16. ● (B) (C) (D)

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

1. The Christmas season is the time for fun and _____ in the valley.
A. fragility
B. merriment
C. estrangement
D. frugality

2. The little girl chuckled to _____, thinking about her plan to surprise her friend with a riddle.
A. himself
B. herself
C. oneself
D. itself

3. A/An _____ is a person who travels from one place to another on foot.
A. migrant
B. sailor
C. wayfarer
D. adventurer

4. Several organisations _____ money to the people affected during the floods.
A. controlled
B. contributed
C. conducted
D. convinced

5. He worked every day like a cog _____ the machine.
✓ A. in
B. along
C. with
D. towards

6. The well-read student was familiar _____ all the concepts that the teacher was teaching.
A. over
B. in
C. with
D. adjacent

7. There was a big puddle _____ the ground.
A. at
B. between
C. of
D. on

8. We booked the tickets _____ the show.
A. from
B. of
C. for
D. at

9. It was _____ hot that day therefore we cancelled our plan of going on a picnic.
A. unbelievably
B. unfaithfully
C. uncompromisingly
D. ungratefully

10. Otters are carnivorous mammals that _____ in mud.
A. roll between
B. roll at
C. roll around
D. roll with

11. The municipal authorities were _____ a new road near the school building.
A. laying onto
B. laying down
C. laying between
D. laying with

12. Santosh _____ his problems, hoping no one would notice.
A. laughed off
B. laughed aside
C. laughed up
D. laughed among

13. The lawyer's greed for money was _____.
A. spillable
B. introductory
C. kinetic
D. intractable

14. His laughter is _____ and everyone likes to spend their time with him.
A. metrical
B. luxurious
C. contagious
D. statistical
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15. The teacher _____ the children who were playing out in the rain.
A. abolish
B. admonished
C. bargained
D. adjoined
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16. The pandemic _____ the lives of many people.
A. change
B. have changed
C. has changed
D. are changed
-
17. He hoped _____ in the next few years.
A. to promoted
B. to get promoted
C. promotion
D. be promoted
-
18. The wire _____ to the earth as part of an essential safety measure.
A. grounds
B. is grounding
C. was grounded
D. were grounded
-
19. He had a habit of studying at _____ last minute.
A. a
B. an
C. the
D. no article
-
20. 'Under the weather' means _____.
A. weathering
B. withering of leaves
C. under the clouds
D. unwell
-
21. Anil volunteered to help a student, _____ he was struggling to understand some concepts.
A. because
B. unless
C. that
D. instead of
-
22. Tom sang _____ he was playing an instrument.
A. yet
B. while
C. so
D. in case of
-
23. The teacher lent the book to the student _____ he returns it in a week's time.
A. even it
B. as though
C. provided that
D. after
-
24. We should wake up very early, _____ we reach the destination on time.
A. whatever
B. so that
C. instead of
D. meanwhile
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- FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.
25. Deprecate
A. Agree
B. Disapprove
C. Obey
D. Dignify
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26. Distinguish
A. Mix
B. Confuse
C. Darken
D. Discern

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Obnoxious
- A. Suspicious
 - B. Indifferent
 - C. Pleasant
 - D. Empty
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28. Glib
- A. Suave
 - B. Vocal
 - C. Willful
 - D. Hesitant

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. What is the spelling of the word that means 'an extreme or irrational fear of confined place'?
- A. Caustrophobia
 - B. Claustrophobia
 - C. Castrophobia
 - D. Claustropobia
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30. What is the spelling of the word that means 'to carefully observe/watch a suspicious place/person/thing'?
- A. Surveillance
 - B. Surveilance
 - C. Surwheelance
 - D. Surveilens

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

-NASA

Pluto is a complex and mysterious world with mountains, valleys, plains, craters, and maybe glaciers. Discovered in 1930, Pluto was long considered our solar system's ninth planet. But after the discovery of similar intriguing worlds deeper in the distant Kuiper Belt, icy Pluto was reclassified as a dwarf planet.

Pluto is only about 1,400 miles wide. At that small size, Pluto is only about half the width of the United States. It's about 3.6 billion miles away from the Sun, and it has a thin atmosphere composed mostly of nitrogen, methane, and carbon monoxide. On average, Pluto's temperature is -387°F (-232°C), making it too cold to sustain life. Pluto is orbited by five known moons, the largest of which is Charon. Charon is about half the size of Pluto itself, making it the largest satellite relative to the planet it orbits in our solar system. Pluto and Charon are often referred to as a "double planet".

Pluto is the only planet (so far) named by an 11-year-old girl. In 1930, Venetia Burney of Oxford, England, suggested her grandfather, that the new discovery be named for the Roman god of the underworld. He forwarded the name to the Lowell Observatory and it was selected.

Pluto's moons are named after other mythological figures associated with the underworld. Charon is named after the river Styx boatman who ferries souls in the underworld (as well as honouring Sharon, the wife of discoverer James Christy); Nix is named after the mother of Charon, who is also the goddess of darkness and night; Hydra is named for the nine-headed serpent that guards the underworld; Kerberos is named after the three-headed dog of Greek mythology (and called Fluffy in the Harry Potter novels), and Styx is named after the mythological river that separates the world of the living from the realm of the dead.

Pluto is about two-thirds the diameter of Earth's Moon and probably has a rocky core surrounded by a mantle of water ice.

Interesting ices like methane and nitrogen frost coat the surface. Due to its lower density, Pluto's mass is about one-sixth that of Earth's Moon.

Pluto has a thin, tenuous atmosphere that expands when it comes closer to the Sun and collapses as it moves farther away – similar to a comet. The main constituent is molecular nitrogen, though molecules of methane and carbon monoxide have also been detected.

When Pluto is close to the Sun, its surface ices sublime (changing directly from solid to gas) and rise to temporarily form a thin atmosphere. Pluto's low gravity (about 6% of Earth's) causes the atmosphere to be much more extended in altitude than our planet's atmosphere. Pluto becomes much colder during the part of each year when it is travelling far away from the Sun. During this time, the bulk of the planet's atmosphere may freeze and fall as snow to the surface.

31. Choose the suitable title for the given passage.

- A. Pluto : The Dwarf Planet-An Overview
- B. The Solar System
- C. The Kuiper Belt
- D. Pluto's Life

32. Who was responsible for naming the planet as 'Pluto'?

- A. Sharon
- B. James Christy
- C. Venetia Burney
- D. Harry Potter

33. Select the incorrect statement.

- A. Pluto is only about 1,400 miles wide.
- B. It is about 3.6 billion miles away from the Sun.
- C. Its atmosphere has oxygen and nitrogen.
- D. Its temperature is -387°F (-232°C).

34. Pluto's moons are named after the mythological figures. Match the moon's names with the mythological figures.

Name	Mythological figure
(i) Charon	(a) three-headed dog of Greek mythology
(ii) Nix	(b) nine-headed serpent that guards the underworld
(iii) Hydra	(c) river that separates the world of living & dead
(iv) Kerberos	(d) the mother of Charon, goddess of darkness and night
(v) Styx	(e) the river Styx boatman who ferries souls in the underworld

- A. (i) - (e), (ii) - (d), (iii) - (b), (iv) - (a), (v) - (c)
- B. (i) - (b), (ii) - (c), (iii) - (a), (iv) - (e), (v) - (d)
- C. (i) - (d), (ii) - (b), (iii) - (c), (iv) - (a), (v) - (e)
- D. (i) - (c), (ii) - (e), (iii) - (a), (iv) - (d), (v) - (b)

35. Interesting ices like _____ and _____ frost coat the surface of Pluto.

- A. oxygen, helium
- B. carbon, ammonia
- C. methane, nitrogen
- D. nitrogen, oxygen

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

It's a shop I must have walked past a million times before, but have barely noticed until now, and have never thought to enter. A nondescript, little, drab brown brick building, crammed between a hair salon and an upholstery store, with a tiny

window display offering an assortment of forgettable items that are of no interest to me. But I have some extra time on my hands today and decide to take a quick peek.

The interior is cool and dark, and it takes a moment for my eyes to adjust. An overpowering rose scent hangs thickly in the air; nearly enough to turn me away. Instead I continue further into the store, eyes scanning the shelves for anything interesting. Indeed, there are a great variety of items – and yet none whatsoever appeal to me.

“Can I help you?”

I look up to see an elderly woman behind a counter. She looks vaguely startled, and I wonder when she last saw a customer enter her shop.

“Just browsing,” I reply.

I make a full circle of the place and confirm that there is indeed nothing here that I wish to purchase. I wonder how the old woman manages to stay in business. I head towards the door, but pause when I notice one interesting item. A large old book, perched on a wooden stand.

There is no visible title on the well-worn leather cover, and it is held shut with a thick metal clasp. Upon further inspection I see that a combination lock is affixed to the clasp.

The numbers read: 02-11-32.

I try the latch with the current combination, but it does not open. I am now even more curious to discover what lies between the book’s pages. “What is this book about?” I ask the old woman, who has been staring at me quietly the whole time. “Do you know the combination?”

“I do,” the woman replies, but adds nothing more.

I am annoyed by her response, and decide that I’ve had enough of this place. I turn to leave and am almost out the door, when I hear the woman say, “Try your birthday.”

I give her an odd look as I wander back over to the book. She’s crazy, I think. And yet, I am compelled. With my index finger I swipe the numbers into place so that they now show my birth month, day, and year.

To my astonishment, the latch clicks open. I pull back the heavy cover and flip through the pages. “This can’t be right,” I murmur in shock as I realize the book is a biography... about me!

I look up to question the woman, but she is gone and the shop suddenly seems different, brighter. The shelves are now stocked with all my favourite things. I wander through the aisles again – how did I miss this before? And this? I would buy any of these items, gladly!

Gone is the cloying fragrance of rose, replaced with my own favorite scent.

I sit behind the counter and wait for a customer to come in and buy something, but they all walk past the window as though the place were invisible. The few that do enter seem uninterested in what I have to sell, or complain that the fragrance in the air is too strong.

Until one day, a young woman takes an interest in the book. “It won’t open,” she notes, smacking on her gum.

“Try your birthday,” I say.

-Curiosity Shop by Tania Del Rio

36. What is the type of narrative used in this story?
- A. First-person narrative
 - B. Third-person narrative
 - C. Multiple-person narrative
 - D. None of these

37. What is the meaning of the word 'assortment'?
- A collection of different things
 - The process of converting solids into gases
 - A place for valuables to be stored
 - A large casket
-
38. What is the meaning of the word 'nondescript'?
- Unusually made
 - A strange black box
 - Ordinary with no interesting features
 - An invisible magnetic box
39. What does the large old book, perched on a wooden stand contain?
- It has all ancient books.
 - It has biographies.
 - It has some perfumes inside.
 - It has various chemicals.
-
40. Where was the elderly woman when the narrator found her biography?
- She flew out of the window.
 - She was watching the narrator.
 - She was looking at the narrator's biography.
 - She wasn't there in the shop.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Idris : I _____ my breakfast today because I woke up late.
- hasn't had
 - haven't had
 - wasn't had
 - weren't had
-
42. Jill : We _____ a lot of shells at the beach yesterday.
- are collected
 - has collected
 - collected
 - collects
-
43. Vasant : I hope _____ you all for the next trip to Ladakh.
- join
 - joined
 - has join
 - to join
-
44. Teacher : Maintain silence in the class! The exam is _____ in the next room.
- going on
 - running at
 - coming on
 - taking of
-
45. Rajesh : The Gurkhas in my neighbourhood make _____ noises while walking on the street.
- craze
 - sweetly
 - strange
 - kind

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. Alan was faced with a moral _____ and was pacing up and down the room, agitated all night.
- quandry
 - convenient
 - gestures
 - dimensions

47. The rescue team had to _____ the waters to meet the victims of the flood.

- A. wade through
- B. snapped out
- C. draw on
- D. wing on

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Disparage

- A. Belittle
- B. Kind
- C. Inspirit
- D. Glorify

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Munificent

- A. Mercenary
- B. Indulgent
- C. Intuitive
- D. Magnificent

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Frank : She has reached the present position in her career through _____.

- A. cool feet
- B. green thumb
- C. split hairs
- D. elbow grease



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