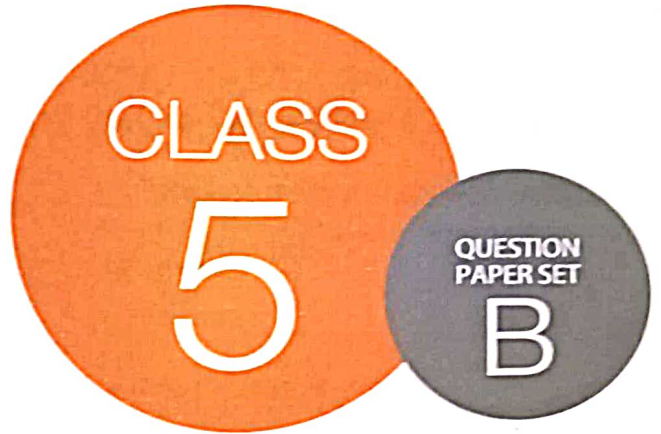




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Total Questions: 50 | Time: 1 hr.

Guidelines for the Candidate

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- The Question Paper comprises four sections:
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 Each question in Achievers Section carries 3 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.
- All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
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- 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 blank.
Please teach my dog ____ a ball.
A. to fetch **B.** learn **C.** show **D.** to learn
 As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet. 16. ● (B) (C) (D)
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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 18, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

1. My mother has no tolerance _____ unhygienic ways.
A. on
B. for
C. by
D. with

2. At _____ end of the week, we can have a party.
A. a
B. an
C. the
D. no article

3. Rachit's only fault is _____ ignorance.
A. their
B. its
C. his
D. him

4. Both wolf and fox _____ to dog family.
A. belongs
B. belong
C. belonging
D. belonged

5. You should _____ work hard to get better marks.
A. aimlessly
B. randomly
C. seriously
D. ruthlessly

6. They didn't _____ back to me after my interview.
A. get
B. got
C. gotten
D. gets

7. Not many people know this, _____ I am scared of insects.
A. nor
B. but
C. until
D. since

8. You heard the knocking too, _____ you?
A. don't
B. won't
C. were
D. didn't

9. I am proud of you; your results have _____ our expectations.
A. surrendered
B. surpassed
C. surcharged
D. survived

10. _____ new movie theatre was packed with people.
A. A
B. An
C. The
D. No article

11. _____ pathetic idea was this?
A. Who
B. Whom
C. Whose
D. Which

12. The giant wheel ride was a/an _____ experience for me.
A. cancelling
B. exhilarating
C. delay
D. appealed

13. There is no connecting road between Raipur
Haripur.

- A. so
- B. and
- C. yet
- D. until

14. I need a bowl _____ hot soup to soothe
my itching throat.

- A. on
- B. in
- C. by
- D. of

15. My teacher says, "I am very good at painting."
My teacher _____.

- A. said that she were very good at painting
- B. says that she is very good at painting
- C. says that she was very good at painting
- D. says that you are very good at painting

16. This argument _____ have been
avoided completely.

- A. dare
- B. need
- C. had
- D. could

17. There _____ no one left in the
stadium.

- A. were
- B. are
- C. is
- D. have

18. My mother went _____ to meet the
principal.

- A. directly
- B. directed
- C. direction
- D. directing

FOR QUESTIONS 19 TO 21, CHOOSE THE
CORRECT OPTION FOR THE UNDERLINED
WORD.

19. This is the toy that my uncle gifted me.

- A. Noun
- B. Pronoun
- C. Adjective
- D. Conjunction

20. It was a compulsory event.

- A. Noun
- B. Adverb
- C. Adjective
- D. Preposition

21. There was a lion outside the cottage.

- A. Noun
- B. Adverb
- C. Preposition
- D. Conjunction

FOR QUESTIONS 22 TO 24, CHOOSE THE
PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN
ERROR.

22. Do not touch nothing in the science laboratory.

- A. Do not
- B. touch nothing
- C. in the
- D. science laboratory.

23. I will deposit the cheque on the bank tomorrow.

- A. I will
- B. deposit the
- C. cheque on the
- D. bank tomorrow.

24. The passer-bys helped the old man who had
met with an accident.

- A. The passer-bys
- B. helped the old
- C. man who had met
- D. with an accident.

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

25. What is the spelling of the word which means 'sharpness'?
- A. Acumane
 - B. Acumen
 - C. Accuman
 - D. Acumene
26. What is the spelling of the word which means 'fat/chubby'?
- A. Corpulent
 - B. Corepulent
 - C. Corepulant
 - D. Corpuelent

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

27. Callous
- A. Insensitive
 - B. Tender
 - C. Mindful

D. Responsive

28. Conspicuous

- A. Vague
- B. Secret
- C. Obscure
- D. Evident

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

29. Prosaic

- A. Banal
- B. Hackneyed
- C. Exhilarating
- D. Routine

30. Erratic

- A. Steadfast
- B. Volatile
- C. Bizarre
- D. Dreary

READING

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

One of the most exciting tourist destinations in the world is India. Situated in the perfect climatic zone, the country offers such diversity that no other country in the world can offer. The country has three major geographical features that make it an ideal country for habitation and travel. The great Himalayas of the north protect the country from the chilling winds of China. They also offer spectacular scenic places and one of the most challenging adventures in the outback. The great plains of the central mainland are fed by some of the world's most prominent rivers. The Ganges runs across the country, providing

food to almost the whole country as well as offering a challenge to the rafters for water excitement. Then there is the Deccan plateau in the south and the Indian Ocean. They complete the topographic landscape of India.

Historically, India is perhaps the richest country in the world. It was home to the oldest civilization of the world—the Indus Valley. The civilization dates back to almost 3000 BC. India has given birth to two of the world's biggest religions. Every now and then, scientists and anthropologists discover new evidence that fortifies India's claim of being the most culturally advanced country in ancient times.

The Taj Mahal is the embodiment of love built by the great Mughal ruler Shahjahan.

for his departed wife, Mumtaz Mahal. It has found its place among the seven wonders of the modern world. India has many historical monuments aptly designated as world heritage sites. The country has a diverse culture, as it is evident by the fact that the monuments of Hindus and Muslims are in equal numbers.

The political scene of the country is controlled by the capital city of the country—Delhi. It has been a historic city, home to the Red Fort, which is the embodiment of the Mughal rule in India. Delhi is also famous for its bazaars and monuments. It is a must-visit for tourists, as the embassies and high commissions are situated here. Today, Delhi is the hub of urbanization. From the multinationals to the domestic giants of the world, all have their headquarters in Delhi. It is also highly urbanized and it houses many universities for higher education. The city is well connected to the whole country through rail and air, and domestic transportation is also very smooth as there is a well-laid network of metro trains.

If Delhi is the political capital, then Bombay can easily be termed the business capital of the country. The city is a mixture of various religions and nationalities. The life of Bombay, now called Mumbai, is very fast, and the schedules are always full. It has the most prized possession of the country, Bollywood (the Indian film industry). It also has Wall Street's Indian counterpart, the Dalal Street. It is a witness to the country's economic ups and downs.

India is definitely a place worth visiting, and the best time to come to India is from September to April when the country is booming with all kinds of activities and

festivities. The colours of the country are surely going to take you over.

31. Which civilisation has its origin in India?
- The Hindu civilisation
 - The Mughal civilisation
 - The Muslim civilisation
 - The Indus Valley civilisation
-
32. Choose the correct antonym of the word 'fortify'.
- Secure
 - Entrench
 - Support
 - Dissuade
-
33. Choose the statements that are not correct according to the passage.
- India was home to the oldest civilisation of the world.
 - The best time to visit India is from January to April.
 - Bollywood is the Indian Film Industry based in Mumbai/Bombay.
 - Delhi is the business capital of the country.
 - The political scene of the country is controlled by Delhi, its capital.
- 1, 2 and 4 only
 - 2 and 5 only
 - 2 and 4 only
 - 3, 4 and 5 only
-
34. _____ embodies the Mughal rule in India.
- Taj Mahal
 - Delhi
 - Mumbai
 - Red Fort
-
35. The _____ and the _____ complete the topographic landscape of India.
- Deccan Plateau, Sri Lanka
 - Deccan Plateau, Indian Ocean
 - Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea
 - Sri Lanka, Indian Ocean

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

If life is a journey, then, in India at least, it chugs along on two parallel steel lines—the railways. No reference here to the local trains of Mumbai, India's commercial capital, where citizens spend a substantial portion of their waking hours commuting increasing distances within ever-expanding city limits.

This one is grand—a vast rail network criss-crossing the length and breadth of the country, spanning over plains and rivers, through forests and deserts, reaching out to the obscurest of villages and connecting them to the rest of this immense, wonderful conglomeration of people, towns, animals, history, and culture that is India.

While air travel saves your time and driving by road lends flexibility to your schedule, there is really no better way to know India than by train. The general compartment, especially, is a startling community of the multi-caste, multi-lingual eclecticism of the country that immediately disarms you with its robust, back-thumping welcome. There are no formalities here, as you are expected to roll up your sleeves and join in the abundant overflow of food, drink, and conversation. Personal details are unabashedly pried into, common ground or acquaintances traced over a maze of memory, addresses exchanged, and promises made to visit.

A long Indian railway journey is an unparalleled display of the lay of the land. As the train traverses across different states, it unfolds a fascinating tapestry of gradually changing landscapes, people, houses, shops, and signboards. From my favourite perch, the window seat, I have never failed to harvest intimate glimpses

into rural life: a peasant tending his field or enjoying a meal under a shady tree; a young cowherd driving a boisterous herd to pasture; women transporting water over a parched terrain; a herd of deer peeping nervously through dappled afternoon shadows.

And then there are the numerous wayside stations, bustling centers of busy activity. Often no more than small shacks, these centers of village activity can be refreshingly beautiful, shaded by trees and with small, well-tended gardens around them. But even more poignant are the isolated rail cabins or outposts that occur, seemingly in the midst of wind-swept desolation, as a lone railway official holds out a green flag to give each train an all-clear sign as it hurtles by.

It's then that it strikes you how this gigantic organization, the Indian Railways, the world's biggest public sector employer, is so critically dependent for its smooth everyday functioning on all the various little cogs that keep its wheels turning, right down to the guy who covers an allocated distance on foot daily, manually checking the screws in the fish plates to see that everything is right.

36. Choose the statement that is not correct according to the passage.
- A. Train travel allows a passenger to have a scenic travel experience along the route.
 - B. The Indian Railways plays a major role in the transport system of the whole nation.
 - C. The passage talks in detail about the local trains of Mumbai city.
 - D. Travelling by train provides the best way of knowing more about the land of India.
37. What was the speaker referring to in the line “where citizens spend a substantial portion of their waking hours”?

- A. Bed
- B. Buses
- C. Local trains
- D. Cars

38. What does the lone railway employee do in the isolated cabins or outposts?
- A. Guards the railway tracks from being stolen
 - B. Makes sure that the railway tracks are smooth and running
 - C. Waits for any illegal traveller alighting from the train
 - D. Waves a green flag to give a clear sign for the train to pass

39. The Indian Railways is critically dependent on the _____ for its smooth everyday functioning.

- A. passengers
- B. workers
- C. drivers
- D. villagers

40. Which of the given options means 'collection'?

- A. Startle
- B. Obscurest
- C. Conglomeration
- D. Traverse

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Priya : Can you open the bottle for me?

Raj : Sure, it is not _____ science.

- A. mission
- B. engineering
- C. rocket
- D. jet

42. Mahi : This project looks like a never ending task.

Greta : _____ and start over.

- A. Hold up there
- B. Hang in there
- C. Push on here
- D. Dab it off

43. Kusha : Dolly _____ the problem in no time.

- A. sort up
- B. sorting to
- C. sorted out
- D. sorts on

44. Leader : Why is the strike not over yet?

Member : Our demand for a _____ payout was refused.

- A. fuller
- B. bigger
- C. biggest
- D. smallest

45. Sumita : Hardly _____ left the station when the metro arrived.

- A. he had
- B. did he
- C. he
- D. had he

ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. Sarita _____ Rohan the wrong way. Now he is infuriated.

- A. itched
- B. bruised
- C. rubbed
- D. wounded

47. The band was giving their final performance when we _____ the auditorium.

- A. were to enter
- B. have entered
- C. had been entering
- D. entered

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Apposite

- A. Inapt
- B. Tasteless
- C. Relevant
- D. Discrepant

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Inveterate

- A. Chronic
- B. Fixed
- C. Established
- D. Transitory

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Shweta : Don't assign this task to Richa. She is a one-trick _____.

- A. monkey
- B. donkey
- C. pony
- D. fish



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