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CLASS **7**
SET-B

Total Questions : 50 | Time : 1 hr.

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Word and Structure Knowledge (30 Questions), **Reading** (10 Questions), **Spoken and Written Expression** (5 Questions) and **Achievers Section** (5 Questions).

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.

There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.

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.10: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

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

10. ☒ A ☐ 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 20, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

1. Stuart's mother _____ to the grocery store before he came home from school.
 - A. nipped out
 - B. notched up
 - C. nuzzled up
 - D. nodded off
2. With the fall of the Taliban in 2001, a wave of _____ swept over Afghanistan.
 - A. flaneur
 - B. repartee
 - C. euphoria
 - D. mournful
3. "I wish survival had been easy," the old man exclaimed with a _____ sigh.
 - A. jubilant
 - B. flooey
 - C. wilful
 - D. wistful
4. The old mansion has fallen into _____, making us wonder how things change over time.
 - A. rectitude
 - B. servitude
 - C. turpitude
 - D. decrepitude
5. _____ the vehement objections raised by the minority party, the bill was passed.
 - A. Notwithstanding
 - B. Furthermore
 - C. Conclusively
 - D. Henceforth
6. The experimental procedure was successfully _____ by the team of researchers _____ its complexities.
 - A. carried through, through
 - B. checked out, regardless off
 - C. checked in, in spite
 - D. carried out, despite
7. He found himself grappling with the intricacies of life and spirituality.
 - A. pedantic
 - B. edification
 - C. erudition
 - D. enigmatic
8. The team members kept going despite the bad weather, _____?
 - A. were it
 - B. didn't they
 - C. didn't it
 - D. don't they
9. She _____ able to finish her project on time _____ she plans carefully and stays focused.
 - A. might be, if
 - B. must be, whether
 - C. could, when
 - D. would be, also
10. The reader had to navigate through a/an _____ of symbolism while going through his favourite author's recent work.
 - A. homage
 - B. lucidity
 - C. labyrinth
 - D. quarter
11. The _____ streets of the bustling city echoed with the discordant symphony of urban life.
 - A. sanctimonious
 - B. gluttonous
 - C. aluminous
 - D. cacophonous
12. The light flickered occasionally, casting _____ shadows throughout the room.
 - A. groggy
 - B. etch
 - C. eerie
 - D. drear
13. _____ as the situation appeared dire, there remained a glimmer of hope.
 - A. So much

- B. How much
- C. Not much of
- D. Inasmuch

14. When _____ sun sets, it casts _____ golden glow over the tranquil sea.

- A. a, the
- B. the, the
- C. the, no article
- D. the, a

15. The surgeon deftly _____ the delicate procedure with the utmost care.

- A. executed
- B. bungled
- C. tattered
- D. extrapolated

16. The entrepreneur's innovative approach led to _____ success, revolutionising the industry.

- A. marginal
- B. meteoric
- C. stagnant
- D. nominal

17. The athlete sprinted _____ around the track, setting a new world record in the process.

- A. languidly
- B. pokily
- C. briskly
- D. sluggishly

18. The teacher taught the complex theory to the students, using practical examples _____ key concepts.

- A. to explicate
- B. to infatuate
- C. to befog
- D. to confound

19. The new regulations are expected to _____ a lot of small businesses in the area.

- A. shake out
- B. shake up
- C. shake upon
- D. shake into

20. By the time she finishes her course, she _____ studying here for three years.

- A. will have been

- B. can have been
- C. would have been
- D. would be

For questions 21 and 22, choose the appropriate meaning for the following idioms.

21. 'Chip off the old block' means _____.

- A. to start from the beginning
- B. to arrange, maintain and equalise regularly
- C. to be of the same kind as their parent
- D. to return to a past position or situation

22. 'Snug as a bug in a rug' means _____.

- A. an easy task
- B. warm and cozy
- C. to start over
- D. to go insane

For questions 23 and 24, choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

23. It's a delusion that the prosperous give passably much to charity than the less prosperous.

- A. It's a delusion that
- B. the prosperous give passably
- C. much to charity
- D. than the less prosperous.

24. I am trying to figure out what can have happened if I had fallen into the icy water.

- A. I am trying to figure out
- B. what can have
- C. happened if I had fallen
- D. into the icy water.

For questions 25 and 26, choose the correct synonym of the given word.

25. Epistle

- A. Silence
- B. Spectator
- C. Locale
- D. Memo

26. Truant

- A. Toil
- B. Drudge
- C. Absent
- D. Travail

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

27. Entente

- A. Bicker
- B. Projet
- C. Covenant
- D. Bargain

28. Paltry

- A. Grimy
- B. Dandy
- C. Gnarly
- D. Punk

For questions 29 and 30, choose the option with correct spelling.

29. How do you spell the word that means 'a timid or feeble person'?

- A. Molquitoast
- B. Milquetoast
- C. Mulquetoast
- D. Malquatoast

30. How do you spell the word that means 'the act of looking forward'?

- A. Prospescience
- B. Prospiscience
- C. Prospicience
- D. Prosipiscience

READING

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

Agriculture has often been considered an essential component in India's quest to become a fully industrialised and developed nation. From milk to cereals, fruits, and vegetables, the country ranks first in the world for volume of production for many agricultural products. With exports exceeding \$40.9 billion in 2023 and an overall agri-market size ranging between \$350 and \$500 billion, according to available data, India's agricultural sector is on its way to becoming the food basket of the world. However, this will require investing in innovation and technology to enhance capacity and productivity toward achieving future targets. Keeping this and a sustainable future in mind, the Indian government, quite rightly, is promoting technology-enabled sustainable farming, including natural, regenerative, and organic systems, during its G20 presidency. However, India still faces many challenges and opportunities in its agricultural sector, such as meeting the demand and affordability of some crops, improving the productivity, quality, and nutrition of its agricultural

produce, reducing the cost of production and the environmental impact of farming, and coping with climate change and its effects on agriculture. This can be done by adopting seed technology.

India has a rich history and tradition of seed technology dating back to the 1960s, when the National Seeds Corporation was established. Seed technology refers to the science and art of improving the genetic and physiological quality of seeds to enhance their performance under different cultivation conditions. It can offer significant advantages for sustainable agriculture at little additional cost. Seed technology can increase the yield potential of crops by developing improved varieties that have desirable traits, such as high grain or fruit quality, resistance to pests and diseases, tolerance to drought or salinity, etc. Seed technology can also improve the germination rate, seedling vigour, and plant establishment of seeds by using priming or physiological advancement protocols.

Another disruptive technology that will drive farming is automation. Kisan drones, one of the fast-rising unmanned aerial vehicles

(UAVs) used in the agricultural sector, will become even more widespread in India. Kisan drones are going to be important tools for crop protection, which are used to spray crop protection products on crops to protect them from insects, pests, and diseases and ensure productivity. In the same vein, Kisan drones have been identified by the government as important components in the nation's Agriculture 4.0 vision. Thankfully, there are a couple of programmes initiated by the government that support the proliferation of drones across farms in the country. Using several programmes, including the Kisan Drone Yatra and Kisan Drone Yojana, the Indian government is providing a number of subsidies and interventions.

31. Which of the following statements best summarises the challenges faced by India's agricultural sector?

- A. India's agricultural sector is experiencing rapid growth, primarily driven by technological advancements and government initiatives.
- B. India's agricultural sector grapples with various challenges such as meeting demand, improving productivity, etc.
- C. During the G20 presidency, India has ineffectively addressed all the challenges faced by the agricultural sector.
- D. India's agricultural sector is well-equipped to tackle global hunger issues and environmental concerns all alone.

32. India's agricultural sector is on its way to becoming the _____ of the world, with exports exceeding \$40.9 billion in 2023.

- A. technology hub
- B. manufacturing powerhouse
- C. food basket
- D. industrial giant

33. Choose the incorrect statement.

- A. Seed technology involves improving the genetic and physiological quality of seeds.
- B. Seed technology primarily focuses on increasing the yield potential of crops by developing varieties with desirable traits.

- C. Kisan drones are inconsequential tools for crop protection in Indian agriculture.
- D. The Indian government has initiated several programs to support the proliferation of drones across farms in the country.

34. Read statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I : India's pioneering efforts in seed technology can be traced back to the inception of the National Seeds Corporation.

Statement II : Seed technology primarily focuses on improving soil quality in agricultural practices.

- 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.

35. The synonym of the word 'proliferation' as used in the passage is _____.

- A. expansion
- B. stagnation
- C. reduction
- D. moderation

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

Modern literature refers to literary works that were produced during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, primarily in Europe and North America. This period was characterised by significant cultural and social changes that led to new artistic movements and experimentation with literary styles and themes. Modern literature is marked by its focus on the individual, the exploration of the inner self, and the depiction of complex psychological states. Many modern authors were interested in breaking away from traditional forms of storytelling and experimenting with different narrative techniques. Moreover, modern literature reflects the changing attitudes and values of society at the time. Many authors were

interested in social and political issues, such as gender and class inequality, and incorporated them into their works.

Modern literature paved the way for contemporary literature, which continues to push boundaries and explore new forms of storytelling. For example, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald was published in 1925, which is considered the modern era in literary history. The novel portrays the changing social and cultural landscape of America during the early 20th century. It reflects the excesses and decadence of the Roaring Twenties, which was a time of great economic prosperity and social upheaval. "The Great Gatsby" is a timeless exploration of universal themes like love, wealth, power, and the American Dream. It speaks to readers of all generations, making it a classic of modern literature.

The terms "modern" and "contemporary" are often used interchangeably when discussing literature, but they actually have different meanings. The terms "modern literature" and "contemporary literature" refer to two distinct literary genres that are frequently used interchangeably. In terms of historical period, subjects, and writing style, they differ significantly. The social, cultural, and political developments of the day were reflected in modernist literature, which frequently examined the inner workings of the human brain. Contemporary literature, on the other hand, refers to works of literature that are written in the present or recent past. Contemporary literature is often characterised by a focus on current social, cultural, and political issues, as well as a diverse range of voices and perspectives.

Contemporary literature is a dynamic and constantly evolving field, with new trends and themes emerging all the time. Here are a few current trends in contemporary literature:

Realism: A literary trend that emerged in the 19th century, realism focused on depicting everyday life and experiences in a realistic and honest way. Realist authors often used

detailed descriptions and dialogue to create a sense of authenticity in their works.

Modernism: A literary trend that emerged in the early 20th century, modernism was characterised by experimentation with form and style. Modernist writers often use stream of consciousness narration, fragmentation, and other innovative techniques to convey the subjective experience of their characters.

Postmodernism: A literary trend that emerged in the mid-20th century, postmodernism was marked by a rejection of traditional narrative structures and a focus on themes of fragmentation, deconstruction, and intertextuality. Postmodernist writers often used irony, parody, and self-referentiality to challenge the reader's assumptions and expectations.

36. Which of the following statements best summarises the contemporary literature?

- A. Contemporary literature focuses on universal themes like love and the Western Dream only.
- B. Contemporary literature addresses current social, cultural, and political issues as well as diverse range of voices and perspectives
- C. Contemporary literature is an aesthetic field with new trends and themes emerging at times.
- D. Contemporary literature explores pre-modern historical periods, utilising standard literary techniques.

37. Which current trend in contemporary literature often used irony and parody?

- A. Realism
- B. Modernism
- C. Postmodernism
- D. None of these

38. Read statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I: Writing in the modern era captures the changing attitudes and values of society at the time.

Statement II: Postmodernist authors often used detailed descriptions and dialogue to create a sense of authenticity in their works.

- 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.

39. Choose the correct synonym of the word 'decadence'.

- A. Debauchery
- B. Diplomacy

- C. Decency
- D. Discretion

40. Choose the incorrect statement.

- A. Modern literature paved the way for contemporary literature, which continues to push boundaries and explore new forms of storytelling.
- B. Many modern authors were interested in social and political issues of that time.
- C. Contemporary literature refers to works of literature that are written in the present or recent past.
- D. Realism focused on depicting only elite life and experiences in a realistic and honest way.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Bill: I'm sorry that I couldn't be of more help.
Tim: Don't be. I really appreciate your support, especially since the committee _____ of my proposal.

- A. came to a head
- B. clocked in and clocked out
- C. sent tongue in cheek
- D. took such a dim view

42. Judge : No one can alter the truth, _____.

- A. no prior
- B. post factual
- C. face to face
- D. as a matter of fact

43. Doctor: This thermometer is a new invention by _____ medical companies _____ is also much more convenient.

- A. a, and
- B. the, and
- C. some, but
- D. many, but

44. Martina: I wanted to _____ until Sunday so as not to interfere with my work.

- A. bring down the meeting
- B. put the meeting off
- C. wear a meeting off
- D. called on meeting

45. Yeong: Slow down a bit! I can't keep _____ your speech.

- A. record off
- B. phase of
- C. space with
- D. pace with

ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. The appearance of double rainbow following the torrential rains enhanced the sky's _____.

- A. frumpish
- B. supercilious

- C. pulchritude
- D. pontification

47. The teacher asserts to his students, "I should specify the topic before going any further unless it creates a/an _____."

- A. boria

- B. aporia
- C. chorea
- D. dauria

Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

48. Anodyne

- A. Innocuous
- B. Sepulchre
- C. Charnel
- D. Insidious

Choose the correct antonym of the given word.

49. Denouement

- A. Coda

- B. Upshot
- C. Genesis
- D. Epilogue

Choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

50. Mother: Sweetheart, this story is from those _____ days and I hope you'll love to hear and enjoy its happy ending.

Noah: Sure Mumma, I will.

- A. epideictic
- B. mercurial
- C. lethal
- D. halcyon



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