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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 equal mark of 2 each. Attempt all questions.

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 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 same penalty as above for that question.*
 - (iv) *If any questions 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. Which of the following were the original founders of the Theosophical Society?
i. Madam HP Blavatsky ii. Annie Besant iii. HS Olcott iv. AO Hume
(a) i and ii ()
(b) iii and iv ()
(c) **i and iii** ()
(d) ii and iv ()
2. Among which of the following was the Lucknow Pact of 1916 signed?
i. The Indian National Congress
ii. The Muslim League
iii. The British
iv. The Home Rule League
(a) **i and ii** ()
(b) ii and iii ()
(c) i and iii ()
(d) ii and iv ()
3. Dominion Status was attained by India from the British on:
(a) 26th January, 1947 ()
(b) **15th August, 1947** ()
(c) 26th November, 1949 ()
(d) 26th January, 1950 ()
4. Who among the following leaders founded the All India Muslim League?
(a) **Aga Khan** ()
(b) Syed Ahmad Khan ()
(c) Muhammad Ansari ()
(d) Badruddin Tyabji ()

5. Kathakali is a dance form associated with which state:
- (a) Karnataka ()
 - (b) Tamil Nadu ()
 - (c) **Kerala** ()
 - (d) Andhra Pradesh ()
6. Who first cited the drain of wealth theory in his book titled 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India'?
- (a) **Dadabhai Naoroji** ()
 - (b) VD Savarkar ()
 - (c) RC Dutt ()
 - (d) Mahatma Gandhi ()
7. The birth name of Swami Vivekananda who established the Ramakrishna Mission was:
- (a) Mula Shankar ()
 - (b) Rama Krishna ()
 - (c) Vivek Datta ()
 - (d) **Narendranath Datta** ()
8. Who is the ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha?
- (a) Speaker of Lok Sabha ()
 - (b) The Prime Minister ()
 - (c) The President ()
 - (d) **The Vice President** ()
9. In which year was the first amendment to the constitution made?
- (a) 1950 ()
 - (b) **1951** ()
 - (c) 1952 ()
 - (d) 1953 ()
10. Which Article of the Indian Constitution declares that a state shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age 6-14 years?
- (a) Article 20 A ()
 - (b) **Article 21 A** ()
 - (c) Article 22 A ()
 - (d) Article 23 A ()
11. The Speaker's vote in a Lok Sabha to resolve a deadlock is called:
- (a) Direct vote ()
 - (b) Indirect vote ()
 - (c) Proxy vote ()
 - (d) **Casting vote** ()
12. Details of citizenship are mentioned in which part of the Indian Constitution?
- (a) Part – I ()
 - (b) **Part – II** ()
 - (c) Part – III ()
 - (d) Part – IV ()

13. Governor of a state is appointed by the:
- (a) Chief Justice of High Court of a state ()
 - (b) Chief Minister of a state ()
 - (c) **The President** ()
 - (d) The Prime Minister ()
14. What is the tenure of each member of Rajya Sabha?
- (a) Three years ()
 - (b) Four Years ()
 - (c) Five Years ()
 - (d) **Six Years** ()
15. Greenwich Mean Time is:
- (a) 5 hours and 30 minutes ahead of IST ()
 - (b) **5 hours and 30 minutes behind IST** ()
 - (c) 4 hours and 30 minutes ahead of IST ()
 - (d) 4 hours and 30 minutes behind IST ()
16. Palk Strait is a narrow channel of sea between:
- (a) Bangladesh and Myanmar ()
 - (b) Andaman and Nicobar islands ()
 - (c) **India and Sri Lanka** ()
 - (d) India and Maldives ()
17. The largest brackish water lake of India is in the State of:
- (a) Jammu & Kashmir ()
 - (b) Maharashtra ()
 - (c) **Odisha** ()
 - (d) West Bengal ()
18. Which river cuts the Tropic of Capricorn twice?
- (a) Congo ()
 - (b) **Limpopo** ()
 - (c) Nile ()
 - (d) Orange ()
19. The red colour of red soil is due to the presence of:
- (a) Sulphur ()
 - (b) Phosphorous ()
 - (c) **Iron Oxides** ()
 - (d) Magnesium ()
20. The concept of biodiversity hot spots was originated by:
- (a) AG Tansley ()
 - (b) Dr. Suess ()
 - (c) Ernst Heckel ()
 - (d) **Norman Myers** ()

21. Among the following states which has the longest coastline?
- (a) **Tamil Nadu** ()
 - (b) West Bengal ()
 - (c) Odisha ()
 - (d) Maharashtra ()
22. Glaucoma is a disease of the:
- (a) Lungs ()
 - (b) Liver ()
 - (c) Kidney ()
 - (d) **Eyes** ()
23. What is the chemical name of Vinegar?
- (a) Citric acid ()
 - (b) Nitric acid ()
 - (c) **Acetic acid** ()
 - (d) Malic acid ()
24. Accupuncture is:
- (a) Fixing of tubes and tyres ()
 - (b) A kind of heart disease ()
 - (c) **A treatment method with needles** ()
 - (d) A device for checking Blood sugar ()
25. Which of the following is the highest quality of coal?
- (a) **Anthracite** ()
 - (b) Bituminous ()
 - (c) Lignite ()
 - (d) Peat ()
26. Gobar gas mainly contains:
- (a) Acetylene ()
 - (b) Ethylene ()
 - (c) **Methane** ()
 - (d) Propane ()
27. A tough, fibrous structural proteins forming the protective layers of skin, hair and nails is:
- (a) Collagen ()
 - (b) **Keratin** ()
 - (c) Elastin ()
 - (d) Fibrin ()
28. A device used for converting AC voltage to DC voltage is called:
- (a) Transformer ()
 - (b) Dynamo ()
 - (c) **Rectifier** ()
 - (d) Amplifier ()

29. Who is called father of Economics?

- (a) **Adam Smith** ()
- (b) Karl Marx ()
- (c) Max Mueller ()
- (d) A.Marshall ()

30. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme, a national initiative to address declining child sex ratio and to promote girl child education and survival was launched on:

- (a) **January 2015** ()
- (b) July 2015 ()
- (c) August 2015 ()
- (d) September 2015 ()

31. Which of the following best describe Tertiary Sector of Economy:

- (a) Forestry ()
- (b) Fishing ()
- (c) Construction ()
- (d) **Banking** ()

32. Who gave the first scientific estimate of National Income in India?

- (a) **VKRV Rao** ()
- (b) R Desai ()
- (c) Dadabhai Naoroji ()
- (d) PC Mahalanobis ()

33. Who among the following was the first Governor of Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) **Sir Osborne Smith** ()
- (b) CD Deshmukh ()
- (c) S Mukherjee ()
- (d) Dr Vishwanathan ()

34. Where is the Headquarters of World Trade Organization located?

- (a) Rome ()
- (b) Washington ()
- (c) **Geneva** ()
- (d) New York ()

35. A garment worn by the primitive Mizo men made from Hruikhau was?

- (a) Siapsuap ()
- (b) **Hnawkhal** ()
- (c) Kawr thin deng ()
- (d) Puan tial ()

36. The last known Mautam occurred between:

- (a) 2001-2003 ()
- (b) 2004-2005 ()
- (c) **2006-2008** ()
- (d) 2009-2010 ()

37. The Mizo phrase 'Uipui tuilian thlir' means:
- (a) Hmuhdawm ti taka thlir ()
 - (b) **Tihngaihna tak hre lova thlir** ()
 - (c) Mi kal liam tur thlir ()
 - (d) Nghakhlel taka thlir ()
38. A tassel or plume of red, blue and white yarn made by maidens of the village in honour of the prowess of Pasaltha in raiding or war was:
- (a) **Arkeziak** ()
 - (b) Tarpilu ()
 - (c) Diar tial ()
 - (d) Chhawn ()
39. Who was the first speaker of Mizoram Legislative Assembly?
- (a) Vaivenga ()
 - (b) **H. Thansanga** ()
 - (c) Kenneth Chawngliana ()
 - (d) Lalrinliana Sailo ()
40. Which political party owed its origin in the formation of Human Rights Committee in 1974?
- (a) UMFO ()
 - (b) Mizo National Front ()
 - (c) **People's Conference** ()
 - (d) Zoram People's Movement ()
41. Which among the following district headquarters of Mizoram bagged the top three Cleanliness Award in the District Headquarters category at the 77th Republic Day celebration-Mizoram?
- (a) **Siaha, Saitual, Khawzawl** ()
 - (b) Siaha, Serchhip, Khawzawl ()
 - (c) Serchhip, Saitual, Khawzawl ()
 - (d) Hnahthial, Saitual, Siaha ()
42. Which Centrally Sponsored Scheme of India aims to provide functional household tap connections to all households?
- (a) National Health Mission ()
 - (b) PM-Krishi Sinchai Yojana ()
 - (c) Swachh Bharat Mission ()
 - (d) **Jal Jeevan Mission** ()
43. Who among the following were chosen for the European Union's human rights award, the Sakharov Prize, 2025?
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|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| i. Andrzej Poczobut | ii. Mzia Amaglobeli | iii. Maria Corina Machado |
| (a) Only i | () | |
| (b) Only ii | () | |
| (c) i & ii only | () | |
| (d) I, ii & iii | () | |

44. Name of India's first fully indigenous microprocessor chip that was launched at the Semicon India, 2025?
(a) **Vikram** ()
(b) Aditya ()
(c) Ajay ()
(d) Vikramaditya ()
45. Which party won the largest number of seats in the recently concluded 12th LADC-MDC election?
(a) **MNF** ()
(b) INC ()
(c) ZPM ()
(d) BJP ()
46. Which country passes law to ban mobile phones in School classroom from March, 2026?
(a) **South Korea** ()
(b) USA ()
(c) Japan ()
(d) Canada ()
47. Who was sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November, 2025?
(a) Justice Bhushan R. Gavai ()
(b) **Justice Surya Kant** ()
(c) Justice NV Ramana ()
(d) Justice Ranjana Desai ()
48. Who has become the first woman officer to graduate from the Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun?
(a) Bhavna Sharma ()
(b) Anjali Verma ()
(c) **Sai Jadhav** ()
(d) Priya Singh ()
49. Which country has formally withdrawn from the World Health Organization?
(a) United Kingdom ()
(b) **United States** ()
(c) Brazil ()
(d) Australia ()
50. Which foreign leaders graced the celebration as chief guests at the Republic Day celebrations, 2026?
(a) Ursula von der Leyen ()
(b) Antonio Costa ()
(c) **Both (a) and (b)** ()
(d) Neither (a) nor (b) ()

GENERAL ENGLISH (50 MARKS)

Direction (Question Nos.51-57) *Choose the correct answer for the underlined word from the given alternatives:*

51. You have no right to say so
(a) Adjective of Numbers ()
(b) Adjective of Quality ()
(c) **Adjective of Quantity** ()
(d) Demonstrative Adjective ()
52. Whose book did she steal?
(a) Adjective of Quality ()
(b) **Demonstrative Adjective** ()
(c) Adjective of Quantity ()
(d) Possessive Adjective ()
53. Always help others as far as you can
(a) Distributive Pronoun ()
(b) **Indefinite Pronoun** ()
(c) Demonstrative Pronoun ()
(d) Relative Pronoun ()
54. They saw the king themselves
(a) Personal Pronoun ()
(b) Relative Pronoun ()
(c) Reflexive Pronoun ()
(d) **Emphatic Pronoun** ()
55. He missed the train as he was late.
(a) Adverb of Degree ()
(b) Adverb of Effect ()
(c) **Adverb of Reason** ()
(d) Adverb of Manner ()
56. I am strong still I do not boast
(a) **Adversative Conjunction** ()
(b) Alternative Conjunction ()
(c) Illative Conjunction ()
(d) Cumulative Conjunction ()
57. He was at fault therefore he was scolded
(a) Adversative Conjunction ()
(b) Alternative Conjunction ()
(c) **Illative Conjunction** ()
(d) Cumulative Conjunction ()

Direction (Question Nos.58-65) *Fill in the blanks with the correct answer from the given options:*

58. The poet and the writer _____ died
(a) has ()
(b) **have** ()
(c) have been ()
(d) has been ()
59. He came to school _____ Friday
(a) **on** ()
(b) **in** ()
(c) by ()
(d) since ()
60. Pour the milk _____ the cup
(a) upon ()
(b) onto ()
(c) **in** ()
(d) **into** ()
61. The rain-water seeps _____ the ground
(a) **under** ()
(b) below ()
(c) into ()
(d) over ()
62. A _____ of laws
(a) pile ()
(b) **code** ()
(c) book ()
(d) shoal ()
63. Neither of us _____ to blame
(a) **is** ()
(b) are ()
(c) has ()
(d) have ()
64. As _____ as a rock
(a) heavy ()
(b) obstinate ()
(c) **firm** ()
(d) grave ()
65. As _____ as death
(a) **pale** ()
(b) cunning ()
(c) quick ()
(d) swift ()

Direction (Question Nos.66-70) Identify the correct answer from the given options:

66. Excessive love of money is called:
- (a) Bankrupt ()
 - (b) Avarice** ()
 - (c) Panacea ()
 - (d) Regicide ()
67. A person who has been boycotted by Society is called:
- (a) Outlaw ()
 - (b) Omnific ()
 - (c) Outcast** ()
 - (d) Mis-anthropist ()
68. To bear away means:
- (a) to win** ()
 - (b) to crush ()
 - (c) to tolerate ()
 - (d) to support ()
69. A jail bird means:
- (a) an able person ()
 - (b) a frequent offender** ()
 - (c) a miser ()
 - (d) a coward ()
70. The antonym for the word incorrigible is:
- (a) Reformable** ()
 - (b) Hardened ()
 - (c) Inveterate ()
 - (d) habitual ()

Direction (Question Nos. 71- 75): Change each of the sentences as directed in the bracket:

71. He said ,”Good-Bye, friends.”(Indirect Speech)
- (a) He said to his friend goodbye ()
 - (b) He bade his friends goodbye** ()
 - (c) He bades his friends goodbye ()
 - (d) He has bade his friends goodbye ()
72. The knife is sharp (Negative Sentence)
- (a) The knife is not sharp ()
 - (b) The knife is not blunt** ()
 - (c) The knife was not sharp ()
 - (d) The knife was not blunt ()

73. Atul is the best boy in the class (Comparative Sentence)

- (a) **Atul is better than any other boy in the class** ()
- (b) Atul is better than any boy in the class ()
- (c) No other boy is better than Atul ()
- (d) Atul is better than anyone in the class ()

74. The teacher will teach a new lesson tomorrow (Passive Voice)

- (a) **A new lesson will be taught tomorrow by the teacher** ()
- (b) A new lesson will have been taught tomorrow by the teacher ()
- (c) A new lesson shall be taught tomorrow by the teacher ()
- (d) A new lesson should have been taught tomorrow by the teacher ()

75. He worked very hard. His health broke down (Adverb Clause)

- (a) He worked hard and his health broke down ()
- (b) He woked too hard that broke down his health ()
- (c) He worked very hard that his health break ()
- (d) **He worked so hard that his health broke down** ()

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 on any one of the following topics (500-600 words): (20)
- (a) The reservation system in India raises fundamental questions about equality, merit, and social justice.
 - (b) Does technology make us more free or more controlled?
 - (c) Civic sense remains a major challenge despite India's growing global presence.
 - (d) Empowering the Last Woman First

2. Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow:

Red tapism refers to the excessive adherence to official rules, regulations, and formalities in government and administrative systems. The term originated from the red tape once used to bind official documents, symbolizing rigid procedures that often delay decision-making. While rules are essential to ensure transparency and accountability, over-bureaucratization can hinder efficiency and innovation.

In many developing countries, red tapism is considered a major obstacle to economic growth and good governance. Lengthy approval processes, unnecessary documentation, and multiple layers of authority discourage investors and frustrate citizens. Even simple tasks such as obtaining licenses or certificates may take months, leading to public dissatisfaction and loss of trust in government institutions.

One of the primary causes of red tapism is the fear of accountability among officials. To avoid responsibility, decision-makers often rely strictly on rules rather than exercising discretion. Additionally, outdated laws and lack of administrative reforms further strengthen bureaucratic rigidity. Corruption also thrives in such environments, as people may resort to unethical means to bypass complex procedures.

However, some argue that a certain level of red tapism is necessary. Rules protect public interest, prevent misuse of power, and ensure uniformity in administration. The challenge lies in maintaining a balance between regulation and flexibility. In recent years, governments have introduced measures such as e-governance, single-window clearance systems, and digital documentation to reduce procedural delays.

In conclusion, red tapism is a double-edged sword. While it safeguards the system against arbitrariness, excessive rigidity can paralyze administration. Effective governance requires simplifying procedures, updating laws, and fostering a culture of responsibility among officials.

- (a) What is red tapism primarily associated with? (1)
- (b) Explain the origin of the term "red tapism." (1)
- (c) How does red tapism affect decision-making in administration? (1)
- (d) Why is red tapism considered an obstacle to economic growth? (1)
- (e) Mention any two problems faced by citizens due to red tapism. (2)
- (f) What role does fear of accountability play in red tapism? (2)
- (g) How do outdated laws contribute to bureaucratic rigidity? (1)
- (h) Why does corruption tend to flourish in systems dominated by red tapism? (1)
- (i) What argument is given in favor of maintaining some level of red tapism? (2)
- (j) What is meant by maintaining a balance between regulation and flexibility? (1)

- (k) Name any two measures taken by governments to reduce red tapism. (2)
- (l) According to the passage, how does e-governance help in administration? (1)
- (m) Why is red tapism described as a “double-edged sword”? (2)
- (n) Find the synonym of the word “rigidity” as used in the passage.- **Inflexibility** (1)
- (o) Find the antonym of the word “imprudence” from the passage.- **Discretion** (1)

3. Expand the idea in **any two** of the following:

(2×5=10)

- (a) Ends do not justify the means
- (b) Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely
- (c) Silence in the face of injustice is complicity
- (d) Technology is a good servant but a bad master

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