



CDS 2 2024 English Model Question Paper

Time: 120 min.

M.M.:100

INSTRUCTION: Read questions carefully. For each wrong answer, one-third (0.27) of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted. Each question contains (0.83) marks

COMPREHENSION

Direction: In this section you have three short passages. After each passage, you will find some items based on the passage. Read the passage carefully and answer the items based on it.

“Now ladies and gentlemen.” said the conjuror, “having shown you that the cloth is absolutely empty. I will proceed to take from it a bowl of goldfish. Presto!”

All around the hall people were saying, “Oh, of course”. And everybody whispered round the hall, “He –had-it – up- his – sleeve.”

Again everybody nodded and whispered, “The –rings-were-up his- sleeve.”

The brow of the conjuror was clouded with a gathering frown.

”I will now.” He continued,” show you a most amusing trick by which I am enabled to take any number of eggs from a hat. Will some gentleman kindly lend me his hat? Ah, thank you –Presto!”

He extracted seventeen eggs, and for thirty-five seconds the audience began to think that he was wonderful. Then the Quick Man whispered along the front bench. “He has a hen-up-his –sleeve, “and all the people whispered it on.” He-has-a-lot – of hens- up his sleeve.”

The egg trick was ruined.

It went on like that all through. It transpired from the whispers of the Quick Man that the conjuror must have conceited up his sleeve, in addition to the rings, hens, and fish, several packs of cards, a loaf of bread, a doll’s cradle, a live guinea pig, a fifty-cent place, and a rocking chair.

1. “The brow of the conjuror was clouded with a gathering frown.” The sentence means that the conjuror
 - (a) Was very pleased
 - (b) Was very sad
 - (c) Was rather angry
 - (d) Was very afraid
2. “The egg trick was ruined.” This means that
 - (a) Eggs were all broken
 - (b) People were unconvinced
 - (c) Conjuror was disappointed
 - (d) The trick could not be performed
3. According to the Quick Man the conjuror
 - (a) Had everything bought for production
 - (b) Produced things with the magic he know
 - (c) Had things in the large sleeves of his coat

- (d) Created an illusion of things with his magic
4. The author believes that the Quick. Man was really.
 - (a) Foolish
 - (b) Clever
 - (c) Wrong
 - (d) Right
 5. The conjuror extracted seventeen eggs from the hat of
 - (a) The Quick Man
 - (b) His won
 - (c) One gentleman from the audience
 - (d) None of the above

PASSAGE – 2

Magda: Good Moring Mrs. Smiles It’s wet isn’t it?
Mrs. Smiles: Yes, it is, isn’t it? How are you today? You haven’t been studying too hard have you? You look a bit pale.

Magda: I don’t do I? Well, I haven’t been out much lately I don’t like this weather a bit why, we haven’t had a dry day for weeks, have we?

Mrs. Smiles: No, I don’t think we have let’s see, you’ll be going back home next month won’t you?

Magda: Oh no, I’m not going back yet. My sister’s coming over first

Mrs. Smiles: Oh, is she? You’re looking forward to that I expect. How long is it since you saw her

Magda: Nearly a year now. Yes I am looking forward to it very much.

Mrs. Smiles: She’s coming over here to study?

Magda: Yes that’s right I shan’t go back home until she’s settled down I don’t think I ought to ought I?

Mrs. Smiles: Well, no, she’s younger than you are, is she?

Magda: Yes she’s only eighteen.

6. Magda had not been out much lately because
 - (a) She had not been keeping well
 - (b) She was busy with her studies
 - (c) The weather had been unpleasant
 - (d) Her sister had come over to stay
7. Magda was not going back home yet because
 - (a) It had been raining heavily
 - (b) Her sister was coming over
 - (c) Her studies were not completed
 - (d) She was not feeling well
8. Mrs. Smiles says,” You’re looking forward to that “ This means, Magla was.... Her sister’s arrival.
 - (a) Expecting with pleasure
 - (b) Preparing hard for

- (c) Thinking greatly about
(d) Watching with joy
9. Magda's sister was coming to
(a) Visit her sister
(b) Help Mrs. Smiles
(c) Settle down in England
(d) Pursue her studies

10. Mrs. Smiles and Magda are
(a) Classmates (b) School friends
(c) Neighbors (d) Sister –in- low

SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions:- Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled as (a),(b), and (c) Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e, (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

11. It was nearly thirty years ago. /(a) since this magazine /(b) was first published. /(c) No error (d)
12. Ten years ago he was having an income /(a) of over ten thousand rupees a month; 1(b) he must indeed be a wealthy man by now. /(c) No error (d)
13. In spite of the fact /(a) that the meeting was about to end. 1(b) he insisted to ask several questions. /(c) No error (d)
14. Hardly had he entered into the room /(a) and taken his seat. /(b) when the girls began to giggle. /(c) No error (d)
15. I was disappointed /(a) when I came for seeing you last evening /(b) but could not find you at home. /(c) No error (d)
16. The number of jobs /(a) that would be satisfactory in all respects /(b) are small. /(c) No error (d)
17. I have found the man /(a) whom I know /(b) is the thief. /(c) No error (d)
18. There is no reason /(a) why he should not come /(b) since he is in town and is free. /(c) No error (d)
19. It is high time /(a) we cried a halt to the existing corrupt practices /(b) followed in the educational sphere. /(c) No error (d)
20. The situation is perilous /(a) but if we are prepared promptly to act. /(b) there is still one chance of escape. /(c) No error (d)

COMPLETION OF SENTENCE

Direction: The following items have one part of the sentence followed by four alternatives. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct alternative.

21. I stopped seeing her
(a) For she moved to the city
(b) As long as she moved to the city.
(c) No sooner than she moved to the city
(d) Because she moved to the city.
22. He led the caravan
(a) Whenever he wanted to go.
(b) Whichever he wanted to go.
(c) Wherever he wanted to go.
(d) Whomsoever he wanted to go.

23. Unless you work harder
(a) You will succumb. (b) You will pass
(c) You will fail (d) You will be promoted
24. Had I the wings of a bird
(a) I would fly away.
(b) I should fly away.
(c) I will have flown away.
(d) I could have flown away.
25. He would be happier.
(a) Was he more honest.
(b) Had he more honest.
(c) Should he be more honest.
(d) Were he more honest.
26. No sooner did I arrive at the airport
(a) Then the flight took off.
(b) Than the flight took off.
(c) Did the flight take off.
(d) Than the flight shall take off,.
27. I could not be angry with him
(a) Had I tried. (b) Should I try.
(c) If I tried. (d) Even I tried.
28. He knows only
(a) So much as I have told him.
(b) Whichever I have told him.
(c) So far as I have told him.
(d) What I have told him.
29. As you have made your bed
(a) You must learn to lie.
(b) You must adjust with the situation.
(c) So you must lie on it
(d) So that you can lie on it.
30. The younger man has more money
(a) Then brains (b) Of brains
(c) Than brains (d) For brains

ORDERING OF SENTENCES

Directions: In this section each item consists of six sentences of a passage. The first and sixth sentences are given in the beginning as S1 and S6. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up and labelled as P,Q, R and S. You are required to find the proper sequence of the four sentences and mark your response accordingly on the Answer Sheet.

31. S1: Things are often not what they seem.
S6: This happened without you even knowing it. So imagine the changes that occurs to this earth and humanity.
P: But you are really not, because the Milky Way galaxy, of which you are a part, is moving through space at 2.1 million kilometres an hour.
Q: So, in roughly twenty-second that it would have taken you to read this paragraph, you have already moved thousands of kilometre.
R: And that is without taking into account the effects of earth's ration on its won axis. Its orbiting around the sun and sun's journey around the Milky Way.

The correct sequence should be

- A. Q P R S B. S P Q R
C. R S P Q D. P Q R S

39. SI: Central government receipts can broadly be divided into non-debt and debt receipts.

S6: This is also evident from the composition of non-debt receipts.

P: Debt receipts mostly consist of market borrowing and other liabilities which the government is obliged to repay in the future.

Q: The non-debt receipts comprise of tax revenue, non-tax revenue, recovery of loans and disinvestment receipts.

R: The outcomes as reflected in the Provisional Actual figures is lower than the budget estimate owing to reduction in the net tax revenue.

S: The Budget 2018-19 targeted significantly high growth in non-debt receipts of the Central Government, which was driven by robust growth.

The correct sequence should be

- A. S R P Q B. R S Q P
C. P Q R S D. Q P R S

40. SI: The country's economy is growing and would continue to grow at a rapid pace in the coming years.

S6: The market share of electrical vehicles increases with increasing availability of infrastructure.

P: It also provides us an opportunity to grow as manufacturer of electric vehicles.

Q: According to NITI Aayog (2019), if India reaches an electric vehicles sales penetration, emission and oil savings can be achieved.

R: Given the commitments that India has made on the climate front as a nation and on environmental aspect, it is likely that larger and larger share of automobiles sector would be in the form of electric vehicles.

S: This presents a great opportunity for the automobile industry, as the demand for automobiles would only increase.

The correct sequence should be

- A. S R Q P B. R Q S P
C. Q P S R D. Q S R P

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

DIRECTION (31-40): Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the response (a), (b), (c) or (d). Which is the most appropriate expression and mark your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

41. A queer fish
(a) A strange person
(b) A good person
(c) An unlucky person
(d) A lucky person
42. Eat like a bird
(a) Eat very quickly
(b) Eat a lot

(c) Eat continuously

(d) Eat very little

43. Lock horns

- (a) Be like a bull
(b) Argue about something
(c) Agree with someone
(d) Think about the horns

44. Early bird

- (a) Low flying
(b) Latest
(c) Ancient avian
(d) First arrival

45. Be in the pink

- (a) To be very healthy
(b) To be very colourful
(c) To be very sad
(d) To be very rich

46. Be in the running

- (a) In a very bad state to speak
(b) In a powerful position
(c) In a good position to win
(d) In a losing position

47. A sea change

- (a) Change in the sea tides
(b) A complete change
(c) Change like sea
(d) Changed sea with pollution

48. A pearl of wisdom

- (a) An important event in one's life
(b) An important person of wisdom
(c) An important piece of advice
(d) An important thing in one's life

49. Be in seventh heaven

- (a) To be extremely sorry
(b) To be extremely wise
(c) To be extremely sad
(d) To be extremely happy

50. Be in the red

- (a) To owe money to a bank
(b) To get money from one's family
(c) To be in danger of being caught
(d) To be in favour of needy people

SYNONYMS

Direction: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words/groups of words. Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

51. The discussion was **WOUND UP** after a long and fruitful exchange views.
(a) Postponed (b) Cut short
(c) Interrupted (d) Concluded
52. He was fully **ALIVE** to the need for making adjustments.
(a) Concerned about (b) Worried about
(c) Aware of (d) Indifferent about
53. The police officer tried to **INTIMIDATE** the witness but in vain.

- (a) Inform (b) Reward
(c) Frighten (d) Persuade
54. We must adopt **DRASTIC** measures to control population growth.
(a) Simple (b) Dramatic
(c) Realistic (d) Severe
55. He is extremely **METICULOUS** in his approach.
(a) Simple (b) Careful
(c) Fair (d) Reasonable
56. The experts' **MINUTE** examination brought to light some important clues.
(a) Quick (b) Detailed
(c) Superficial (d) Prolonged
57. The decision of the Union Government to **REPEAL** the Urban Land Ceiling Act has been welcomed by all.
(a) Suppress (b) Amend
(c) Cancel (d) Withhold
58. This is his **MAIDEN** appearance on the screen.
(a) First (b) Last
(c) Girlish (d) Shy
59. At the end of the marathon everybody was **EXHAUSTED**.
(a) Weakened (b) Honoured
(c) Satisfied (d) Tired
60. He gave me a **COUNTERFEIT** coin.
(a) Rare (b) Fake
(c) Immatured (d) Inferior

CLOZE COMPREHENSION

Directions: Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four words or group of words given. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

- Bad habits such as over-eating, drinking or Smoking (61) very easy to acquire. One should fight (62) the force of habit. Even good things can be very harmful .when done (63) excess. The wise man is conscious (64) his bad habits and checks them promptly. The use of tobacco has spread all (65) the world. Those who have acquired this bad habit would (66) be able to get rid of it. Alcohol, which more common in cold countries than in warmer ones, does nobody any good and should be avoided (67) Alcohol, even if taken in small quantities, (68) to affect one's health. For the victims of alcoholism, (69) helps, but this condition cannot be cured Symptoms of alcoholism include repeated alcohol consumption (70) related legal and health issues.
61. (a) Have (b) Are
(c) Will (d) Shall
62. (a) From (b) For
(c) Of (d) Against
63. (a) To (b) In
(c) With (d) As
64. (a) About (b)With regard to
(c) Of (d) With

65. (a) Around (b) Of
(c) Over (d) In
66. (a) Barely (b) Scarcely
(c) Seldom (d) Hardly
67. (a) Particularly (b) Altogether
(c) At habitually (d) Discreetly
68. (a) Tends (b)Does
(c) Levels (d) Denies
69. (a) Diagnose (b) Challenge
(c) Treatment (d) Chronic
70. (a) Serious (b) Despite
(c) Meaning (d) Therapeutic

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Directions: Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space and four words or groups of words given after the sentences. Select the words or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

71. There was a time when West Germany was a distinct _____.
(a) Policy (b) Polity
(c) Abstract (d) Hierarchy
72. I was _____ with the film; I had expected it to be better.
(a) Disappointed (b) Disappointing
(c) Annoying (d) Prejudiced
73. It was a _____ experience. Everybody was shocked.
(a) Terrified (b) Horrified
(c) Terrifying (d) Denouncing
74. Elephants _____ when they perceive danger.
(a) Trumpet (b) Frolic
(c) Whine (d) Sing
75. The first film on Tagore was such a success that now they are going to make a _____.
(a) Serial (b) Sequence
(c) Sequel (d) Sequential
76. The United Nations had _____ 2020 as the International Year of Plant Health.
(a) Ruled (b) Ordered
(c) Foretold (d) Declared
77. My brother is _____ punctual, but he is late today.
(a) Normatively (b) Primarily
(c) Normally (d) Basically
78. My son is very _____; he trusts everyone.
(a) Fallible (b) Gullible
(c) Sensible (d) Credible
79. Mahatma Gandhi was a lover of humanity and a _____ believer in the goodness of human nature.
(a) Staunch (b) Powerful
(c) Cheerful (d) Hopeful
80. I wish I _____ her before we met.
(a) Know (b) Have known
(c) Knew (d) Known

WORD CLASSES

Direction (1-10): Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by

four words. Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

81. A provocative message had been doing rounds on social media to instigate the mob against migrants.
 (a) Dexterous (b) Inflammatory
 (c) Valiant (d) Prudent
82. The differences include increase in mean temperature and heavy precipitation in several regions.
 (a) Drought (b) Oasis
 (c) Rainfall (d) Snowing
83. The portal will help victims and complainants to anonymously report cyber crime.
 (a) Incognito (d) Directly
 (c) Unfailingly (d) In situ
84. He is suffering from a terminal disease.
 (a) Sublunary (b) Terrific
 (c) Chronic (d) Incurable
85. Doctors are reluctant to take rural postings despite big salary offers.
 (a) Disinclined (b) Eager
 (c) Fervent (d) Unrepentant
86. The authorities have reprimanded the subordinate officer for violating the protocol.
 (a) Extolled (b) Purported
 (c) Admonished (d) Required an apology
87. For Gandhiji, India's religious and linguistic diversity was an asset, not a liability.
 (a) Obligation (b) Advantage
 (c) Attribute (d) Reinforcement
88. How hysterical he is !
 (a) Berserk (b) Inconsistent
 (c) Duplicitous (d) Insincere
89. Mahesh is mostly prejudiced in his political opinion.
 (a) Objectionable (b) Predatory
 (c) Jaundiced (d) Intimate
90. Do not indulge in tautology
 (a) Truth telling
 (b) Proximity
 (c) Foretelling
 (d) Telepathic conversation

ORDERING OF WORDS IN A SENTENCE

Direction: In each of the items in this section, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. You are required to rearrange these parts which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence and mark in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

91. But perhaps the best way is to agree P/there are many ways of dealing Q/with them without excessive argumentation R/with intransigent customs S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) QPRS (b) QSPR
 (c) PSQR (d) RSQP

92. In the yeas following P/India achieved remarkable economic development Q/liberalization in the year 1991 R/the landmark reforms inaugurated via S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) PQRS (b) PRSQ
 (c) SPRQ (d) QPSR
93. Was the victory secured by the women's hockey team P/in the arena of sport, perhaps Q/against Australia in the Tokyo Olympics R/the greatest moment in Indian Olympic history S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) SPQR (b) RPQS
 (c) QSPR (d) QRPS
94. In terms of GDP and GNP, P/for gauging the success of a nation Q/which are the two major determinants R/economic progress is determined S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) SQRP (b) RPQS
 (c) SPRQ (d) QRPS
95. With the aplomb of a stage artist, P/that they are not men of straw Q/they can twist and shake their wobbly heads R/mesmerizing the gullible into believing S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) PRQS (b) RPSQ
 (c) SPQR (d) QRPS
96. Of its rain-soaked verdure P/and on the other there are Q/on the one hand there is the immense beauty R/the artifacts of its visible modernity S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) PRQS (b) QRSP
 (c) SPQR (d) RPQS
97. Are often rooted P/the causes, Q/of extreme poverty R/in the inequalities social systems S
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) QRPS (b) QRSP
 (c) SRQP (d) SRPQ
98. A person by the way P/he behaves and Q/you must judge R/not by the way he looks
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) RPQS (b) QRSP
 (c) QRSP (d) QPSR
99. To the greatest number of people P/that causes the least discomfort Q/whenever in doubt R/always opt for the options
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) RQPS (b) SRQP
 (c) RSQP (d) QPRS
100. Brought by bad times P/against the despondency Q/our greatest defence R/faith and belief are s
 The correct sequence should be
 (a) RQPS (b) SRQP
 (c) RSQP (d) QPRS

ANTONYMS

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by four words. Select the option that is opposite in meaning

to the underlined word/words and mark your response on your Answer Sheet accordingly.

101. The country's economy must be **geared to** wartime requirements.
(a) Subordinated to (b) Related to
(c) Adjusted to (d) Unlinked to
102. Why does fire **attract** insects ?
(a) Discharge (b) Destroy
(c) Repel (d) Remove
103. The party was excellent, and I would like to thank all the people **concerned**.
(a) Cared (b) Attentive
(c) Dependable (d) Uninvolved
104. He is very **serious** by temperament.
(a) Grave (b) Trivial
(c) Sober (d) Stupid
105. There are a few **miscellaneous** items to discuss in this meeting.
(a) Pure (b) Mixed
(c) Homogenous (d) Discordant
106. Due to the postal strike, the **outgoing** mail got delayed.
(a) Urgent (b) Incoming
(c) Ordinary (d) Speedy
107. He had a **fine** ear for music.
(a) Small (b) Close
(c) Coarse (d) Smooth
108. There is no **likeness** between him and his brother.
(a) Unlikeliness (b) Unlikelihood
(c) Dissimilarity (d) Disaffinity
109. Cultural **diversity** in the working place is good for business.
(a) Uniformity (b) Conformity
(c) Identity (d) Similarity
110. The company was **liquidated** within five years.
(a) Bankrupt (b) Closed down
(c) Flourishing (d) Privatized

115. He is the man I have been looking _____.

- (a) At (b) For
(c) In (d) On
116. Don't loiter _____ the street.
(a) Near (b) Around
(c) In (d) On
117. Sit here _____ me.
(a) By (b) Beside
(c) In (d) On
118. We mustn't shy _____ entry-level or freelance jobs as they help us gain an insight in to the context in which a company operates.
(a) In (b) With
(c) Away from (d) Upon
119. Civil society and media have a major role in making the coalition work _____ the people.
(a) For (b) About
(c) With (d) Over
120. He travelled _____ Mr. Joshi's car.
(a) By (b) For
(c) In (d) On

PREPOSITIONS AND DETERMINERS

Directions: Each of the following sentences in this section has a blank space with four options. Select whichever preposition or determiner you consider the most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

111. He succeeded _____ dint of perseverance and hard work.
(a) By (b) For
(c) On (d) Upon
112. Due to his illness, he could not finish the work _____ time.
(a) By (b) For
(c) On (d) Upon
113. There is no meaning _____ what you say.
(a) By (b) For
(c) In (d) On
114. These are good rules _____ live by.
(a) With (b) To
(c) In (d) On



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Answer key

1.	C	21.	D	41.	A	61.	B	81.	B	101.	D
2.	B	22.	C	42.	D	62.	D	82.	C	102.	C
3.	C	23.	C	43.	B	63.	B	83.	A	103.	D
4.	A	24.	A	44.	B	64.	C	84.	D	104.	D
5.	C	25.	D	45.	A	65.	C	85.	A	105.	C
6.	C	26.	B	46.	C	66.	C	86.	C	106.	B
7.	B	27.	D	47.	B	67.	B	87.	B	107.	C
8.	A	28.	C	48.	C	68.	A	88.	B	108.	C
9.	D	29.	C	49.	D	69.	C	89.	C	109.	A
10.	C	30.	C	50.	A	70.	B	90.	B	110.	C
11.	B	31.	D	51.	D	71.	B	91.	B	111.	A
12.	A	32.	A	52.	C	72.	A	92.	D	112.	C
13.	C	33.	B	53.	C	73.	C	93.	C	113.	C
14.	A	34.	A	54.	D	74.	A	94.	C	114.	B
15.	B	35.	A	55.	B	75.	C	95.	C	115.	B
16.	C	36.	C	56.	B	76.	D	96.	D	116.	B
17.	B	37.	A	57.	C	77.	C	97.	A	117.	B
18.	B	38.	C	58.	A	78.	B	98.	A	118.	C
19.	D	39.	D	59.	D	79.	A	99.	C	119.	A
20.	B	40.	B	60.	B	80.	C	100.	B	120.	C