

## TNPSC GENERAL STUDIES 2016

### GENERAL ENGLISH

#### JAILOR EXAM 2016

1. Match the prefixes under Column - A with the words under Column - B and choose the correct code :

Column A

- a. post
- b. ir
- c. dis
- d. non

Column B

- 1. appearance
- 2. alignment
- 3. independence
- 4. reparable

- |           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| A.        | 1        | 3        | 4        | 2        |
| B.        | 2        | 4        | 3        | 1        |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> |
| D.        | 4        | 3        | 2        | 1        |

2. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.

He is \_\_\_\_\_ teacher by profession. He loves \_\_\_\_\_ teaching.

- A. a, an                      **B. a, no article**                      C. a, the                      D. the, a

3. Identify the phrase with the correct usage of articles.

- A. a university**                      B. an union  
C. an European                      D. a hour

4. Fill out the blank with the appropriate preposition given below :

I am listening to music \_\_\_\_\_ the radio.

A. of      B. in      C. from      **D. on**

5. Complete the sentence with a suitable tag.

Nobody saw us, \_\_\_\_\_?

- A. do they?                      **B. did they?**  
C. didn't they?                D. doesn't he?

6. Which one of the following sentences is incorrect?

- A. Bread and butter is my breakfast  
B. Either of the two boys has done this  
**C. The quality of the apples were good**  
D. Neither Raj nor his friends have come

7. Choose the correct option for the following passage :

The road to success is not a bed of roses. It is full of thorns, pitfalls and gins. Only those who made through the hazards and hurdles with grit and determination could smell success. That is how Gandhi became a leader par excellence. Gandhi became a great leader through.

- A. hard work and sincerity**                      B. goodness and luck  
C. humility and patience                      D. love and leadership qualities

8. Read the following passage and select the incorrect statement from the given options :

There is a big cultural gulf between city colleges and suburban colleges. If some of the former are now given a degree of autonomy, it will only heighten this disparity.

- A. The gulf between city colleges and suburban colleges can be bridged by giving autonomy to some city colleges**  
B. Giving autonomy to some city colleges will heighten the disparity between city and urban colleges  
C. There is a cultural divide between rural and urban colleges  
D. Giving a degree of autonomy to some city colleges is not a proper solution to bridging the disparity between city colleges and suburban colleges

9. Pick out the sentence that is grammatically incorrect.

- A. I have not seen him since four years**  
B. Never enter my house again  
C. Character is preferable to intelligence  
D. He goes to school in time

10. Which among the following is not a word formed by blending?  
A. biopic      B. motel      **C. notebook**      D. guesstimate
11. 'Goodwill', 'software' and 'gentleman' are examples of compound words formed by joining \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
A. noun and noun      **B. adjective and noun**  
C. verb and adverb      D. adverb and noun
12. Identify the figure of speech in "And flickered his tongue like a forked night on the air, so black".  
**A. simile**      B. metaphor      C. alliteration      D. oxymoron
13. 'Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds' -  
What is the figure of speech presented in these lines?  
A. Personification      **B. Alliteration**  
C. Simile      D. Oxymoron
14. Which among the following poems contains a strong anti-war message?  
A. The Apology      **B. The Man He Killed**  
C. Manliness      D. The Cry of the Children
15. "And, underneath our heavy eyelids drooping, I The reddest flower would look as pale as snow".  
The figure of speech used here is  
**A. simile**      B. metaphor  
C. personification      D. Allusion
16. "I try my best to be  
A mother like the mom you were to me".  
Find out the option that best explains the meaning of these lines.  
A. The speaker does not want to be a mother like her own mother  
B. The speaker compares her mother to her concept of an ideal mother  
C. The speaker wants to be a mother for her child like any other mother  
**D. The speaker always tries hard to emulate her mother and considers her as her role model**
17. In the poem "O Captain! My Captain!", What does Whitman mean by the line, "the prize we sought is won"?

- A. **The North and South America got integrated**
- B. The prosperity of USA had been secured
- C. The military sovereignty had been assured
- D. The safety and security of USA had been ensured

18. What does the poet wish for his country in the following lines?

"Where the world has not been broken up into fragments/By narrow domestic walls"

- A. fearlessness and dignity
- B. freedom from domestic violence
- C. **equality and harmony**
- D. parochial attitude

19. If you can't be a muskie then just be a bass.

What does the underlined word from the poem "Be the Best" refer to?

- A. **A type of rose**
- B. A type of lilly
- C. A type of lotus
- D. A type of animal

20. Who among the following is an anti-apartheid revolutionary?

- A. Abraham Lincoln
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. **Nelson Mandela**
- D. Helen Keller

21. In which Indian state was Kalpana Chawla born?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. **Haryana**
- C. Punjab
- D. Rajasthan

22. Fill in the blank with the correct option :

Antony says that Caesar was vanquish not by weapons but by \_\_\_\_\_

- A. **ingratitude**
- B. his ambition
- C. the inauspicious stares
- D. the prophecy

23. In Julius Caesar, Antony says, 'Friends, Romans, country men, lend me your ears'. What does this opening line signify?

- A. Do not listen to me
- B. **If It is a rhetoric to lure the audience**
- C. It is an ice-breaker
- D. Speak back to me

24. "Here 'tis, most reverend Doctor, here it is".

In the above line what does Shylock refer to by it?

- A. money
- B. the scales for weighing the flesh
- C. **the bond**
- D. the knife (to cut Antonio's flesh)

25. Read the following lines from :

The Merchant of Venice and answer

But mercy is above this sceptred sway,

It is enthroned in the heart of kings,

It is an attribute to god himself.

Here, it refers to

- A. holiness      B. purity      **C. mercy**      D. mercy

26. In Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant', the children entered the giant's garden

A. by climbing over the wall

B. by opening the gate

**C. through a small hole in the compound wall**

D. by jumping over the gate

27. Dr. Karl Paulnack assures that failure of peace for humankind lies in the hands of

A. students

B. statesmen

**C. artists**

D. religious leaders

28. Figure out the word that is not closely associated with music

A. quartet

B. repertoire

**C. articulate**

D. sonata

29. Which among the options best explains the role of a DJ?

A. someone who introduces speakers in an event

B. someone who arranges discs in a shop

**C. someone who plays CDs and records in a club or restaurant**

D. someone who acts as an anchor in a ceremony

30. 'Though hit for six,

In came their slogger'

Which game is referred to here?

Choose the right option from the following?

A. Hockey

**B. Cricket**

C. Foot ball

D. Snooker

31. "Though I gave premium to rationalism then, I had difficulty thinking of Yaanai Malai as a non-living, huge chunk of stone".

Choose the right idea conveyed by the statement mentioned above.

A. The speaker gives importance to Yaanai Malai

B. The speaker is not bothered about the non-living things

C. The speaker believes that Yaanai Malai is a small thing

**D. The speaker being a rational person feels difficult to consider Yaanai Malai as an inanimate thing**

32. "I spend the day moseying in and out of our cave"?

Select the correct sentence

- A. The author goes for a leisurely walk**
- B. The author is restless
- C. The author does not want to go out
- D. The author is in a hurry to come back to the cave

33. How does Ahtushi Deshpande describe the taste of water at Dudh and Suraj Kund ponds?

- A. The sweetest**
- B. Salty
- C. Bland
- D. Brackish

34. "During the cool winter months, before the emerald of the paddy fields slowly turns into a wealth of gold, small flocks of lily - white egrets alight here to feast upon the tiny, silvery fish that strays into the shallow waters of the fields" - What does the underlined words refer to?

- A. Emerald stones transforming to become gold
- B. Emerald landscape replaced by golden colour
- C. Paddy crop slowly becomes ripe for harvesting**
- D. Bright blue colour becomes bright yellow

35. Match the words in Column A with the words in Column B and choose the right option :

Column A

- a. Bonnet
- b. Dustbin
- c. Jam
- d. Jug

Column B

- 1. jelly
- 2. pitcher
- 3. trash can
- 4. hood

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

36. Find out the American equivalent of the British English idiom.

"a storm in a teacup"

- A. a whirlpool in a teapot
- B. a hurricane in a teacup

C. a tempest in a teacup

D. a strong wind in a teapot

37. In the line, "Good luck is round the corner", "round the corner" means

A. in the corner of your house

**B. just waiting to happen**

C. near the corner

D. cornered

38. In "you gotta be dead first".

"gotta" means

A. will

**B. have got to**

C. got

D. get out to

39. Match the poets and their nationality:

a. Thomas Hardy

1. Indian

b. Ralph Waldo Emerson

2. Lebanese

c. V.K. Gokak

3. British

d. Khalil Gibran

4. American

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

40. "I can't think of making money out of something that God gave me free"

The above words were uttered by

A. C.V. Raman

B. Abraham Lincoln

**C. George Washington Carver**

D. Nelson Mandela

41. Who among the following is the porter figuring in "To the land of snow"?

A. Prathip

B. Praveen

C. Lalchand

**D. Laxmi**

42. In The Merchant of Venice, in the line,

'Therefore, lay bare your bosom', Here,

Your refers to

**A. Antonio**

B. Bassanio

C. Shylock

D. The duke

43. Pangolin figures in

**A. The Ant Eater and The Dassie**

B. Swami and the sum

C. The Neem Tree

D. The Wooden Bowl

44. Judge, O you gods, how dearly Caesar lov'd him!

This was the most unkindest cut of all;

Who is referred to as "him" here?

- A. Antony      B. Caeca      **C. Brutus**      D. Lepidus

45. Rabindranath Tagore's works are originally written in

- A. Hindi      **B. Bengali**      C. English      D. Kannada

46. Which of the following characters figures in Guy de Maupassant's 'Two Friends'?

- A. Johnsy      B. Sue      **C. Sauvage**      D. The Cornish Ogre

47. Identify the poet who wrote the following line:

"If you can't be the sun, be a star".

- A. Douglas Malloch**      B. Tennyson  
C. William Wordsworth      D. Robert Frost

48. Match the following characters in Column A with the story titles in Column B and Select the correct answer from the options given :

Column A

- a. Masha  
b. Behrman  
c. Moris sot  
d. Vera

Column B

1. Two friends  
2. The open window  
3. The last leaf  
4. The lottery ticket

- |           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| A.        | 3        | 4        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> |
| C.        | 2        | 1        | 4        | 3        |
| D.        | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        |

49. Who wrote the poem "No Men are Foreign"?

- A. Brian Patten      B. David Roth  
C. Kamala Das      **D. James Kirkup**

50. The use of ----- sprays has led to the increase of Chloro Fluro Carbon in the atmosphere.

Fill out the blank by choosing the right option given below.

- A. Freyan      B. Asthalin      **C. Aerosol**      D. Methane

51. Amrita Devi's act of sacrifice paved way for

- A. Women empowerment      B. Environmental awareness



### C. Chipko movement

### D. Prevention against sati

52. Match the words/phrases under Column A with their meanings under Column B and select the correct code from the options given :

Column A

- a. on account of
- b. in the midst of
- c. to be accustomed to
- d. to bear with

Column B

- 1. to get used to
- 2. to tolerate
- 3. in the middle of
- 4. owing to

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

53. Find out the synonym of the underlined word from the options below :

You have first of all to lay by a stock of knowledge that will suffice you not sincerely for your examinations but will be helpful to you in later life.

- A. **be adequate**
- B. be inadequate
- C. be insufficient
- D. be helpful

54. "And then he screamed fiendishly"

Look for the appropriate synonym for the underlined word from the options given below:

- A. falsely
- B. loudly
- C. **wickedly**
- D. foolishly

55. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options given :

The girls had a queer feeling that they were being watched.

- A. curious
- B. **ordinary**
- C. abnormal
- D. dubious

56. Choose the correct tense form of the verb from the options given below :

The bees-----little silas and he cried bitterly.

- A. stings
- B. stinged
- C. stang
- D. **stung**

57. Identify the right pair of sentences in active and passive form

- A. **We saw you and him,**  
**You and he were seen by us**
- B. He keeps me waiting -  
I am kept waited

- C. We expect good news  
Good news is expecting
- D. We prohibit smoking  
Smoking has been prohibited

58. Identify the sentence which is not in the same voice as the others

- A. Without effort, nothing can be gained
- B. My watch was lost
- C. All desire wealth and some acquire it**
- D. He was refused admittance

59. Fill in the blank with the suitable option given below :

I declined----- anything further.

- A. say
- B. from saying
- C. saying
- D. to say**

60. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word from the options.

They have got a \_\_\_\_\_ at Taj Residency.

- A. suit
- B. suite**
- C. sweet
- D. sweat

61. Identify the odd word from the list given below:

- A. chase
- B. follow
- C. continue
- D. withdraw**

62. The correct plural form of the word 'louse' is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. louses
- B. loves
- C. lice**
- D. lees

63. They have to revise the syllabus periodically. Which of the following is the right plural form of the word underlined?

- A. syllabuses
- B. syllabi**
- C. syllable
- D. syllabys

64. Identify the compound sentence from the following options :

- A. They rested when evening came
- B. Where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise
- C. Govern your passions or they will govern you**
- D. He must work hard to win the first prize

65. Identify the sentence which is in the comparative degree

- A. If Make less noise**
- B. The soldiers ran to defend the outer wall
- C. Some poets are as great as Keats
- D. In India, no other exercise is as healthy as walking

66. Match the words under Column A with their antonyms under Column B and choose the correct code from the options given :

Column A		Column B		
a. squashed		1. encouraged		
b. deterred		2. pleasure		
c. agony		3. inhabited		
d. abandoned		4. roused		
a	b	c	d	
<b>A.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
B.	1	2	3	4
C.	3	4	2	1
D.	3	2	1	4

67. In "O Captain My Captain! My Captain our fearful trip is done, I The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won", Captain and ship are examples of

- A. Metaphor**                      B. Allusion  
C. Simile                              D. Personification

68. The word 'aching joy' is an example of

A. ellipsis                              B. pragmatics  
C. collocation                              **D. oxymoron**

69. "O listen! for the vale profound  
Is over flowing with the sound".  
Here the poet stops to listen to the song because

A. the song is deep                              **B. the song is arresting**  
C. the song is domineering                              D. the song is ordinary

70. In which of the following poems, does the following line occur?  
"We can't all be Captains, we've got to be crew,  
There's something for all of us here".

A. O Captain! My Captain!                              B. The Solitary Reaper  
C. Mercy and Justice                              **D. Be the best**

71. In which poem do the following lines appear :  
They ran a dusty little shop

For bicycle repairing  
And bought each other soda-pop  
And praised each other's daring.

- A. No men are foreign  
B. With a friend  
C. To cook and eat  
D. **The flying wonder**

72. Identify the poet who wrote the following lines :

"Life is real! Life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal"

- A. Ralph Waldo Emerson  
B. **H. W. Longfellow**  
C. V.K Gokak  
D. D.H. Lawrence

73. "The Book of Indian Birds" is a famous work by

- A. Zai Whitaker  
B. **Dr. Salim Ali**  
C. Paul Laurence Dunbar  
D. Lakshmi Mukundan

74. "She left India as a student, but she would see the nation of her birth, all of it, from hundreds of miles above" - Whose words are these?

- A. Nelson Mandela  
B. **George W. Bush**  
C. Barack Obama  
D. Manmohan Singh

75. According to the Doctrine of Lapse, the British could take over the kingdom from an Indian ruler who

- A. lost the war  
B. **died without a natural heir**  
C. indulged in corruption  
D. died because of a terrible disease

76. In Julius Caesar, Brutus says, " .... not that I Loved Caesar less, but that I Loved Rome more".

The above line means

- A. The speaker loved Caesar very much  
B. The speaker loved Rome very much  
C. **The speaker loved Rome more than he loved Caesar**  
D. The speaker loved Caesar more than he loved Rome

77. Who remarked, "Millionaire models are rare enough, but Joe! Model Millionaires are rarer still!", in Oscar Wilde's "The Model Millionaire"?

- A. Hughie  
B. Baron Hausberg  
C. Laura Merton  
D. **Alan Trevor**

78. In Oscar Wilde's 'The Model Millionaire' why do you consider the model's face his fortune?
- A. **because he looked miserable**                      B. because he was very poor  
C. because he looked happy                              D. because he looked serious
79. In Oscar Wilde's 'The Model Millionaire'. Baron Hausberg was interested in knowing about Hughie because
- A. Hughie was young and handsome  
B. Hughie was jobless  
C. **Hughie was sympathetic**  
D. Hughie was Trevor's friend
80. In Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant', the song of the bird was melodious for the giant because
- A. he had invited the bird  
B. **he had been longing to hear the bird's song**  
C. he loved the song  
D. he hated the song
81. 'That is where our hopes lie for the realisation of the second vision'. What is Kalam's second vision?  
Choose the right option from the following
- A. **Developed India**                      B. Free India  
C. India 2020                              D. Action oriented India
82. "They do not realize I can fulfil any ambition".  
What does this line from "You can't be that ..." reveal?
- A. people have fixed mindsets  
B. people don't allow others to do things as they like  
C. by consulting others, one should try to fulfil one's ambition  
D. **one should be determined in one's attempt to fulfil one's ambition**
83. In the poem "Our Local Team", Who played a significant and convincing role?
- A. The 'snoring' captain                      B. The 'demon' bowler  
C. The 'slogger' batsman                      D. **The 'biased' umpire**
84. Which among the options is closest in meaning to "monolith"?
- A. single mural painted on the wall of a temple  
B. single nandhi made up of mortar

- C. single idol of lingam occupying the sanctum sanctorum  
**D. single but huge block of granite stone**

85. The word 'curtains' in British English is -----in American English.  
 A. casket            B. peels            C. screens            **D. drapes**

86. Which among the options is an American English equivalent of the word 'Chips'?  
**A. French Fries**            B. Chefs            C. Crunchies            D. Munchies

87. 'Fall' is called in British English.  
 A. winter            B. summer            **C. autumn**            D. spring

88. The right American English equivalent of the word, 'Chemist' is  
 A. druggier            B. drapier            **C. druggist**            D. narcissist

89. Match the following:

- |                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. D.R. Lawrence     | 1. Goodmen perform just deeds |
| b. Lampman           | 2. Manliness                  |
| c. Kipling           | 3. Piano                      |
| D. Famida Y. Basheer | 4. Migrant Bird               |

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|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
| A.        | 3        | 2        | 4        | 1        |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>4</b> |
| C.        | 3        | 1        | 4        | 2        |
| D.        | 3        | 4        | 1        | 2        |

90. The story, "Two Friends" is set in  
 A. America            B. Russia            C. England            **D. France**

91. Match the stories under Column 'A' with the authors under Column 'B' and select the correct code given below :

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Column A             | Column B             |
| a. Swept Away        | 1. Leo Tolstoy       |
| b. A Close Encounter | 2. Oscar Wilde       |
| c. Caught Sneezing   | 3. Susannah Hickling |
| d. The Wooden Bowl   | 4. Rex Coker         |

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|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
| A.        | 2        | 4        | 3        | 1        |
| <b>B.</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> |

- C. 3 4 2 1  
D. 2 4 1 3

92. Who wrote the autobiography "I Dare"?

- A. Mrs. Indira Gandhi      B. Arunthathi Roy  
C. Kalpana Chawla      **D. Kiran Bedi**

93. Match the following:

- |            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| a. Etna    | 1. A volcanic mountain |
| b. Russia  | 2. Patient spider      |
| c. Whitman | 3. The ghost village   |
| d. Bilju   | 4. Stalin              |

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|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
| A.        | 1        | 4        | 3        | 2        |
| B.        | 4        | 1        | 3        | 2        |
| <b>C.</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |
| D.        | 3        | 1        | 2        | 4        |

94. Match the following:

- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| a. Shakespeare     | 1. The lonely reaper |
| b. Wordsworth      | 2. Shylock           |
| c. Douglas Malloch | 3. Vision            |
| d. AbdulKalam      | 4. Be the best       |

- |           |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
| <b>A.</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> |
| B.        | 2        | 4        | 1        | 3        |
| C.        | 2        | 3        | 1        | 4        |
| D.        | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        |

95. To which of the following places does the trekking take place in 'To the land of snow'?

- A. Munsiyari      **B. Milam**      C. Burfu      D. Bilju

96. "A man who had no eyes" is a story written by

- A. Leo Tolstoy      **B. Mackinlay Kantor**  
C. Bonnie Chamberlain      D. Ruskin Bond

97. Identify the wrong pair from the options given below :

- A. Rabindranath Tagore      - Gitanjali  
**B. H. W. Longfellow**      - Snake

- C. Annie Louisa Walker - Women's Rights  
 D. William Shakespeare - Much Ado About Nothing

98. In the story "The Mark of Vishnu" by Kushwant Singh a Phannyar is a----  
 Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- A. a lady-bird                      B. centipede  
 C. frog                                D. **snake**

99. Match the characters with relevant story title:

- |                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Djinn           | 1. The Lottery Ticket         |
| b. I van Dmitritch | 2. The open window            |
| c. Sue             | 3. How the camel got its hump |
| d. Mrs. Sappleton  | 4. The last leaf              |

- |           |          |          |          |          |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | a        | b        | c        | d        |
| <b>A.</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> |
| B.        | 1        | 3        | 4        | 2        |
| C.        | 2        | 1        | 4        | 3        |
| D.        | 4        | 2        | 3        | 1        |

100. Who made this famous statement?

"Owning things is human, sharing them is divine"

- A. Douglas Malloch                      **B. Oscar Wilde**  
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