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**GENERAL ENGLISH WITH GENERAL STUDIES**  
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A

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1. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word:

He leaped about in joy upon realizing his true nature.

- (A) walked (B) left  
(C) helped (D) jumped

2. Match the following words given under column A with their antonyms under column B and select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a) mitigate		1. apparent	
(b) latent		2. denied	
(c) frantic		3. increase	
(d) bestowed		4. calm	

- (a) (b) (c) (d)  
(A) 3 1 4 2  
(B) 1 2 3 4  
(C) 4 2 1 3  
(D) 2 1 3 4

3. Choose the appropriate prefix for 'loyal'.

- (A) il (B) mis  
(C) dis (D) in

4. Match the sentences given under column A with the patterns given under column B. Select the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A		Column B	
(a) Kala bought a book from the shop		1. SVAA	
(b) He painted the gate brown		2. SVIDODO	
(c) My friend gifted me a book		3. SVOA	
(d) She danced beautifully yesterday		4. SVOC	

- (a) (b) (c) (d)  
(A) 3 2 1 4  
(B) 2 1 4 3  
(C) 3 4 2 1  
(D) 4 3 1 2



10. And hymns in the cosy parlour, the tinkling piano our guide.....

The figure of speech employed here is

- (A) metaphor
- (B) onomatopoeia
- (C) oxymoron
- (D) anaphora

11. 'It' in the following lines stand for \_\_\_\_\_

"O, no! it is an ever fixed mark,

That looks on tempests and is never shaken".

- (A) light
- (B) love
- (C) time
- (D) storm

12. O Captain! My captain! our fearful trip is done.

The fearful trip refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) a journey of war
- (B) the end of civil war
- (C) an adventurous voyage
- (D) the death of the captain

13. The reddest flower would look as pale as snow.

The poet compares the flowers to

- (A) pale
- (B) red
- (C) children
- (D) snow

14. 'The Model Millionaire' is authored by
- (A) Thomas Grey
  - (B) Kushwant Singh
  - (C) Oscar Wilde
  - (D) R.K. Narayanan
15. I had three close friends in my childhood, Ramanadha Sastry, Aravindran and Sivaprakasan. Who does the 'I' refer to?
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
  - (B) Abraham Lincoln
  - (C) Swami Vivekananda
  - (D) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
16. Which among the following is not a poem?
- (A) Shilpi
  - (B) To a Millionaire
  - (C) The Model Millionaire
  - (D) Manliness
17. "In spite of myself, the insidious mastery of song  
Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong"  
In which poem do these lines occur?
- (A) Migrant Bird
  - (B) Manliness
  - (C) My Grandmother's House
  - (D) Piano

18. Choose the correct passive voice of the following sentence :

Post this letter

- (A) This letter has to post (B) This letter will be posted  
(C) You should post this letter (D) Let this letter be posted

19. Match the words under column A with their antonyms under column B and choose the correct code from the options given :

Column A		Column B	
(a) delicate		1. initially	
(b) eventually		2. clear	
(c) copious		3. rough	
(d) obscure		4. meagre	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	3	2	1
(B)	2	3	4	1
(C)	3	1	4	2
(D)	1	3	2	4

20. Match the prefixes under column A with the words under column B to form compound words and select the correct code :

Column A		Column B	
(a) fore		1. plan	
(b) un		2. pone	
(c) pre		3. cast	
(d) post		4. happy	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	3	1	2
(B)	3	4	1	2
(C)	2	3	4	1
(D)	1	4	3	2

21. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.

Every one laughed \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- (A) on (B) at  
(C) about (D) by

22. Choose the base word that does not form a derivative with the suffix '\_\_\_\_\_ity'.

- (A) local (B) special  
(C) excel (D) timid



28. Which of the following is the correct prefix for the word effectual?

(A) un

(B) in

(C) dis

(D) mis

29. "And I thought of the albatross"

What is an albatross?

(A) a humming bird

(B) a fish

(C) a sea-bird.

(D) a sea-animal

30. If this be error and upon me prov'd,

I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.

Who is the poet?

(A) Keats

(B) Wordsworth

(C) Robert Frost

(D) Shakespeare



31. Choose the correct active form of the sentence given below.

He was awarded a prize by the Government.

- (A) The Government will award him a prize
- (B) The Government will be awarding him a prize
- (C) The Government have to award him a prize
- (D) The Government awarded him a prize

32. Form Compound word by combining Preposition + Noun

- (A) upstream
- (B) white wash
- (C) popcorn
- (D) sunrise

33. Fill in the blank with a suitable infinitive :

This medicine is pleasant \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) to have taken
- (B) to had taken
- (C) to take
- (D) none of these

34. Select the correct form of the verb from the options given :

Technology \_\_\_\_\_ as the application of scientific knowledge.

- (A) were described
- (B) are being described
- (C) are described
- (D) is described

35. Identify the Complex Sentence

- (A) I didn't get up early so I missed the bus.
- (B) If it rains, the match will be postponed.
- (C) This mango is too sour to eat.
- (D) Balu goes to school but his sister stays at home.

36. Select the correct synonym for the underlined word from the given options :

It is an invidious thing.

- (A) uncommon
- (B) unhealthy
- (C) unjust
- (D) important

37. Select the appropriate active voice of the underlined words :

The wounded boy was being helped by the strangers.

- (A) is helped
- (B) were helping
- (C) would help
- (D) had been helped

38. Choose the correct Passive Voice of the sentence given below :

Who broke the glass?

- (A) By whom the glass was broken?
- (B) By whom was the glass broken?
- (C) Who has been broken the glass?
- (D) By whom was the glass break?

39. Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition.  
 Nature has given us an abundant wealth \_\_\_\_\_ the form of forests.

- (A) by (B) at  
 (C) with (D) in

40. Therefore we should build around our existing strengths including the vast pool of talented scientists and technologists and our abundant natural resources.

Match the correct Antonym from Column 'B' for the words in Column 'A'

Column A		Column B	
(a) vast		1. scanty	
(b) talented		2. artificial	
(c) abundant		3. small	
(d) natural		4. incompetent	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	3	4	2
(B)	3	4	1	2
(C)	4	3	2	1
(D)	1	4	3	2

41. Choose the correct question tag.

They work very hard, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) do they?  
 (B) didn't they?  
 (C) did they?  
 (D) don't they?

42. Select the correct plural form of erratum.

- (A) erratia  
 (B) erratums  
 (C) erratiums  
 (D) errata

43. O Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done.

The fearful trip refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) journey of life
- (B) adventurous voyage
- (C) death of the captain
- (D) end of civil war

44. But once within the wood, we paused

Like gnomes that hid us from the moon.

In the above quoted lines gnomes mean \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Fire flies
- (B) Dwarfs
- (C) A large African antelope
- (D) Small-two-winged flies

45. "The hunger and the mortal strife for bread old age and youth alike mistaught".

The word strife means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) fight
- (B) struggle
- (C) quarrel
- (D) riot

46. .... my manhood is cast down in the flood of remembrance.

The figure of speech employed in this line is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Metaphor
- (B) Oxymoran
- (C) Simile
- (D) Anaphora

47. Select the correct plural form of :

Cactus

- (A) Cacti
- (B) Cactii
- (C) Cactum
- (D) Cactuses

48. Choose the appropriate sentence with correct HOMOPHONE

- (A) The politician stayed in a luxurious suite
- (B) The politician stayed in a luxurious suit
- (C) The politician stayed in a luxurious suet
- (D) None

49. Identify the sentence which has No Error?

- (A) Here is the watch that you are looking at.
- (B) Here is the watch that you are looking on
- (C) Here is the watch that you are looking for
- (D) Here is the watch that you are looking down

50. Choose the correct verb :

The United States \_\_\_\_\_ a big navy.

- (A) have
- (B) has
- (C) are having
- (D) is

51. Which of the following is the correct prefix for the word partial?

- (A) im (B) un  
(C) pre (D) post

52. Select the correct question tag for the following sentence :

Open the door, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) will you? (B) don't you?  
(C) can you? (D) should you?

53. Match the words under column A with their suffixes under column B that leads to the formation of meaningful words :

Column A		Column B	
(a) betray		1. -ment	
(b) carry		2. -age	
(c) compel		3. -al	
(d) attach		4. -sion	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	2	3	4
(B)	3	1	4	2
(C)	2	3	4	1
(D)	3	2	4	1

54. Match the underlined words under column A with their parts of speech under column B and select the correct code from the options given :

Column A		Column B	
(a) Kumar's <u>Childish</u> behaviour irritates us		1. Adverb	
(b) I like <u>entertainment</u>		2. Adjective	
(c) He <u>brought</u> glory to his country		3. Noun	
(d) <u>Slowly</u> , the snake crawled away		4. Verb	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	4	1	3
(B)	2	3	4	1
(C)	3	1	4	2
(D)	3	2	1	4

55. Match the words under column A with their equivalents from column B :

Column A		Column B	
(a) torch		1. pitcher	
(b) shop assistant		2. shade	
(c) jug		3. clerk	
(d) blind		4. flashlight	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	1	3	4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> (B)	4	3	1	2
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	1	2	3	4

56. On the slope opposite our camp is the fascinating summit of Mandayo, which spirals up into the blue sky like a giant corkscrew. Slapped with steep cliffs on all faces, it looks every inch an insurmountable peak.

The word 'insurmountable' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) unconquerable
- (B) unbelievable
- (C) uncomfortable
- (D) unimaginable

57. 'On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna smoking'. What is the 'Etna'?

- (A) an earthquake
- (B) a tsunami affected city
- (C) a volcanic mountain
- (D) a tempest

58. 'I mark'd where on a little promontory it stood isolated'. 'It' here stands for

- (A) the poet
- (B) the web
- (C) the spider
- (D) a raised land

59. In which poem, does the following line occur?

“Was it cowardice, that I dared not kill him”?

- (A) The Nation united (B) The Man he killed  
 Snake (D) Migrant Bird

60. Match the following poetic lines under column A with their relevant poets under column B and choose the correct answer from the codes given below :

Column A

Column B

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| (a) It isn't by size that you win or fail          | 1. William Shakespeare |
| (b) Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks | 2. H. W. Longfellow    |
| (c) Man's little Day in haste we spend             | 3. Douglas Malloch     |
| (d) Let the deadpast bury its head                 | 4. Lewis Carroll       |

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|--|-----|-----|-----|
| (a)                                      | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) 4                                    | 2   | 3   | 1   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B) 3 | 1   | 4   | 2   |
| (C) 1                                    | 3   | 2   | 4   |
| (D) 3                                    | 1   | 2   | 4   |

61. Form a new word by blending the words splash + spatter.

- (A) Splutter  Splatter  
(C) Platter (D) None

62. Fill in the blanks with the suitable prepositions. Choose the correct sequence of prepositions that would complete the passage, from the codes given below.

\_\_\_\_\_ the cupboard, very \_\_\_\_\_ the wall, there is a narrow gap, \_\_\_\_\_ which a few charts have been kept. Unroll them and hang them \_\_\_\_\_ the walls of the room.

- behind, near, into, on (B) on, near, behind, into  
(C) near, into, on, behind (D) into, on, near, behind

63. The figure of speech used in the line. Dust thou art to dust returnest is

- allusion (B) alliteration  
(C) simile (D) oxymoron



64. Identify the figure of speech employed in the given lines :  
Have you noticed how some people, May seem plain as plain can be?
- (A) Metaphor  
(B) Personification  
(C) Simile  
(D) None of these
65. Select the correct plural form of alumna
- (A) alumnae  
(B) alumni  
(C) alumnas  
(D) alumnis
66. Pick out the sentence that contains a complement
- (A) My aunt remained a spinster all her life  
(B) The thief stole all the silver articles  
(C) I shall collect the books next week  
(D) The programme has started on time
67. Pick out the word that does not take '-ves' in its plural form
- (A) thief (B) proof  
(C) shelf (D) wolf
68. Identify the compound word with the wrong plural form
- (A) drops-out  
(B) passers-by  
(C) step-sisters  
(D) sons-in-law

69. Fill in the Blank :

The selfish giant put up a notice-board in his garden, which read \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) Litter free zone  
(B) Trespassers will be prosecuted  
(C) Do not touch the saplings  
(D) Never pluck the flowers and fruits

70. "If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the will which says to them; "Hold on!"

The Rhyme Scheme of this stanza is

- (A) aabb  
(B) .aaab  
(C) abab  
(D) abcb

71. "What an amazing model!" Whispered Hughie as he shook hands with his friend.  
Who is referred as 'an amazing model' in Oscar Wilde's 'The Model Millionaire'?

- (A) Hugh Erskin  
(B) Laura Merton  
(C) Baron Hausberg  
(D) Colonel

72. Music is not part of 'arts and entertainment' as the newspaper section would have us believe. It's not a luxury, a lavish thing that we fund from leftovers of our budgets, not a play thing or an amusement or a past time. Music is a basic need of human survival. Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives.

What is music according to Dr. Karl Paulrack?

- (A) part of arts and entertainment  
(B) is luxury and a lavish thing  
(C) is the basic need of human survival  
(D) is a play thing and an amusement

73. Choose the option that conveys the meaning of the statement given below :

Throughout his life, he has been filled with the conviction that there is a silver lining to every cloud and that good shall ultimately prevail.

- (A) He has believed in the prevalence of sorrows in his life.  
(B) He has accumulated much wealth and silver in his life.  
(C) He has been an optimist throughout his life  
(D) He has believed that good shall never prevail

74. The nationality of the author of 'The Lottery Ticket' is

- (A) Russian
- (B) Scandinavian
- (C) American
- (D) German

75. Fill in the blanks with the suitable articles that would complete the passage, from the codes given below.

Centuries ago \_\_\_\_\_ great artist was engaged to paint \_\_\_\_\_ mural for \_\_\_\_\_ Cathedral in \_\_\_\_\_ Sicilian town.

- (A) a, a, the, a,
- (B) a, the, a, the
- (C) the, the, the, a
- (D) a, the, the, a.

76. Select the correct plural form of aquarium.

- (A) aquarias
- (B) aquariums
- (C) aquaria.
- (D) aquariams

77. Which of the statements given below as options?

Should have the question tag \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't he?

- (A) Shreya drawn well,
- (B) Shreya has been drawing well,
- (C) Shreya draws well,
- (D) Shreya has not drawn well,

78. "For the soul is dead that slumbers  
 And things are not what they seem  
 Dust thou art to dust returnest  
 Was not spoken of the soul".

Whose poem is this?

- (A) Alfred, Lord Tennyson (B) D.H. Lawrence  
 (C) H.W. Longfellow (D) Dickens

79. Match the name of the authors in Column A with their work in Column B and select the correct answer from the code.

Column A		Column B	
(a) Charles Dickens	1.	Jungle Book	
(b) Rudyard Kipling	2.	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	
(c) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	3.	Oliver Twist	
(d) Mark Twain	4.	Adventures of Sherlock Homes	

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	3	4	1	2
(B)	3	1	4	2
(C)	1	3	4	2
(D)	2	1	3	4

80. Name the poem in which the following lines appear :

"And let the guerdon of my labour be  
 My fallen country! One kind wish from you!"

- (A) To India – My Native Land  
 (B) No Men are Foreign  
 (C) You can't be that, no, you can't be that  
 (D) Footprints

81. Identify the option that contains the answer to the question given below :

Subhas Chandra Bose was popularly known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Chachaji
- (B) Babaji
- (C) Netaji
- (D) Dharamji

82. The mechanic tried to fix the broken 1 only in 2.

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| (1)                                       | (2)      |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (A) Vane | and Vain |
| (B) Wane                                  | and Vane |
| (C) Vain                                  | and Vein |
| (D) Vane                                  | and Wane |

83. Fill in the blank with suitable phrasal verb :

I am exactly like my mother. I think I have \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- (A) taken to
- (B) taken after
- (C) taken off
- (D) taken over

84. Fill in the blank with the suitable verb form :

I \_\_\_\_\_ (surf) the net when the explosion occurred.

- (A) will surf
- (B) was surfing
- (C) will be surfing
- (D) had surfed

85. Match the words in British English under Column A with their equivalents in American English in Column B and Choose the correct answer from the codes given below.

Column A		Column B	
(a)	blind	1.	hood
(b)	bonnet	2.	crib
(c)	purse	3.	window shade
(d)	cot	4.	wallet

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	1	2	3
<input checked="" type="radio"/> (B)	3	1	4	2
(C)	2	1	4	3
(D)	4	2	1	3

86. "A new discovered Treasure....."

The figure of speech employed in this line is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Simile  
 (B) Personification  
 (C) Oxymoron  
 (D) Transferred Epithet

87. Match the words under Column A with their synonyms under Column B and choose the correct code from the options given :

Column A		Column B	
(a)	sturdy	1.	insight
(b)	intuition	2.	tempt
(c)	seduce	3.	strange
(d)	bizarre	4.	strong

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
<input checked="" type="radio"/> (A)	4	1	2	3
(B)	4	1	3	2
(C)	4	2	1	3
(D)	1	2	3	4

88. Give the suitable order of articles in the blanks of the given passage. Write the code given below.

My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ multi talented person. Last month, he was elected \_\_\_\_\_ chairman of the Board. Surely he'll be \_\_\_\_\_ best chairman for he is \_\_\_\_\_ honest worker.

- (A) a, the, an, the  
 (B) a, no article, the, an  
 (C) an, no article, a, the  
 (D) no article, an, the, a

89. Select the correct plural form of Oasis.

- (A) None
- (B) Oaseses
- (C) Oases
- (D) Oasies

90. The rhyme scheme of the following lines is \_\_\_\_\_.

'For Oh, Say the Children, "We are weary,  
And we cannot run or leap –  
If we cared for any meadows, it were merely  
To drop down in them and sleep.

- (A) a a b b
- (B) a a a b
- (C) a b a b
- (D) a b b a

91. Read the given poetic lines and answer the question that follows :

"A Geode can split to reveal  
A dazzling sight to view!"

When does a Geode split? It splits when \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) it is broken with a stone
- (B) flung against a wall
- (C) water seeps inside it
- (D) dried in the hot sun

92. Which of the following is not a poem?

- (A) Is Life But a Dream?
- (B) The Tears of the Desert
- (C) Women's Rights
- (D) A Tiger in the Zoo





97. Identify the sentence :

Considering the difficulties of his position, he has acted admirably.

- (A) Complex
- (B) Simple
- (C) Compound
- (D) None

98. Find the Odd one.

- (A) sunlight
- (B) handbag
- (C) engine driver
- (D) tell tale

99. Pick out the sentence in which there is grammatical error.

- (A) You must listen what I say
- (B) One should be true to one's word
- (C) I bought three dozen oranges
- (D) He wears an HMT watch presented by his Uncle.

100. Replace the underlined word with its American equivalent.

I bought a packet of Crisps.

- (A) Candies
- (B) Chips
- (C) Cookies
- (D) Snacks