

1. BrahMos, the supersonic cruise missile, is a joint venture of India and:  
A) Israel B) France  
C) Russia D) Germany
2. According to a report released in 2008, which country has more Internet users than any other country in the World?  
A) USA B) Britain  
C) China D) Japan
3. 123 agreement signed with the US government is:  
A) An agreement to supply nuclear arms to India  
B) An agreement to supply nuclear technology to India  
C) An agreement for nuclear non-proliferation  
D) An agreement for nuclear deals with the US and any other nations
4. The Laureus World Sportsman of the Year Award (2008) was won by :  
A) Lewis Hamilton B) Roger Federer  
C) Tiger Woods D) Kimi Raikkonen
5. The Schengen area in Europe is a zone of open borders between .....countries  
A) 15 B) 22 C) 24 D) 25
6. Chandrayaan - I was launched on  
A) 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008 B) 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008  
C) 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 D) 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008
7. From which one of the following did India buy the Barak anti-missile defense systems?  
A) Israel B) France  
C) Russia D) USA
8. Martti Ahtisaari, the Nobel Peace Prize Winner – 2008 belongs to:  
A) Malaysia B) Japan  
C) South Korea D) Finland
9. After the pay hike, salary of the President of India is-  
A) Rs. 2 lakhs B) Rs. 1 lakh  
C) Rs 1.25 lakhs D) Rs.1.50 lakhs
10. The presence of which of the following minerals in the lunar soil has been confirmed by Chandrayaan- I  
A) Copper B) Iron  
C) Manganese D) Mica

11. The Constitution of India was enacted by a Constituent Assembly set up:  
A) Under the Cabinet Mission Plan, 1946  
B) Under the Indian Independence Act, 1947  
C) Under a resolution of the Provisional Government  
D) By the Indian National Congress
12. How many types of writs are envisaged in the Constitution of India to enforce the Fundamental Rights?  
A) 3                      B) 6                      C) 5                      D) 4
13. The number of Fundamental Duties of citizens as listed in the Indian Constitution is:  
A) 5                      B) 4                      C) 10                      D) 7
14. 'Exoneration' means  
A) The act of freeing from blame  
B) The act of dishonouring a person  
C) The act of honouring the innocent  
D) The act of punishing the guilty
15. Who appoints the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?  
A) The Prime Minister                      B) The Law Minister  
C) The Lok Sabha                      D) The President
16. India borrowed the idea of a federal system with a strong centre from  
A) U.S.A                      B) Canada  
C) Australia                      D) New Zealand
17. A writ is a written order issued by  
A) The Supreme Court only  
B) The High Courts only  
C) The Supreme Court and the High Courts  
D) Any Court in India
18. The day-to-day administration of a union territory is looked after by  
A) The Union Home Minister                      B) The Lt. Governor  
C) The President                      D) A state minister of home affairs
19. The Constitution of India  
A) Provides single citizenship  
B) Provides double citizenship  
C) Contains no provision regarding citizenship  
D) Provides multiple citizenship
20. Which one of the following is not a Fundamental Right?  
A) Right to strike                      B) Right against exploitation  
C) Right to equality                      D) Right to freedom of religion

21. Harappa, the first Indus site, was discovered by  
 A) R.D. Banerjee B) Dayaram Sahini  
 C) John Marshal D) Alexander Cunningham
22. Mugal Dynasty was founded by  
 A) Humayun B) Babur  
 C) Akbar D) Muhammad Ghori
23. The slogan 'do or die' is related to:  
 A) Quit India Movement B) Dandi march  
 C) 1857 Revolt D) Civil Disobedience Movement
24. Ajanta paintings depict scenes from the:  
 A) Ramayana B) Jataka tales  
 C) Mahabharata D) Panchatantra
25. Which cloth is used to make our National Flag?  
 A) Handwoven Khadi B) Handloom  
 C) Natural silk D) Spun X spun
26. Saka era was founded by :  
 A) Kanishka B) Vikramaditya  
 C) Harsha D) Asoka
27. Which dance form is popularly known as 'Poetry in motion'?  
 A) Mohiniyattam B) Kuchippudi  
 C) Bharatanatyam D) Kathakali
28. The oldest Dravidian language :  
 A) Telugu B) Malayalam  
 C) Kannada D) Tamil
29. Which one of the following performing arts has been included in the World Heritage list by the UNESCO?  
 A) Kathakali B) Theyyam  
 C) Koodiyattam D) Mohiniyattam
30. The author of India's National Song is:  
 A) Rabindranath Tagore B) Subramaniam Bharathi  
 C) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee D) Mulk Raj Anand
31. The famous Temple Entry Proclamation in Travancore was issued by  
 A) Swathi Thirunal B) Marthanda Varma  
 C) Sree Chithira Thirunal D) Velu Thampi Dalava
32. *Manusmrithi* deals with  
 A) Economics B) Politics  
 C) State craft D) Law

33. Who is the father of Scientific Management?  
 A) Gilbreth                                    B) W. Taylor  
 C) H. Fayol                                    D) Koontz
34. Amartya Sen was awarded Noble Prize for Economics for his contribution to  
 A) International Economics                  B) Welfare Economics  
 C) Public Economics                            D) Indian Economics
35. English education was introduced in India by  
 A) Curzon                                        B) Nehru  
 C) Macaulay                                      D) Dalhousie
36. *Upanishaths* are books on  
 A) Religion                                        B) Yoga  
 C) Philosophy                                     D) Law
37. The number of chromosomes in a normal human body cell is:  
 A) 43    B) 44    C) 45    D) 46
38. A person with blood group AB is called a universal recipient because of  
 A) Lack of antigens  
 B) Lack of antibodies  
 C) Lack of both antigens and antibodies  
 D) The presence of antigens and antibodies
39. Which of the following is a substance abundantly available in the sea and administered in a certain deficiency disease?  
 A) Iodine    B) Iron  
 C) Vitamin A                                        D) Fluorine
40. Children, especially in western countries, who receive very little sunshine suffer from:  
 A) Rickets    B) Dermatitis  
 C) Scurvy    D) Sterility
41. DOTS is a strategy adopted for the treatment of  
 A) Aids    B) Dengue fever  
 C) Cancer    D) Tuberculosis
42. Meningitis affects  
 A) Liver    B) Brain  
 C) Kidney     D) Lungs
43. BEE star rating is mandatory for:  
 A) Computers                                        B) Laser printers  
 C) Luxury hotels                                     D) Air conditioners

44. Phishing means:
- A) Unauthorised use of another person's computer
  - B) Sending virus packages through e-mail
  - C) Using internet for financial transactions
  - D) A fraudulent attempt through e-mail to steal one's personal information
45. Who invented the World Wide Web?
- A) Bill Gates
  - B) Tim Berners
  - C) Sathish Bhatia
  - D) Vinton Gray
46. Energy is measured in the same unit as
- A) Power
  - B) Work
  - C) Momentum
  - D) Inertia
47. The rear view mirror in a car is:
- A) Convex
  - B) Concave
  - C) Plane
  - D) Round
48. Which of the following is not a metal?
- A) Titanium
  - B) Antimony
  - C) Lead
  - D) Gemstone
49. Uncertain income in any enterprise is
- A) Rent
  - B) Wages
  - C) Interest
  - D) Profit
50. Who manages a joint stock company?
- A) Its Board of Directors
  - B) Its General Body
  - C) Its Management Council
  - D) All of the above
51. Which one of the following companies has started a rural marketing network called 'e-chaupals'?
- A) ITC
  - B) Dabur
  - C) Proctor and Gamble
  - D) Hindustan Lever
52. According to Forbes list released in 2008, which country has most billionaires?
- A) Russia
  - B) Japan
  - C) USA
  - D) Germany
53. A moving part in a computer is:
- A) Memory
  - B) CPU
  - C) Hard disk
  - D) FSB
54. Expectancy theory was developed to explain:
- A) Job satisfaction
  - B) Job commitment
  - C) Absenteeism
  - D) Motivation

55. Who among the following has become the first Indian to score a triple century in Tests?  
 A) Rahul Dravid B) Sachin Tendulker  
 C) V.V.S. Laxman D) Virender Sehwag
56. In order to win the Grand Slam in Tennis, a player must win which one of the following groups of tournaments?  
 A) Australian Open, Wimbledon, French Open, US Open  
 B) Wimbledon, French Open, US Open, Swedish Open  
 C) Wimbledon, French Open, Paegas Czech Open, US Open  
 D) Davis Cup, Wimbledon, French Open, Australian Open
57. Arjun Awards to the best sportsmen of the year were instituted by the Government of India in  
 A) 1960 B) 1961 C) 1962 D) 1963
58. The dimensions of Badminton Court (for doubles ) are  
 A) 14' x 17' B) 42' x 18'  
 C) 43' x 19' D) 44' x 20'
59. The Booker Prize 2008 was awarded to:  
 A) Arbind Adiga B) Arundhati Roy  
 C) Vikram Seth D) Kiran Desai
60. The President of Kerala Sahitya Academy?  
 A) M T Vasudevan Nair B) M.Mukundan  
 C) O.N.V Kurup D) Yusafali Kechery
61. Who is known as Indian Shakespeare?  
 A) Bharata Muni B) Bhasan  
 C) Kalidasa D) Vallathol
62. Which one of the following is not a book by Arundhati Roy?  
 A) An Ordinary Person's Guide to Empire  
 B) The Algebra of Infinite Justice  
 C) The God of Small Things  
 D) The White Tiger
63. *My Experiments with Truth* was written by:  
 A) Dr.Rajendra Prasad B) Sardar Patel  
 C) Jawaharlal Nehru D) Mahatma Gandhi
64. Asoka ruled the Indian subcontinent during the period:  
 A) 273 BC – 232 BC B) 232 BC – 273 BC  
 C) 242 AD – 278 AD D) 1102 AD – 1130AD
65. The Kundara Proclamation of Velu Thampi Dalava was made in the year:  
 A) 1809 B) 1811 C) 1911 D) 1905

66. Man first landed in the Moon in:  
 A) 1971                      B) 1976                      C) 1969                      D) 1967
67. The first Chief Minister of Kerala  
 A) Pattom Thanu Pillai                      B) E.M.S.Nampoothiripad  
 C) C.Achutha Menon                      D) K.Karunakaran
68. The impact of the present economic crisis was first felt in:  
 A) The banking sector                      B) The IT sector  
 C) The share market                      D) The real estate sector
69. Who among the following is credited with the invention of Algebra?  
 A) Aryabhata                      B) Bhaskara  
 C) Medhatiti                      D) Apastamba
70. The film 'Slum Dog Millionaire' was awarded Oscar Awards except in which one of the following category?  
 A) Best Picture                      B) Cinematography  
 C) Best Director                      D) Sound Editing
71. "People tend to forget their duties but remember their rights" who said this?  
 A) Jawaharlal Nehru                      B) Gandhiji  
 C) Abraham Lincoln                      D) Indira Gandhi
72. Holy is celebrated on a  
 A) Full moon day                      B) New moon day  
 C) Lunar eclipse day                      D) No such stipulation
73. The decision to exclude planet Pluto from the list of planets was taken by:  
 A) The International Astronomical Society  
 B) The International Astronomical Union  
 C) The Indian Astronomical Society  
 D) NASA
74. What does ISO stand for?  
 A) Indian Standards Organization  
 B) International Standards Organization  
 C) International Organization for Standardization  
 D) Indian Statistical Organization
75. Marco Polo who visited Kerala during ancient times belonged to which country?  
 A) Portugal                      B) Spain  
 C) Greece                      D) Italy
76. If the minute hand of a watch points east when the watch shows the time as 4.30, in which direction will the hour hand point?  
 A) North                      B) North-West  
 C) South-East                      D) North-East

77. How many 9's are there in the following sequence which are preceded by 6 but not immediately followed by 3?  
6 9 3 7 6 9 6 3 9 6 4 6 9 4 7 6 6 6 9 3 6 7 6 9 2 9 6  
A) 3                      B) 4                      C) 5                      D) 2
78. 'M' is taller than 'N', 'N' is taller than 'P', 'Q' is taller than both 'M' and 'N'. Who is the tallest among them?  
A) Cannot be determined                      B) M  
C) N    D) Q
79. Choose the option which has the same characteristics as the numbers given?  
4718, 5614, 6312, 8314  
A) 6210                      B) 3410                      C) 2715                      D) 5413
80. Find the wrong number in the series.  
7, 28, 63, 124, 215, 342  
A) 7                              B) 28                              C) 124                              D) 215
81. How can Rs.54 be divided in the ratio 4:5?  
A) 24, 30                      B) 30, 24                      C) 26, 28                      D) 28, 26
82. Articles which are bought for Rs.400 are sold for Rs.560. Find the profit percent.  
A) 45                              B) 60                              C) 40                              D) 65
83. If 15% of 40 is greater than 25% of a number by 2, the number is  
A) 16                              B) 20                              C) 24                              D) 32
84. If 20 men working together can finish a job in 20 days, then the number of days taken by 25 men of the same capacity to finish the job is:  
A) 25                              B) 20                              C) 16                              D) 12
85. A train 280 m long, running with a speed of 63 km/hr. will pass an electric pole in :  
A) 20 sec.                      B) 16 sec.                      C) 15 sec.                      D) 18 sec.
86. At the rate of 6% p.a. simple interest, a sum of Rs.2500 will earn how much interest by the end of 5 years?  
A) Rs.150                      B) Rs.700                      C) Rs.750                      D) Rs.3250
87. The perimeter of a rectangular field is 480 metres and the ratio between the length and breadth is 5:3. The area of the field is:  
A) 7,200 m<sup>2</sup>                      B) 15,000 m<sup>2</sup>  
C) 13,500 m<sup>2</sup>                      D) 5,40,000 m<sup>2</sup>
88. In an examination, a student scores 4 marks for every correct answer and loses 1 mark for every wrong answer. If he attempts all 75 questions and secures 125 marks, the number of questions he attempts correctly, is  
A) 35                              B) 40                              C) 42                              D) 46



89. A train which is 1 km. long travelling at a speed of 60 km. per hour enters a tunnel 1 km. of length. What time does the train take to come fully out of the tunnel?  
 A) 2 minutes    B) 45 seconds    C) 1 minute    D) 50 seconds
90. Three numbers are in the ratio 4:5:6, and the average is 25. The largest number is:  
 A) 42    B) 36    C) 30    D) 32
91. Two-thirds of Rohan's income is half of Mohit's income. If both of them together earn Rs.38,500/-, what is the difference between their incomes?  
 A) Rs.3,400/-    B) Rs.6,000/-    C) Rs.1,500/-    D) Rs.5,500/-
92. A father's age is 3 times of his son's age. Difference of their age is 20 years. Find the present age of the son.  
 A) 10    B) 12  
 C) 15    D) None of these
93.  $30\% \text{ of } 500 = \text{-----} \times 15$   
 A) 10    B) 15    C) 20    D) 25
94. By selling a watch for Rs.144/- a man loses 10%. At what price should he sell it in order to gain 10% profit?  
 A) 176    B) 184    C) 160    D) 156
95. If the side of a square is increased by 10%, how much percentage the area increases?  
 A) 21%    B) 11%    C) 25%    D) 15%
96. Sabu's present age is one fourth of his father's age. Father is 30 years older than Sabu. Find the present age of Sabu?  
 A) 12    B) 20    C) 10    D) 15
97. The average age of 5 boys is 14. When the teacher's age is included, the average age becomes 17. Find the age of the teacher?  
 A) 23    B) 32    C) 42    D) 35
98. What is the length of the longest ladder that can be kept in a room of 12m x 4m x 3m?  
 A) 12m    B) 19m    C) 16m    D) 13m
99. Jeevanand moves 12m towards east, turns right, moves 3m, turns again right, moves 4 m, turns left and moves 3 m. How far is he from the starting point?  
 A) 8m    B) 12m    C) 22m    D) 10m
100. A tank of 35m. length and 25 m. breadth, has 35000 cubic meters of water. Find the depth of the tank?  
 A) 10 m    B) 20 m    C) 30 m    D) 40 m
101. He often boasts ----- his own achievements  
 A) on    B) about    C) of    D) off

102. Yesterday I read a story about ----- one-eyed pirate  
 A) no article B) a C) an D) the
103. The word which is correctly spelt is -----  
 A) Recipient B) Recipiant  
 C) Receipient D) Receptiant
104. The word most similar in meaning to obdurate is -----  
 A) Angry B) Obsolete  
 C) Obedient D) Stubborn
105. The word opposite in meaning to nebulous is -----  
 A) Exact B) Transparent  
 C) Vague D) Confident
106. He seldom visits his uncle, -----?  
 A) do he B) doesn't he  
 C) isn't D) does he
107. I've invited all my friends ----- dinner at the Taj  
 A) No preposition B) For  
 C) to D) to the
108. One who bears pain and comfort without complaint is a  
 A) Stoic B) Cynic  
 C) Sceptic D) Hedonist
109. In a given situation, for ----- to be effective, there should be a ----- of  
 verbal and non-verbal symbols  
 A) Speech exchange  
 B) Message mixture  
 C) Understanding lot  
 D) Communication combination
110. The word sexagenarian means a person who -----  
 A) Digs graves in the churchyard  
 B) Is between 59 and 70 years of age  
 C) Likes to discuss sexual matters  
 D) Is asexual
111. The idiomatic expression 'bury the hatchet' means -----  
 A) Forget past enmity and be friendly  
 B) Hide evidence of a crime  
 C) Not utilizing one's talents  
 D) Forget one's past
112. He couldn't convince anybody with his ----- arguments  
 A) Spatial B) Specious  
 C) Spectacular D) Spacious



119. The trains slowed at Kuruda because
- A) There were only few passengers
  - B) Cows and goats were on the track
  - C) It was an abandoned station
  - D) The trains had to climb Kuruda Hill from there.
120. The railway track from Kuruda to Tohri consisted of -----
- A) A steep ascent and a descent
  - B) A steep ascent
  - C) A steep descent
  - D) A steep descent followed by an ascent
121. Mention the main factor that made Tohri the busiest station in the area
- A) The timber trade
  - B) Trains had a stop there
  - C) It was a coal belt
  - D) It was the junction of many bus routes
122. 'Now the ravine swallows the train' means
- A) The train meets with an accident
  - B) The train is not visible when it enters the ravine
  - C) The engine gasps as it enters the ravine
  - D) The ravine will spit it out
123. The word opposite in meaning to 'garrulous' is -----
- A) Talkative
  - B) Timid
  - C) Silent
  - D) Gregarious
124. The word 'perjury' means -----
- A) Personal injury
  - B) False swearing
  - C) Hatred
  - D) Permanent injury
125. Select the pair that expresses a relationship similar to the one in the pair 'impeccable-flaw'
- A) Infallible – mistake
  - B) Irrevocable – strong
  - C) Inimitable – selection
  - D) Immodest – gentle
126. The idiomatic expression 'face the music' means -----
- A) Attend a music concert
  - B) Enjoy music thoroughly
  - C) Face difficulties and dangers boldly
  - D) Diffident to tackle problems
127. If I were you, I ----- them
- A) Would have forgiven
  - B) Will forgive
  - C) Would forgive
  - D) Should have forgiven

128. It is high time that you ----- a lawyer  
 A) Consulted B) Should consult  
 C) Consult D) Shall consult
129. Shantha takes ----- her mother in looks and mannerisms  
 A) to B) after C) upon D) of
130. The correctly spelt word is -----  
 A) Perseverance B) Persiverance  
 C) Persieverance D) Perseverance
131. In which part of this sentence is the error?  
She has been looking for her notebook, which was actually right below her nose.  
 A) B) C) D)
132. She could have definitely tackled the issue, if she ----- the determination to do so  
 A) had had B) had C) has had D) has
133. The committee appointed by Govt. has expressed ----- over the slow progress of the implementation of the scheme for the upliftment of ----- tribals in the border area.  
 A) Annoyance ---- illiterate B) Displeasure ---- primitive  
 C) Unhappiness ---- ancient D) Unpleasantness ---- uncouth
134. The idiomatic expression 'to grease the palm' means -----  
 A) To use a lubricant B) Be faithful to someone  
 C) To bribe someone D) To flatter someone
135. Select the pair that expresses a relationship similar to the one in the pair 'memory-amnesia'  
 A) Flight – aviation B) Comparison – simile  
 C) Rabies – hydrophobia D) Breath – asphyxiation
136. He is so ----- that I can make him believe any cock and bull story  
 A) Credible B) Incredible  
 C) Credulous D) Incredulous
137. I'm always optimistic, -----?  
 A) am I B) aren't I C) amn't I D) isn't it
138. Do you want to dispose ----- your car so soon?  
 A) Of B) Off  
 C) With D) No preposition
139. The study of birds is called -----  
 A) Anthropology B) Philology  
 C) Genealogy D) Ornithology

140. It is strange that the stricter you are, ----- your kids become  
 A) The naughtier B) More naughty  
 C) Naughtier D) The naughty
141. The correctly spelt word is -----  
 A) Memanoriam B) Comemmoration  
 C) Commemorative D) Commemorate
142. Select the pair which expresses a relationship similar to the one in the pair 'sheep-mutton'  
 A) Cow - bovine B) Deer - venison  
 C) Goose - gosling D) Dog - kennel
143. We had dinner together -----  
 A) Yesternight B) Yesterday night  
 C) No adverb D) Last night
144. He was struggling hard to make both ----- ends meet  
 A) The B) No article/pronoun  
 C) Their D) His
145. My mother asked me -----  
 A) Why I'm late B) Why I be so late  
 C) Why I was late D) Why was I late
146. It's a pity that the victim of the accident had ----- on the road for almost an hour  
 A) Laid B) Lain C) Lied D) Lay
147. She used to tell you stories, ----- she?  
 A) didn't B) usedn't C) did D) used
148. I promised her yesterday that I ----- do my best to help her  
 A) Shall B) Will C) Would D) Should
149. Neither my cousin nor my sister ----- qualified for the post  
 A) Have B) Are C) Has been D) Has
150. Many a face ----- charmed one in this land  
 A) Has B) Has been C) Have D) Is

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