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SUBJECT	MARK CARRIED BY EACH QUESTION / TOPIC	NO. OF CORRECT ANSWERS	NO. OF WRONG ANSWERS	MARKS OBTAINED
GK	2			
Gen. English	2			
Essay Writing	20	N.A.	N.A.	
English Comp.	30	N.A.	N.A.	
TOTAL				

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PART-A (MCQ - 150 MARKS)

All questions carry 2 marks each.

For Question No. 1 - 75, Put a tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the space given in each question.

Notes regarding Negative Marking :

- (i) *There will be a penalty (negative marking) for every wrong answer given by a candidate in the MCQ type questions.*
 - (ii) *For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, one-third of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.*
 - (iii) *If a candidate gives more than one answer to one question, it will be treated as wrong answer even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be the same penalty as above for that question.*
 - (iv) *If any question is left blank i.e. no answer is given by the candidate, there will be no penalty for that question.*
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (100 MARKS)

1. In which of the following Harappan sites, camel bones are found?
 - (a) Lothal ()
 - (b) **Kalibangan** ()
 - (c) Mohenjodaro ()
 - (d) Rakhigarhi ()
2. In the Ashta Pradhans of Chhatrapati Shivaji's Cabinet, Finance Minister was called :
 - (a) Peshwa ()
 - (b) Shuru Nawis ()
 - (c) Summant ()
 - (d) **Amatya** ()
3. Who among the Gupta rulers was known as 'Lichchavidauhitra'?
 - (a) Kumaragupta ()
 - (b) Skandagupta ()
 - (c) **Samudragupta** ()
 - (d) Chandragupta II ()
4. What was the theme for National Statistics Day celebrated on June 29, 2026?
 - (a) Sustainable Development Goals and Gender Equality ()
 - (b) Data for New India ()
 - (c) **Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data** ()
 - (d) SDG 3 & 5: Health and Well-being ()
5. The original name of the Sect which later came to be known as Jaina was :
 - (a) **Nigranthas** ()
 - (b) Arihant ()
 - (c) Tirthankars ()
 - (d) Jina ()

6. Ibn Battuta, the famous Muslim explorer who came to India during regime of Mohammad Bin Tughlaq, belonged to which country ?
- (a) Afghanistan ()
 - (b) **Morocco** ()
 - (c) Iraq ()
 - (d) Iran ()
7. Who among the following is known to have started portfolio system in India?
- (a) Lord Elgin ()
 - (b) Lord Ellenborough ()
 - (c) Lord Dalhousie ()
 - (d) **Lord Canning** ()
8. Which one of the following organizations merged with the Indian National Congress?
- (a) Young Bengal Movement ()
 - (b) Bombay Presidency Association ()
 - (c) East India Association ()
 - (d) **Indian Association** ()
9. The formal proclamation of Swadeshi movement was made for the first time through which among the following?
- (a) Calcutta session, 1906 ()
 - (b) **Boycott Resolution, 1905** ()
 - (c) Banaras session, 1905 ()
 - (d) Surat Session 1907 ()
10. Who founded the Independent State of Bengal in 1727?
- (a) Mir Jafar ()
 - (b) Jehangir ()
 - (c) Alivardi Khan ()
 - (d) **Murshid Quli Khan** ()
11. Which river valley plains in India are known for their shallow gradients and relict mountains?
- (a) The Indo-Ganga-Brahmaputra Plain ()
 - (b) **The Peninsular Plateau** ()
 - (c) The Northern Plains ()
 - (d) The Coastal Plains ()
12. Which of the following rivers originate in the Western Ghats of India?
- (a) Ganga ()
 - (b) Yamuna ()
 - (c) **Godavari** ()
 - (d) Brahmaputra ()
13. Which renewable energy source is primarily harnessed using photovoltaic cells?
- (a) **Solar energy** ()
 - (b) Wind power ()
 - (c) Geothermal energy ()
 - (d) Biomass energy ()

14. Which state in India has the highest coal reserves?
- (a) **Jharkhand** ()
 - (b) Chhattisgarh ()
 - (c) Odisha ()
 - (d) Madhya Pradesh ()
15. What is the region of calm with subsiding air at the center of a mature tropical cyclone called?
- (a) Eyewall ()
 - (b) Rain bands ()
 - (c) Tropopause ()
 - (d) **Eye** ()
16. Why do enclosed seas in low latitudes typically record higher salinity levels than open seas?
- (a) **Higher evaporation rates** ()
 - (b) Increased freshwater input from rivers ()
 - (c) Stronger ocean currents ()
 - (d) Deeper thermocline layers ()
17. Which level of biodiversity refers to the variation of genes within species?
- (a) **Genetic diversity** ()
 - (b) Species diversity ()
 - (c) Ecosystem diversity ()
 - (d) Ecological diversity ()
18. The earth reaches its perihelion in:
- (a) October ()
 - (b) September ()
 - (c) July ()
 - (d) **January** ()
19. Which of the following was not a member of the Cabinet Mission?
- (a) Lord Pentthick Lawrence ()
 - (b) Sir Stafford Cripps ()
 - (c) AV Alexander ()
 - (d) **Lord Wavell** ()
20. Under Article 360 of the Constitution, the power to proclaim financial emergency is vested under :
- (a) Ministry of Finance ()
 - (b) Parliament ()
 - (c) **President** ()
 - (d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India ()
21. 'The claims of the members of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes shall be taken into consideration, consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration, in the making of appointments to services and posts in connection with the affairs of the Union or a State'. This provision was provided in the Indian Constitution under:
- (a) Part IV ()
 - (b) Part III ()
 - (c) **Part XVI** ()
 - (d) Part XVII ()

22. Jawaharlal Nehru headed the Interim Cabinet as:
- (a) President ()
 - (b) **Vice President** ()
 - (c) Prime Minister ()
 - (d) Chairman ()
23. "Right to vote" can be placed in which among the following categories?
- (a) Fundamental Right ()
 - (b) **Constitutional Right** ()
 - (c) Fundamental Duty ()
 - (d) Legal Obligation ()
24. Which among the following is **NOT** a fundamental duty of a citizen?
- (a) Respect for the constitution ()
 - (b) Respect for the National Flag ()
 - (c) Respect for the National Anthem ()
 - (d) **Respect for the government** ()
25. Which among the following is also called as lengthiest amendment to Indian Constitution?
- (a) 24th ()
 - (b) 44th ()
 - (c) 40th ()
 - (d) **42nd** ()
26. Which of the following parts/ provisions of the Indian Constitution cannot be amended:
- (a) Preamble to the Constitution ()
 - (b) Directive Principles of State Policy ()
 - (c) Fundamental Rights ()
 - (d) **Judicial Review** ()
27. "Economic Fallacies in Mizoram" is a book written by:
- (a) Dr. Lalzahawma ()
 - (b) Dr. Lalrinchhana ()
 - (c) B. Lalrinhlua ()
 - (d) **Lalhruaizela Fanai** ()
28. In the Sun, helium is produced from hydrogen by:
- (a) **Fusion** ()
 - (b) Fission ()
 - (c) Radioactive decay ()
 - (d) Disintegration ()
29. In eye donation, which part of the donor's eye is utilised?
- (a) Retina ()
 - (b) **Cornea** ()
 - (c) Iris ()
 - (d) Lens ()

30. Which of the following solution will not turn blue litmus red?
- (a) Lemon juice ()
 - (b) **Sodium hydroxide** ()
 - (c) Acetic acid ()
 - (d) Hydrochloric acid ()
31. Protein factory of cell is:
- (a) Mitochondria ()
 - (b) **Ribosome** ()
 - (c) Lysosome ()
 - (d) Nucleus ()
32. The most abundant micro-organism is:
- (a) **Bacteria** ()
 - (b) Archaea ()
 - (c) Virus ()
 - (d) Protozoa ()
33. The official logo for the 'Bana Kaih(Handholding) Scheme' was designed and developed by which of the following?
- (a) **Xyper Design** ()
 - (b) Project infomedia ()
 - (c) Lalrin Graphic ()
 - (d) Design Hub ()
34. Voluntary or temporary unemployment that is seen when workers move between jobs or in and out of the workforce:
- (a) Cyclical Unemployment ()
 - (b) **Frictional Unemployment** ()
 - (c) Structural Unemployment ()
 - (d) Seasonal Unemployment ()
35. The first edition of the 'Statistical Handbook of Mizoram' was published in:
- (a) 1973 ()
 - (b) **1974** ()
 - (c) 1975 ()
 - (d) 1976 ()
36. The difference between a government's total expenditure (excluding interest payments on debt) and its total revenue is called:
- (a) Fiscal Deficit ()
 - (b) **Primary Deficit** ()
 - (c) Budget Deficit ()
 - (d) Revenue Deficit ()
37. The actual inflation expressed in CPI is called:
- (a) Core Inflation ()
 - (b) Reflation ()
 - (c) Stagflation ()
 - (d) **Headline inflation** ()

38. In which Mizo folktale do we find mentioning of flood?
- (a) Kungawrhi ()
 - (b) **Ngaitei** ()
 - (c) Hluanchhinga ()
 - (d) Chemtei ()
39. Which song was released before crossing the Tiau River?
- (a) **Thailungi Zai** ()
 - (b) Darpawngi Zai ()
 - (c) Chhingpuii Zai ()
 - (d) Aikhiangi Zai ()
40. The first firearm used by the Mizos?
- (a) Awlan ()
 - (b) Tukuli ()
 - (c) **Mei pek Silai** ()
 - (d) Ulbun ()
41. Chapchar Kut was reinstated in?
- (a) **1952** ()
 - (b) 1950 ()
 - (c) 1951 ()
 - (d) 1949 ()
42. Which ritual sacrificial practices is related with a cock?
- (a) Hnuaite ()
 - (b) Hnuaipui ()
 - (c) **Vansen** ()
 - (d) Chung ()
43. Which one of the following is not a site for in-situ method of conservation of flora?
- (a) Biosphere Reserve ()
 - (b) **Botanical Garden** ()
 - (c) National Park ()
 - (d) Wildlife Sanctuary ()
44. Which one of the following is the largest ecosystem?
- (a) Forest ecosystem ()
 - (b) **Marine ecosystem** ()
 - (c) Desert ecosystem ()
 - (d) Pond ecosystem ()
45. The Convention on Biological Diversity was (CBD) was signed at the:
- (a) Rio Summit 2002 ()
 - (b) **Rio Summit 1992** ()
 - (c) Nagoya Summit 2010 ()
 - (d) Nairobi Summit 2000 ()

46. What is the main objective of the BharatNet project?
(a) Providing satellite communication to defence forces ()
(b) **Providing broadband connectivity to all Gram Panchayats in India** ()
(c) Establishing 5G networks in metropolitan cities ()
(d) Expanding digital banking services in rural areas ()
47. According to SIPRI 2026 data, what is the position of India among the world's arms importers?
(a) First ()
(b) **Second** ()
(c) Third ()
(d) Fourth ()
48. What is the name of the modern warfare force created by the Indian Army in January 2026 with advanced drone capabilities?
(a) Rudra ()
(b) Garud ()
(c) Vajra ()
(d) **Bhairav** ()
49. What is the name of the Chandrayaan-3 lander payload that detected the active plasma environment at the Moon's south pole?
(a) **RAMBHA-LP** ()
(b) ChaSTE ()
(c) ILSA (Instrument for Lunar Seismic Activity) ()
(d) LRA (LASER Retroreflector Array) ()
50. Which country has introduced the world's first comprehensive Artificial Intelligence (AI) law called the AI Basic Act?
(a) **South Korea** ()
(b) Japan ()
(c) Australia ()
(d) New Zealand ()

GENERAL ENGLISH (50 MARKS)

Direction (Question Nos. 51- 75) Answer the following questions:

51. He is _____ S.D.O.
(a) **an** ()
(b) **the** ()
(c) **with** ()
(d) **in** ()
52. Between you and _____, she is a thief.
(a) **i** ()
(b) **myself** ()
(c) **me** ()
(d) **my** ()

53. Identify the noun:

The little boy kicked the ball across the field.

- (a) little ()
- (b) kicked ()
- (c) **ball** ()
- (d) across ()

54. Identify the verb:

The postman brought me a letter.

- (a) postman ()
- (b) **brought** ()
- (c) letter ()
- (d) me ()

55. This is the _____ movie I have ever seen.

- (a) interesting ()
- (b) more interesting ()
- (c) very interesting ()
- (d) **most interesting** ()

56. She is very kind, _____?

- (a) **isn't she?** ()
- (b) is she? ()
- (c) wasn't she? ()
- (d) doesn't she? ()

57. She is _____ honest woman.

- (a) a ()
- (b) the ()
- (c) **an** ()
- (d) no article ()

58. The baby is ____ for milk.

- (a) cried ()
- (b) **crying** ()
- (c) cries ()
- (d) cry ()

59. I ____ him since childhood.

- (a) knew ()
- (b) know ()
- (c) **have known** ()
- (d) have knew ()

60. Choose the correct Passive form:

Someone stole my bag. ()

- (a) **My bag was stolen** ()
- (b) My bag is stolen ()
- (c) My bag had stolen ()
- (d) My bag stolen ()

61. He did not attend the meeting ____ he was ill.
(a) so ()
(b) but ()
(c) though ()
(d) because ()
62. Animals that live on flesh:
(a) herbivore ()
(b) **carnivore** ()
(c) cannibal ()
(d) mammal ()
63. Hater of women:
(a) atheist ()
(b) philogynist ()
(c) **misogynist** ()
(d) plagiarist ()
64. Choose the correct spelling:
(a) millenium ()
(b) **millennium** ()
(c) millinnium ()
(d) millenuim ()
65. Identify the correct spelling:
(a) supersiede ()
(b) **supersede** ()
(c) supercede ()
(d) superseede ()
66. Identify the sentence with the correct word order:
(a) Always she is late ()
(b) She is late is always ()
(c) **She is always late** ()
(d) She always late is ()
67. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:
(a) Lets eat Grandma ()
(b) Lets eat, Grandma ()
(c) Let's eat Grandma ()
(d) **Let's eat, Grandma** ()
68. The word *closest* in meaning to 'happy' is:
(a) sad ()
(b) **joyful** ()
(c) angry ()
(d) shocked ()
69. Choose the word that is *opposite* to the meaning of 'scarce':

- (a) rare ()
- (b) limited ()
- (c) **abundant** ()
- (d) insufficient ()

70. Antonym of 'obscure':

- (a) vague ()
- (b) hidden ()
- (c) **clear** ()
- (d) confusing ()

71. His heart was as _____ as marble or stone.

- (a) hard ()
- (b) **cold** ()
- (c) soft ()
- (d) hot ()

72. _____ of the two proposals was accepted.

- (a) **neither** ()
- (b) none ()
- (c) no one ()
- (d) not any ()

73. To pass with difficulty:

- (a) to pull together ()
- (b) to pull down ()
- (c) to pull up ()
- (d) **to pull through** ()

74. To make 'a clean breast' of means:

- (a) to join hands ()
- (b) to win fame ()
- (c) **to confess** ()
- (d) to compensate ()

75. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) He suggested me to go there ()
- (b) **He suggested that I should go there**()
- (c) He suggested me going there ()
- (d) He suggested that I go there ()

PART-B (CONVENTIONAL TYPES - 50 MARKS)

This Part should be answered only on the Answer Sheet provided.

Marks for each question is indicated against it.

1. Write an essay (in about 500 words) on any one of the following topics: (20)
- (a) Advantages and challenges of Railways in Mizoram
 - (b) The importance of free and fair Elections
 - (c) Entrepreneurship and self-employment
 - (d) Time and tide waits for no man

Direction (Question Nos. 2-10) : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Sportsmanship can be conceptualized as an enduring and relatively stable characteristic or disposition such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sports situations. In general, sportsmanship refers to virtues such as fairness, self-control, courage, and persistence, and has been associated with interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly, maintaining self-control if dealing with others, and respect for both authority and opponents. Sportsmanship is also looked at as being the way one reacts to a sport/game/player.

The four elements of sportsmanship are often shown being good form, the will to win, equity and fairness. All four elements are critical and a balance must be found among all four for true sportsmanship to be illustrated. These elements may also cause conflict, as a person may desire to win more than play in equity and fairness and thus resulting in a clash within the aspects of sportsmanship. This will cause problems as the person believes they are being a good sportsman, but they are defeating the purpose of this idea as they are ignoring two key components of being sportsmanlike. When athletes become too self-centred, the idea of sportsmanship is dismissed.

Today's sporting culture, in particular the base of elite sport, places great importance on the idea of competition and winning and thus sportsmanship takes a back seat as a result. In most, if not all sports, sportsmen at the elite level make the standards on sportsmanship and no matter whether they like it or not, they are seen as leaders and role models in society.

Since every sport is rule driven, the most common offence of bad sportsmanship is the act of cheating or breaking the rules to gain an unfair advantage. A competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after losing a game or contest is often called a "sore loser", while a competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after winning is typically called a "bad winner". Sore loser behavior includes blaming others for the loss, not accepting responsibility for personal actions that contributed to the defeat, reacting to the loss in an immature or improper fashion, making excuses for the defeat, and citing unfavourable conditions or other petty issues as reasons for the defeat. A bad winner acts in a shallow fashion after his or her victory, such as by gloating about his or her win, rubbing the win in the faces of the opponents, and lowering the opponent's self-esteem by constantly reminding the opponents of their 'poor' performance in comparison (even if the opponents competed well). Not showing respect to the other team is considered to being a bad sportsman and could lead to demoralizing effects; as Leslie Howe describes: "If a pitcher in baseball decides to pitch not to his maximum ability suggest that the batter is not at an adequate level, [it] could lead to the batter to have low self-confidence or worth.

- 2. What is the concept of sportsmanship? (4)
- 3. Why must balance be maintained amongst the 4 elements? (4)
- 4. Why has sportsmanship taken a backseat today? (3)

5. How are sportsmen at the elite level considered? (3)
6. Who is a 'sore loser'? (3)
7. How would you describe a 'bad winner'? (3)
8. From the last paragraph find words that convey the same meaning as:
 - (a) Childish (2)
 - (b) Boasting (2)
9. From the last paragraph find the opposite of the words:
 - (a) Deep (2)
 - (b) Rich (2)
10. Give a suitable title for the above paragraph (2)
