



**TNPSC GROUP II TEST BATCH 2024**  
**HOME TEST IX GENERAL ENGLISH**  
**PART B - POEM**

1. Pick out the words in alliteration in the below line:  
"With forward face and unreluctant soul";  
a. with, forward                      b. forward, face                      c. unreluctant, soul  
d. with, soul                      e. Answer not known
2. River, river, little river!  
Bright you sparkle on your way;  
O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,  
Through the flowers and foliage glancing,  
Like a child at play.  
Identify the figure of speech:  
a. Metaphor                      b. Simile                      c. Rhyming  
d. None                      e. Answer not known
3. And though his efforts never slack  
And though he twist, and twirl, and tack  
Pick out the rhyming words in the above lines  
a. slack, tack                      b. efforts, twist                      c. though, twist  
d. twirl, tack                      e. Answer not known
4. I drive past the house almost every day.  
The house seems to be a bit brighter.  
Who does 'I' refer to?  
a. The House                      b. The Tree                      c. The Poet  
d. The Ghost                      e. Answer not known
5. Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.  
"Persistence is the key to everything" says she.  
Who does "She" refer to here?  
a. The poet                      b. Today's woman                      c. Mother  
d. Daughter                      e. Answer not known

6. "And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow – rover"  
Bring out the meaning of the word "rover"
- a. jumping                                      b. running                                      c. wandering  
d. breaking                                      e. Answer not known
7. "Our love is overlasting  
I just wanted you to know  
That you're my special hero  
and I wanted to tell you so"  
These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_.
- a. The Spider and the Fly                                      b. The Ant and the Cricket  
c. No Men are Foreign                                      d. Special Hero  
e. Answer not known
8. She's a lioness, don't mess with her  
She'll not spare you if you're a prankster  
Identify the poet who wrote the lines given above.
- a. John Keats                                      b. Rakhi Nariani Shirke                                      c. Henry Van Dyke  
d. Rudyard Kipling                                      e. Answer not known
9. Match the poems with the poets:
- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. No Men Are Foreign         | 1. Rudyard Kipling       |
| B. I am every woman           | 2. Nadia Bush            |
| C. The secret of the machines | 3. James Falconer Kirkup |
| D. The House on Elm Street    | 4. Rakhi Nariani Shirke  |
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|----|---|---|---|---|
|    | A | B | C | D |
| a. | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| b. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| c. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| d. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
- e. Answer not known
10. But of late, my computer has been behaving badly too,  
It so absent minded, that I don't know what to do.  
What is the figure of speech used in these lines?
- a. Simile                                      b. Metaphor                                      c. Personification  
d. Anaphora                                      e. Answer not known
11. Not hurrying to, nor turning from the goal  
Not mourning for the things that disappear.  
The figure of speech used in the above lines is \_\_\_\_.
- a. Hyperbole                                      b. Metaphor                                      c. Simile  
d. Anaphora                                      e. Answer not known

12. "Let me but live my life from year to year with forward face and unreluctant soul".  
What does the word "Unreluctant" refer to?  
a. Feeling joy                      b. Understand                      c. Willing to do something  
d. Expressing sad                      e. Answer not known
13. "O'er the rough or smooth, the journey will be joy".  
Pick out the contrasting word in the given line.  
a. journey and joy                      b. rough and smooth                      c. O'er and will  
d. rough and joy                      e. Answer not known
14. One bit of courage  
for the darkening sky;  
Which quality is need for the darkening sky?  
a. grace                      b. courage                      c. faith  
d. brave                      e. Answer not known
15. The collection of fables from Ancient Greece is called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Aristotle's fables                      b. Aesop's fables                      c. Shakespeare's fables  
d. Greek fables                      e. Answer not known
16. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever  
Its loveliness increases, it will never  
Pass into nothingness"  
The phrase "pass into nothingness" means that beautiful things never \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. create unpleasantness between friends                      b. fade away  
c. bring happiness                      d. give us peace  
e. Answer not known
17. Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes  
Like ours, the land our brothers walk upon  
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.  
From which 'Poem' these lines are taken?  
a. No Men Are Foreign                      b. The House on Elm Street  
c. The Spider and The Fly                      d. The Stick-together Families  
e. Answer not known
18. "Each a Glimpse and gone forever!"  
This line is taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Team work                      b. A tragic story                      c. Indian seasons  
d. From a railway carriage                      e. Answer not known
19. "So hack and chop  
But his alone won't do it  
Not so much pain will do it".  
Killing a tree cannot be done merely by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Pulling                                      b. Chopping                                      c. Choking  
d. Jabbing                                      e. Answer not known
20. "The woods are lovely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep"  
These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. A Poison Tree                                      b. Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening  
c. On Killing a Tree                                      d. The River  
e. Answer not known
21. "Courage isn't a brilliant dash,  
A daring deed in a moment's flash;  
It isn't an instantaneous thing  
Born of despair with a sudden spring".  
Mention the Rhyme scheme employed in the given lines.  
a. ab ab                      b. aa bb                      c. ba ab                      d. none                      e. Answer not known
22. Not mourning for the things that disappear.  
Identify the figure of speech.  
a. Anaphora                      b. Imagery                      c. Onomatopoeia  
d. Simile                      e. Answer not known
23. From what the future veils; but with a whole  
Mention the figure of speech used in the above line  
a. Personification                      b. Metaphor                      c. Simile  
d. Oxymoron                      e. Answer not known
24. Choose the right option:  
"Beside the house sits a tree  
It never grows leaves"...  
These lines appear in the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
a. No Men are Foreign                      b. A Poison Tree  
c. The house on Elm Street                      d. On Killing a Tree  
e. Answer not known
25. "A thing of Beauty is a joy forever"  
The above line was written by the famous poet \_\_\_\_\_  
a. John Keats                      b. William Wordsworth                      c. George Eliot  
d. Rabindranath Tagore                      e. Answer not known
26. "Summer comes in a blaze of heat and dusty feet."  
These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
a. A Tragic Story                      b. The Crocodile                      c. Indian Seasons  
d. Trees                      e. Answer not known

27. "And Miles to go before I sleep"  
In this line, the word "Sleep" symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_  
a. the symbol of power      b. the symbol of faith      c. the symbol of life  
d. the symbol of death      e. Answer not known
28. Choose the right answer from the options:  
Even the smallest of Gifts deserves " \_\_\_\_\_ "  
a. Love You      B. Admire You      c. Thank You  
d. Hate You      e. Answer not known
29. Through the flowers and foliage glancing,  
Like a child at play, These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
a. The River      b. The Poison Tree      c. The Comet  
d. The Ant and the Cricket      e. Answer not known
30. "A Silly Young Cricket, accustomed to sing"  
The above line appears in the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
a. The Ant and the Cricket      b. Life  
c. The Secret of the Machines      d. No Men are Foreign  
e. Answer not known
31. "My Heart will keep the courage of the Quest"  
The word "Quest" means \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Expressing great sadness  
b. Long search for something difficult to find  
c. To move very quickly  
d. Willing to do something  
e. Answer not known
32. "It is the human Earth that we defile"  
The word 'Defile' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Damaged Values      b. Damaged Humanity      c. Damaged File  
d. Damaged Appearance      e. Answer not known
33. Go then, "Says the ant, "and dance the winter away"  
Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket  
Bring out the meaning of the word hastily  
a. Happily      b. Hurriedly      c. Sadly  
d. Comfortably      e. Answer not known
34. With buzzing wings she hung aloft, then near and nearer drew Thinking only of  
her brilliant eyes, and green and purple hue Who does 'She' refer to?  
a. spider      b. ant      c. cricket      d. fly      e. Answer not known

35. "But I have Promises to keep And miles to go before I sleep and miles to go before I sleep" Identify the Figure of speech.  
 a. Simile                                      b. Metaphore                                      c. Repetition  
 d. Personification                                      e. Answer not known
36. Faster than a Cheetah With a tail that's miles long, Bigger than a mountain So powerful and strong Pick out the rhyming words employed in the above lines.  
 a. Cheetah – strong                                      b. Long – mountain                                      c. Long – strong  
 d. Mountain – strong                                      e. Answer not known
37. Some water, coal, and oil is all we ask And a thousandth of an inch to give us play And now, if you will set us to our task We will serve you four and twenty hours a day!  
 Pick out the Rhyming words from the given lines  
 a. Play – Task / Ask – Day                                      b. Ask – Task / Play – Day  
 c. Ask – Play / Task – Day                                      d. Day – Task / Play – Ask  
 e. Answer not known
38. "It's the stick together family – that wins the Joys of Earth"  
 Identify the figure of Speech in the given line.  
 a. Simile                                      b. Metaphor                                      c. Rhyme  
 d. personification                                      e. Answer not known
39. Her hair is always a rat's nest in the morning.  
 Identify the figure of speech in the given line.  
 a. Simile                                      b. Personification                                      c. Metaphor  
 d. Repetition                                      e. Answer not known
40. Having a friend is like planting a flower.  
 Identify the figure of speech in the given line.  
 a. Metaphor                                      b. Simile                                      c. Personification  
 d. Anaphora                                      e. Answer not known
41. "A flowery band to bind us to the earth"  
 Identify the figure of speech.  
 a. Simile                                      b. Alliteration                                      c. Personification  
 d. Repetition                                      e. Answer not known
42. Choose the right answer from the options given below:  
 "One bit of courage For the darkening sky; One gleam of faith To brave the thickening ills of life"  
 These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
 a. Lessons in Life                                      b. Sea Fever                                      c. Making Life Worth While  
 d. Courage                                      e. Answer not known

43. I respect you and you respect  
I think of you and you think of me.  
These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Life                                      b. I am Every Woman                      c. The Spider and the Fly  
d. Lessons in Life                      e. Answer not known
44. There lived a sage in days of yore,  
And he a handsome pigtail wore.  
These lines are taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Indian Seasons                      b. A Tragic Story                      c. Your Space  
d. Lessons in Life                      e. Answer not known
45. He will not see me stopping here  
To watch his woods fill up with snow.  
Who does 'He' refer to?  
a. The Poet                                      b. The Horse                      c. The Horse Rider  
d. The Owner of the woods                      e. Answer not known
46. Spring is Pretty but short and sweet when you can smell the grass From your  
garden seat Who does "You" refer to?  
a. The Poet                                      b. Spring                      c. People  
d. Autumn                                      e. Answer not known
47. Let me but live my life from year to year, With forward face and unreluctant soul.  
Whom does the word "me" refer to?  
a. Captain                                      b. Foreigner                      c. The Poet  
d. Sailor                                      e. Answer not known
48. He gives his Harness bells a shake To ask if there is some mistake.  
Whom does "He" refer to in these lines?  
a. The Poet                                      b. The Owner of the Farm                      c. The Villager  
d. The Horse                                      e. Answer not known
49. Tending onward to the ocean just like mortal prime "Mortal Prime" in the above  
lines refers to a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. reckless youth                      b. matured man                      c. child  
d. curious woman                      e. Answer not known
50. The poet wants to travel desperately on which thing?  
Describing his love for the sea, the poet says that "the call of the running tide" is  
a. A loving call                      b. A gentle call                      c. A wild call  
d. A hasty call                      e. Answer not known

51. The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
Identify the figure of speech employed in the given stanza  
a. Personification                      b. Simile                      c. Metaphor  
d. Repetition                      e. Answer not known
52. We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,  
We were melted in the furnace and the pit  
We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,  
We were cut and filed and tooled and gauged to fit.  
Mention the rhyming words employed in the above lines  
a. mine-fit; design-pit              b. mine-design; pit-fit              c. fit-design; mine-pit  
d. pit-pit; fit-fit              e. Answer not known
53. River, river, little river!  
Bright you sparkle on your way;  
O'er the yellow pebbles dancing,  
Through the flowers and foliage glancing,  
Like a child at play.  
Mention the rhyme scheme employed in the above lines  
a. a b c c b      b. a b b c b      c. a a b b c      d. a b c b c      e. Answer not known
54. Remember everyone here is important  
When you're forgotten it makes you feel sad  
Know that you matter and you make a difference  
Let no one shame you or make you feel bad  
What is the rhyme scheme of this Stanza?  
a. abcd      b. abcb      c. aabc      d. abcc      e. Answer not known
55. "Lights flicker on and off"  
The figure of speech used in the above lines is  
a. Simile                      b. Onomatopoeia                      c. Repetition  
d. Hyperbole                      e. Answer not known
56. And new, if you will set us to our task we will serve you four and twenty hours  
a day.  
Figure out the poetic device used in the given lines.  
a. Simile                      b. Personification                      c. Metaphor  
d. Repetition                      e. Answer not known
57. "She's a Lioness : don't mess with her"  
Identify the figure of speech.  
a. Metaphor                      b. Repetition                      c. Simile  
d. Alliteration                      e. Answer not known



58. Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady born  
Pick out the alliterated words
- Trees - Old
  - Old - Young
  - Old - Boon
  - Sprouting - Shady
  - Answer not known
59. "I was angry with my friend:  
I told my wrath, my wrath did end"  
These lines are taken from the poem
- Special Hero
  - Courage
  - A Poison tree
  - A Tragic story
  - Answer not known
60. "Having a friend is like planting a flower  
Show love and kindness it one day will bloom"  
These lines are taken from the poem
- Courage
  - Lessons in life
  - A tragic story
  - No men are foreign
  - Answer not known
61. And the finest of conventions ever held beneath the Sun  
Are the little family gatherings when the busy day is done  
Find the poem from which these lines are taken
- The stick-together families
  - The comet
  - The River
  - The Spider and the fly
  - Answer not known
62. "Every soul that touches yours-  
Be it the slightest contact-  
Get there from some good;  
Some little grace, one kindly thought"  
Name the poet who wrote these poetic lines
- George Eliot
  - Robert Frost
  - John Masefield
  - David Bates
  - Answer not known
63. Because, for all our power and weight and size,  
We are nothing more than children of your brain!  
These lines are taken from the poem
- The secret of the Machines
  - Life
  - No Men are Foreign
  - The Ant and the Cricket
  - Answer not known
64. Match the following poem with their lines:
- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| A. by starvation and famine made bold           | 1. No Men are Foreign      |
| B. love her, respect her, keep her              | 2. The House on Elm street |
| C. beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes | 3. The Ant and the Cricket |
| D. each day the house just begins to fade       | 4. I am Every Woman        |

e. Answer not known

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72. Fill in the blanks:  
The Ant and the Cricket is \_\_\_\_\_ kind of poem.  
a. Lyrics  
b. Sonnet  
c. A fable  
d. Acrostic poems  
e. Answer not known
73. "Having a friend is like planting a flower" planting a flower is compared to  
a. having a foe  
b. having a friend  
c. the smallest of gifts  
d. the tiniest creature in a room  
e. Answer not known
74. Complete the following poetic line by choosing the correct option given below:  
"We can see and hear and count and \_\_\_\_\_".  
a. fly and dive  
b. read and write  
c. weight and size  
d. heat and light  
e. Answer not known
75. "The woods are lovely dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep"  
Our former Prime Minister was so much impressed by the above lines who was he?  
a. Lal Bahadur Shastri  
b. Indira Gandhi  
c. Jawaharlal Nehru  
d. Rajiv Gandhi  
e. Answer not known



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