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CLASS **11**

SET-B

Total Questions : 50 | Time : 1 hr.

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Q.10: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

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

10. ● (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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For questions 1 to 24, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

1. The city streets were filled with fashionable _____, flashing their outfits with bold attitudes.
A. effeminates
B. frippets
C. misopedists
D. destitutes
2. The novel was a _____ of genres, blending elements of mystery, romance, and science fiction.
A. fandango
B. flippancy
C. farrago
D. frivolity
3. Hey! I found this phone on the table. Is it _____? No, it's not _____. _____ must have left it behind.
A. theirs, them, Someone
B. hers, yours, Anyone
C. mine, his, Everyone
D. yours, mine, Someone
4. To achieve personal growth, it is important to _____ self-doubt and embrace a positive mindset.
A. abjure
B. ameliorate
C. ascent
D. abacot
5. She gathered evidences by collecting documents and statements from witnesses, all with the aim of _____ her petition.
A. traversing
B. countering
C. corroborating
D. gainsaying
6. If you plan ahead and pack all the necessary items, it _____ any inconvenience during your trip.
A. can be obviated
B. should obviate
C. must be obviated
D. ought obviate
7. I _____ you to try the spicy challenge, but be warned, you _____ have a high tolerance for heat.
A. let, ought
B. suggest, might
C. need, can
D. dare, must
8. He has been _____ at his novel, spending hours writing and editing to bring his story to life.
A. beavered out
B. beavering away
C. beavering along
D. beavered for
9. By maintaining a healthy lifestyle you can _____ illness and keep your immune system strong.
A. saddle up
B. shoot of
C. salt away
D. stave off
10. He keeps mentioning hiking and camping, definitely _____ an invitation to join our outdoor adventure.
A. angling for
B. accounted for
C. asking over
D. aimed in
11. The model on the runway had a striking _____ presence, with her tall, curvaceous figure and confident stride.
A. burlesque
B. Junoesque
C. Arabesque
D. grotesque
12. The rom-com movie had a _____ ending with tears, hugs, and a cheesy declaration of love that left everyone feeling cozy.
A. sardonic
B. derisive
C. schmaltzy
D. cynical
13. I _____ to master the art of playing the violin for the past few years, and I can finally see some progress.
A. have slogged

- B. have been slogging
C. am slogged
D. were slogging
14. While the rest of us were anxiously watching from below, Ronnie _____ the towering mountain.
A. has fearlessly scaled
B. have been fearlessly scaling
C. was fearlessly scaling
D. is fearlessly scaling
15. When dividing the pizza, we distributed it _____ based on everyone's appetite to ensure fairness.
A. lopsidedly
B. proportionally
C. conspicuously
D. consequently
16. When we got to know that our great-grandmother had passed away, we went to pay our respects _____ at her wake.
A. sombrely
B. blithely
C. mirthfully
D. jocularly
17. I saw _____ birds perching and eating the nuts, but _____ one with _____ orange beak caught my attention.
A. much, the, a
B. some, no article, an
C. the, a, no article
D. a few, the, an
18. She ventured _____ the mountains, _____ the river, and _____ the dense forest to discover the hidden treasure.
A. amid, besides, across
B. below, behind, over
C. beyond, across, through
D. over, amidst, among
19. _____ it started raining, we had to cancel our picnic plans, _____ decided to have a movie night instead.
A. Although, yet
B. Since, but
C. Because, that
D. While, if

20. The corruption in the country _____ with the exercise of strict laws and unbiased system.
A. will obliterate
B. has been obliterated
C. was obliterating
D. is being obliterate
21. AV: She will write a detailed report about the experiment to submit tomorrow.
PV: A detailed report about the experiment _____ by her to submit tomorrow.
A. has been written
B. will be written
C. would be written
D. will have written
22. Mother said, clapping her hands, "Wow! What a beautiful performance!"
Mother clapped her hands and _____.
A. exclaimed with wonder what a beautiful performance that is
B. exclaimed with wonder what it is a beautiful performance
C. exclaimed with wonder that it was a beautiful performance
D. exclaimed with wonder that it has been a beautiful performance
23. The volunteers serving at the local shelter are truly the _____, selflessly caring for those in difficult situations.
A. smoke and mirrors
B. good Samaritans
C. tearaways
D. sugar pills
24. The idiom 'in two shakes of a lamb's tail' means _____.
A. happening at dawn
B. too late
C. very quickly
D. shaking in fear

For questions 25 and 26, choose the option with correct spelling.

25. How do you spell the word that means 'of or relating to the lavishly ornamented late Spanish baroque style'?
- A. Churriguesque
B. Churreguesque
C. Churiguiesque
D. Churieguesque

26. How do you spell the word that means 'unreasonably or illogically optimistic'?

- A. Polyannaich
- B. Pollyaniash
- C. Polyaniash
- D. Pollyannaish

For questions 27 and 28, choose the correct synonym of the given word.

27. Zaftig

- A. Svelte
- B. Lanky
- C. Lardy
- D. Puny

28. Diurnal

- A. Spasmodic

- B. Quotidian
- C. Mercurial
- D. Nocturnal

For questions 29 and 30, choose the correct antonym of the given word.

29. Paretic

- A. Burly
- B. Decrepit
- C. Maimed
- D. Friable

30. Pietistic

- A. Laical
- B. Blest
- C. Revered
- D. Flinty

READING

For questions 31 to 35, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realise their abilities, learn, work well, and contribute to their community. It is an integral component of health and well-being that underpins our individual and collective abilities to make decisions, build relationships, and shape the world we live in. Mental health is a basic human right. And it is crucial for personal, community, and socio-economic development.

Mental health conditions include mental disorders and psychosocial disabilities, as well as other mental states associated with significant distress, impairment in functioning, or risk of self-harm. People with mental health conditions are more likely to experience lower levels of mental well-being, but this is not always or necessarily the case. Throughout our lives, multiple individual, social, and structural determinants may combine to protect or undermine our mental health and shift our position on the mental health continuum.

Individual psychological and biological factors such as emotional skills, substance use, and genetics can make people more vulnerable to mental health problems. Exposure to unfavourable social, economic, geopolitical, and environmental circumstances, including poverty, violence, inequality, and environmental deprivation, also increases people's risk of experiencing mental health conditions. Risks can manifest themselves at all stages of life, but those that occur during developmentally sensitive periods, especially early childhood, are particularly detrimental. For example, harsh parenting and physical punishment are known to undermine the child's health, and bullying is a leading risk factor for mental health issues. Protective factors similarly occur throughout our lives and serve to strengthen resilience. They include our individual social and emotional skills and attributes, as well as positive social interactions, quality education, decent work, safe neighbourhoods, and community cohesion among others.

Mental health risks and protective factors can be found in society at different scales. Local threats heighten the risk for individuals, families, and communities. Global threats

heighten risk for whole populations and include economic downturns, disease outbreaks, humanitarian emergencies, forced displacement, and the growing climate crisis. Each single risk and protective factor has only limited predictive strength. Most people do not develop a mental health problem despite exposure to a risk factor, and many people with no known risk factor still develop a mental health condition. Nonetheless, the interacting determinants of mental health serve to enhance or undermine mental health.

Suicide prevention is a global priority and is included in the Sustainable Development Goals. Much progress can be achieved by limiting access to means, responsible media reporting, social and emotional learning for adolescents, and early intervention. Banning highly hazardous pesticides is a particularly inexpensive and cost-effective intervention for reducing suicide rates among farmers.

Promoting child and adolescent mental health is another priority and can be achieved by policies and laws that promote and protect mental health, supporting carers to provide nurturing care, implementing school-based programmes, and improving the quality of community and online environments.

In the context of national efforts to strengthen mental health, it is vital to not only protect and promote the mental well-being of all but also to address the needs of people with mental health issues. This should be done through community-based mental health care, which is more mainstream-friendly than institutional care, helps prevent human rights violations, and delivers better recovery outcomes for people with mental health conditions.

31. Read Statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I: It is crucial to safeguard and promote everyone's mental health as well as to attend to the needs of those who suffer from mental illnesses.

Statement II: Many people who do not have a risk factor never get diagnosed with mental health conditions.

- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- C. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

32. According to the passage, which stage in life is considered detrimental to the well-being of mental health, and why?

- A. Risks are especially harmful as they arise always at all stages of life.
- B. Risks are especially harmful when they arise during the time when kids hit puberty.
- C. Risks are especially harmful when they arise in developmentally sensitive times, such as early childhood.
- D. Risks are especially harmful when they arise during infancy, as they affect the baby's physical growth.

33. Select the option that lists the factors by which the mental health of individuals can be maintained.

- 1. Implementing school-based programmes
 - 2. Responsible media reporting
 - 3. Harsh parenting
 - 4. Humanitarian emergencies
 - 5. Banning of highly hazardous pesticides
 - 6. Improving the quality of community and online environments
- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4 only
 - B. 2, 3, 4 and 5 only
 - C. 1, 2, 5 and 6 only
 - D. 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

34. Choose the incorrect statement.

- A. Mental health is a fundamental human right.
- B. Risks as well as protective factors of mental health can be found at various levels in society.
- C. Adolescent and child mental health well-being is a priority, however it cannot be achieved by policies and laws.
- D. The interacting factors of mental health serve to improve or weaken mental health.

35. The meaning of the word "continuum" is _____.

- A. something that continues at short intervals but changes hastily

- B. something that keeps on going, changing abruptly with time
- C. something that keeps on going, changing slowly over time
- D. something that has been continuing without any halt

For questions 36 to 40, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Charles Spencer Chaplin was born in London, England, on April 16th, 1889. His father was a versatile vocalist and actor, and his mother, known by the stage name Lily Harley, was an attractive actress and singer who gained a reputation for her work in the light opera field.

Charlie was thrown on his own resources before he reached the age of ten, as the early death of his father and the subsequent illness of his mother made it necessary for Charlie and his brother, Sydney, to fend for themselves.

Having inherited natural talents from their parents, the youngsters took to the stage as the best opportunity for a career. Charlie made his professional debut as a member of a juvenile group called "The Eight Lancashire Lads" and rapidly won popular favour as an outstanding tap dancer.

When he was about twelve, he got his first chance to act in a legitimate stage show and appeared as "Billy", the page boy, in support of first H.A. Saintsbury and then William Gillette in different productions of "Sherlock Holmes". At the close of this engagement, Charlie started a career as a comedian in Vaudeville, which eventually took him to the United States in 1910 as a featured player with the Fred Karno Company.

He scored an immediate hit with American audiences, particularly with his characterization in a sketch entitled "A Night in an English Music Hall". When the Fred Karno troupe returned to the United States in the fall of 1912 for a repeat tour, Chaplin was offered a motion picture contract.

He finally agreed to appear before the cameras at the expiration of his Vaudeville commitments in November 1913, and his

entrance into the cinema world took place that month when he joined Mack Sennett and the Keystone Film Company. His initial salary was \$150 a week, but his overnight success on the screen spurred other producers to start negotiations for his services.

At the completion of his Sennett contract, Chaplin moved on to the Essanay Company (1915) at a large increase. Sydney Chaplin had then arrived from England and took his brother's place with Keystone as their leading comedian.

The following year, Charlie was even more in demand and signed with the Mutual Film Corporation for a much larger sum to make 12 two-reel comedies. These include "The Floorwalker", "The Fireman", "The Vagabond", "One A.M." (a production in which he was the only character for the entire two reels with on exception of the entrance of a cab driver in the opening scene), "The Count", "The Pawnshop", "Behind the Screen", "The Rink", "Easy Street" (heralded as his greatest production up to that time), "The Cure", "The Immigrant", and "The Adventurer".

When his contract with Mutual expired in 1917, Chaplin decided to become an independent producer out of a desire for more freedom and greater leisure in making his movies. To that end, he busied himself with the construction of his own studio. This studio was situated in the heart of the residential section of Hollywood at La Brea Avenue.

Early in 1918, Chaplin entered into an agreement with the First National Exhibitors' Circuit, a new organisation specially formed to exploit his pictures. His first film under this new deal was "A Dog's Life". After this production, he turned his attention to a national tour on behalf of the war effort, following which he made a film which the US government used to popularise the Liberty Loan drive: "The Bond".

His next commercial venture was the production of a comedy dealing with the war. "Shoulder Arms", released in 1918 at a most opportune time, proved a veritable

mirthquake at the box office and added enormously to Chaplin's popularity.

He was also a composer, having written and published many songs, among them "Sing a Song", "With You Dear in Bombay", "There's Always One You Can't Forget", "Smile", "Eternally", and "You Are My Song", as well as the soundtracks for all his films. Charles Chaplin was one of the rare comedians who not only financed and produced all his films (with the exception of "A Countess from Hong Kong") but was the author, actor, director, and soundtrack composer of them as well.

36. What caused Charlie and his brother to look out for themselves?

- After realising their mother's affair, led them to do so.
- After the early demise of their father, their mother became ignorant towards them, causing them to look out for themselves.
- Their mother's illness after their father's early demise caused them to look out for themselves.
- Their innate passion for acting and singing led them to do so.

37. Read Statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I: During his ongoing contract with Sennett, Charlie transferred to the Essanay Company, receiving a significant raise.

Statement II: Chaplin was given the opportunity to work on a motion picture when the Fred Karno team made a repeat tour to the US.

- Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

38. Arrange, in the correct sequence, the events that took place in Charlie Chaplin's life.

- He entered cinema when he joined Mack Sennett and Keystone Film Company.
- It was as the page boy in an actual stage show that he earned his first acting role.
- He began as a member of a juvenile group and became popular right away for his exceptional tap dancing.
- Following his nationwide tour in support of the war effort, he produced a movie that the US government used to boost the Liberty Loan drive.

- 2, 3, 4, 1
- 3, 2, 1, 4
- 4, 1, 3, 2
- 3, 4, 2, 1

39. Match the following based on the passage.

Column-I	Column-II
1. A song composed by Chaplin	a. Shoulder Arms
2. Veritable mirthquake	b. Vaudeville
3. Mutual Film Corporation	c. With You Dear in Bombay
4. Start of career as comedian	d. The Vagabond

- 1-c, 2-a, 3-d, 4-b
- 1-b, 2-d, 3-a, 4-c
- 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
- 1-d, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a

40. Choose the correct option that lists the synonyms of the word "fend".

- Avert, palisade, bombard
- Cave, beset, yield
- Ward, aegis, bulwark
- Assail, forfend, oppose

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

For questions 41 to 45, choose the correct option to complete each conversation.

41. Gabriel: My friend always likes to live on the edge and _____, constantly pushing the boundaries of what's considered safe.

- burn the candle at both ends
- sail close to the wind
- raise the roof
- rake over the ashes

42. Maxwell: Even though I have a/an _____ of cooking skills, I managed to whip up a delicious meal for my friends.

- A. adamant
- B. stellar
- C. modicum
- D. corking

43. Grace: He's been _____, acting weird and strange in front of the boss.

- A. off the charts
- B. off his place
- C. off his rocker
- D. off the hook

44. Audrey: Being carefree as well as confident, Gia effortlessly faced life's challenges with a/an _____ attitude.

- A. wretched
- B. insouciant
- C. squalid
- D. addleheaded

45. Francesca: The unexpected news of the concert being cancelled really _____ our excitement for the weekend.

- A. put a damper on
- B. put the heat on
- C. put on the ritz
- D. put our feet up

ACHIEVERS SECTION

For questions 46 and 47, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

46. When the investigation revealed his involvement in the land acquisition scam, _____ was the only viable solution.

- A. defenestration
- B. defervescence
- C. defalcation
- D. definiendum

47. The politician's constant _____ on the issue left the public confused and sceptical of his true stance.

- A. candidness
- B. viridity
- C. tergiversation
- D. concinnity

Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

48. Pretermit

- A. Cognizance

- B. Stipulate
- C. Advertency
- D. Nonfeasance

Choose the correct antonym of the given word.

49. Cockaigne

- A. Camelot
- B. Gehenna
- C. Sion
- D. Emyrean

Choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

50. Jessica: Even though the day started off rough, eventually everything fell into place and ended up _____. It was a sigh of relief!

- A. de rien
- B. bete noire
- C. hunky-dory
- D. wack-coup



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