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SUBJECT	MARK CARRIED BY EACH QUESTION / TOPIC	NO. OF CORRECT ANSWERS	MARKS OBTAINED
GK	2		
Gen. English	2		
Simple Arithmetic	2		
Computer	2		
Essay Writing	20		
English Comp.	20		
TOTAL			

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PART-A (MCQ - 160 MARKS)

All questions carry 2 marks.

Put a tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the space given in each question.

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.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (50 MARKS)

1. On July, 2026, which country launched its first-indigenously developed, hydrogen-powered train?
(a) China ()
(b) **India** ()
(c) Belgium ()
(d) Spain ()
2. The full form of PM-SHRI is:
(a) Pradhan Mantri Smart High-tech Regional Institutions ()
(b) Pradhan Mantri for Holistic Reform in India ()
(c) **Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India** ()
(d) Pradhan Mantri Secondary High Schools Renovation Initiative ()
3. The “One Sun, One World, One Grid” initiative, which saw renewed commitments in July 2026, is a collaborative effort spearheaded by India and which international body?
(a) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries ()
(b) European Environment Agency ()
(c) International Energy Agency ()
(d) **International Solar Alliance** ()
4. The present Minister of Public Works Department is:
(a) **Pu Vanlalhlana** ()
(b) Dr. Vanlalhlana ()
(c) Pu F. Rodingliana ()
(d) Pu Lalduhoma ()
5. MAL Book of the year 2025 ‘Kham leh Suar’ is written by:
(a) **Lalrammawia Ngente** ()
(b) F. Vanlalrochana ()
(c) Lalhruaitluanga Chawngte ()
(d) Mapuia Hrahse ()
6. Which wrote the book “Chin-Lushai Land”?
(a) HR. Browne ()
(b) **AS Reid** ()
(c) TH Lewin ()
(d) James Dokhuma ()

7. What did The Lex Loci Act of 1850 primarily legislate?
- (a) It gives power to Indian judges to try Europeans in criminal cases ()
 - (b) It prohibits the practice of sati ()
 - (c) It provided the right to participate in election to women ()
 - (d) **It provided the right to inherit ancestral property to Hindu Converts to Christianity** ()
8. When was the Partition of Bengal?
- (a) **1905** ()
 - (b) 1901 ()
 - (c) 1909 ()
 - (d) 1907 ()
9. Who was the first Governor General of India?
- (a) **Lord William Bentinck** ()
 - (b) Lord Canning ()
 - (c) Warren Hastings ()
 - (d) Lord Mountbatten ()
10. Who started the Home Rule Movement?
- (a) Mahatma Gandhi ()
 - (b) Bhagat Singh ()
 - (c) Vinoba Bhave ()
 - (d) **Annie Besant** ()
11. Which article of the Indian Constitution is known as the heart and soul of the Indian constitution?
- (a) **Article 32** ()
 - (b) Article 14 ()
 - (c) Article 17 ()
 - (d) Article 51 A ()
12. The Indian Legislature comprises:
- (a) The Lok Sabha ()
 - (b) The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha ()
 - (c) **The President , Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha** ()
 - (d) The President, the Vice President, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha ()
13. The Constitution of India was ordained by which of the following:
- (a) British government ()
 - (b) Government of India ()
 - (c) **People of India** ()
 - (d) Viceroy of India ()
14. The President gives his resignation to the:
- (a) Chief Justice ()
 - (b) Parliament ()
 - (c) **Vice President** ()
 - (d) Prime Minister ()

15. Which of the following groups consists entirely of Rabi crops?
- (a) Wheat, Maize, Cotton ()
 - (b) **Wheat, Barley, Mustard** ()
 - (c) Groundnut, Soybean, Mustard ()
 - (d) Wheat, Sugarcane, Millet ()
16. Which weather phenomenon brings critical winter rainfall to North and Northwest India?
- (a) **Western Disturbances** ()
 - (b) Southwest Monsoon ()
 - (c) Tropical Cyclones ()
 - (d) The Loo ()
17. Which of the following crops consist entirely of Kharif crops?
- (a) Wheat, Maize, Mustard ()
 - (b) Oats, Millet, Soybean ()
 - (c) **Maize, Cotton, Soybean** ()
 - (d) Barley, French Bean, Potato ()
18. Which type of soil is known as Regur Soil?
- (a) Alluvial Soil ()
 - (b) Red Soil ()
 - (c) Laterite soil ()
 - (d) **Black soil** ()
19. The Naying Hydroelectric Project has received official environmental clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. This major run-of-the-water project is planned on which river?
- (a) Yamuna river ()
 - (b) **Siyom (Yomgo) river** ()
 - (c) Krishna river ()
 - (d) Luni river ()
20. Which international organisation regulate rules of trade between two nations to encourage smooth globalization?
- (a) World Economic Forum ()
 - (b) World Bank ()
 - (c) International Monetary Fund ()
 - (d) **World Trade Organisation** ()
21. With the rapid rise of AI-driven automated software, an Accountant lost his job because the company no longer requires his experience in accounting. There is mismatch between the worker's old skill and the new skill demanded by the Company. What type of unemployment is he experiencing?
- (a) Disguised Unemployment ()
 - (b) **Structural Unemployment** ()
 - (c) Educated Unemployment ()
 - (d) Seasonal Unemployment ()

22. Who is the present Union Minister of Finance?
(a) Nitin Gadkhari ()
(b) Arun Jaitey ()
(c) Sanjay Malhotra ()
(d) **Nirmala Sitharaman** ()
23. Which of the following sector is known as service sector?
(a) **Tertiary Sector** ()
(b) Secondary Sector ()
(c) Primary Sector ()
(d) Quaternary Sector ()
24. What type of unemployment is typically found in the agricultural sector in India?
(a) Frictional Unemployment ()
(b) **Disguised Unemployment** ()
(c) Structural Unemployment ()
(d) Educated Unemployment ()
25. The present Finance Minister of Mizoram is:
(a) Pu K. Sapdanga ()
(b) **Pu Lalduhoma** ()
(c) Pu Lalsawivunga ()
(d) Pu Vanlalthlana ()

GENERAL ENGLISH (40 MARKS)

Direction (Question Nos.26-28) : Choose the word which is opposite of the key word.

26. Habitual
(a) **Occasional** ()
(b) Persistent ()
(c) Chronic ()
(d) Ingrained ()
27. Reproach
(a) Rebuke ()
(b) Chide ()
(c) **Commend** ()
(d) Blame ()
28. Defile
(a) Contaminate ()
(b) **Purify** ()
(c) Deception ()
(d) Defend ()

Direction (Question Nos.29-31) : Choose the word that is most similar to the one given word

29. Crunch

- (a) Soft ()
- (b) Crackle** ()
- (c) Resent ()
- (d) Misery ()

30. Empathy

- (a) Apathy ()
- (b) Compassion** ()
- (c) Indifference ()
- (d) Discord ()

31. Cantankerous

- (a) Bad-tempered** ()
- (b) Complaisant ()
- (c) Distort ()
- (d) Beautify ()

Direction (Question Nos.32-35) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles.

32. He couldn't speak _____ word to save himself.

- (a) an ()
- (b) a** ()
- (c) the ()
- (d) his ()

33. I hate to pick up _____ telephone for its constant ringing.

- (a) a ()
- (b) an ()
- (c) the** ()
- (d) them ()

34. _____ more they get, _____ more they want.

- (a) A / a ()
- (b) The / the** ()
- (c) An / the ()
- (d) The / a ()

35. The hospital recently bought _____ X-ray machine.

- (a) a ()
- (b) the ()
- (c) those ()
- (d) an** ()

Direction (Question Nos.36-39) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

36. He stayed _____ the Tourist Hotel.

- (a) at ()
- (b) in ()
- (c) on ()
- (d) to ()

37. Divide the sweets _____ the three boys.

- (a) between ()
- (b) toward ()
- (c) among ()
- (d) across ()

38. She lives _____ Aizawl.

- (a) at ()
- (b) by ()
- (c) on ()
- (d) in ()

39. She walked _____ the bank of the river and back.

- (a) at ()
- (b) in ()
- (c) to ()
- (d) over ()

Direction (Question Nos.40-41) : Choose the correct sentence.

40.

- (a) He is senior to me ()
- (b) He is senior than me ()
- (c) He is more senior to me ()
- (d) He is not junior than me ()

41.

- (a) The climate of Aizawl is better than Guwahati ()
- (b) The climate of Aizawl is better than that of Guwahati ()
- (c) The climate of Aizawl is better than those of Guwahati ()
- (d) The climate of Aizawl is more better than that of Guwahati ()

Direction (Question Nos.42-45) : Choose the appropriate meaning of the idiom:

42. To smell a rat

- (a) Signs of epidemic ()
- (b) Bad smell ()
- (c) To suspect that something is deceptive in a situation ()
- (d) To be in a bad mood ()

43. To fall flat

- (a) To lay in one's bed ()
- (b) Miss the intended result** ()
- (c) To quarrel ()
- (d) To fall down ()

44. Talk shop

- (a) Talk about shopping ()
- (b) Gossiping ()
- (c) Being colourful ()
- (d) Talk about one's profession** ()

45. Dog in the manger

- (a) A person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to himself** ()
- (b) A person who is disliked by others ()
- (c) A person who is famous for philanthropy ()
- (d) A person who advocates intensely for animal welfare ()

SIMPLE ARITHMETIC - 40 MARKS

46. What is the smallest number to be subtracted from 42739 so that the remaining number is perfectly divisible by 15?

- (a) 4** ()
- (b) 8 ()
- (c) 15 ()
- (d) 2 ()

47. In how many ways can the letters of the word REMAKE be arranged?

- (a) 250 ()
- (b) 360** ()
- (c) 540 ()
- (d) 670 ()

48. A pillow was bought for ₹572 after getting a discount of 12% on its MP. Find the MP.

- (a) ₹650** ()
- (b) ₹600 ()
- (c) ₹700 ()
- (d) ₹750 ()

49. What same number must be added to the terms of the ratio 11:29 for it to become 11:20?

- (a) 18 ()
- (b) 9 ()
- (c) 11** ()
- (d) 20 ()

50. How many bricks will be required to construct a wall 8m long, 6m high and 22 cm thick if each brick measures $25\text{cm} \times 11\text{ cm} \times 6\text{cm}$?
- (a) 4500 ()
- (b) 6400** ()
- (c) 5200 ()
- (d) 7100 ()
51. In a group of 850 people, 600 can speak English and 340 can speak Hindi. How many people can speak Hindi only?
- (a) 250** ()
- (b) 150 ()
- (c) 640 ()
- (d) 300 ()
52. A father is twice as old as his son. 20 years ago, the age of the father was 12 times the age of the son. The present age of the father (in years) is:
- (a) 52 ()
- (b) 72 ()
- (c) 67 ()
- (d) 44** ()
53. A, B and C enter into a partnership. A invested some money in the beginning. B invested double the amount after 6 months and C invested thrice the amount after 8 months. If the annual profit is ₹27,000, C's share is:
- (a) ₹5000 ()
- (b) ₹8000 ()
- (c) ₹7000 ()
- (d) ₹9000** ()
54. A pole got broken by the wind whose top meets the ground at an angle of 30° at a distance of 90m from the foot. What was the total height of the pole?
- (a) $30\sqrt{3}$ ()
- (b) $90\sqrt{3}$** ()
- (c) $60\sqrt{3}$ ()
- (d) $40\sqrt{3}$ ()
55. At one corner of a rectangular field $25\text{m} \times 20\text{ m}$, a horse is tied with a rope of 14 m. The maximum area where the horse can graze in the field is:
- (a) 185 m^2 ()
- (b) 145 m^2 ()
- (c) 130 m^2 ()
- (d) 154 m^2** ()

56. Ruata sold his book at ₹270 and lost 10%. To get a profit of 10% he should have sold the book at a price of:
- (a) ₹330 ()
- (b) ₹300 ()
- (c) ₹380 ()
- (d) ₹350 ()
57. The decimal 0.2454545... is equal to:
- (a) $\frac{27}{110}$ ()
- (b) $\frac{25}{110}$ ()
- (c) $\frac{35}{245}$ ()
- (d) $\frac{30}{250}$ ()
58. Anand can do a piece of work in 12 days and Mr. Kane is twice as fast as Anand. If they work together on the same piece of work, in what time will they complete the work?
- (a) 5 days ()
- (b) 4 days ()
- (c) 9 days ()
- (d) 7 days ()
59. A tap can fill a tank in 40 minutes. But there is a leakage which can empty the tank in 1 hour 20 minutes. If the tap is kept open without repairing, when will the tank be full?
- (a) 50 minutes ()
- (b) 60 minutes ()
- (c) 110 minutes ()
- (d) 80 minutes ()
60. In a mixture of 42 litres, the ratio of alcohol and water is 6:1. If 3 litres of water is mixed in it, find the ratio of alcohol and water in the new mixture.
- (a) 1:4 ()
- (b) 7:2 ()
- (c) 4:1 ()
- (d) 2:7 ()
61. 12 men went to a restaurant. 11 of them spent ₹5 each and the 12th person spent 11 more than the average expenditure of all. Find the total money spent by them.
- (a) ₹52 ()
- (b) ₹66 ()
- (c) ₹72 ()
- (d) ₹90 ()

62. The sum of the first 30 natural numbers is:

- (a) **465** ()
- (b) 450 ()
- (c) 485 ()
- (d) 500 ()

63. Find the SI on ₹7,200 at 8% p.a. for 10 months.

- (a) ₹720 ()
- (b) **₹480** ()
- (c) ₹500 ()
- (d) ₹650 ()

64. Find the mean of 7.5, 9.2, 10.4, 8.6, 4.8, 6.9.

- (a) 8 ()
- (b) **7.9** ()
- (c) 6.2 ()
- (d) 5.2 ()

65. A man goes to his office at the speed of 8 km/hr and returns at the speed of 12 km/hr. If he takes 10 hrs in all, find the total distance covered by him.

- (a) **96 km** ()
- (b) 74 km ()
- (c) 48 km ()
- (d) 67 km ()

BASIC COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE - 30 MARKS

66. Time during which a task is processed by a computer is known as:

- (a) **Execution Time** ()
- (b) Real Time ()
- (c) Down Time ()
- (d) Response Time ()

67. Which of the following is not a function of an operating system?

- (a) Memory management ()
- (b) File management ()
- (c) **Compiler design** ()
- (d) Process management ()

68. Ctrl + Down Arrow is used to:

- (a) **Move the cursor one paragraph down** ()
- (b) Move the cursor one page down ()
- (c) Move the cursor one line down ()
- (d) Move the cursor one screen down ()

69. Which of the following is not a computer language?
- (a) Python ()
 - (b) HTML ()
 - (c) C+ ()
 - (d) Java ()
70. Which Excel function is used to join two or more text strings?
- (a) JOIN ()
 - (b) **CONCATENATE** ()
 - (c) MERGE ()
 - (d) BULK ()
71. Which component is used to hold text or graphics on a PowerPoint slide?
- (a) Tables ()
 - (b) Template ()
 - (c) **Placeholder** ()
 - (d) Themes ()
72. What is the smallest unit of data in a computer?
- (a) **Binary Digit** ()
 - (b) Byte ()
 - (c) Nibble ()
 - (d) Megabyte ()
73. Which of the following servers convert IP addresses to domain names?
- (a) **DNS** ()
 - (b) Cloud Services ()
 - (c) Email ()
 - (d) P2P ()
74. What does a system bus do?
- (a) Allows user to communicate with the computer ()
 - (b) Carries out instructions ()
 - (c) **Connects various components within the computer** ()
 - (d) Stores data and instructions ()
75. What does a Graphical User Interface display?
- (a) Text ()
 - (b) Graphics ()
 - (c) **Both (a) and (b)** ()
 - (d) None of the above ()
76. In Mail Merge, the document that contains the main body of text is called the:
- (a) Data Source ()
 - (b) Template File ()
 - (c) Merged Document ()
 - (d) **Master Document** ()

77. How do you insert a hyperlink in MS PowerPoint?
- (a) Choose Insert > Hyperlink ()
 - (b) Press Ctrl + K ()
 - (c) Hyperlinks cannot be inserted in slides ()
 - (d) **Both (a) and (b)** ()
78. What is meant by Netiquette?
- (a) **Proper behaviour and etiquette on the internet** ()
 - (b) Rules for online transactions ()
 - (c) Internet security software ()
 - (d) Protection against cyber crime ()
79. HTTPS is different from HTTP because it:
- (a) Is slower than HTTP ()
 - (b) Does not use browsers ()
 - (c) **Provides security and encrypted communication** ()
 - (d) Works offline only ()
80. What is the full form of SMTP?
- (a) Server Mail Transmission Protocol ()
 - (b) **Simple Mail Transfer Protocol** ()
 - (c) Server Mail Transfer Protocol ()
 - (d) Short Mail Transmission Protocol ()

PART-B (CONVENTIONAL TYPE - 40 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 1 (one)** of the following topics: (20)
- (a) Narcotic smuggling: The menace of drug smuggling and public health
 - (b) Health is the foundation of a successful life
 - (c) Sanitation and society
 - (d) Social media: A blessing or a curse

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

Understanding India requires acknowledging its deep, often conflicting paradoxes, from being a land of immense suffering to one described as a paradise. It is a culture that embraced non-violent resistance, yet was born from intense bloodshed. The country balances a resistance to global fast-food chains with becoming a global software hub, hosting four major religions and unparalleled cultural diversity, including hundreds of ways to prepare a single dish.

The central thesis is that any single description of India is immediately contradicted by another; thus, the nation must be spoken of in the plural. In India, every group is, in some context, a minority. Instead of being defined by blood or a single ethnic identity, India is a nation of shared belonging and a collective, consensual narrative.

Contrary to the Western idea of the “melting pot,” where different cultures blend into a uniform whole, India acts more like a Thali. It is a collection of distinct cultural traditions that coexist, maintaining their unique flavors while contributing to a complete, harmonious meal, rather than forcing uniformity.

Finally, when interpreting history, we cannot change the past, for it acts as its own revenge. Instead of creating narrow, singular narratives that destroy a civilization’s unique, layered, and complex nature, it is vital to recognize the past as a diverse inheritance that has shaped the present day.

2. What core paradox about India does the author highlight in the first paragraph? (2)
3. What happens when a country narrows its history to a single narrative? (2)
4. What did Indian culture elevate to an effective moral principle? (2)
5. Why does the author state that India must be spoken of in the plural? (2)
6. Give the similar word found in the passage: (5×1=5)
 - (a) Contradicting
 - (b) Legacy
 - (c) Welcomed
 - (d) Unique
 - (e) Unified/Balanced
7. State one specific example of cultural diversity mentioned by the author in the beginning of the passage (1)
8. According to the metaphor in the third paragraph, what do the different dishes in a Thali maintain while contributing to the whole meal? (1)
9. What is it that acts as “its own revenge”? (1)
10. Explain the meaning of the words with example: (2×2=4)
 - (a) Resistance
 - (b) Unparalleled
