

# **TNPSC GROUP II PRILIMS 2015** (GENERAL ENGLISH)

1. Pick out the correct words from the options given below:

He gave me \_\_\_\_\_ notes.

a. A ten five rupee

c. A ten five rupees

b. ten five rupees

- d. ten five rupee
- 2. Which one of the following word is incorrect? a. Means b. Scissors c. Luggages d. Premises

#### **Passage:**

Even researchers are finding that introverts makes better leaders than extroverts for the simple reason that they are more likely to listen and pay attention to what other people are saying. By talking a backseat, introverted leaders encourage others to suggest ideas, contribute actively and take initiative, thus increasing morale and motivation.

- 3. Introverts make better leaders because they are\_\_\_\_\_ c. Attention-seeking a. Interested b. Attentive d. Alluring
- 4. Which one of the following sentence is incorrect?
  - a. The flowers smell sweet.
  - b. Of Mumbai and Chennai, the former is the wealthiest.
  - c. Six miles is a long distance.
  - d. As a novelist, Jane Austen is superior to Mrs. Henry Wood
- 5. "Imagine if your precious nose were sandwiched in between your toes" What does the word "Sandwiched" mean here?
  - a. Become like afood item b. Trapped
  - d. pressed between two things c. Replaced
- 6. H.W.Lontfellow's poem "The Psalm of Life" is a piece of b. Encomium a. Prayer c. Appeal d. Advice

7. Why do think is these lines addressed to:

You cannot rob us of the rights we cherish,

Nor turn our bright picture of a 'women's mission

Our hearts portray

- a. An individual reader b. The poet's companion
- c. Society at large d. a particular misogynist group
- 8. Which of the following lines belong to H.W.Longfellow's 'A psalm of Life"?
  - a. And you O my soul where you stand
  - b. All human roads are dark and dry
  - b. Your minstrel has no wreath to weave for you
  - d. Art is long and time is fleeting
- 9. In Oscar Wilde's "The Selfish Giant" the spring season did not come to the giant's garden because
  - a. He built a huge wall around his garden.
  - b. He was very unkind to the spring season.
  - c. He did not allow the children inside the garden
  - d. He liked winter season
- 10.In Oscar Wilde's "The Model Millionaire" Hughie is humane and handsome but<br/>a. Ineffableb. A man of no means<br/>c. Heartlessd. A paranoid

11.In Oscar Wilde's "The Selfish Giant", the giant's heart melted when he saw

- a. The spring season
- b. the children playing in the garden
- c. The children singing and dancing
- d. a little child unable to climb a tree
- 12.In Oscar Wilde's "The Model Millionaire" what did Hughie do in Alen Trevor's absence?
  - a. Hughie spoke to the beggar c. Hughie enjoyed a smoke
- **b.** Hughie gave the beggar some money d. Hughie was dreaming
- 13.In Oscar Wilde's "The Selfish Giant" only one little boy did not run away on seeing the giant because
  - a. He was blind b. He was Lame
  - c. He was Afraid **d. he did not see the giant coming**
- 14.What is the height of Shiva linga in the sanctum sanctorum of the Brihadeeswarer Temple?
  - a. 8.7 metres b. 8.5 metres c. 8.8 metres d. 8.9 metres

15. The author who wrote the lesson 'Yaanai Malai' suffered from the disease?

a. Chronic Glaucoma

b. Retinitis pigmentosa

c. Astigamatism d. myopic Vision

16. Where is the Yaanai Malai located?

a. In the South Eastern outskirts of Madurai

#### **b.** In the North Eastern outskirts of Madurai

- c. In the South Western outskirts of Madurai
- d. In the South Western outskirts of Madurai

17. Match Column A with Column B. Select the correct code given below.

Column A

- A. The ant and the Grasshopper
- B. The Cop and the Anthem
- C. The Happy Prince
- D. The Face of Judas Iscariot

- Column B
- 1. Oscar Wilde
- 2. Somerset Maugham
- 3. Bonnie Chamberlian
- 4. O'Henry

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a.	2	4	1	3
b.	1	2	3	4
c.	1	3	4	2
d.	1	4	2	3

18.Match Column A with Column B. Select the correct code given below.

Colun	ın A	Column B			
A. My c	ountr	'y my	life	1	1. Sachin
B. My s	tory	2. Nehru			
C. Play	It My	3. Kamala Das			
D. Towa	ard fr	4. L.K.Advani			
		D			
	a.	2	4	3	1
	b.	3	2	1	4
	c.	4	3	1	2
	d.	2	3	1	4

19. Which one of the following statement is correct?

a. V.K.Gokak is a Telugu poet and Novelist

### b. V.K.Gokak is a Kannada poet and Novelist

- c. V.K.Gokak is a Marathi poet and Novelist
- d. V.K.Gokak is a Gujarathi poet and Novelist

### 20. Saruli figures in

- a. Farmer
- c. After the Storm

b. The sun Beam d. Kari, the elephant 21. "Envy is Ignorance and imitation is Suicide"

a. Robert Frost	b. Khalil	Gibran		
c. F. Joanna	d. Ralph	n Waldo Emerson		
22. Annie Louisa Walker i	s a well-known _	poet.		
a. Canadian – born	b.	American – born		
c. British - born	d.	Australian – born		
23 is not a Not	el Prize winner.			
a. Rudyard Kipling	b.	William Golding		
c. Oscar Wilde	d.	d. Pearl S. Buck		
24.Match Column A with Column A A. The Apology B. Be Glad your nos C. Where the mind $\vec{B}$ D. Nine Gold Medal A B a. 2 1 b. 1 4 c. 2 1 d. 1 2	e is on your Face is without fear ls C D	the correct code given below. Column B 1. Jack Prelutsky 2. Emerson 3. David Roth 4. Tagore		

25. The ozone gas that acts like a canopy, protecting you form the harmful ultra violet rays of the sun is depleting.

a. A preventive medicine	b. a damage-control system
c. An overhanging shelter	d. a storehouse of gases

26.Complete the following sentences with suitable articles:

On \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ tea party, Apsara took her mother to Mrs.Rose's room. b. an, the a. The, the c. a, an d. the, a

27.Complete the following sentences with suitable passive voice:

In primitive times, stone implements\_\_\_\_\_\_ to kill animals.

- a. Was employed b. were employed
- c. Will be employed d. had been employed

28. Fill out the blank with the most appropriate option given below:

Alexander's hope\_\_\_\_\_ the whole of india was not materialised due to his ill health.

a. To conquer b. of conquer

c. Of conquering	d. conquered	
29.Fill in the blanks with the correc We will have to findso a. Alternate b. Altered	ources of energy in the	future.
30.Which among the following is a	- · · ·	<b>-</b>
<b>a. Clip-clopped</b> b. tongue-	twister c. ambitious	d. entertainment
31.An implied smile is a a. Metathesis <b>b. metapho</b> r		d. metamorphosis
32.In the poem "Going for Water", a. To relish the sylvan atmosp <b>b. Because the well was dry</b> c. To enjoy the natural beauty d. To find whether there is wa	ohere in the dense wood <b>beside the door</b> 7 of the brook	e
33."Laugh till the game is played" - a. Hockey b. Exam	– what is the game refe c. Dice	erred to here? <b>d. Life</b>
	Y	
35.Who among the flowing is not a <b>a. Calpurnia</b> b. Base	-	re's 'Merchant of Venice'? d. Nerissa
36.Who speaks the following lines i "The quality of mercy is not s It droppeth as the gentle rain Upon the place beneath"	strained	hant of Venice".
a) Antonio b. Shy	lock <b>c. Portia</b>	d. Duke
37.The following lines is from the p "O judg'ment! Thou art feld t The figure of speech employe	o brutish beasts"	

a. Anththesis **b. personification** c. Metaphor d. Oxymoron

Here th	utus is a le tone of	n hono f Anto	says, ourable mar ny is one of <b>ony</b>		d. Hero-worship			
39.Who was a. Carsi			r to stab Cae epidus	esar? <b>c. Casca</b>	d. Brutus			
<ul> <li>40."Good luck is round the corner": What does this line suggest in the poem "Keep your sprits High"?</li> <li>a. Do anticipate luck</li> <li>b. Do think that luck would favour you</li> <li>c. Be positive and optimistic in all your attitudes</li> <li>d. Do have the frame of mind that you are fortune's minion.</li> </ul>								
<ul><li>41.What is the name of the porter who accompanied Ahtushi Deshpande?</li><li>a. Laxmi</li><li>b. Kundu</li><li>c. Bamon</li><li>d. Raman Singh</li></ul>								
<ul> <li>42."A dominant landmark of the north-eastern outskirts of Madurai is "Yaanai Malai" Choose the inappropriate statement from the following <ul> <li>a. Yaanai malai is a solid rocky hill</li> <li>b. Yaanai malai is in the north-east direction of Madurai</li> <li>c. Madurai is the landmark of Yaanai malai</li> <li>d. Yaanai malai is otherwise called elephant hill</li> </ul> </li> </ul>								
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44.Match Column A with Column B. Select the correct code given below. Column A       Column B         A. A psalm of Life       1. Lewis Carroll         B. Is Life But a Dream       2. H.W.Longfellow         C. Going for Water       3. Kamala Das         D. Punishment in Kindergarten       4. Robert Frost         A       B       C       D         a.       2       3       1         b.       2       3       4         c.       4       2       3								

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c. The Lottery Ticket					11	YC	d. The Open Window		
49.Wha	t is	the t	itle of	H.W	.Long	gfellow's	s volume of 1	poem	s which included "A Psalm
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<ul> <li>B. "Nations are built by the imagination and Untiring enthusiastic efforts of generations"</li> <li>2. Kesavan Nair</li> </ul>							2. Kesavan Nair		
C You cannot belive darling, can you that									
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b.		2	3	1	<b>4</b>				

C.	2	4	1	3
d.	2	3	4	1

51. Match Column A with Column B. Select the correct code given below.

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B. Potential					2. – ment		
C. Ferocious				3. – ness			
D. 5	Success	S			4. – ity		
	А	В	С	D	-		
a.	1	4	3	2			
b.	3	4	2	1			
c.	1 3 <b>2</b>	4	3	1			
d.	2	4	1	3			
a. T b. T c. L <b>d. T</b> 53.Fill in The	<ul> <li>52. Pick out the sentence with the wrong usage of articles: <ul> <li>a. The cow is a useful animal</li> <li>b. The rose is the sweetest of all flowers</li> <li>c. Let's go to the park</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. The banyan is a kind of a fig tree</li> </ul> <li>53.Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions: <ul> <li>The most popular therapy getting rid hiccups is to have someone to scare you when you least expect it.</li> </ul></li>						
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- c. The last time I saw him, he was in High spirits
- d. The longest lane has a turning.

58. Identify the sentence which is in the positive degree

### a. This is a major issue

b. The latter chapters are lacking in interest

c. Rama's intelligence is superior to Hari's

d. He is junior to all his colleagues.

59.Which one of the following word an adverb + participle?	s is an example of compound word consisting of				
a. Pale blue b. Well define	ed c. Seafood <b>d. Outsourcing</b>				
60.Which figure of speech does th contain?	e expression, "the hissing noise of the snake"				
a. Logopoeia b. Anaphora	c. Diaspora <b>d. Onomatoepia</b>				
speech used by Walt Whitman in					
a. Oxymoron b. Personifica	tion c. Simile <b>d. Metaphor</b>				
62.Who told the following statement "Tolerance is the highest resul	t of education"				
a. Dr. Abdul Kalam b. Mahatma Gandhi c. Helen Keller d. Subash Chandra Bose					
c. Heren Kener	a. Subush Chanara bose				
	a libel; It is man's injustice to women"				
Who said these words about W					
a. Jawaharlal Nehru c. Rabindranath Tagore	<ul> <li>b. Swami Vivekananda</li> <li>d. Mahatma Gandhi</li> </ul>				
c. Rabillariana ragore					
64.Rani of Jhansi was associated with	n				
a. Battle of Plassey	b. Sepoy Mutiny				
c. British Government	d. Indian National Congress				
65. The story of My Experience with	Truth" is an autobiographical work written by				
a) Jawaharlal Nehru	b) Mahatma Gandhi				
c) Abraham Lincoln	d) Subash Chandra Bose				
1	equired will continue with you all your life" conveys the meaning of the above passage? vork				

# b) The author states the importance of team work

- c) The author insists on friendship
- d) The author reiterates the importance of good behaviour

- 67."No matter what happened, I always insisted on their being themselves" What does the writer mean by this statement? Choose the right option from the following.
  - a) The writer wants human beings to be day dreamers
  - b) The writer wants human beings to be in their own world
  - c) The writer wants human beings to be calm
  - d) The writer wants human beings to be individuals and not to imitate others

68.What is refrain?

- a) The first line of a poem that is repeated in all stanzas
- b) The repetition of a line or lines within a poem, at given intervals
- c) The first line and the last are one and the same in the last stanza
- d) The last two lines of the first stanza and the last two lines of the last stanza are one and the same

## 69.Identify the pair of British English and American English expressions with incorrect spelling:

1 0		
British		American
a) Plough	-	Plow
b) Cheque		Check
c) Theatre		Theater
d) Skilful		Skilfull

70.Match the British English words with American English Equivalents: British English American English

2				1. Fall
				2. Antenna
				3. Jelly
n				4. Diaper
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71.\_\_\_\_\_ warns Caesar about the "ides of March".

a) **A Soothsayer** b) Calpurnia c) Pompey d) Mark Antony

72.In Julius Caesar, Antony says,

"The noble Brutus

Hath told you Caesar was ambitious;

If it were so, it was a grievous fault"

What is referred to a 'grievous fault' here?

- a) Brutus' nobility
- c) Being ambitious

Cunningness

b)

d) Caesar's balour

73.Match the following:

- a. Takazhi Sivasankaran Pillai
- b. William Shakespeare
- c. Douglas Malloch
- d. Lewis Carroll

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	2	1	4	3
(B)	1	2	4	3
(C)	2	1	3	4
(D)	4	1	2	3

74. Match the following:

Author

- a. Norman Nicholson
- b. Dale Carnegie
- c. Walt Whitman
- d. William Wordsworth morning

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
(A)	4	1	3	2
<b>(B)</b>	4	1	2	3
(C)	1	4	2	3
(D)	3	1	2	4

- 1. Sonnet 116
- 2. Kuttichovan
- 3. Is Life but a dream
- 4. Be the Best

Title

- 1. The Road to Success
- 2. O Captain! My Captain!
- 3. The Solitary Reaper
- 4. Off to outer space tomorrow

75. In Julius Caesar, Antony says, 'He hath brought many captives home to Rome, Whose Ransoms did the general coffers fill".

'Ransoms' in this line means

- a) Payment for the release of refugees
- b) Payment for the release of criminals
- c) Payment for the release of prisoners
- d) Payment for the release of leaders

76.Match the following idiomatic expressions under Column A with their core meaning under Column B. Choose the right code:

Column A	Column B
A. I can ride a motor cycle	1. Asking for Permission
B. No one can be right all the time	2. Theoretical possibility

- C. Can I use your mobile phone, please?
- 2. Theoretical possibility
- 3. Ability

D. Anyone can make mistakes		kes	4. Po	ossibility		
(A) (B) (C) (D)	3 1 4 2	<b>4</b> 3 3 1	<b>1</b> 2 1 4	<b>2</b> 4 2 3		
77.If you can f Find out <b>a. Musc</b>	the sy	nonyr				n the options given d. Weakness
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80.Choose the a. Direct		oriate		word <sup>-</sup> heism		efix 'mal' can combine <b>d. Nourished</b>
81.Identify the a. Delici			U	-	otions c. Industrious	d. Jubilantly
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85.Behold her, single in the field,

Yon solitary Highland Lass!

The underlined word in the above lines of "The Solitary Reader" refers to b. America d. Ireland c. Scotland a. England

86. Find out the meaning of the underlined word in the following lines from Sonnet No. 116: "Let me not to the marriage of true minds admit Impediments......

a. Obstacles b. Victory c. Success d. Happiness

87. Choose the option containing the author of the following lines

"No Nightingale did ever chant

More welcome notes to weary bands"

- a. Hopkins in 'Laugh and be Merry'
- b. Khalil Gibran in 'Earth'

c. Wordsworth in "The Solitary Reaper"

d. Kamala Das in "Punishment in The Kindergarten"

88."The music in my heart I bore

Long after it was heard no more"	
These lines appear in	
a. Be the Best	b. Tables turned
c. A Psalm of Life	d. The Solitary Reaper

- c. A Psalm of Life
- 89."She left India as a student, but she would see the nation of her birth, all of it, from hundreds of miles above' -

George W.Bush spoke these lines about whom?

- a. Kalpana Chawla b.Sunitha Williams d. Chithra Diwakaruni c. Meena Alexander
- 90. Paulnack was the director of the music division ar\_

a. The Bosten Conservatory	b. The Philharmonic Royal
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- c. The France School of Arts d. The Manhattan Academy
- 91. Which one of the following statements is not related to the lesson "Music" The Hope Raiser"?

a. Music is a basic need of human survival

b. Music is one of the ways we make sense of our lives

c. Music is a luxury and lavish thing

d. Music is not an extravaganza or a hobby

92. \_\_\_\_\_ composed the German Requiem.

a. Messiaen	b. Johannes Brahms
c. Charles Tindley	d. Karl Paulnack

93.Who wrote the following motivational poem, "You can't be that, No, You can't be that"?

a. Hope Spencer	b. Dale Carnegi
c. Brian Patten	d. Rupert Brooke

94.Match the following Brtitst/American expressions in Column A with Column B. Select the right answer from the options given below:

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100. Mohiniyattam is a classical dance froma. Keralab. Biharc. Kashmird. Tamil Nadu

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