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NDA English  
COMPETITIVE EXAMS - NDA

Time Allowed: 50 minutes

Maximum Marks : 200

General Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.
- This test has 50 questions. If you find more than one correct answer choose the best one. You can choose ONLY ONE response for each question.
- For every wrong attempt, 1/3 marks will be deducted.

PART-A

- Find suitable OPPOSITE meaning of the word. **SHIMMERING** [4]
    - Gloomy
    - Glimmering
    - Repining
    - Refreshing
  - Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.  
There is no likeness between him and his brother. [4]
    - Disaffinity
    - Dissimilarity
    - Unlikelihood
    - Similarity
  - Out of the four alternatives suggested, choose the one which best expresses the OPPOSITE meaning of the word **KNACK** [4]
    - Enmity
    - Inability
    - Skill
    - Disgusting
  - Out of the four alternatives suggested, choose the one which best expresses the OPPOSITE meaning of the word **INSOLENT** [4]
    - Arrogant
    - Submissive
    - Disdainful
    - Overbearing
  - Select the word which is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.  
His integrity is noticed. [4]
    - Dishonesty
    - Dependability
    - Ability
    - Skilfulness
- Question No. 6 to 15 are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**  
In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First, read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.  
The Aryans (1) about northern Asia and Europe over the wide grasslands. But as their numbers grew and the climate became drier and the land (2), there was not (3) food for all of them to eat. (4) they were forced to move to other parts of the world in search of (5). They spread out all over Europe and (6) to India, Persia and Mesopotamia. Thus we find that nearly all the people of Europe and northern India and Persia and Mesopotamia, although they differ so much (7) each other now, are really descendants from the same (8), the Aryans. Of course this was very long (9) and since then much has happened and races have got mixed up to a large extent. The Aryans are, (10), one great ancestral race of the people of the world today.
- Find the best suitable option out of wandered, wondered, worked, worried to fill (1) in the above passage. [4]
    - Worked
    - Wondered
    - Worried
    - Wandered
  - Find the best suitable option out of grassful, green, grassless, dead to fill (2) in the above passage. [4]
    - Green
    - Dead
    - Grassless
    - Grassful
  - Find the best suitable option out of full, enough, plenty, grass to fill (3) in the above passage. [4]
    - Full
    - Plenty
    - Grass
    - Enough
  - Find the best suitable option out of So, As, Because, Yet to fill (4) in the above passage. [4]
    - Yet
    - As
    - So
    - Because
  - Find the best suitable option out of riches, money, shelter, food to fill (5) in the above passage. [4]
    - Riches
    - Money
    - Shelter
    - Food
  - Find the best suitable option out of went, came, come, has come to fill (6) in the above passage. [4]
    - Came
    - Come
    - Has come
    - Went
  - Find the best suitable option out of to, with, on, from to fill (7) in the above passage. [4]
    - To
    - From
    - On
    - With
  - Find the best suitable option out of friends, family, ancestors, Aryans to fill (8) in the above passage. [4]
    - Ancestors
    - Aryans
    - Family
    - Friends
  - Find the best suitable option out of ago, time, period, wait to fill (9) in the above passage. [4]
    - Time
    - Period
    - Wait
    - Ago
  - Find the best suitable option out of so, since, therefore, but to fill (10) in the above passage. [4]
    - Therefore
    - So
    - But
    - Since
  - Choose the correct alternative out of the four. The three brothers formed a little \_\_\_\_\_ within the family. [4]
    - Coterie
    - Camp
    - Clique
    - Band
  - Choose the correct alternative out of the four to make the sentence grammatically and meaningfully correct. If you litter, you \_\_\_\_\_ to pay a fine. [4]

- a) Would have                      b) Will have  
c) Would had                        d) Will had
- 18) Choose the correct alternative out of the four. Dr. Sharma concluded his speech \_\_\_\_\_ stressing the Buddha's teachings of the importance of charity. [4]  
a) With                                b) At  
c) In                                      d) By
- 19) Choose the correct alternative out of the four. Bob and Jane decided to tie the knot because \_\_\_\_\_. [4]  
a) They loved one another  
b) It had come undone  
c) They wanted to make a long rope  
d) They needed to save money
- 20) Choose the correct alternative out of the four. Go home immediately \_\_\_\_\_ your mother is looking for you. [4]  
a) But                                  b) Because  
c) So that                              d) After
- 21) Three people were arrested and an illegal arms unit was \_\_\_\_\_ by the police in a raid. [4]  
a) Searched                          b) Revealed  
c) Busted                                d) Discovered
- 22) Choose the correct alternative out of the four. The human mind seems to have built - in \_\_\_\_\_ against original thought. [4]  
a) Safeguards                        b) Prejudices  
c) Interests                            d) Ideas
- 23) Choose the correct alternative out of the four. His reputation has been \_\_\_\_\_ by his foolish acts. [4]  
a) Decreased                        b) Tainted  
c) Increased                          d) Retrieved
- 24) Choose the correct alternative. You will not be allowed to enter \_\_\_\_\_ you have an entry pass. [4]  
a) But                                  b) When  
c) If                                        d) Unless
- 25) Choose the correct alternative out of the four. The master assured her \_\_\_\_\_ success in the examination. [4]  
a) Of                                      b) For  
c) In                                        d) With
- 26) Find suitable meaning of the Idiom/Phrase given in bold. The beleaguered politician was anxious to **set the record straight**. [4]  
a) Give a speech  
b) Win party support  
c) Give a correct account  
d) Make a confession
- 27) Find suitable meaning of the Idiom/Phrase given in bold. **Beyond the pale** [4]  
a) Unreasonable or unacceptable  
b) Distasteful  
c) Full of rhetoric  
d) Beyond redemption
- 28) Find suitable meaning of the Idiom/Phrase given in bold. His argument does **not hold water**. [4]  
a) To have effect  
b) To influence  
c) Sound logical fact  
d) To check the flow of water
- 29) Find suitable meaning of the Idiom/Phrase given in bold. **Couch potato** [4]  
a) Someone who stays calm and does not show their emotions  
b) A person who does not seem very friendly.  
c) An old person who has old fashioned ideas.  
d) A person who prefers to watch television.
- 30) Find suitable meaning of the Idiom/Phrase given in bold. **build castles in the air** [4]  
a) Daydream                            b) Work hard  
c) Waste time                          d) Build houses
- 31) In the question given below, the passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Find out the proper order of the four sentences.  
S1 : Mr. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson were spending a weekend in a University town.  
S6 : It was clear that something very unusual happened.  
P : one evening, they received a visit from an acquaintance, Mr. Hilton Soames  
Q : on that occasion, he was in a state of great agitation  
R : they were staying in furnished rooms, close to the library  
S : Mr. Soames was a tall, thin man of a nervous and excitable nature  
The proper sequence should be: [4]  
a) RPQS                                b) PQRS  
c) RPSQ                                d) PRSQ
- 32) In the question given below, the passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Find out the proper order of the four sentences.  
S1 : The cooperative system of doing business is a good way of encouraging ordinary workers to work hard.  
S6 : The main object is to maintain the interest of every member of the society and to ensure that the members participate actively in the projects of society.  
P : If the society is to be well run, it is necessary to prevent insincere officials being elected to the committee which is responsible for the running of business.  
Q : They get this from experienced and professional workers who are not only familiar with the cooperative system, but also with efficient method of doing business.  
R : To a large extent, many cooperative societies need advice and guidance.  
S : The capital necessary to start a business venture is obtained by the workers contributions.  
The correct sequence should be [4]  
a) SQPR                                b) PQSR  
c) PSRQ                                d) SRQP
- 33) In the question given below, the passage consists of six sentences. The first and the sixth sentences are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled as P, Q, R and S. Find out the proper order of the four sentences.  
S1 : The ruin of Indian handicrafts was reflected in the ruin of the towns and cities which were famous for their manufactures.  
S6 : centres were developed and laid waste.  
P : Dacca, Surat, Murshidabad and many other rising industrial

Q : ravages of war and plunder, failed to

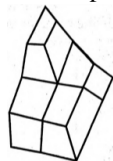
R : survive British conquest

S : cities which had withstood the

The correct sequence should be [4]

- a) SRPQ                      b) PQRS  
c) QRSP                      d) SQRP

- 34) The figure below is a drawing of a pile of blocks. When taken apart, how many blocks would be there ?



[4]

- a) 4                              b) 5  
c) 3                              d) 6

- 35) Rearrange the parts of the sentence in the correct order.

1. My hobby is to collect thought - provoking articles from newspapers, magazines and Journals.

- i. It has made me a much sought - after speaker.  
ii. It keeps me updated and helps me in my profession.  
iii. My successful talks give me self - satisfaction and fame.  
iv. Whenever I have to deliver a talk on topics such as education, personality development, stress management, I have a lot to say.

6. There is no doubt that a hobby is a boon if it combines pleasure and usefulness.

[4]

- a) PQRS                      b) QSPR  
c) SPQR                      d) RSPQ

- 36) Which part of the given sentence is erroneous? In case, there is no error, choose option (d).

- i. This monument happens  
ii. To be one of the old monument  
iii. In the city  
iv. No error

[4]

- a) Option (c)                      b) Option (d)  
c) Option (a)                      d) Option (b)

- 37) Which part of the given sentence is erroneous? In case, there is no error, choose option (d).

- i. It is an established fact that the transcendental American poets and philosophers,  
ii. Who lived in the latter half of the 19th century,  
iii. Were more influenced by Indian philosophy, in particular by Upanishadic Philosophy.  
iv. No error

[4]

- a) Option (a)                      b) Option (d)  
c) Option (b)                      d) Option (c)

- 38) Which part of the given sentence is erroneous? In case, there is no error, choose option (d).

- i. The Olympic Games reflects  
ii. The highest spirit of  
iii. Human endeavor and achievement.  
iv. No error

[4]

- a) Option (a)                      b) Option (c)  
c) Option (d)                      d) Option (b)

- 39) Which part of the given sentence is erroneous? In case, there is no error, choose option (d).

- i. I have the opportunity

ii. To study

iii. In America next year.

iv. No error

[4]

- a) Option (c)                      b) Option (a)  
c) Option (b)                      d) Option (d)

- 40) Which part of the given sentence is erroneous? In case, there is no error, choose option (d).

- i. I'm not working tomorrow  
ii. So I don't had to  
iii. Get up early.  
iv. No error

[4]

- a) Option (a)                      b) Option (c)  
c) Option (d)                      d) Option (b)

**Question No. 41 to 45 are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

**Magda** Good morning, Mrs. Smiles. It's wet, isn't it?

**Mrs. Smiles** Yes, it is, isn't it? How are you today? All right? 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.

- 41) Magda was not going back home yet because [4]

- a) It had been raining heavily  
b) Her sister was coming over  
c) She was not feeling well  
d) Her studies were not completed

- 42) Mrs. Smiles says, "You're looking forward to that". This means that Magda was ..... her sister's arrival. [4]

- a) Expecting with pleasure  
b) Watching with joy  
c) Preparing hard for  
d) Thinking greatly about

- 43) Magda's sister was coming to [4]

- a) Settle down in England  
b) Pursue her studies  
c) Help Mrs. Smiles  
d) Visit her sister

- 44) Mrs. Smiles and Magda are [4]

- a) Classmates                      b) Neighbours  
c) School friends                      d) Sisters - in - law

- 45) Magda had not been out much lately because [4]

- a) She had not been keeping well  
b) She was busy with her studies  
c) Her sister had come over to stay  
d) The weather had been unpleasant

- 46) The given item consists of a sentence followed by four words or group of words. Select the synonym of word (underlined in the sentence) as per the context.  
Alfred was a potentate during the Middle Ages. [4]
- a) Liberal                      b) Democrat  
c) Monarch                     d) Lenient
- 47) Out of the four alternatives suggested, choose the the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word "COVENANT" [4]
- a) Contract                     b) Case  
c) Settlement                 d) Coupon
- 48) Choose suitable alternative which best expresses the meaning of the word. **SPIRITED** [4]

- a) Enthusiastic                b) Possessed  
c) Drunk                        d) Heated
- 49) The given item consists of a sentence followed by four words or group of words. Select the synonym of word (underlined in the sentence) as per the context.  
I had some deepest convictions reflected in my work. [4]
- a) Biases                        b) Prejudices  
c) Ideas and opinions        d) Firm beliefs
- 50) Choose suitable alternative which best expresses the meaning of the word. **MOTIVE** [4]
- a) Intention                    b) Occasion  
c) Preparation                d) Reason