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1. Aeolus is the Greek God of
A) Thunder B) Sea C) Wind D) Wine
2. The action of the play Death of a Salesman takes place in house.
A) Uncle Ben's B) Willy Loman's C) Miss. Forsythe's D) Howard Wanger's
3. 'Earth is the right place for love
I do not know where it is likely to go better' – These lines occur in
A) Birches B) Mending Wall C) The Road Not Taken D) West Running Brook
4. Emerson asserts the of the truly creative scholarship.
A) Sincerity B) Originality C) Creativity D) Loyalty
5. 'Take me away ! Oh! The filthy beast' – 'Beast' here refers to
A) Yank B) Lang C) Paddy D) Doughlass
6. The carriage in which Dickinson travelled held the poetess, death and
A) Immortality B) Mortality C) Fear D) Immorality
7. Sylvia Plath describes her father as a Nazi Officer and associates him with a
A) Cross B) Holy Grail C) Sun Cross D) Swastika
8. "The Cambridge Ladies who live in furnished souls".
In the above lines of The Cambridge Ladies, the phrase "furnished souls" refers to the souls fashioned by the
A) Spirit of culture B) Spirit of the place C) Spirit of patriotism D) Spirit of fervour
9. Ishmael prefers to go to the sea simply as a
A) Captain B) Tar C) Tourist D) Sailor
10. taught huckleberry firm about Moses and Bulrushers.
A) Widow Douglas B) Miss. Watson C) Judge Thatcher D) Tom
11. In which of the following year was Tagore awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature?
A) 1923 B) 1912 C) 1915 D) 1913
12. What sort of a character of the father described in Nizzim Ezekiel's "Night of the Scorpion"?
A) Spiritual B) Suspicious C) Sceptical D) Superstitious
13. The women of Kanthapura gathered under the leadership of
A) Narasamma B) Rangamma C) Nanjamma D) Satamma
14. In "Tughlaq", Sultan Mohammed shifted the capital from
A) Daulatabad to Kaziabad B) Kaziabad to Delhi
C) Delhi to Daulatabad D) Daulatabad to Delhi
15. The title of Kamala Markandaya's "A Handful of Rice" is suggestive of
A) Poverty B) Agriculture C) Prosperity D) None of the above

16. Decides the fate of its characters in a tragedy.
 A) Climax B) Exposition C) Complication D) Catastrophe
17. Who described the novel as a "Pocket Theatre"?
 A) Marion Crawford B) Boccaccio C) Meridith D) W.H. Hudson
18. Which movement prepared the ground for modern poetry?
 A) Imagism B) Symbolism C) Decadence D) Aestheticism
19. Who wrote English like a dead language according to T.S. Eliot?
 A) Dryden B) Pope C) Wordsworth D) John Milton
20. The word "Hermeneutics" means
 A) To consolidate B) To compose C) To correlate D) To explain
21. had no 'silent syllables' and the spelling was phonetic because the letters represented the sound fairly closely.
 A) Middle English B) Old English C) Modern English D) Latin
22. Using "honor, color" without "u" employing one consonant instead of two in "traveler, Wagon", using "er" instead of "re" , preferring "s" in words like "defense, offense" are all examples of
 A) International spelling B) British spelling
 C) American spelling D) Indian spelling
23. The word 'anthology' now used to designate a collection of poems, is literally the Greek term for a bunch of flowers. It has changed its meaning owing to
 A) Extension or transference B) Polarisation or colouring
 C) Metaphorical application D) Specialisation
24. God created Adam and "whatever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof" supports the view that language originated from
 A) The natural – sound source B) The oral gesture source
 C) The divine source D) Glossogenetics
25. "Mongoose, bungalow, shampoo, juggernaut" have been borrowed from
 A) Rome B) France C) Scandinavia D) India
26. According to Tate, metaphorical meaning is called
 A) Contention B) Intention C) Extension D) Tension
27. According to Cleanth Brooks are important in poetry.
 A) Canotations B) Denotations C) Metres D) Rhymes
28. Frye's criticism is not based.
 A) Content B) Meaning C) Moral D) Text
29. Dryden's An Essay on Dramatic Poesie is cast in the form of
 A) Poem B) Address C) Play D) Dialogue
30. According to Frye, the pastoral name 'Lycidas' is the equivalent of
 A) Apollo B) Adonis C) St. Peter D) David

31. "Oats, Wheat" : - 's' in oats and its absence in wheat show that
 A) Wheat does not take plural - s
 B) Oats is grammatically plural
 C) Wheat is grammatically singular
 D) Grammatical distinctions are not semantic and There cannot be a one-to-one correspondence between the two
32. Two or more different (written) forms like 'flour-flower', 'pale-pail' that have the same pronunciation are called
 A) Homophones
 B) Homonyms
 C) Polysemy
 D) Metonymy
33. Words that derive their meaning based on emotion rather than rational attitudes are the result of
 A) Association
 B) Collocation
 C) Connotation
 D) Denotation
34. Dialect is 'a variety of language distinguished according to user'. What is 'a variety of language distinguished according to use' called ?
 A) Idiolect
 B) Register
 C) Tone
 D) Pitch
35. Who among the following writers was a member of the royal society which was founded in 1662 to fix English spelling?
 A) Beckett
 B) James Boswell
 C) Skinner
 D) Dryden
36. Sounds that are articulated with a stricture of complete oral closure are called
 A) Plosives
 B) Nasals
 C) Fricatives
 D) Affricates
37. What is the largest unit to which we can assign a grammatical structure?
 A) Clause
 B) Phrase
 C) Sentence
 D) Paragraph
38. Subordination of one sentences so that it functions as part of the others sentence is called
 A) Kemel
 B) Complementation
 C) Prediction
 D) Embedding
39. Segmentation of a sentence until the smallest units, morphemes are reached is
 A) Phrase structure
 B) TG grammar
 C) IC analysis
 D) Latinate fallacy
40. Language has a finite set of rules and infinite number of sentences. So, repeating the same linguistic device again and again to form the longest sentence is
 A) Embedding
 B) Recursion
 C) Constituent
 D) Ambiguity
41. According to Ferdinand Sasseur "Langue" refers to
 A) Meaning of Language
 B) Structure Language
 C) Origin of Language
 D) Function of Language
42. Communicative approach emphasises
 A) The rules of Language
 B) History of Language
 C) The meaning of Language
 D) Function of Language
43. Suggestopaedia is the pedagogic application of suggestion; advocated by Lozanov. He was a
 A) Linguist
 B) Essayist
 C) Psychiatrist
 D) ELT specialist
44. British language teaching specialist Michael West examined the role of English in India in the
 A) 1920s
 B) 1930s
 C) 1960s
 D) 1970s
45. Who coined the term 'Post Modernism'?
 A) Roman Jakobson
 B) Leslie Fiedier
 C) Leslie Mallarme
 D) Stanley Fish

46. Which of the following consonants are syllabic?
 A) | p b t d | B) | m n l r | C) | f v s z | D) | k g m n |
47. Identify the English Bible translators.
 A) Tyndale and Coverdale B) Tyndale and Dr. Johnson
 C) Coverdale and Boswell D) Boswell and Dr. Johnson
48. Jakob Grimm referred to verbs that show change in tense by change of vowels as
 A) Weak verbs B) Secondary verbs C) Derivatives D) Strong verbs
49. The heathen Anglo-Saxons had a great spring festival of revival celebrating their goddess of dawn. It has remained in England even after the advent of Christianity as
 A) Christmas B) Diocese C) Easter D) Mass
50. English descended from the Western set (group) of the Indo-European family of languages which is also called
 A) Centum B) Satem C) Armenian D) Albanian
51. The Poetics defines poetry and drama as modes of
 A) Copy B) limitation C) Replica D) Creativity
52. Dryden admires but he loves Shakespeare.
 A) Pope B) Virgile C) Milton D) Johnson
53. Who first used the words 'fancy and imagination' in his theory of poetry?
 A) William Wordsworth B) John Dryden C) T.S. Eliot D) S.T. Coleridge
54. Who first used the term 'Metaphysics'?
 A) John Donne B) Dryden C) Milton D) T.S. Eliot
55. Who is the author of the critical essay 'The Seven Type of Ambiguity'?
 A) Herbert Read B) Kenneth Burke C) George Herbert D) William Empson
56. On which date did Spenser marry Elizabeth Boyle?
 A) 25th June B) 11th June C) 19th June D) 12th June
57. In Chaucer's Prologue to Canterbury Tales, the shipman is the owner of a vessel called
 A) Madeline B) Victoria C) Baltic D) Princess
58. The wife of Bath besides countless lovers has married _____ husbands
 A) Two B) Six C) Four D) Five
59. Faustus is advised by his friends ____ and _____ to study necromancy.
 A) Horace and Tony B) Abraham and Chaplain
 C) Ferdinand and Joan D) Valdes and Cornelius
60. When Faustus signs the treaty with Lucifer, the words that appear on his arm are
 A) Homofuge B) Consummatum est C) Veni mephistophile D) Vis-à-vis
61. Which spirit is described as the 'regent of the sun' in Paradise Lost Book IX?
 A) Cherubin B) Gabriel C) Uriel D) Samson
62. "The Mistakes of Night" is another title of the drama
 A) The School for Scandal B) The Way of the World
 C) All for Love D) She Stoops to Conquer

63. Who starts his journey from the 'City of Destruction'?
- A) Christian B) Goodwill C) Evangelist D) Faith
64. Fielding's approach to his novels are
- A) Dull and sober B) Serious and impractical
C) Worldly-wise and genial D) Idealistic
65. Through the character of Belinda Alexander Pope Satirise
- A) Ambitious men B) Vicious politicians
C) Women lavishing on their own beauty D) Impoverished women
66. In the essay 'of Truth' Bacon compares Truth to
- A) Sun B) Daylight C) Fire D) Candle-light
67. In the essay 'Of Friendship' Bacon says that a _____ is not a company.
- A) Neighbor B) Relative C) Senior D) Crowd
68. Spenser was buried beside _____ in West Minister Abbey.
- A) Shakespeare B) Lamb C) Chaucer D) Sydney
69. In Spenser's stanza, the last ninth line has twelve syllables. It is called
- A) Alexandrine B) Parabola C) Retrain D) Quatrain
70. The first scene in the Alchemist by Ben Johnson opens with the quarrel between _____ and _____
- A) Simon and Subtle B) Dapper and Drugger C) Face and Subtle D) Mammon and Surly
71. Tintern Abbey was composed on revisiting the banks of
- A) The Rhine B) The Wye C) The Nile D) The Thames
72. Keats is a _____ poets.
- A) Sensuous B) Sensual C) Sensitive D) Sensible
73. _____ has over-brimmed their clammy cells.
- A) Winter B) Autumn C) Spring D) Summer
74. Shelley appeals to the West wind to make him a
- A) Trumpet B) Flute C) Lyre D) Tabor
75. _____ is the Greek God of Winds.
- A) Bacchus B) Aeolus C) Apollo D) Venus
76. How does the second witch address Macbeth?
- A) Thane of Cawdor B) King of Scotland C) Thane of Glamis D) Thane of Norway
77. "What, will these hands ne'er be clean
...All the perfumes of Arabia will not
Sweeter this little hand"
These words are uttered by,
- A) Macbeth B) Macduff C) Lady Macbeth D) Banquo
78. Who helped Prospero and his little daughter with food, water, book etc., when they were abandoned on a damaged ship?
- A) Francisco B) Alonso C) Stephano D) Gonzalo

79. "...I'll break my staff,
Bury it certain fadoms in the earth,
And deeper than did ever plummet sound
I'll drown my book"
Who utters these words?
A) Ferdinand B) Ariel C) Prospero D) Caliban
80. Why does Prince Harry spend more time in the company of Falstaff?
A) He wants to learn tricks from Falstaff
B) He wants to lower expectations so that when his kingly qualities are revealed, he can impress all
C) He wants to escape from the control of his father.
D) He wants Hotspur to think he is a drunkard.
81. "All for Love" is fashioned upon the theme of
A) Troilus and Cressida B) Antony and Cleopatra
C) Romeo and Juliet D) Coriolanus
82. The role of Lady Sneerwell is to
A) Help poor people B) Show kindness to her relatives
C) Spread scandalous information about people D) Maintain true friendship
83. The relationship between Mirabell and the elderly Lady Wishfort reflects.
A) True love B) Fake courtship C) Genuine friendship D) Deep affection
84. Dr. Johnson is highly critical of John Milton's poem 'Lycidas' because its
A) Theme is irrelevant B) Technique is outdated
C) Characters are idealistic D) Diction is harsh and the rhymes uncertain
85. Why does George Herbert wish to be a 'tree'?
A) To bear fruits B) To give shade
C) "Some bird would trust her house hold" D) All of the above
86. "Datta" in T.S. Eliot's "The Waste land" means
A) Take B) Protect C) Destroy D) Give
87. "Byzantium" for W.B. Yeats is
A) A kind of death B) A modern city C) A state of frustration D) None of these
88. "Ah, Love, let us be true
To one another ! for the world, which seems"
These lines are taken from Arnold's:
A) To Marguerite B) Dover Beach C) The Scholar Gypsy D) Palladium
89. In which of the following year, "The wreck of Duetchland" happened as mentioned by Hopkins in his poem?
A) 7th Dec., 1875 B) 17th Nov., 1895 C) 17th Dec., 1865 D) 7th Jan., 1885
90. "He that can walk, under the heaviest weight without staggering, he is the stron man. "These lines are written by
A) Carlyle B) Bacon C) Coleridge D) Arnold
91. Adonias is an written on the death of
A) Gray B) Wordsworth C) Coleridge D) Keats

92. The great-grandmother of Lamb's children, field lived in
A) Norfolk B) Yorkshire C) Lancashire D) Warwick
93. According to Shelley, Poets are the unacknowledged _____ of the world.
A) Rulers B) Reformers C) Legislators D) Saviours
94. _____ is the first and last of all knowledge.
A) Novel B) Poetry C) Drama D) Philosophy
95. Ultimately Young Catherine married
A) Edgar B) Linton C) Hindley D) Hareton
96. "No poet, No artist of any art, has his complete meaning alone. His significance, his appreciation is the appreciation of his relation to the dead poets and artists".
These words are written by
A) Sir Phillip Sydney B) T.S. Eliot C) Mathew Arnold D) Carlyle
97. Which of the following Novels of Graham Greene deals with the persecution of Catholics in Maxico?
A) The End of the Affair B) The Heart of the Master
C) The Human Factor D) The Power and the Glory
98. George Eliot is the pen-name of
A) Mary Wolstoncraft B) Ifor Evans C) Mary Ann Evans D) Jane Austen
99. "In all my dreams before my helpless sight He plunges at me, guttering, choking and drowning"
The lines are taken from Wilfred Owen's poem
A) Strange Meeting B) Duke et Decorum Est C) Insensibility D) Shadwell Stair
100. 'Who is the third who always walks beside you'?
The third person referred here is
A) Tinesius B) Phubas C) Jesus D) Hieronymo
101. In Measure for Measure why does the Duke leave Vienna in the charge of Lord Angels?
A) He does not like to serve as the Duke
B) He wants to observe Angels at work and analyse the situation in Vienna in disguise.
C) He is scared of Angels and wants to abdicate his throne.
D) He is sick and tired of his responsibilities and wants to enjoy life.
102. How does Cleopatra kill herself?
A) She lets herself be bitten by poisonous asps B) She stabs herself with a dagger
C) She drinks a goblet of wine with poison D) She throws herself out of her balcony
103. How many plays and sonnets did Shakespeare write?
A) 36 plays and 136 sonnets B) 35 plays and 154 sonnets
C) 36 plays and 155 sonnets D) 36 plays and 154 sonnets
104. Which of the following is not a great tragedy by Shakespeare?
A) Macbeth B) Hamlet C) The Tempest D) King Lear
105. In which play of Shakespeare does Shylock appear?
A) As You Like it B) The Merchant of Venice
C) Othello D) The Winters Tale

106. Which of the following plays was written by Wole Soyinka?
 A) The Road B) Black Justice C) Ozidi D) Son of Guyana
107. Which of the following novels of Chinua Achebe is titled from W.B. Yeats' poem "The Second Coming"?
 A) Arrow of God B) No Longer at Ease C) Things Fall Apart D) A Man of The People
108. In Alan Paton's "Cry, the Beloved Country" Absalom was found guilty of murdering.
 A) Stephen Kumalo B) James Jarvis
 C) John Kumalo D) Arthur Trevelyan Jarvis
109. The character 'Sadiku' appears in Wole Soyinka's
 A) Kongi's Forest B) The Lion and The Jewel C) The Road D) None of these
110. "Facially, I am brunette, but madam, you should see the rest of me. Palm of my hand, soles of my feet"
 In which of the following poems of Wole Soyinka these epithets are taken from?
 A) Agbor Dancer B) To my First White Hairs
 C) Telephonic Conversation D) Dedication
111. The Veda which deals mostly with music is
 A) Rig Veda B) Sama Veda C) Yajur Veda D) Atharva Veda
112. In India's freedom struggle the non-co-operation movement was launched in
 A) 1916 B) 1918 C) 1920 D) 1922
113. The Constitution of India was enacted and adopted by the Constituent Assembly on
 A) 26 January 1950 B) 26 January 1947 C) 26 November 1949 D) 25 January 1950
114. During the Indian Freedom Movement who led the Salt Satyagraha at Vedaranyam in Tamil Nadu?
 A) Rajaji B) Sardar Vedarathinam C) Sathyamorrthi D) Jeevanandam
115. Which one of the following gas is responsible for Green House Effect?
 A) Helium B) Neon C) Carbon-di-oxide D) None of these
116. 'The noisy child and the silent mind' is the work of
 A) Froebel B) J. Krishnamurti C) Dewey D) Maria Montessori
117. 'National Institute of Open Schooling' was established in
 A) November, 1986 B) October, 1989 C) November, 1989 D) October, 1986
118. Who introduced the idea of 'non-class room learning'?
 A) Helmborg B) John Holt C) Ivan Illich D) Montessori
119. 'INFLIBNET' is an autonomous inter-university centre of
 A) Central Universities B) CBSE C) CIET D) UGC
120. The expansion of 'OPAC' is
 A) Open Personal Assessment Criteria B) Online Public Account Coding
 C) Online Programming And Coding D) Online Public Access Catalog
121. The term 'homeostasis' was coined by
 A) Fisher B) Caroll C) W.B. Cannon D) Morgan
122. The term literally means 'splitting of the mind'
 A) Paranoia B) Neurosis C) Amnesia D) Schizophrenia

138. 'No religious instruction shall be provided in any educational institution wholly maintained out of state funds', which Article states this?
A) Article 21 B) Article 28(1) C) Article 30(1) D) Article 45
139. An Interim Indian National Commission for co-operation with UNESCO was set-up in the year by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
A) 1949 B) 1959 C) 1969 D) 1979
140. In India, National Institute for the visually handicapped was set-up at
A) Kolkata B) Chennai C) Hyderabad D) Dehradun
141. P.E. Vernon who proposed hierarchical theory of intelligence is a psychologist.
A) Russian B) British C) German D) French
142. The study of fluctuation of attention can be experimentally made in the psychology lab using
A) Tachistoscope B) Flash cards C) Finger dexterity test D) Masson's disc
143. was designed mainly for the use of deaf and linguistically backward children.
A) Pinter-Patterson scale B) Picture Construction Test
C) Arthur's point scale D) Object assembly
144. In an experiment by Watson the subject a human baby name 'Albert' was give a to play with.
A) Kitten B) Rabbit C) Dove D) Rat
145. Dart throwing experiment to test the transfer value of generalization was conducted by
A) Carl Jung B) Charles Judd C) W.C. Bagley D) Sigmund Freud
146. Emotional development of a child bears a correlation with social development.
A) Positive B) Negative C) Zero D) None of the above
147. is defined as the process of interpretation of sensation according to one's experiences.
A) Attention B) Motivation C) Perception D) Generalization
148. 'No stimulus, no response' mechanism in the evolution of behaviours was opposed by
A) B.F. Skinner B) Thorndike C) Ivan Pavlov D) J.B. Watson
149. is affective disposition which evokes attention and maintains it.
A) Attention B) Motivation C) Perception D) Interest
150. Which learning is retained longer than verbal learning?
A) Auditory B) Memory based C) Skill D) Observational