

# SECONDARY SCHOOL EXAMINATION -2025 (ANNUAL)

Subject Code:

113

## ENGLISH

**Total Questions : 100+11 = 111**

**Time : 3 Hours 15 Minutes**

**Full Marks:100]**

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### ***Instructions for the candidates: -***

- 1. Candidates must enter their Question Booklet Serial No. (10 Digits) in the OMR Answer Sheet.*
- 2. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*
- 3. Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.*
- 4. An extra time of 15 minutes has been allotted for the candidates to read the questions carefully.*
- 5. This question booklet is divided into two sections- Section-A and Section-B.*
- 6. In Section - A, there are 100 objective type questions, out of which only 50 questions are to be answered. First 50 answers will be evaluated in case more than 50 questions are answered. Each question carries 1 mark. For answering the questions, darken the circle with blue/ black ball pen against the correct option on OMR Answer Sheet provided to you. Do not use whitener/liquid/blade/nail, etc on OMR Answer Sheet, otherwise the result will be treated as invalid.*
- 7. Section-B, there are 11 Descriptive Answer Type Questions, which are to be answered.*
- 8. Use of any electronic appliances is strictly prohibited.*

**SECTION-A****Objective Type Questions**

Questions nos. 1 to 100 have four options, out of which only one is correct. Answer any 50 questions. You have to mark your selected option on the OMR-sheet. 50 ×

1 = 50

Instructions: Question Nos. 1 to 60 are based on the prescribed texts.

1. The slow thinkers are unable to...  
(A) get married (B) run fast  
(C) eat their food (D) earn their living
2. Jim wanted everybody to contribute a little of their time to save our...  
(A) houses (B) plants  
(C) environment (D) education system
3. Gillu craved for \_\_\_\_\_ of its caretaker, Mahadevi Verma.  
(A) pen (B) attention  
(C) pencil (D) fruit
4. It is indeed shameful that the \_\_\_\_\_ were beaten up.  
(A) Pandits (B) Priests  
(C) Maulanas (D) Buddhist monks
5. Indian cinema lacks \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) music (B) choreography  
(C) maturity (D) direction

6. The old, blind woman was also \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) hate            (B) honour  
(C) wise            (D) disobey
7. According to Humayun Kabir, it is not very easy to define the concept of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) religion            (B) education  
(C) culture            (D) illiteracy
8. The two girls met each other at the local \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) temple            (B) gurudwara  
(C) mosque            (D) church
9. The writer classifies himself as a \_\_\_\_\_ thinker in 'The Pace of Living'.
- (A) sad            (B) quick  
(C) slow            (D) happy
10. Burning of leaves is bad for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) breath and air            (B) men and society  
(C) nature and society            (D) air and environment
11. Mahadevi Verma was a \_\_\_\_\_ poetess.
- (A) Chayavadi            (B) Revolutionary  
(C) Bhakti            (D) Romantic
12. The snow had melted owing to
- (A) rough weather            (B) rainy weather

- (C) cold weather      (D) warm weather
13. 'God made the \_\_\_\_\_, and man made the town'.
- (A) city                      (B) country
- (C) woman                  (D) town
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ man passes his days smoothly.
- (A) happy                      (B) running
- (C) sad                          (D) crooked
15. The polythene bag is buried inside the \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) table                      (B) tunnel
- (C) garbage-bin (D) pot-hole
16. Raddha's friends feel that Radha will never be \_\_\_\_\_ again
- (A) angry                      (B) jealous
- (C) sad                          (D) happy
17. \_\_\_\_\_ made the rich man mad.
- (A) Passion                  (B) Desire
- (C) Lust                          (D) Love
18. The poet calls the Koel a rain of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) emotion                  (B) fire
- (C) sparks                      (D) water
19. The porter \_\_\_\_\_ because he gets exhausted working all day.
- (A) laughs                      (B) sleeps
- (C) eats                          (D) sings

20. Mantha's stories seemed as tranquil as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) dreams      (B) moon  
(C) night      (D) stars
21. \_\_\_\_\_ chars the cuckoo's wings
- (A) The fire of hatred      (B) The fire of jealousy  
(C) The fire of anger      (D) The fire of love
22. The porter \_\_\_\_ over the kingdom of sleep
- (A) thinks      (B) laughs  
(C) cries      (D) reigns
23. Martha told her stories in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) forest      (B) hut  
(C) hazel glen      (D) church
24. Radha was never able to give the \_\_\_\_\_ to any question.
- (A) confused answer      (B) exact answer  
(C) wrong answer      (D) improper answer
25. Jabra was Halku's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) eat      (B) donkey  
(C) horse      (D) dog
26. \_\_\_\_\_ causes a quick reaction.
- (A) Allergy      (B) Injection  
(C) Substances      (D) Medicine
27. What did the lawyer prefer?

- (A) wine (B) money  
(C) death (D) life imprisonment
28. Mr. Gessler's shoes lasted \_\_\_\_.
- (A) long (B) forever  
(C) short (D) never
29. \_\_\_\_\_ were tied up at the table-corners for the party.
- (A) Lilies (B) Daisies  
(C) Sunflower (D) Roses
30. The daughter in 'Two Horizons' does not wish to \_\_\_ any more.
- (A) dream (B) want  
(C) desire (D) need
31. The narrator and his girlfriend in 'Love Defiled' were more than \_\_\_\_\_ lovers.
- (A) physical (B) distant  
(C) emotional (D) platonic
32. Halku was a \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) washerman (B) fisherman  
(C) tenant farmer (D) landlord
33. The sheets and pillows should be washed \_\_\_\_\_ in hot water.
- (A) monthly (B) daily  
(C) yearly (D) weekly
34. The banker was afraid of honouring the bet because \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) he had become financially weak      (B) He was very rich  
(C) he was cruel      (D) he was cunning
35. The narrator's girlfriend very confidently introduced her former\_\_\_\_\_ to her husband.
- (A) boyfriend      (B) brother  
(C) sister      (D) mother
36. Aung San Suu Kyi's son refers to his mother's\_\_\_\_ and personal sacrifices.
- (A) respect      (B) love  
(C) dedication      (D) hatred
37. The author wanted to feed the \_\_\_\_\_ Gillu.
- (A) happy      (B) hungry  
(C) injured      (D) scared
38. Health and virtue are\_\_\_\_\_ for a contented man.
- (A) blessings      (B) troubles  
(C) curses      (D) problems
39. The cinema combines the cold \_\_\_\_\_ of science.
- (A) love      (B) dream  
(C) logic      (D) art
40. The old woman in 'Once upon A Time' is a daughter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) tribals      (B) affluent class  
(C) slave      (D) farmer

41. Though the man was very rich, still he was not \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) satisfied (B) greedy  
(C) happy (D) sad
42. \_\_\_\_\_ university conferred an honorary doctorate degree on Satyajit Ray.
- (A) Oxford (B) Harvard  
(C) Cambridge (D) Stanford
43. 'O Kalpaka', I seek your aid ; All I want is a pot of gold! is from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) Koel (B) The Empty Heart  
(C) The Sleeping Porter (D) Polythene Bag
44. The two girls in 'Little Girls Wiser Than Men' met \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) in a lane (B) in the kitchen  
(C) on the road (D) in the drawing room
45. 'Lo! The roses are on fire which winds and waters catch!' is from
- (A) Thinner Than a Crescent (B) Koel  
(C) The Empty Heart (D) Ode on Solitude
46. Humayun Katri was a famous \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) doctor (B) teacher  
(C) political thinker (D) singer
47. Jim's mother told him that he used \_\_\_\_\_ all the time for watching television.

- (A) watch      (B) energy  
(C) time      (D) electricity
48. Being hurt causes \_\_\_\_\_ in human beings  
(A) pleasure      (B) forgiveness  
(C) pain      (D) jealousy
49. There were ' \_\_\_\_\_ silver pitchers'  
(A) five      (B) seven  
(C) six      (D) eight
50. The poet refers to the Koel's ' \_\_\_\_\_ strains'  
(A) low-pitched      (B) muted  
(C) high-pitched      (D) silent
51. The corn merchant was upset because his \_\_\_\_\_ was cheating him.  
(A) niece      (B) son-in-law  
(C) cousin      (D) nephew
52. Aung San Suu Kyi's party is known as \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Myanmar League      (B) Myanmar Congress  
(C) National League for Democracy (D) National Congress
53. 'Sound sleep by night; study and ease' is from  
(A) Koel      (B) The Empty Heart  
(C) Martha      (D) Ode on Solitude
54. Sakas and Hunas were the \_\_\_\_\_ of India.  
(A) thieves      (B) businessman

- (C) invaders (D) politicians
55. The daughter was impressed by her mother's undiminished \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) enthusiasm (B) love  
(C) jealousy (D) hatred
56. 'O Madhva, I have run to call you ' \_\_\_\_\_ is from
- (A) Thinner than a Crescent (B) Koel  
(C) Martha (D) The Sleeping Porter
57. Katherine Mansfield was inspired by
- (A) John Galsworthy (B) Prem Chand  
(C) Anton Chekhov (D) R.C. Hutchinson
58. 'And her beauty far away/ Would fade, as her voice ran on,' is from
- (A) Koel (B) Ode on Autumn  
(C) Martha (D) The Sleeping Porter
59. The raw material of cinema is..... itself
- (A) life (B) camera  
(C) studio (D) hall
60. 'And least be threatened in the fields and groves? \_\_\_ is from
- (A) Gold Made the Country (B) Koel  
(C) The Sleeping Porter (D) Martha

**Direction(61-67) Choose the correctly spelt word**

61. (A) Dificulti (B) Dewficulti  
(C) Difewculti (D) Difficulty

62. (A) Untouchable (B) Untuchuble  
(C) Unteucheble (D) Uentouchable
63. (A) Corespond (B) Curespund  
(C) Currypond (D) Correspond
64. (A) Reflection (B) Raflection  
(C) Riflection (D) Rewflection
65. (A) Fiminene (B) Femenien  
(C) Feminine (D) Fewmenene
66. (A) Emprusion (B) Impression  
(C) Impewsion (D) Emprision
67. (A) Incarsirated (B) Inkarcirated  
(C) Incarcerated (D) Incaarcirated

Direction(68-73): Choose the correct option of the following:

68. Indirect speech of : Rekha said, " I have finished my work."
- (A) Rekha is saying that she is finishing her work.  
(B) Rekha says that she must finish my work.  
(C) Rekha said that she had finished her work.  
(D) Rekha declared that she finish her work.
69. Indirect Speech: My father said, "It may rain."
- (A) My father said that it might rain.  
(B) My father says that it might rain.  
(C) My father said that it will rain.

- (D) My father said that it may rain.
70. Indirect Speech: Chotu said, “Where is the doctor?”
- (A) Chotu asking where the doctor is.
- (B) Chotu asked where is the doctor.
- (C) Chotu says that where is the doctor.
- (D) Chotu asked where the doctor was.
71. Direct Speech: Vivek asked me not to play in the sun.
- (A) Vivek told, “Do not play in the sun.”
- (B) Vivek had asked, “Do not play in the sun.”
- (C) Vivek said, “Don’t play in the sun.”
- (D) Vivek said, “Do play, not in the sun.”
72. Direct Speech: The mother forbade her children from going out.
- (A) The mother is saying to her children, “Do not go out.”
- (B) The mother said to her children, “Do not go out.”
- (C) The mother was saying to her children, “Do not go out.”
- (D) The mother asks to her children, “Do not go out.”
73. Direct Speech: He exclaimed with sorrow that he was ruined.
- (A) He saying, “Alas! I am ruined.”
- (B) He asks, “Alas! I am ruined.”
- (C) He said, “Alas! I am ruined.”
- (D) He is saying, “Alas! I am ruined.”

Direction (74–80): Choose the most suitable preposition.

74. Ritika is known \_\_\_\_ me.  
(A) of (B) to  
(C) at (D) on
75. I bought these goods \_\_\_\_ the market.  
(A) on (B) from  
(C) in (D) of
76. Please cut the mangoes \_\_\_\_ a sharp knife.  
(A) on (B) with  
(C) of (D) by
77. I shall complete my work \_\_\_\_ an hour.  
(A) at (B) within  
(C) on (D) through
78. Rani is angry \_\_\_\_ her friends.  
(A) with (B) from  
(C) in (D) of
79. Sneha has lived in this society \_\_\_\_ childhood.  
(A) since (B) by  
(C) at (D) for
80. Sanchita comes \_\_\_\_ a good family.  
(A) on (B) at  
(C) from (D) by

Direction (81-87): Choose the correct form of verb

81. My brother \_\_\_\_ to Poona last week.  
(A) go (B) went  
(C) goes (D) will go
82. Sarita \_\_\_\_ singing for an hour.  
(A) has been (B) is  
(C) was been (D) has
83. Javed did not \_\_\_\_ a letter.  
(A) wrote (B) written  
(C) write (D) writing
84. Seema was \_\_\_\_ a pink saree.  
(A) wear (B) wearing  
(C) wore (D) will wear
85. You can \_\_\_\_ me whenever you want.  
(A) met (B) meet  
(C) meeting (D) will meet
86. I \_\_\_\_ every morning for the whole mankind.  
(A) pray (B) prayed  
(C) praying (D) has pray
87. Kamlesh has got his car \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) repairing (B) repaired  
(C) repair (D) will repair

Direction (88-91): Choose the correct option of the following:

88. Choose the correct antonym of 'Humility'.

- (A) Dignity                      (B) Anger  
(C) Cruelty                      (D) Pride

89. Choose the correct antonym of 'Shallow'.

- (A) High                      (B) Wide  
(C) Long                      (D) Deep

90. Choose the correct synonym of 'Adequate'

- (A) Sufficient    (B) Necessary  
(C) Additional    (D) Procured

91. Choose the correct synonym of 'Relish'

- (A) Realise                      (B) Enjoy  
(C) Taste                      (D) Reveal

Direction (92-97): Choose the correct option of the following:

92. Choose the active voice of 'By whom was it painted?'

- (A) Who painting it?  
(B) Who painted it?  
(C) Whom painted it?  
(D) Whose painting it?

93. Choose the active voice of 'A novel is being read by her.'

- (A) She reads a novel.                      (B) She had been read a novel.  
(C) She is reading a novel.                      (D) She was read a novel.

94. Choose the active voice of 'A card was sent to me by Ashish.'

- (A) Ashish will be sending me a card.
- (B) Ashish had to send me a card.
- (C) Ashish sending me a card.
- (D) Ashish sent me a card.
95. Choose the passive voice of 'It is time to open the shop.'
- (A) It is for the shop to be opened on time.
- (B) It is time to be opened the shop.
- (C) It is time for the shop to be opened.
- (D) The shop must be opened on time.
96. Choose the passive voice of ' Who has stolen my books?'
- (A) By whom my books have been stolen?
- (B) By whom have my books been stolen?
- (C) By whom has my books been stolen?
- (D) By whom my books has been stolen?
97. Choose the passive voice of 'Promises should be kept.'
- (A) You must keep the promises.
- (B) We must keep the promises.
- (C) Kept the promises.
- (D) One should keep one's promises.

Directions (98-100): Choose the most suitable translation:

98. मैंने उसे पार्क में बैठे हुए देखा ।
- (A) I saw him sitting in the park.

- (B) I will see him sit in the park.
- (C) I see him sit in the park.
- (D) I had seen him sit in the park.
99. शांति एक अमूल्य चीज है।
- (A) Peace will be invaluable.
- (B) Peace was invaluable.
- (C) Peace has been invaluable.
- (D) Peace is a priceless thing.
100. हमें मेहनत करना चाहिए।
- (A) Hard work we should.
- (B) We should be a hard-working man.
- (C) We should work hard.
- (D) Our work should be done hardly.

#### SECTION-B

(Descriptive Type)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Your behaviour is the key to your success. Well-behaved persons are always admired in society. A polite teacher can create interest in students. Their learning increases if the teacher is kind and persuasive. The students generally listen to him carefully. They usually find his teaching very interesting. The smiling face of a doctor increases the healing ability

in the patients. The patients often recover quickly. His good behaviour helps them more than medicines. The patients feel much better in his presence. Such a doctor is always successful in his profession. A well-behaved officer is always popular among the subordinates. His soft manners inspire his subordinates to work well. He always gets his work done in time.

### Questions

- i. What can a kind teacher achieve? 1
- ii. What is the importance of one's behaviour individually and socially? 2
- iii. How do patients feel in the presence of a well-behaved doctor? 2
- iv. What inspires the subordinates to work sincerely? 2

Or

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Abraham Lincoln, who became the 16th President of the USA, was an extraordinary man. His remarkable achievement was his astute leadership in the American Civil War. He succeeded in preserving the Union, abolished slavery, strengthened the federal government, and modernized the economy. Largely self-educated, Lincoln became a lawyer. As President, he was responsible for many enactments of far-reaching political and social consequences. He explored the true nature of democracy, and, therefore, fought valiantly for the suppressed people. Conscientious and sensitive, Lincoln opposed slavery. His liberal policies, however, did not find favour with the racist people. He was unfortunately assassinated in 1885.

### Questions:

- i. Why was Lincoln called an extraordinary man? 1
- ii. What was his achievement in the American Civil War? 2
- iii. What were his other achievements? 2
- iv. Why were the racist people against him? 2

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Garbage is a great environmental hazard. It comes from various sources- used paper, tiffin packings, plastic bags, ice-cream wrappers, bottle caps, fallen leaves from trees and many more. Garbage makes the premises ugly, unkempt and breeds diseases. A lot of trash that is thrown away contain material that can be recycled and reused such as paper, metals and glass which can be sent to the nearest recycling centre or disposed of to the junk dealer. It also contains organic matter such as leaves which can enrich soil fertility. A compost pit can be made at a convenient location where the refuse can be placed with layers of soil and an occasional sprinkling of water. This would help decomposition to make valuable fertilizer. This would also prevent pollution that is usually caused by burning such organic waste.

### Questions

- i. What happens to the disposed material at the recycling centre? 1
- ii. Where does garbage come from? 2
- iii. Where should a compost pit be made? 2
- iv. How would pollution be prevented? 2

**OR**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The monsoon is essentially the seasonal reversal in wind direction. It causes most of the rainfall received in India and some other parts of the

world. The primary cause of monsoons is the difference between annual temperature trends over land and sea. The apparent position of the Sun with reference to the Earth oscillates from the Tropic of Cancer to the Tropic of Capricorn. Thus the low-pressure region created by solar heating also changes latitudes. The northeast and southeast trade winds converge in this low-pressure zone, which is also known as the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone or ITCZ. This low-pressure region sees continuous rise of moist wind from the sea surface to the upper layers of the atmosphere, where the cooling means the air can no longer hold so much moisture resulting in precipitation.

Questions:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| i. What causes the monsoon?    | 1 |
| ii. What changes the latitude? | 2 |
| iii. What is the ITCZ?         | 2 |
| iv. What causes precipitation? | 2 |
3. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Trees are the kindest things I know,  
They do no harm, they simply grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows.  
And gather birds among the boughs.  
They are the first when the day's begin  
To touch the morning sun,  
They are the last to hold the light  
When evening changes into night.  
And when the moon floats on the sky  
They hum a drowsy lullaby  
Of sleepy children long ago..  
Trees are the kindest things I know.

Questions:

- i. Why does the poet call the trees the kindest things he knows? 2
- ii. What are the things that trees do? 2
- iii. What do they do to sleepy children? 2

**OR**

Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Sometimes when the day is bad  
And someone's made me very sad  
Or I've been given angry stares  
I go behind the front porch stairs  
There, curled up with chin on knee  
I like to be alone with me  
And listen to people talk  
And hurry by me on the walk.

**Questions**

- i. Where does the speaker go when he is angry? 2
- ii. What does he do when he is angry and alone? 2
- iii. What do the people around him do? 2

4. Answer any five of the following questions:  $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) What happened to the tree referred to by Mr. Johnson?
- b) What does 'bird' and 'woman' signify to the speaker?
- c) Which spirit underlies the changes of Indian history?
- d) What does Aris say about the fight going on in Rangoon?
- e) Who is challenging the mountains?
- f) When did the man want one more pot of gold?
- g) Why is the Koel praised?
- h) What happens to the shades of mangoes?

- i) What is histamine?
- j) Why was there nobody to look after Sun and Moon?

5. Write a paragraph on any one of the following in about 60-70 words:

1×5=5

- i. Corruption
- ii. Clean India Movement
- iii. National Integration
- iv. Kindness to Animals
- v. Might is Right

Direction (6-11): Answer any three questions: 3×5=15

- 6. You are the Secretary of the Cultural Committee. Write a notice in about 60-70 words inviting entry for Inter-School Dance Competition.
- 7. Write a report on your visit to the dengue-hit areas of Patna.
- 8. Write an application to your Class Teacher, asking for extra classes of Biology.
- 9. Write a letter to your sister inviting her to come over for Rakhi celebrations.
- 10. You are Radha. Write a speech in about 60-70 words on 'Pollution'.
- 11. You are Vikas. Write a message to your sister to make some noodles for dinner.