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## Instructions

Time : 1 hour

Maximum Marks : 100

1. Maximum Time is 1 hour & You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet, before the start of the exam.
2. Write your **Name, School Code, Class, Roll No.** and **Mobile Number** clearly on the **OMR Sheet** and do not forget to sign it.
3. The Question Paper comprises four sections:  
**Reading** (15 Questions), **Vocabulary** (15 Questions), **Grammar** (10 Questions) and **Wise Wizard** (10 Questions). Each question carries two marks.
4. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking. Use of calculator is not permitted.
5. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only.

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## SECTION - A (READING)

*Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (Direction Q 1-5)*

When grass becomes merely "a lawn," it is in danger of becoming what that sour economic Puritan Thorstein Veblen said it always was, namely, a "status symbol", a display of conspicuous expenditure meant to demonstrate that its owner can afford to waste in mere display what might be used to produce wheat or vegetables. Veblen was wrong because a lawn can also demonstrate a great truth which economists are prone to forget, namely, that beauty, may be its own excuse for being. But a lawn can be what he called it, and there is no greater paradox than this transformation of the humblest and most unshowy of green things into a status symbol. Of course, neither your lawn nor mine (when in Connecticut I had one) is that. But just to be sure that it isn't, a salutary experience can be had if we ask ourselves from time to time what our real reason for having it is.

- Q1. On asking oneself the true reason to own a lawn, one can have an experience that is:
- (A) Painful (B) Memorable  
(C) Beneficial and introspecting (D) Horrifying
- Q2. Veblen implies by owning a lawn one usurps the land originally meant for:
- (A) Vegetation (B) Industrialisation  
(C) Waste disposal (D) Growing mere grasses
- Q3. According to the author, a lawn is most valued for:
- (A) the beauty. (B) being a status-symbol.  
(C) maintaining the eco-system. (D) quality of grasses.
- Q4. The transformation of the humblest green things into a status symbol is:
- (A) Amazing (B) Seemingly absurd  
(C) Unique (D) Cynical
- Q5. Neither your lawn nor mine lawn:
- (A) is a status symbol. (B) can be a status symbol.  
(C) has been a status symbol. (D) shall be a status symbol.

*Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions that follow. (Direction Q6 -10)*

So, I have learned many things, son.  
I have learned to wear many faces  
like dresses-homeface,  
officeface, streetface, host face,  
cocktailface, with all their conforming smiles  
like a fixed portrait smile.

- Q6. What has the poet learnt?
- (A) To smile artificially
  - (B) To make false expressions on the face
  - (C) Hypocrisy
  - (D) All of the above
- Q7. By 'wearing faces' the poet means
- (A) putting on different masks
  - (B) painting faces
  - (C) making false expressions on the face
  - (D) All of these
- Q8. How does the poet smile now?
- (A) Artificially
  - (B) Heartily
  - (C) Mockingly
  - (D) All of these
- Q9. The poet puts on \_\_\_\_\_ while welcoming guests at his home.
- (A) officeface
  - (B) cocktailface
  - (C) homeface
  - (D) hostface
- Q10. Why do the 'conforming smiles' look like a 'fixed portrait smile' to the poet?
- (A) Because they don't spring from heart
  - (B) Because they are formal and artificial
  - (C) Because they are false expressions
  - (D) All of these

**Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (Direction Q 11-15)**

Children should be educated without pressure. They should enter into adulthood free from the damaging effects of tradition and fear. Free expression of thought should be given to the children. A child once asked Krishnamurthy, "Is it your hobby to give lectures? Don't you get tired of talking? Why are you doing it?" Krishnamurthy replied: "I am glad you asked that question. You know, if you love something, you never get tired of it. I mean love in which there is no desire of wanting something out of it. If you are talking because you are getting something out of it: money, reward, sense of your importance: then there is weariness. Then it has no meaning because it is only

self-fulfillment, but if there is love in your heart, it is like a fountain, always giving fresh water."

- Q11. Children should be educated without \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) fear (B) money (C) pressure (D) teachers
- Q12. What type of expression should be given to children?  
(A) busy (B) damaging (C) complex (D) free
- Q13. Weariness means feeling \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) happy (B) joy (C) tired (D) angry
- Q14. Which reward will not make you feel weariness?  
(A) money (B) sense of importance  
(C) only reward (D) love in your heart
- Q15. Which word is wrongly matched with its opposite?  
(A) damaging-preserving (B) never-always  
(C) give-take (D) fresh-sour

### SECTION - B (VOCABULARY)

- Q16. Identify the odd one out:  
(A) Immortal (B) Eminent (C) Perpetual (D) Everlasting
- Q17. Select the pair among the given choices which is related in the same way as the words given in CAPITAL letters  
RANCOUR: AFFECTION :: ?  
(A) Greed: Generosity (B) Affinity: Attraction  
(C) Reprisal: Resourcefulness (D) Grasp: Hold
- Q18. Three sentences are given below you have to identify which sentence is a fact and which is opinion.  
I: The devil can cite scripture for his purpose.  
II: Even an unscrupulous person has some principles.  
III: The real wisdom is to be found in scriptures.  
Select the answer from the given choices:  
(A) I-fact, II-opinion, III-opinion (B) I-opinion, II-fact, III-fact  
(C) I-fact, II-opinion, III-fact (D) I-fact, II-fact, III-opinion

*Choose the most appropriate substitute for the given description.*

**(Direction Q19 -20)**

- Q19. Persons living at the same time  
(A) Colleagues (B) Contemporaries (C) Ancestors (D) Forefathers
- Q20. Habit of secretly listening to private conversation  
(A) Spying (B) Eavesdropping (C) Condign (D) Murmuring
- Q21. Select from alternatives the word which is opposite in meaning of the word given in capital letter.  
INTRUDE  
(A) To tear away (B) Keep away (C) Force (D) Compelled

*Select the correct meaning of the idioms/phrases underlined in the following sentences.*

**(Direction Q22-23)**

- Q22. He is a person after my own heart.  
(A) Exactly to one's own liking (B) To make a suggestion  
(C) An emotional man (D) To pretend to be nice
- Q23. The popularity of the yesteryears' superstar is on the wane.  
(A) At its peak (B) Growing more (C) At the lowest (D) Becoming less

**(Direction: Q24 - 25)**

In the following questions, sentences have been divided into six parts. The first and the last parts are numbered 1 and 6 and the remaining four parts are named P, Q, R and S. While parts 1 and 6 are in order, the remaining parts are jumbled. Rearrange the parts P, Q, R and S to form meaningful sentences; remaining parts 1 and 6 are the beginning and end of the sentence respectively.

- Q24. 1. **He must again learn to invoke the**  
P. recognise, as did the ancient India  
Q. the earth and the atmosphere only so  
R. centuries ago, the one can take from  
S. energy of growing things and to  
6. **much as one puts back into them.**  
(A) PSQR (B) SPQR (C) SPRQ (D) PQSR
- Q25. 1. **The individual civilisation has**  
P. efficient man, he whose entire  
Q. promoted the concept of the  
R. producing more in a given unit of time  
S. energies are concentrated on  
6. **and form a given unit of manpower.**  
(A) PQRS (B) QPSR (C) SRQP (D) RSPQ

Arrange the following letters given in capital to form a meaningful word. (Direction Q26-27)

Q26. AEOEPCLTR

- (A) Percolate (B) Percloate (C) Parcolete (D) Porcalete

Q27. ESTTTUEDI

- (A) Distetute (B) Distetuet (C) Destituet (D) Destitute

Q28. Give the synonym of the word written in capital letter below.

PLUSH

- (A) Comforting (B) Tasty (C) Luxurious (D) Delicious

Q29. Find the word which has been mis-spelt.

- (A) Shrubery (B) Senescent (C) Slaughter (D) Sneer

Q30. Choose the incorrect sentence.

- (A) Sugar is bad for teeth. (B) The tea was hot enough to drink.  
(C) Water boil at Celsius. (D) The bread is stale.

### SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

Q31. Find the part of the sentence that has an error.

He has eaten two slice of bread.

1 2 3 4

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4

Q32. Identify the kind of noun for the underlined word.

A city never sleeps.

- (A) Proper (B) Abstract (C) Common (D) Collective

Q33. Write the correct form of the pronouns for the following.

You know that as well as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) I (B) me (C) myself (D) mine

Q34. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions.

He is indebted \_\_\_\_\_ his friend \_\_\_\_\_ a large sum,

- (A) along, with (B) to, for (C) before, to (D) to, with

Q35. Change the narration of the following sentence from indirect to direct speech

He said to her, "Did you plan to go away in summer?"

- (A) He asked her if she would plan to go away in summer.  
(B) He asked her if she planned to go away in summer.  
(C) He asked her if she has planned to go away in summer.  
(D) He asked her if she had planned to go away in summer.

- Q36. Identify the sentence with correct punctuation.
- (A) How we are ever to get there, is the question!  
(B) What a terrible fire is this?  
(C) He did not however, gain his object.  
(D) Oh God! I hear the sound of guns.
- Q37. Which of the following gives the meaning 'to destroy completely'?
- (A) kill                      (B) annihilate                      (C) tear apart                      (D) None of the above
- Q38. Fill in the following blank with appropriate determiner.
- They had a special building \_\_\_\_\_ and the kids went there.
- (A) All                      (B) both                      (C) many                      (D) some
- Q39. Choose the appropriate conjunction.
- The school bell does not ring \_\_\_\_\_ the principal arrives.
- (A) Though                      (B) But                      (C) As                      (D) Until
- Q40. Choose the most appropriate passive voice form for the given sentence.
- They declared him a culprit.
- (A) A culprit was declared him by them.  
(B) He was declared a culprit by them.  
(C) He was declared by them a culprit.  
(D) A culprit was declared by them.

### SECTION - D (WISE WIZARD)

- Q41. Find out which part of a sentence has an error.
- (A) Whenever he is coming    (B) here, he brings    (C) many    (D) gifts for me
- Q42. Which of the options given below may suitably replace the phrase printed in bold to make the sentence grammatically correct?
1. The performance of our players was rather **worst than I had expected**.
- a) bad as I had expected  
(b) worse than I had expected  
(c) worse than expectation  
(d) worst than was expected

Q43. In the following question , there are six sentences marked S<sub>1</sub>,S<sub>6</sub>, P,Q,R and S. The position of S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>6</sub> are fixed . Choose one of the four alternatives which would be the most logical sequence of the sentence in the passage.

**S<sub>1</sub>** Now-a-days, soap is going almost out of use as a washing agent.

S<sub>6</sub>: There are better washing agents than soap, but scientists are not yet sure if their use is harmless to man.

P: They produce lather due to the presence of calcium salts in water.

Q: Its place has been occupied by a new range of chemicals, called detergents.

R: So they are called soapless soap.

S: Detergents are not soap because they are not sodium or potassium derivatives of fatty acids, as normal soap is.

The proper sequence should be:

- (A) SQRP                      (B) QSRP                      (C) SQ PR                      (D) QPRS

Q44. Choose the correct antonym of the key word given in capital letter.

VICE

- (A) False                      (B) Fool                      C) Wrong                      (D) Virtue

Q45. Choose the most appropriate phrase to complete the sentence.

Nina promised she would \_\_\_\_\_Cara's children of and on while she was away on a business trip.

- (A) look in over                      (B) look in on                      (C) look down on                      (D) None of these

Q46. Identify the underlined part of speech. Choose the correct answer :

The burglar disappeared with the cash.

- (A) transitive verb                      (B) intransitive verb  
(C) linking verb                      (D) auxiliary verb

Q47. Fill in the blank with correct preposition.

In the month of December, the temperature falls \_\_\_\_\_ 4° C.

- (A) from                      (B) below                      (C) at                      (D) into



Q48. Complete the following by using the correct question tag.

He knows nobody in the colony, \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) does he                      (B) did he                      (C) doesn't he                      (D) didn't he

Q49. Identify the relationship of words.

Heat, Boiling

- (A) If one is the product of the other.  
(B) If both are the product of some other things.  
(C) If one is the cause of the other.  
(D) If one is the need of the other.

Q50. Fill in the blank with the correct determiner.

No \_\_\_\_\_ than fifty CRPF personnel were killed in the explosion.

- (A) less                      (B) few                      (C) fewer                      (D) Both (A) and (C)

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