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TEST - 5

GENERAL ENGLISH

TNPSC CCSE – IV & VAO

1. Identify the sentence that is different from the others in structure
 - a. Being sick, my brother did not attend the class.
 - b. In spite of his poverty he helps the poor.
 - c. You must run fast or you will not win.
 - d. In case of the cat being away the mice are at Play
2. The wounded man was being helped by some boys. The active form of the above sentence is :
 - a. Some boys were helping the wounded man.
 - b. Some boys are helping the wounded man.
 - c. Some boys have been helping the wounded man.
 - d. Some boys have not been helping the wounded man.
3. Choose the option that contains the answer that would complete the sentence :
_____ is easy; but practising is difficult.
 - a. Have been preaching.
 - b. Preaching
 - c. Having been preaching
 - d. Having preached
4. In which short story of Oscar Wilde does the character Baron Hausberg appeal?
 - a. The Selfish Giant b. The Happy Prince
 - c. Two Friends d. The Model Millionaire
5. "What an amazing model!" Whispered Hughie. Who is referred as, "an amazing model" in Oscar Wilde's 'The Model Millionaire'?
 - a. Alan Trevor b. Laura Merton
 - c. Baron Hausberg d. Colonel Dumoulin
6. Choose the correct passive voice of the sentence given below :
He will have written a letter.
 - a. A letter will have written by him.
 - b. A letter will have write by him.
 - c. A letter will be written by him.
 - d. A letter will have been written by him.
7. In 'Music - The Hope Raiser' Dr. Karl Paulnack says: "The Greeks said that music and astronomy were two sides of the same coin". 'Two sides of the same coin' would mean.
 - a. similar in every way
 - b. similar in approach but different in aim
 - c. opposite in every way
 - d. none of the above
8. Match the following words given under column A with their meanings under column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below Column B

Column A	Column B
A. avocation	1. relevant
B. tranquility	2. distraction
C. squashed	3. calmness
D. pertinent	4. silenced

A B C D
a. 2 1 4 3
b. 3 2 1 4
c. 2 3 4 1
d. 1 2 3 4
9. Which of the following lines are not from John Masefield's 'Laugh and be merry'?
 - a. Better the world with a blow in the teeth of a wrong.
 - b. The longing in my heart, the everlasting life in my soul.
 - c. God made heaven and earth for joy, He took in a Rhyme.
 - d. Laugh till the game is played.
10. Identify the author of the poem 'Sonnet No: 116'
 - a. Alfred Shakespeare
 - b. John Keats
 - c. William Wordsworth
 - d. William Shakespeare
11. Identify the word which is not a verb.
 - a. reverberate b. vibrate
 - c. immaculate d. celebrate
12. Choose the option that does not bear the same meaning as that of the statement given below :
Honest labour bears a lovely face.
 - a. Our beauty is marred when we work hard
 - b. Hard work bears good results
 - c. Virtuous work brings contentment
 - d. We achieve contentment by doing the right things
13. Have you the determination to succeed?
Are you willing to devote the time and energy necessary to achieve success?
One must devote _____ to reach his/her goal.
 - a. time and energy b. time and tide
 - c. crest and fall d. unit and determination
14. Find out the correct plural form for the underlined word.
The recent analysis on women's education show a tremendous change

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- a. analyses b. analyseses
c. analysiss d. none of these
15. Identify the type of the sentence given below.
Having posted the letter, I returned home.
a. Compound b. Simple
c. Complex d. None of these
- 16 "A Race in the Space" is an interview of _____
a. Kalpana Chawla b. Neil Armstrong
c. Sumtha Williams d. Rakesh Sharma
17. Read the passage and choose the correct option that completes the given sentence :
As Prime Minister, Nehru set out to, realise his vision of India. He oversaw India's transition from a monarchy to a republic.
'transition' means _____
a. Change b. Travel
c. Plan d. Tradition
18. Match the following dialogues under column A with the related characters under column B of Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice' and select the correct answer from the codes given below.
- | Column A | Column B |
|---|------------------------------|
| A. Thou Shall have justice more than thou desir'st | 1. Shy lock |
| B. There is no power in the tongue of man to alter me | 2. Duke |
| C. Here, I tender it for him in the court | 3. Portia |
| D. Are you acquainted with the difference that holds this | 4. Bassanio present question |
- | A | B | C | D |
|------------|---|---|---|
| a. 1 4 2 3 | | | |
| b. 3 1 4 2 | | | |
| c. 2 3 1 4 | | | |
| d. 4 2 3 1 | | | |
19. Which of the following were the words of Antony in Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'?
- My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar.
 - Who is here so base that would be a bondman?
 - I will not do them wrong; I rather choose the wrong the dead to wrong myself.
 - Who is here so rude that would not be a Roman?
- a. 1, 2 b. 3, 4
c. 1, 3 d. 1, 4
20. Ettu, Brute? (You too Brutus)
Who uttered these words?
a. Mark Antony b. Marcus Brutus
c. Julius Caesar d. Casca
21. Choose the correct antonym of the word underlined :
He groaned is agony.
a. ecstasy b. Harmony
c. Faith d. Freedom
22. Choose the appropriate prefix for the word: 'seen'
a. un - b. in -
c. en - d. mis -
23. Attach a suitable suffix to the word underlined to complete the sentence.
Ganga Ram died due to his stupid.
a. ical b. ity
c. ify d. dom
24. Choose the correct synonym of the word underlined
Her enthusiasms were abominable
a. contemptible b. desirable
c. preferable d. attractive
25. Match the following phrases given in Column A with the blending words in Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| A. Technology + Wizard | 1. Diffabled |
| B. International + police | 2. Forex |
| C. Differently + abled | 3. Techno-wizard |
| D. Foreign + exchange | 4. Interpol |
- | A | B | C | D |
|------------|---|---|---|
| a. 4 1 3 2 | | | |
| b. 3 4 1 2 | | | |
| c. 1 2 3 4 | | | |
| d. 2 3 4 1 | | | |
26. Match the following words given under Column A with the blended forms under Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|------------------------|---------------|
| A. splash + spatter | 1. skylab |
| B. travel + catalogue | 2. docudrama |
| C. sky + laboratory | 3. splatter |
| D. documentary + drama | 4. travelogue |
- | A | B | C | D |
|------------|---|---|---|
| a. 1 2 3 4 | | | |
| b. 3 1 2 4 | | | |
| c. 3 4 1 2 | | | |
| d. 2 1 4 3 | | | |
27. Find out the right word for the combination Noun + Noun
a. washing machine b. world famous
c. school girl d. white washing
28. The compound word of the form Noun + Adjective is :
a. radio active b. red rose
c. sea food d. dancing bird

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29. Choose the right word to complete the idiom :
'born with a silver _____ in one's mouth'.
a. tooth b. spoon
c. tongue d. fork
30. "The journey matters as much as the goal Listen to the sounds of nature Take good care of our fragile planet"
Who gave this message to Indian children?
a. Mother Teresa b. Kalpana Chawla
c. Sunita Williams d. Kiran Bedi
31. "The selfish giant" is written by
a. E.M. Forster b. R.L. Stevenson
c. Oscar Wilde d. Guy De. Maupassant
32. Which character utters these words?
"But mercy is above this sceptered sway"
a. Antonio b. Bassamo
c. Portia d. Duke
33. Identify the sentence pattern :
The room appears dark.
a. SVC b. SVO
c. SVA d. SV
34. 'Ahimsa' means infinite love, Which again means infinite capacity for suffering. Who but woman, the mother of man.
Who uttered these words?
a. Nelson Mandela b. Jawaharlal Nehru
c. Mahatma Gandhi d. Swami Vivekananda
35. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.
Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai popularly referred to as 'Thakazhi' is the most celebrated contemporary _____ writer.
a. Russian b. Indian
c. American d. Malayalam
36. Identify the figure of speech employed in this line "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow"
a. Personification b. Metaphor
c. Simile d. Hyperbole
37. "Let me not to the marriage of true minds"
Identify the figure of speech employed in the above line :
a. resonance b. transferred epithet
c. alliterative words d. onomatopoeic words
38. Choose the correct sequence of prepositions that would complete the passage, from the codes given below :
A friend _____ mine returned _____ Moscow _____ a beautiful story _____ a missionary.
1. from 2. about
3. with 4. of
a. 4 1 3 2 b. 1 3 4 2
c. 2 4 3 1 d. 3 2 1 4
39. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follows, by choosing the right option :
"We learn of some high ideals of human conduct from the epic Ramayana". It tells us how king Da'shrath preferred death to going back on his word.
The phrase underlined means :
a. keeping one's promise
b. formulating a new idea
c. acting against one's words
d. checking the truth of one's words
40. Read the statement given below and choose the option with the answer to the question that follows :
"When you lead with warmth, it helps you connect immediately with those around you^ demonstrating that you hear them, understand them and can be trusted by them".
What is meant by 'connect immediately'?
a. establish a rapport with others
b. overpower everyone
c. disclose one's secrets
d. reveal confidence
41. Identify the meaning of the words underlined :
Books serve as friends better than those of flesh and blood.
a. heart and soul b. brain and character
c. real and living d. spirit and enthusiasm
42. Use the positive degree of comparison in the following:
Japan is one of the wealthiest countries in Asia.
a. Japan is as wealthy as any other country in Asia.
b. Japan is not so wealthy as other countries in Asia.
c. No other country in Asia is so wealthy as Japan.
d. Very few countries in Asia are as wealthy as Japan.
43. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct tense forms from the options given below.
I shall ring you up as soon as _____
a. I will arrive b. I shall arrive
c. I shall be arriving d. I arrive
44. Fill in the blank with a suitable article.
_____ harder you work, the greater are the chances of your success.
a. The b. A
c. An d. No article.

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45. Choose from the following the two short stories written by Oscar Wilde.
1. The Selfish Giant
 2. A Man who had no eyes
 3. The Happy Prince
 4. The Wooden Bowl
- a. a, d b. a, c
c. b, d d. c, d
46. Fill in the blank with the suitable answer:
_____ is the life history of Mahatma Gandhi
- a. I Dare
 - b. Wings of Fire
 - c. My Experiments with Truth
 - d. Specimen Days
47. Choose the sequence of articles that would complete the passage, from the codes given below Jijabai used to tell Shivaji stories from _____ Ramayana and _____ Mahabharata. This made him _____ noble king. Though not so powerful he was _____ terror to Aurangzeb.
- a. an, a, the, the
 - b. a, a, the, the
 - c. a, the, an, the
 - d. the, the, a, a
48. "Take up one idea, Make that one idea your life-think of it dream of it, line on that idea. Let the brain muscles every part of your body, be full of that idea and leave every other idea alone". This is the way to success. Who said the above?
- a. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
 - b. Subhash Chandra Rose
 - c. Swami Vivekananda
 - d. Gopala Krishna Gokhale
49. The poem. 'Going For Water' is written by _____
- a. Thomas Hardy
 - b. Robert Frost
 - c. D.H. Lawrence
 - d. Walt Whitman
50. Choose the right option :
Pearl S. Buck, known for her book "The Good Earth" had a _____ background.
- a. Russian
 - b. Chinese
 - c. Burmese
 - d. Finnish
51. Identify the right phrasal verb that would complete the sentence
Children must be _____ with love and care.
- a. brought about
 - b. brought as
 - c. brought for
 - d. brought up
52. Choose the option that contains the meaning of the given statement Fortune is a fickle goddess her wheel is always revolving
- a. Fortune favours the brave
 - b. One doesn't remain fortunate for ever in life
 - c. Miseries come in series
 - d. Look before you leap
53. Choose the option with the statement that means the same as this sentence : Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
- a. One who treads fearlessly is an angel.
 - b. Fools are often scared.
 - c. Foolish acts fetch the glory of angels.
 - d. Hasty actions result in disaster.
54. Choose the correct answer from the codes given below to fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.
Sitting _____ the tree, the four thieves were dividing the money _____ themselves. Suddenly they picked _____ a quarrel _____ a silly issue.
- a. among, up, over, under
 - b. up, over, under, among
 - c. over, under, among, up
 - d. under, among, up, over
55. Choose the correct question tag that completes the following sentence Let's complete the work immediately, _____?
- a. Let we
 - b. Will you
 - c. Will we
 - d. Shall we
56. Match the statements given under column A with their question tags under column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below
- | Column A | Column B |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| A. It is raining now, | 1. Could he? |
| B. She can sing well, | 2. isn't it? |
| C. He could not solve the problem, | 3. did he? |
| D. He never wanted to help me, | 4. can't she? |
- A B C D
- a. 2 4 1 3
 - b. 4 3 2 1
 - c. 1 2 3 4
 - d. 3 1 4 2
57. Fill in the blanks with the suitable verb form :
Rita _____ in the garden when her mother called her
- a. has been playing
 - b. will be playing
 - c. is playing
 - d. was playing
58. Match the following poetical lines under column A with their poems under column B and select the answer from the codes given below.
- | Column A | Column B |
|--|--------------------|
| A. It isn't by size that you win or fail | 1. Sonnet No : 116 |
| B. If this be error and upon be proved I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd | 2. A Psalm of life |

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- C. But once within the wood, we paused
Like gnomes that hid us from the moon
- D. Let the dead past bury its head
3. Be the best
4. going for water
- A B C D
- a. 4 2 3 1
- b. 3 1 4 2
- c. 1 3 2 4
- d. 2 4 1 3
59. If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass But the liveliest bass in the lake. In the above lines what does the word 'muskie' mean?
- a. a sweet smelling substance obtained from a cat
- b. grapevine
- c. a type of rose
- d. a large north American rodent
60. Match the characters with the relevant titles and select the correct codes given below.
- A. Sudie 1. How the camel got his hump
- b. Ox 2. Open Window
- C. Colonel Dumoulin 3. The Last Leaf
- D. Ronnie 4. Two Friends
- A B C D
- a. 3 4 2 1
- b. 2 1 4 3
- c. 3 1 4 2
- d. 4 3 2 1
61. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition :
Shivani is gifted _____ an amazing memory power.
- a. of b. in
- c. for d. with
62. Fill in the blank with the suitable phrasal verb :
I just had to _____ the orders of my employer.
- a. carry on b. carry through
- c. carry out d. carry away
63. The family looked for a double bedroom _____ for three days.
- a. soot b. suite
- c. suit d. sweet
64. Identify the right option :
The poem, 'Beautiful inside' conveys the idea that _____
- a. anything that is buried deep into the earth is beautiful
- b. a golden heart lies concealed within the rough appearance
- c. a sweet smile on the face hides the villainous heart
- d. apparel decides the man
65. Identify the right option :
The character 'Johnsy' in O. Henry's 'The Last Leaf' belonged to _____
- a. Russia b. England
- c. California d. Africa
66. Choose the right option :
Anton Chekhov is one of the greatest writer from
- a. Japan b. Italy
- c. Russia d. Switzerland
67. Choose the option that brings out the meaning of the given statement:
"Most of the troubles of the present day arise from the fact that instead of doing their duty, people blame others for their misdeeds"
- a. Our problems are caused by the misdeeds of others
- b. Troubles arise because of trusting others
- c. There are problems as people do their duty perfectly
- d. People spend our time accusing others and shirk their duties
68. Fill in the blank with a suitable word :
The Last Leaf is a short story written by _____
- a. O. Henry b. Saki
- c. Oscar Wilde d. Rabindranath Tagore
69. 'Every Living Thing' is written by _____
- a. Khushwant Singh b. James Harriot
- c. O. Henry d. Rabindranath Tagore
70. Fill in the blank with the suitable prepositional phrase.
Shoba is good _____
- a. at music b. on dance
- c. for talking d. over Meena
71. "We can't all be captain, we've got to be crew
There is something for all of us here"
These lines are from the poem
- a. Our local team b. Be the Best
- c. A Psalm of life d. O captain, my captain
72. 'Manliness' is an extract from the poem
- a. 'if' b. Our heritage
- c. The Piano d. Laugh and Be merry
73. The poem 'Shilpi is about
- a. Farmer b. Dancer
- c. Sculptor d. Writer
74. Match the titles in Column A with their authors in Column B and select the correct answer from the code
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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Column A | Column B |
| A. To The Land of enow | 1. Khushwant Smgh |

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- B. Making visible the invisible 2. Oscar Wilde
C. The Model Millionaire 3. Ahtushi Deshpande
D. The mark of Vishnu 4. Kalpana Sharma
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| | A | B | C | D |
| a. | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| b. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| c. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| d. | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
75. Find out from the following options, what does the given statement reveal about the character in "Farmer"?
"Cut open bunds in the dead night! can a farmer do that?"
a. ignorance b. craftiness
c. selfishness d. honesty
76. Match the following and write the correct answers from the codes given below.
- | | |
|---|---|
| Column A | Column B |
| A. The first orgar public express grief | 1. Collapse of the Twin Towers lised ion of |
| B. Concentration camps | 2. The Brahms Requiem |
| C. September 11, 2001 | 3. Oliver Messiaen |
| d. Quartet for the End of Time | 4. The Nazi Germany |
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| A | B | C | D | |
| a. | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| b. | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| c. | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| d. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
77. Which of the following lines does not belong to Shakespeare's 'Sonnet no 116'?
- a. O ! no it is an ever fixed mark
b. It is the star to every wandering bark
c. Echoes fade and memories die
d. Love's not time's fool
78. Choose the option that brings out the meaning of the given statement:
A smiling face may hide an aching heart.
a. Sorrow is concealed by the smile.
b. Smile is hidden by sorrow.
c. The pain is indicated by the smile.
d. Face is the index of the mind.
79. Identify the word which is not an adjective.
a. diagnose b. grandiose
c. venomous d. verbose
80. Identify the word which is not a noun
a. cowardice b. patronise
c. promise d. menace
81. Select the correct sentence from the options given below.
a. He come late to school.
b. Shakespeare's plays are read with passion by youngsters.
c. Compare the copy with the original
d. Hari is the older boy in tne class.
82. Ahthusi Deshpande's 'To the Land of Snow' is a/an _____
a. biography b. travelogue
c. autobiography d. motivational essay
83. Find out the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence :
Will the teacher test our English?
a. Will our English be tested by the teacher?
b. Will we test ,our English by the teacher?
c. Will the teacher be tested in English?
d. Will our English test the teacher?
84. Match the following words given the correct answer from the codes in Column A with their antonyms in Column B and select given below :
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Column A | Column B |
| A. creator | 1. hopeful |
| B. contempt | 2. exposed |
| C. desperate | 3. destroyer |
| D. hidden | 4. respect |
- | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | |
| a. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| b. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| c. | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| d. | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
85. Select the plural form of "datum".
a. datums b. data
c. datem d. datume
86. Fill up the blank Suddenly, the suitable preposition.
Suddenly, the car dashed against a tree and the wheel came _____
a. off b. of
c. in d. into
87. Identify the right option :
Yaanani Malai is a _____
a. sculpture b. temple-town
c. painting d. monolith
88. Good men perform just deeds, and brave men die
And win not honour such aa gold can give
While the vain multitudes plod on, and live
And serve the curse that pins them down But I.
Identify the rhyme scheme in the given lines.

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- a. a b a b b. a a b b
c. a b b c d. a b b a
89. Fill in the blanks with the suitable article :
He did _____ experiment in the lab.
a. an b. a
c. the d. no error
90. Who said the following lines in 'Julius Caesar'?
'Friends, Romans, Countrymen lend me your ears. I
come to bury Caesar : not to praise him'.
a. Brutus b. Mark Antony
c. Julius Caesar d. Cassius
91. Fill in the blank with the right form of the verb:
We have decided _____ on a picnic this Sunday.
a. to be going b. having gone
c. to go d. for going
92. Fill in the blank with the right word :
I feared I would have to carry the _____ of infamy
with me till my death.
a. wait b. white
c. weight d. wheat
93. Fill in the blank with the right word :
The _____ field was overgrown with weeds.
a. fellow b. follow
c. flow d. fallow
94. Identify the sentence pattern :
The boys made the teacher angry in the classroom.
a. S V O C A b. S V O A
c. S V C A d. S V I O D O
95. Identify the sentence pattern.
She is playful at times.
a. S V A A b. S V O A
c. S V C A d. S V O C
96. "This means the vision should become a part of the nation,
transcending governments - the present and the future".
Who is the author of the book from which the line
quoted above is taken?
a. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
b. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
c. M.K. Gandhi
d. Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
97. To my immediate right the Nanda Pal glacier slopes
down sharply. It could easily have been built up as a
very challenging ski slope except, of course, for the
fact that it ends in a cold and menacing snout with icy
waters flowing beneath.
In the above passage Nanda Pal glacier is not
associated with
a. sharp slopes
b. the land of demons
c. a cold and menacing snout
d. icy waters
98. "For three days, our path first takes us upstream along
Goriganga and then into the shrouded Milam Valley
where the narrow gorges afford few views".
The antonym of the word 'shrouded' is _____
a. exposed b. covered
c. revelled d. threatened
99. "I know the glacier like the back of my hand, I will find
us a way", he insists. His confidence is heartening.
The meaning of "like the back of my hand" is

a. partly b. partially
c. thoroughly d. similarly
100. Who is a villainous personality in the play 'Othello'?
a. Miranda b. Iago
c. Shylock d. Olivia