Instructions:

1) There are 50 multiple choice type questions in Part - A and all of them are compulsory.

2) The questions are serially numbered from 1 to 50 and each carries 1 mark.

3) Read each question carefully, select proper alternative and answer in the O.M.R. sheet.

4) Separate OMR sheet is given for answering these questions. The answer of each question is to be given by darkening the circle against options (A), (B), (C), (D). Circle ○ representing the most correct answer is to be darken with ball pen.

5) Set No. of Question Paper printed on the upper-most right side of the Question Paper, the same is to be written in the space provided in the OMR sheet and circle depicting the correct set No. is to be darken with ball pen.

1) Mrs. Packletide had offered a ________ for shooting a tiger.
   
   (A) Thousand rupees
   (B) Five hundred rupees
   (C) Hundred rupees
   (D) Two thousand rupees

2) The frog was known for his ________.
   
   (A) melodious voice  (B) baritone
   (C) serenade  (D) squeaky voice
3) In the line, ‘the living record of your memory’, ‘living record’ refers to
   (A) his friend who lives in his memory
   (B) an existing statue of his friend
   (C) the sonnet the poet has written for his friend
   (D) the autobiography of the poet’s friend

4) “Look upon my works, ye Mighty and despair!” line quoted from
   (A) The Frog and the Nightingale
   (B) The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
   (C) Not Marble, nor Gilded Monuments
   (D) Ozymandias

5) “The Sun now rose upon the right out of the sea came he!” The poetic device used in this line is ________.
   (A) Metaphor        (B) Onomatopoeia
   (C) Personification (D) Euphemism

6) The snake vanishes in the ________.
   (A) ripples         (B) bricks
   (C) trees           (D) waves

7) He lifted his head from drinking as cattle do
   The poetic device in this line is
   (A) Oxymoron        (B) Simile
   (C) Pun             (D) Hyperbole
8) The sailors felt depressed on reaching the land of mist and snow because
(A) they were surrounded by icebergs and there seemed to be no sign of life
(B) they felt they would die in that cold weather
(C) there was no sign of any living creature
(D) everything was grey in colour and they felt very cold

9) The nightingale compares the frog to _______ in disguise.
(A) Audrey Hepburn  (B) Miley Cyrus
(C) Beethoven       (D) Mozart

10) Complete the following
Said the frog: “I tried to teach her, But _________”.
(A) she was a beautiful creature
(B) she was a brilliant creature
(C) she was a stupid creature
(D) she was a successful creature

11) “So till the judgement that yourself arise”, judgement means _______.
(A) the day of success
(B) the day of birth
(C) the day of the last judgement
(D) the day of happiness

12) When Antony calls the conspirators ‘honourable men’, his tone is ________.
(A) angry  (B) flattering
(C) admiring (D) mocking
13) Cowards die many times before their death

Who said these words?

(A) Brutus  (B) Antony
(C) Caesar  (D) Cassius

14) Abel Merryweather tells his family that he has to go to St. Philip's Church on Monday to ________.

(A) sing hymns  (B) get married
(C) pray  (D) attend service

15) What is poetic license?

(A) the freedom to recite poetry  (B) the freedom to write poetry
(C) the freedom to change facts or normal rules of language  (D) the freedom to narrate poetry

16) "Are we pinching it before Aunt Elizabeth comes?"

'It' refers to

(A) the shoes  (B) the clock
(C) the coat  (D) the bureau

17) 'The evil that men do lives after them' these words are said by ________.

(A) Brutus  (B) Caesar
(C) Antony  (D) Cassius
18) Who said to whom?
“For Brutus is an honourable man”.
(A) Antony to the Romans
(B) Casca to Antony
(C) Caesar to Cassius
(D) Metellus to Brutus

19) What was locked up in Abel Merryweather’s bureau?
(A) The clock
(B) A piece of jewellery
(C) The will
(D) The watch

20) The house at the corner street belong to ______ who are standing near the gate.
(Choose the appropriate determiner)
(A) one
(B) those
(C) many
(D) any

21) Shanghai has become famous ______ in the world.
(Choose the correct option)
(A) has the heavy population
(B) as the most populous city
(C) has the more population
(D) is the most populated city

22) The staff ______ happy with their working environment.
(Choose the correct form of verb)
(A) were
(B) are
(C) is
(D) being
23) Complete the following by choosing the correct option.

_______ on TV last week?

(A) Did you watch the Talk Show programme

(B) Were you watching the Talk Show programme

(C) Did you watched the Talk Show programme

(D) Do you watch the Talk Show programme

24) Interviewers tend to prefer candidates _______ have well rounded personalities. (Choose the correct relative pronoun)

(A) where

(B) whose

(C) who

(D) which

25) My new job is very demanding _______ I enjoy the challenge it offers. (Use the correct connector)

(A) nevertheless

(B) for instance

(C) in other words

(D) consequently

26) The doctor advised Neelam to avoid _______ ghee as a cooking medium. (Use the correct form of verb)

(A) used

(B) using

(C) use

(D) useful

27) _______ we look into his complaints the situation is going to get worse. (Use the appropriate conditional)

(A) Unless

(B) As long as

(C) Provided that

(D) If
28) The idiot box is ________ pushing the bookshelf out of the homes.

(Choose the correct option)
(A) increased (B) increasingly
(C) increasing (D) to increase

29) Suu Kyi ________ for freedom and democracy.

(Choose the correct option)
(A) campaigned
(B) campaigning
(C) is campaigned
(D) was campaigning

30) The Pilot blamed his colleague ________ losing the way.

(Choose the correct preposition)
(A) on (B) for
(C) at (D) in

31) Our house is bigger than yours.

(Change the degree)
(A) Your house is bigger than ours
(B) Your house is the biggest
(C) Your house is not as big as ours
(D) Your house is as big as ours
Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:

Towards evening, there was a storm and it started to rain heavily. The wind was so strong that all the windows and doors in the old house shook and rattled. In fact it was exactly the sort of weather that the ghost loved. This is what he planned to do. He would first go quietly to Washington Otis’s room, gibber at him from the foot of the bed. Then the ghost would stab himself three times in the throat to the sound of soft music. He was particularly angry with Washington who kept on removing the famous Canterville blood-stain by using his Pinkerton’s Paragon Detergent.

32) The ghost loved the stormy weather because
   (A) his plan would fail otherwise
   (B) he liked the strong wind that shook and rattled all the windows and doors in the old house
   (C) he liked the rain
   (D) such weather was ideal for frightening the people in the house

33) The ghost was most angry with
   (A) Washington
   (B) Virginia
   (C) Mr. and Mrs. Otis
   (D) The Twins

34) The ghost planned to
   (A) knock at the door
   (B) dance to the music
   (C) stab himself three times
   (D) vanish

35) The ghost knew that Washington kept on removing
   (A) the umbrella in the corner
   (B) the famous Canterville blood stain
   (C) the shoes at the door
   (D) the music player
Read the following poem and answer the questions based on it:

Leave this chanting and singing and telling of beads!
Whom doth thou worship in this lonely dark
Corner of a temple with doors all shut?
Open thine eyes and see Thy God is not before thee!
He is there where the tiller is tilling the hard ground
And where the path-maker is breaking stones
He is with them in sun and in shower
And his garment is covered with dust.

-Rabindranath Tagore

36) According to the poet, God is with those who
   * (A) meditate
   * (B) labour
   * (C) chant
   * (D) pray

37) Tagore says, God is not
   * (A) where the tiller is tilling the ground
   * (B) where the path-maker is breaking stones
   * (C) in a lonely dark corner of a Temple
   * (D) with the tiller in the sun and shower

38) 'Whom dost thou worship in this lonely dark corner of a temple?'
The figure of speech used here is
   * (A) Simile
   * (B) Litotes
   * (C) Interrogation
   * (D) Personification

39) His garment is covered with ________.
   * (A) diamonds
   * (B) dust
   * (C) gold
   * (D) pearls
40) Nicola and Jacopo had a sister named ________.
   (A) Angela    (B) Jenny
   (C) Lucia     (D) Flavia

41) Mrs. Packletide had already arranged in her mind the lunch she would give at her house on ________.
   (A) Lawrence Street (B) Curzon Street
   (C) Hamilton Street (D) Ronaldo Street

42) Louisa Mebbin christened her pretty weekend cottage as
   (A) Les Fauves    (B) La Rosa
   (C) Yves Rocher   (D) The Skylark

43) The post office is referred to as Ali’s “place of pilgrimage” as he ________.
    (A) went there with faith and hope
    (B) came there to pray for a letter from his daughter
    (C) went there to pray for his daughter
    (D) believed God would bless him if he went there

44) “I thought you were Helen of Troy.” Who said to whom?
    (A) John to Gladiola
    (B) Hallock to Laura
    (C) John to his wife
    (D) Lavinia to the ghost

45) An offer to act in a film would come to a 52 year old non entity was beyond his wildest dreams. Give the meaning.
    (A) in real life
    (B) something seen in his dream
    (C) in a way he had not imagined
    (D) in his sleep
46) ‘Star quality’ refers to
(A) good looks and the right height
(B) good looks and the right weight
(C) good looks and acting talent
(D) good looks, height and weight

47) Projected image on the four walls of a room enables researchers to
(A) virtually get inside the molecular structure of cells and parts of human body
(B) understand the functioning of the brain
(C) carry out micro surgery
(D) reconstruct damaged parts of human body

48) At home Paul Stewart checked the Net as he wanted to learn more about the ______ story.
(A) Miracle Recovery story       (B) Skeleton swipe card
(C) Discovery story            (D) Sniper Fire

49) Patol Babu bowed his head in obeisance
(A) in gratitude to his profession
(B) in respect towards his parents
(C) in honour of his friend
(D) in memory of his guru

50) Their selfless action brought a new nobility to human life, gave promise of a greater hope for human society. The writer refers to ________.
(A) Lucia, their sister       (B) Luigi, the driver
(C) Nicola and Jacopo      (D) The nurse
SECTION - A

(READING)

1) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: [4]

No one wants to die. Even people who want to go up to heaven don’t want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because Death is very likely the single best invention of life. It is life’s change agent. It clears the old to make way for the new. Right now, the new is you, but someday not too long, from now you will gradually become the old and be cleared away.

Your time is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life. Don’t be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people’s thinking. Don’t let the noise of other people’s opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.

- Steven Paul Jobs

Questions:

a) What is the best invention of life according to the author? Why?

b) Why should we follow our heart and intuition?

c) What does Steve Jobs say about ‘Time’?

d) Should others’ opinions matter to us?
Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:  

Fox was very happy that there were more than 50 admissions in his new school. He was determined to make it, the best school in the jungle. He introduced everything in his curriculum: reading, writing, arithmetic, swimming, dancing, running, climbing trees etc. and insisted that teachers should take classes regularly and test the students regularly. The teachers however were very unsatisfied with the results. However much they tried, they couldn’t teach the lion to swim, the tiger always failed in climbing the trees and the crow refused to sing. The teachers tried all methods and regularly conducted classes.

The students had to attend special classes. The peacock would help the teacher conduct dancing classes but the pig could not get a single step correct. Likewise, the owl did not want to learn to read and the monkey could not swim. All the students failed in the exams and the fox was very worried. Then the wise old bat told him to let the students take up the courses they wanted to and then conduct the exams. The monkey did not have to learn swimming any more but the crocodile could practice swimming and diving, the crow could fly and learn to do somersaults in the air and the squirrel could continue learning arithmetic. When the exams were conducted, all the animals passed with flying colours and the Fox was very proud of his school.

Questions:

a) What was wrong with the Fox’s school initially?

b) What were the reasons for improvement in the results?

c) How do schools in the present day resemble the Fox’s school?

SECTION-B
(WRITING)

3) You are Aditi/Aditya. Your friend has not been able to make up her/his mind regarding the choice of career. Write a letter encouraging her/him to choose a career in the field of tourism.

OR

Draft an e-mail to your friend narrating about your trip to the Himalayas and the wonderful sights you have seen.
4) Develop a short story of about 200 words based on the following: [7]
She opened the secret door of the castle and ---------.

OR

Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words:

a) Challenges to National Integration.

b) Virtual Games are a reality.

5) Make a diary entry of a day when you walked in the rain. [4]

OR

The water-clogging due to the rains has led to unhygienic environmental conditions resulting in widespread diseases. Write a report giving an account of the same.

6) Your principal is organising a career counselling session for students of Std IX and X. [3]
Draft a notice on his/her behalf giving details about the session in about 50 words.

OR

You attended a medical camp held in your locality. Make a note on your experiences during the camp.

SECTION - C
(LITERATURE)

7) Answer any three of the following in about 30-40 words each: [6]

a) How does the story, “Two Gentlemen of Verona” promise hope for society?

b) How did the villagers react to the Tiger’s death.

c) Why does John want the ghost to disappear before his wife appears on the scene?

d) What kind of computers fascinated Michael and his dad? Why?
8) Answer any three of the following in about 30-40 words each:  [6]
   a) Describe the ancient mariner.
   b) Why do you think the rich and the powerful get monuments and statues erected in their memory?
   c) What is your impression of Ozymandias as a king?
   d) How does the poet, D.H. Lawrence describe the day and the atmosphere when he had seen the snake?

9) Answer any one of the following in 50-60 words each:  [3]
   a) How do the heavens ‘blaze forth’ the death of Julius Caesar.
   b) What are the three things that grandfather plans to do on Monday next?

SECTION - D  (GRAMMAR)

10) Rewrite the following into indirect speech:  [3]
    “What do you see up there?” said Ali, pointing to the sky “Heaven”.
    “Allah is there, and in His presence I am giving you this money.”

11) Combine the following into a single sentence:  [2]
    I’ve seen a weekend cottage. It is near Darking. I should rather like to buy.
12) Answer the following questions in about 100-120 words (any one): \[5\]

   a) How has the book, 'The story of my life', by Helen Keller, inspired you?

   OR

   b) Give your opinion about Helen's teacher, Mrs. Anne Sullivan.