



TNPSC Group-IV Model Question Paper

General English

Questions: 100

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Duration : 60 mins

1. Mention the figure of speech :
"It is the star to every wand'ring bark "
a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Personification d) Assonance
2. What is the overall tone of the poem "Off to outer space tomorrow morning "?
a) Happy b) Sad c) Indifference d) None of these
3. *Identify the rhyme scheme :*
"I listen'd motionless and still
And, as I mounted up the hill
The music in my heart I bore
Long after it was heard no more"
a) abab b) abba c) aabb d) bbaa
4. "Perhaps the plaintive numbers flow
For old,unhappy,far-off things "
These lines are from which poem?
a) Is life, but a dream? b) Be the best c) Man he killed d) The solitary reaper
5. Where did Lincoln serve as a captain ?
a) Georgia b) Illinois c) Florida d) Ohio

6. Noted American poet. His famous works are drum taps and democratic vistas which became a popular mourning poem, which he had composed on the death of Abraham Lincoln
a) Walt Whitman b) Thomas Hardy c) Lewis Carroll d) Oscar Wilde
7. "After you big guys came, can we drain out the water at the right times?" - Identify the speaker
a) Kesavan Nair b) Kuttichovan c) Outhakutty d) Kutty Mappila
8. "Oak and maple" is the collection of the poetic output by ____
a) Rabindranath Tagore b) H.W. Longfellow c) Douglas Malloch d) Annie Louisa Walker
9. "Bowed to the earth with bitter woe,
Or laughing at some raree-show"
These lines are from which poem?
a) Earth b) Off to outer space tomorrow morning
c) Is life, but a dream? d) Snake
10. *Identify the rhyming words in the poem:*
"If you can't be the sun, be a star;
Be the best of whatever you are!"
a) sun-star b) whatever-are c) be-best d) star-are
11. "O captain! My captain! Our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won"
What does the ship symbolize?
a) America b) Russia c) China d) Australia
12. Rani Lakshmi Bai's tomb is situated in ____
a) Faridabad b) Rajkot c) Meerut d) Gwalior
13. Who among the following is the author of the poem "Is Life, but a dream?"
a) Robert Frost b) Lewis Carroll c) Thomas Hardy d) Walt Whitman
14. Inside the silver casket, The prince of Aragon found?
a) King's picture b) Portrait of an idiot c) Portia's picture d) a skull
15. William Wordsworth belongs to which country?
a) UK b) USA c) Canada d) Germany

16. "If you cant be a muskie,then just be a bass "
What does " Bass " referred to here ?
a) grass b) star c) fish d) tree
17. *Identify the figure of speech:*
"Exult,O shores! and ring,O bells !"
a) Assonance b) Alliteration c) Apostrophe d) Metaphor
18. Brutus justifies the murder of Caesar-But who won the public over his side by his eloquence ?
a) Cassius b) Amelius Lepidus c) Mark Anthony d) Octavius caesar
19. Dale Carnegie is the author of _____
a) To the land of snow b) Road to success c) Our local team d) None of these
20. "Tell me not, in mournful numbers
Life is but an empty dream
For the soul is dead that slumbers
And things are not what they seem "
Identify the rhyme scheme of the given poem ?
a) abba b) abab c) aabb d) abbb
21. "If a man does his beat,what else is there ?"
Who said this famous quote ?
a) George bums b) George Washington Carver c) Plato d) General George S.Patton
22. H.W.Longfellow belong to which period ?
a) Romantic era b) Elizabeth age c) Modern age d) Transcendetalism
23. "His confidence is heartening ". Whose confidence is heartening ?
a) Burfu b) Bilju c) Khem Nam d) None of these
24. The story "How the camel got its hump " belongs to ?
a) England b) Germany c) Burma d) France
25. Mention the figure of speech
"Dust thou art "
a) Simile b) Personification c) Metaphor d) Oxymoron

26. Who was Jessica ?
a) Shylock's daughter b) wife of Lorenzo c) portia's maid d) both a & b
27. According to William Shakespeare, True love cannot be destroyed by ____
a) Time b) People c) Beauty d) Fate
28. Who forbids Caesar from going to the senate house ?
a) Cassius b) Brutus c) Anthony d) Calphurnia
29. The "Fighting Angel " is a biography written by ____
a) Annie Louisa Walker b) Oscar wilde
c) Pearl S.Buck d) William Wordsworth
30. Whose autobiography is "The Story of my Life "?
a) Hellen Keller b) Nelson Mandela c) Martin Luther King d) Nethaji
31. How long did the author take to reach milam ?
a) 3 days b) 4 days c) 5 days d) 6 days
32. Which nationality does the poet Archibald Lampman belong to ?
a) Britain b) America c) Canada d) France
33. Where did Nethaji establish Free India centre ?
a) Moscow b) Tokyo c) Berlin d) None of these
34. "But once within the wood,we paused like gnomes that hid us from the moon".Gnomes means ?
a) giant b) demon c) thieves d) dwarfs
35. He was a famous writer,Mathematician and photographer.His contribution to childrens literature is original and highly acclaimed.His famous work is Alice in Wonderland.
a) R.K.Narayan b) Milton c) Walt Whitman d) Lewis caroll
36. Name the newspaper started by Nethaji
a) Swaraj b) Young India c) Kesari d) The Independent
37. To which period does the poet D.H.Lawrence belong to ?
a) 1865-1930 b) 1875-1930 c) 1885-1930 d) 1895-1930

38. "Like a golden swarm of fireflies you came
Pining for a new agony,a new birth"
These lines are from which poem ?
a) English words b) Is Life,but a dream? c) Snake d) Women's rights
39. The story "The open window" belong to ?
a) England b) Burma c) China d) Russia
40. "Not in a dreamy and inane abstraction "
These lines are from which poem?
a) Be the best b) Is Life,but a dream? c) Women's rights d) Snake
41. *Mention the figure of speech used here:*
To die and not a heart that does not love us
a) Metaphor b) Personification c) Onamatoepia d) synecdoche
42. Number of sonnets written by William Shakespeare ____
a) 254 b) 54 c) 37 d) 154
43. "Henry V" is the historical play written by ____
a) William Shakespeare b) William Wordsworth c) Annie Louisa Walker d) Oscar wilde
44. "And depart peaceful,pacified,and thankless,
Into the burning bowels of this earth?"
These lines are from which poem ?
a) Snake b) Earth c) women's rights d) Don't quit
45. Thomas hardy is the author of which poem ?
a) Manliness b) The Man he killedc) Flying wonder d) Be the best
46. Who among the following is not mentioned as children of Gandhi by "Time magazine" ?
a) Desmond Tutu b) Lech Walesa c) Martin Luther king d) Mother Theresa
47. Which nationality does the poet H.W.Longfellow belong to ?
a) UK b) Italy c) America d) Russia
48. Douglas Malloch was an American poet born in____
a) Newyork b) Chicago c) Washington d) Muskegon,Michigan

49. Mention the writer who influenced Jawaharlal Nehru and moulded his economic and political thinking ?
a) Bagha Jatin b) Betrand Russell c) Surya sen d) Bina Das
50. A famous writer from England.A passage to India is his most popular work.Love is the major theme in his novels.He visited India twice.He encouraged the Indian English writers like Raja Rao and Mulk Raj Anand.
a) John Keats b) H.W.Longfellow c) E.M.Foster d) Oscar Wilde
- 52(1). His legal _____ is sheela
a) heir b) hare c) hair d) here
- 53(2). *Identify the correct question tag:*
"Ruthra is intelligent"
a) isruthra? b) is she c) isn't she? d) wasn't she?
- 54(3). *Identify the noun form of the given word:*
"Elusion"
a) elude b) elusive c) elusory d) elusiveness
- 55(4). *Synonym:*
"quarrel"
a) chat b) dispute c) happy d) teach
- 56(55).Identify the sentence
"All the cookies have been eaten"
a) active voice b) passive voice c) direct speech d) indirect speech
- 57(6). *Identify the sentence:*
"A mass of gases wrap around our planet"
a) active voice b) passive voice c) compound d) complex
- 58(7). *Identify the sentence pattern:*
"The boys are playing football now"
a) SVOA b) SVC c) SVA d) SVOC
- (5)38. *Fill in the blanks with preposition:*
"We are pleased _____ your visit"
a) with b) at c) by d) on

59. *Fill in the blanks with suitable article:*
"New York is _____ large city"
a) a b) an c) the d) no article
60. *Identify the correct degree of the sentence:*
"Shakespeare is the greatest of all playwrights"
a) positive b) superlative c) comparative d) none of these
61. *Identify the correct sentence:*
a) He had leave of four days b) I am hopeless to pass
c) We have never seen a so good boy d) It was such a big box that I could not lift it
62. *Identify the incorrect sentence:*
a) Mankind should love nature b) people often spend their leisure in cinemas
c) i was second in my class d) I asked to him why he was angry
63. *Fill in the blanks with gerund*
"She felt an insect _____ around"
a) to fly b) to be flying c) flying d) fly
64. *Identify the tense:*
"Have you seen the recent hollywood films"
a) past perfect b) present perfect c) simple past d) simple present
65. *Identify the error in the sentence:*
"Micro towers/are principles/carriers/of telephone"
a) micro towers b) are principles c) carriers d) of telephone
66. *Identify the complex sentence:*
a) A good friend is a person who accepts you for yourself
b) You can circle around the town or you can take the shortcut
c) The class will get a reward,for we always behave
d) The girl has been talking to me
67. *Identify the American equivalent of the given word :Post*
a) letter b) news c) mail d) message
68. *Fill in the blanks with correct homophones:*
"I paid the _____ to go to the _____"
a) fare,fair b) fair,fire c) fare,fear d) fair,fare

69. Identify the American equivalent of the given word : Underground
a) pavement b) subway c) pathway d) first floor
70. *Identify the noun form of the given word:*
"Confusion"
a) confusive b) confuse c) confess d) confusedly
71. Identify the complex sentence:
a) Without your support,I can do nothing
b) If you do not support me,I can do nothing
c) You support me or I can do nothing
d) You support me,otherwise I can do nothing
72. *Identify the sentence:*
"Some birds fly away in cold weather"
a) Compound b) complex c) simple d) negative
73. Identify the positive degree:
a) A foolish friend is not so good as a wise enemy
b) ooty is the coolest hill station in south india
c) There were three pens, kept on the table
d) We should have completed our work
a) superlative b) comparative c) positive d) none of these
74. Identify the sentence in which positive degree is used:
a) Lavanya is the tallest girl in the class
b) Lavanya is taller than any other girl in the class
c) No other girl in the class is so tall as lavanya
d) Lavanya is taller than many other girls in the class
75. *Identify the degree of the following sentence:*
"The moon is not so big as the earth"
a) superlative b) comparative c) positive d) none of these
76. Find out the noun:
a) advice b) advise c) accept d) devise
77. Select the plural form of "cattle"
a) cattle b) cattles c) cattls d) none

78. Select the plural form of "son-in-law"
a) son-in-laws b) sons-in-law c) sons-in-laws d) none
79. Select the plural form of "hoof"
a) hoofs b) hoof c) hooves d) none
80. Identify the compound sentence:
a) Do it correctly or you will not be selected
b) If you do it correctly you will be selected
c) As you do it correctly you will be selected
d) In the event of your doing it correctly you will be selected
81. Select the correct sentence:
a) In a village on Monday at 8 AM, he was born
b) Monday he was born at 8 AM in a village
c) He was born in a village at 8 AM on Monday
d) He was born at 8 AM on Monday in a village
82. Select the correct sentence:
a) Only poor cannot lead a happy life b) Poor only cannot lead a happy life
c) Only a happy life cannot lead poor d) Only the poor cannot lead a happy life
83. *Find out the error:*
"Either of the dogs/bark/ferociously/today"
a) either of the dogs b) bark c) ferociously d) today
84. *Find out the error:*
"She is/fortunate in/having/an excellent job"
a) She is b) fortunate in c) having d) an excellent job
85. *"Find out the error:"*
The moon/shine/above the earth/brightly
a) the moon b) shine c) above the earth d) brightly
86. *Find out the error:*
"One of my friends/have left/for America/with his father"
a) one of my friends b) have left c) for America d) with his father
87. *Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition:*
"We must reply _____ this letter"

a) to b) for c) with d) on

88. *Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition:*

"I came ____ foot"

a) by b) on c) with d) at

89. *Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition:*

"She is junior _____ leela in her office"

a) over b) to c) for d) at

90. Choose the correct word for the given suffix : "ity"

a) Trivial b) trial c) dull d) cancel

91. Select the correct word (prefix) :

a) foredeed b) undeed c) misdeed d) ended

92. *Fill in the blanks with suitable article:*

"I found ____ one rupee coin"

a) no article b) an c) a d) the

93. *Fill in the blanks with suitable article :*

"Babu is _____ honest boy in the class"

a) a b) an c) the d) no article

94. Choose the correct synonym for the given word : Conservation

a) protection b) preservation c) perfection d) destruction

95. Choose the correct synonym for the given word : Hollow

a) solid b) hemisphere c) cylinder d) empty space

96. Choose the correct antonym for the given word : delicious

a) tasty b) rarest c) costliest d) distasteful

97. Choose the correct antonym for the given word : outstanding

a) extraordinary b) popular c) ordinary d) great

98. *Fill in the blanks with correct homophone :*

"The factory ____ was inspected"

a) site b) cite c) sight d) sigh

99. Fill in the blanks with correct homophone :

“The doctor tried to get the _____ of the patient”

- a) wine b) vein c) vain d) whine

100. Fill in the blanks with correct homophone :

“The palace was _____”

- a) species b) spacecious c) spacious d) space

Answer Key

1. b	2. c	3. c	4. d	5. b	6. a	7. c	8. d	9. c	10. d
11. a	12. d	13. b	14. b	15. a	16. d	17. c	18. c	19. b	20. b
21. d	22. c	23. c	24. a	25. c	26. d	27. a	28. d	29. c	30. a
31. b	32. c	33. c	34. d	35. d	36. a	37. c	38. a	39. b	40. c
41. d	42. d	43. a	44. a	45. b	46. d	47. c	48. d	49. b	50. c
51. A	52. d	53. a	54. b	55. b	56. a	57. a	58. a	59. a	60. b
61. d	62. d	63. c	64. b	65. b	66. a	67. c	68. a	69. b	70. b
71. b	72. c	73. a	74. c	75. c	76. a	77. b	78. b	79. c	80. a
81. c	82. d	83. b	84. c	85. b	86. b	87. a	88. a	89. b	90. a
91. c	92. a	93. b	94. b	95. d	96. d	97. c	98. a	99. b	100. c