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GENERAL ABILITY TEST

Time Allowed : Two Hours

Maximum Marks : 200

INSTRUCTIONS

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2. ENCODE CLEARLY THE TEST BOOKLET SERIES **A, B, C** OR **D** AS THE CASE MAY BE IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE ANSWER SHEET.
3. You have to enter your Roll Number on the Test Booklet in the Box provided alongside. *DO NOT* write *anything else* on the Test Booklet.
4. This Test Booklet contains **120** items (questions), 60 in PART—A and 60 in PART—B. Each item comprises four responses (answers). You will select the response which you want to mark on the Answer Sheet. In case you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose *ONLY ONE* response for each item.
5. You have to mark all your responses *ONLY* on the separate Answer Sheet provided. See directions in the Answer Sheet.
6. All items carry equal marks.
7. Before you proceed to mark in the Answer Sheet the response to various items in the Test Booklet, you have to fill in some particulars in the Answer Sheet as per instructions sent to you with your Admission Certificate.
8. After you have completed filling in all your responses on the Answer Sheet and the examination has concluded, you should hand over to the Invigilator *only the Answer Sheet*. You are permitted to take away with you the Test Booklet.
9. Sheets for rough work are appended in the Test Booklet at the end.
10. **Penalty for wrong answers :**
THERE WILL BE PENALTY FOR WRONG-ANSWERS MARKED BY A CANDIDATE IN THE OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTION PAPERS.
 - (i) There are four alternatives for the answer to every question. For each question for which a wrong answer has been given by the candidate, **one-third (0.33)** of the marks assigned to that question will be deducted as penalty.
 - (ii) If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a **wrong answer** even if one of the given answers happens to be correct and there will be same penalty as above to that question.
 - (iii) If a question is left blank, i.e., no answer is given by the candidate, there will be **no penalty** for that question.

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PART—A

COMPREHENSION

Directions (For the **eight** items which follow) :

In this section, you have two short passages. After each passage, you will find some questions based on the passage. First read a passage and answer the questions based on it. You have to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

PASSAGE—I

If we think about the men and women whose judgement on practical affairs and on conduct we respect, we should certainly agree that academic education did not seem to be very important in their being. We should say that some of them were learned and others not, some rich, others poor. They had no special training or accomplishment. That is why we contrast the one-sidedness of the expert with the good sense or common sense of an ordinary man and why democrats think that the proposals of the expert should be improved by the ordinary man.

1. The use of the epithet 'academic' is

- (a) honorific
- (b) referential
- (c) pejorative
- (d) sardonic

3. The observation that men and women of (sound) judgement have no special training is

- (a) a sweeping generalization
- (b) indifferent
- (c) condensed
- (d) superimposed

2. Sound judgement derives from

- (a) meditation
- (b) emotionality
- (c) specialization
- (d) experience

4. The inference drawn by the author in this passage is

- (a) balanced
- (b) self-contradictory
- (c) open-ended
- (d) ambiguous

PASSAGE—II

The clock struck a quarter past nine as Mary hurried into the big block of offices where she was going to work. Her bus had crawled through the dense city traffic, making her a few minutes late for her very first job. She resolved to leave home earlier the next day.

Inside the building she had to wait once again, this time for the lift to take her up to the sixth floor. When at last she reached the door marked 'J. King, Manager', she knocked rather nervously and waited. There was no answer. She tapped on the door again, but still there was no reply. From inside the next room she could hear the sound of voices, so she opened the door and went in.

5. Mary was late for the office because

- (a) it took time for her to walk through the dense city traffic
- (b) she had to cross several blocks of offices to reach her office buildings
- (c) she started late from home
- (d) the bus took more time for the journey than expected

6. Mary was nervous because

- (a) she was afraid of seeing the Manager
- (b) she was new to the city
- (c) she was late
- (d) of the strain of the journey to office

7. Consider the following statements :

Mary opened the door and entered the room because

- 1. she was impatient and impolite
- 2. she was nervous
- 3. she thought that the Manager hadn't come although other office workers have

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

8. The impression Mary gave is of

- (a) an unpunctual person
- (b) a person who cannot manage her own affairs
- (c) a person who had not worked in any office before
- (d) a restless person

SYNONYMS

Directions (For the **seven** items which follow) :

Each of the following items consists of a sentence followed by four words or groups of words. Select the **synonym** of the underlined word in the sentence as per the context.

9. A judicious use of resources is necessary for planned development.
(a) biased
(b) sensible
(c) exact
(d) honest
10. No one knows exactly what transpired at the meeting of the two captains.
(a) was communicated
(b) was discussed
(c) happened
(d) conspired
11. She is obstinate in refusing to see a doctor.
(a) foolish
(b) unyielding
(c) unreasonable
(d) mischievous
12. Though she has two maidservants, she is always busy attending to sundry household tasks.
(a) countless
(b) various
(c) certain
(d) several
13. He is prepared to undertake even menial jobs.
(a) lowly
(b) tough
(c) dangerous
(d) low-paid
14. The new policy will provide added impetus to the development programmes.
(a) financial support
(b) accelerated growth
(c) retarded growth
(d) driving force
15. Let us try to emulate the great man's achievements.
(a) praise
(b) find out
(c) follow
(d) assess

SPOTTING ERRORS

Directions (For the **five** items which follow) :

In this section, a number of sentences are given. The sentences are underlined in three separate parts and each one is labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error in any underlined part. No sentence has more than one error. When you find an error in any one of the underlined parts, i.e., (a), (b) or (c), indicate your response on the separate Answer Sheet at the appropriate space. You may feel that there is no error in a sentence. In that case, letter (d) will signify a 'No error' response.

16. What made him to do it, or who provoked him is still not known. No error
(a) (b) (c) (d)

17. Though it is a month since he has left us, he has not written to us yet,
(a) (b)
and we do not know what he has been doing. No error
(c) (d)

18. No sooner did he receive the promotion order he telephoned the news to his wife
(a) (b)
and let her know it. No error
(c) (d)

19. The job wasn't interesting but on the contrary it was well paid. No error
(a) (b) (c) (d)

20. How birds know when to fly south for the winter? No error
(a) (b) (c) (d)

ORDERING PARTS OF A SENTENCE

Directions (For the **ten** items which follow) :

In the following items, some parts of the sentence 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.

21. Freedom implies not only emancipation from P equal distribution of wealth Q
but also R political bondage S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS
(b) PSRQ
(c) SPRQ
(d) QPRS

22. In the second half of the 9th Century, Norway,
under the strong hand of Harold the fair-headed P
a number of small independent kingdoms Q
started getting united R then consisting of S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS
(b) SQRP
(c) RQSP
(d) QPSR

23. The police officer who were caught red-handed on the pickpockets
to put the handcuffs asked the constables
R P Q S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS
(b) SPQR
(c) QRSP
(d) SRQP
24. As soon as at the platform the train arrived rushed towards it
P Q R
the vendors with their wares
S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PRQS
(b) QSPR
(c) QPSR
(d) QRPS
25. Ice creams generally have their volume decreases significantly
P
a shelf life of six months minus 20 degrees Centigrade
Q R
but if they are not stored at the right temperature of
S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PRQS
(b) QSRP
(c) RPQS
(d) SQRP

26. When hatred which hearts are full of silence is probably the best alternative
P Q R
people dare not vent
S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RPQS ✓
(b) PRSQ
(c) RQPS
(d) QPSR

27. The British king, it is said, has lost almost every vestige of political power
P Q
and indeed, is no longer an autocrat
R S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS
(b) RQSP
(c) RSQP
(d) SRPQ

28. put your address and your name above it of the right-hand corner at the top
P Q R S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS
(b) PRSQ
(c) PSRQ
(d) PSQR

29. The judge who wanted a long date in the case of the defence lawyer
P Q
turned down the request when he was in his chamber
R S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RQSP
- (b) PRQS
- (c) SRQP
- (d) RPQS

30. A villager to settle down who had murdered his neighbour as an astrologer
P Q R
went away to a distant town
S

The correct sequence should be

- (a) SRQP
- (b) RQSP
- (c) QSPR
- (d) PRQS

ORDERING OF SENTENCES

Directions (For the **ten** items which follow) :

In the following items, each passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentence are given in the beginning as S_1 and S_6 . The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled P, Q, R and S. You are required to find out the proper sequence of the four sentences and mark accordingly on the Answer Sheet.

31. S_1 : Our Armed Forces operate in the widest imaginable spectrum of inhospitable and hazardous conditions.

S_6 : The art of leadership will also become that much easier to acquire.

P : Of all such qualities, I would strongly urge you to focus on two which I think contain the essence of leadership.

Q : Therefore, you as future officers will need to develop those essential qualities which will inspire your men to follow you.

R : If you demonstrate these in good measure, you will earn the respect of the men you command.

S : They are developing the highest level of professional competence, and maintaining the highest standards of integrity in your personal and professional life.

The correct sequence should be

(a) QPSR

(b) SQPR

(c) QPRS

(d) SPRQ

32. S_1 : The practice followed in introducing a young male into the religious sect was brief.

S_6 : He was then expected to repeat those words several times.

P : The religious leader next uttered some words into his ears.

Q : He then got new clothes to wear.

R : The boy's head was shaved off.

S : He was given a holy bath.

The correct sequence should be

(a) RSQP

(b) SQPR

(c) PSQR

(d) QRPS

33. S₁ : People feel particularly concerned about the effect of TV programmes on children.

S₆ : Indeed, many psychologists and educationists believe that TV programmes provide a harmless outlet for their aggressive emotions.

P : Scenes of crimes and violence appear to make little or no impression on normal children.

Q : The criminals should also be punished.

R : Their chief interest is that the story should end satisfactorily.

S : But all available evidences suggest that TV influences people much less than people fear.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) QRSP
- (b) RQSP
- (c) PRQS
- (d) SPRQ

34. S₁ : A football match was arranged between the seniors and the juniors last week.

S₆ : Finally, the seniors won with a goal scored during the crucial last few minutes.

P : The teams were evenly poised at the beginning.

Q : At the half-time, no goal had been scored.

R : The seniors fought back gallantly.

S : As the game progressed, the juniors appeared to have an edge.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) PQRS
- (b) PSRQ
- (c) PRQS
- (d) RSQP

35. S₁ : In August and September, there was an unusually heavy rain in the northern parts of the country.

S₆ : Six important south-bound trains have been cancelled.

P : So now there is a great shortage of coal in the country.

Q : Therefore, for more than four months, no coal could be taken out of the mines.

R : The water entered the coal mines.

S : The railways have had to stop the running of several trains because they cannot get enough coal.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) QRSR
- (b) PQRS
- (c) RQPS
- (d) SPQR

36. S₁ : The way in which one writes a diary is often different from the way in which one writes English normally.

S₆ : Thus the language of a diary is somewhat similar to a telegraphic message.

P : Thoughts and feelings may be expressed in a somewhat disconnected manner, as they flash through the mind.

Q : The sentences need not be complete.

R : This is so because a diary is meant only as a personal record.

S : Also, people use many abbreviated forms—e.g., 'fab' for 'fabulous'.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) QRSP
- (b) PQSR
- (c) PQRS
- (d) QPRS

37. S₁ : For another hour, they were up to their waists in snow.

S₆ : It was not the best of places.

P : He decided to establish the second camp where they were.

Q : Then they reached the foot of the great wall.

R : Herzog doubted whether it was wise to increase still further the distance between the first camp and the second.

S : They had come a long way since morning.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) RSQP
- (b) PSRQ
- (c) SRPQ
- (d) QSRP

38. S₁ : Men have always been interested in the movement of birds.

S₆ : If you are interested in them, then you may like to read a book on the movement of birds.

P : They have tried to study their habits as closely as they can.

Q : But people had strange ideas as to where the birds went.

R : Their findings can be found in books everywhere.

S : It has been known since earliest times that change of seasons influences their movement.

The correct sequence should be

- (a) SQPR
- (b) PRQS
- (c) SRQP
- (d) SPQR

39. S₁ : Bamboo is actually a type of grass that reaches a great height.

S₆ : Major producers of bamboo are Malaya, China, Japan and India.

P : Bamboo grows best in tropical countries.

Q : Some grow only a few feet, but there are some varieties that reach a height of more than a hundred feet.

R : However, there are some kinds that grow in cooler regions.

S : They look more like trees but nonetheless are grasses.

The correct sequence should be

(a) PSRQ

(b) SQPR

(c) PQRS

~~(d) QSPR~~

40. S₁ : There was once an engine driver who was a very cheerful man.

S₆ : Cheerfulness is better than grumbling.

P : When he was taken to hospital it was found necessary to amputate one of his legs, which was badly injured.

Q : One day his train ran into another, and he was terribly injured.

R : Hearing this, the engine driver smiled and said, "Not at all. I shall only have one boot to buy and clean in future."

S : Some days afterwards a party of friends visited him, and one said to another, "I am afraid the poor fellow will have some difficulty in seeing the bright side of this affair."

The correct sequence should be

~~(a) QPSR~~

(b) QRPS

(c) PQRS

(d) RQPS

