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[CLASSES : XI - XII]

1. Choose the correct form of the article:

She passed with _____ honours degree.

(A) a

(B) an

(C) the

(D) None of the above

2. In William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, what vision does Macbeth see at the banquet?

(A) A bloody child

(B) A bloody dagger

(C) Banquo's ghost

(D) Duncan's head

3. Supply the correct adverb:

He _____ goes to office in the weekends as his office remains shut.

(A) always

(B) sometimes

(C) rarely

(D) never

4. "Because I studied hard, I passed the exam, and I was so happy" is an example of

(A) Simple sentence

(B) Complex sentence

(C) Compound-complex sentence

(D) Compound sentence

5. In "Ode to a Nightingale" by John Keats, to what form of art does the speaker compare the Nightingale's song in terms of its immortality?

(A) Painting

(B) Sculpture

(C) Poetry

(D) Architecture

6. In "Of Studies", what caution does Bacon provide about studies?

(A) Studies should not be excessive or lead to laziness

(B) Studies should be avoided in favour of practical experience

(C) Studies are only for the elites.

(D) Studies have no real value in life.

7. Choose the appropriate form of changed narration:

We said, "We all love our country"

(A) We said that we all loved our country.

(B) We said that we all love our country.

(C) We said that we did not love our country.

(D) None of the above

8. In Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, who runs off with Mr. Wickham causing a scandal for the Bennet family?

(A) Jane Bennet

(B) Mary Bennet

(C) Kitty Bennet

(D) Lydia Bennet

9. What is the subtitle of S. T. Coleridge's "Kubla Khan"?
 (A) A dream in a vision
(B) A vision in a dream
 (C) A vision and a dream
 (D) A dream and a vision
10. "The paper says that the city is in trouble". Here, the usage of 'paper' exemplifies a
 (A) Simile
 (B) Alliteration
(C) Synecdoche
 (D) Parable
11. In W. B. Yeats's "The Wild Swans at Coole", what does the speaker muse regarding the swans' future?
 (A) They will always stay at Coole.
 (B) They will eventually fly to a warmer climate.
(C) They will, someday, vanish to another lake
 (D) They will guide lost travellers.
12. In John Keats's "To Autumn", with what does Autumn conspire to load and bless the vines?
(A) The sun
 (B) The moon
 (C) The rain
 (D) The west wind
13. What will give 'eternal life' to the beloved in William Shakespeare's "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day"?
 (A) Wealth
 (B) Youth
(C) The Poet's verse
 (D) Beauty
14. The lamb, in William Blake's "The Lamb", has a
 (A) Resounding voice
 (B) Happy voice
 (C) Frail voice
(D) Tender voice
15. Where does, in S. T. Coleridge's *Christabel*, Christabel find the mysterious Geraldine?
 (A) At the castle-gate
 (B) Underneath an old palm tree
 (C) By a ruined fountain
(D) In the forest, near a large oak tree
16. Change the voice:
 "Open the door"
 (A) She says open the door.
 (B) She ordered that the door opens.
(C) Let the door be opened.
 (D) None of the above
17. Supply the correct preposition:
 He deals _____ gold.
(A) in
 (B) on
 (C) by
 (D) under
18. From which Sonnet-sequence is "One Day I wrote her Name" taken?
 (A) Prothalamion
(B) Amoretti
 (C) Epithalamion
 (D) The Faerie Queene, Book-I
19. In T. S. Eliot's "The Hollow Men", what is 'Mistah Kurtz — lie dead' epigraph a reference to?
(A) Joseph Conrad's *A Heart of Darkness*
 (B) William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*
 (C) T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*
 (D) John Milton's *Paradise Lost*
20. Choose the correct form (of narration):
 Rita said, "The sun rises in the east".
 (A) Rita reported that the sun rose in the east
 (B) Rita said that the sun rises in the east.
(C) Rita predicts that the sun will rise in the east.
 (D) Rita was said that the sun was rising in the east.

21. Provide the correct form of adjective (for 'mischief') in the sentence below:
He is a very _____ boy
(A) mischieving
(B) mischiefful
(C) mischievous
(D) mischieving
22. In P. B. Shelley's "To a Skylark", what quality of the Skylark's song does the speaker emphasise upon most?
(A) Its sadness
(B) Its power
(C) Its joy and uninhibited nature
(D) Its complexity
23. What among the following is a perfect example of subject-verb agreement?
(A) The dogs bark at night.
(B) The dogs barks at night.
(C) The dogs barks in night.
(D) The dog bark in night.
24. Supply the appropriate determiner for the following sentence:
_____ cultures are as hard working as those of the Asians are.
(A) Few
(B) No
(C) None
(D) None of these
25. In Alexander Pope's *The Rape of the Lock*, what item symbolises Belinda's pride and beauty?
(A) Her necklace
(B) Her gown
(C) Her hair
(D) Her fan
26. Why does William Blake name his 1794 poem "Tyger" instead of "Tiger"?
(A) He spelt it wrongly.
(B) Blake was not serious about the title of his poem
(C) He wanted to suggest the uniqueness of the tiger and celebrate its exceptional strength
(D) None of the above
27. She studied hard, and she passed the exam. This is an example of
(A) Simple sentence
(B) Complex-compound sentence
(C) Compound sentence
(D) None of the above
28. In G. B. Shaw's *Arms and the Man*, what is Raina Peckoff's initial perception of Bluntschli when he first appears in her bedroom?
(A) A brave hero
(B) A dangerous villain
(C) A pathetic coward
(D) A charming rogue
29. The name of Ulysses's son in Tennyson's "Ulysses", is:
(A) Pericles
(B) Achilles
(C) Tiresius
(D) Telemachus
30. The stranger in Wilfred Owen's "Strange Meeting", is
(A) a nurse.
(B) a fellow British soldier.
(C) a German soldier he killed.
(D) a priest.
31. Choose the correct infinitive in the following sentence. Indian Air Force-pilot witnessed a Pakistani aircraft _____ down.
(A) falled
(B) falling
(C) fallen
(D) fell
32. In George Herbert's "Virtue", what is the only truly enduring element in the face of decay and death - as per the poet?
(A) Physical beauty and youth
(B) The works of art and human creations
(C) A virtuous soul
(D) The power of nature
33. The wind bowed in the night" is example of
(A) Simile
(B) Interrogation
(C) Onomatopoeia
(D) Parable

34. What is the West Wind called in P. B. Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind"?
- (A) Spirit of frost
(B) Wild West Wind
 (C) Breeze of change
 (D) Tempest's child
35. In J. M. Synge's *Riders to the Sea*, what item of Michael's clothing do the sisters examine to identify his body?
- (A) His coat
 (B) His trousers
(C) His shirt and stockings
 (D) His handkerchief
36. Rectify the sentence by choosing the correct form from the list below: This is the most happiest spiest day of my life",
- (A) This is a happiest day of my life.
(B) This is the happiest day of my life.
 (C) This is the happier day of my life
 (D) This is the happy day of my life.
37. Supply the correct preposition to complete the following sentence:
 The boy was trying to float ____ a bamboo stick in the river.
- (A) to
 (B) by
 (C) into
(D) with
38. Choose the correct split form in the following simple sentence from the options:
 He is too weak to run.
- (A) He is very weak. He cannot run.**
 (B) He will not run. He was very weak.
 (C) He will be very weak. He would not run.
 (D) He did not want to run. He is very weak
39. According to G. B. Shaw in "Freedom", people are afraid of
- (A) Wealth
 (B) Religion
(C) Real freedom
 (D) Education
40. "He is ____ best student in the class".
 Choose the correct article from the list given below:
- (A) a
(B) the
 (C) an
 (D) No article
41. In Katherine Mansfield's "The Fly", what does Mr. Woodifield mention that triggers the Boss' emotion?
- (A) The event of Woodifield's daughters visiting their brother's grave**
 (B) The Boss' retirement
 (C) A new business opportunity
 (D) His recent illness
42. What is the ultimate advice given to the poet by his muse in the final line of "Loving in Truth"?
- (A) Study diligently and learn from the masters
 (B) Seek advice from wise counsellors
(C) Look in the heart and write
 (D) Abandon poetry and pursue other interests
43. "I washed the car after I had come home" is an example of
- (A) Complex sentence**
 (B) Simple sentence
 (C) Compound sentence
 (D) None of these
44. In Conrad's "The Lagoon", what does Arsat want to do after the death of his beloved Diamelen?
- (A) He wants to remarry.
 (B) He wants to kill himself.
 (C) He wants to leave the island.
(D) He wants to avenge his brother's death.
45. In Charles Lamb's "Dream Children", what is the name of the old house that figures prominently in the speaker's memories?"
- (A) Blakesmoor
(B) Grandame Field's House
 (C) Islington
 (D) The South-Sea House
46. Choose the appropriate structure in the following:
 When we reached the crematoria, the dead body ____ already cremated.
- (A) had
(B) had been
 (C) was
 (D) would

47. Whom did David Copperfield meet unexpectedly at Mr. Spenlow's house in Charles Dickens's *David Copperfield*?
(A) Mr. Micawber
 (B) Dora
 (C) Miss Murdstone
 (D) Mrs. Trotwood
48. In Robert Browning's "The Last Duchess", what is the Duke showing to the envoy from a foreign Count?
 (A) His collection of ancient coins
(B) A portrait of his late wife
 (C) Plans for a new palace-wing
 (D) His prized stable of horses
49. In Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, what is Mr. Collins's profession?
 (A) He is a lawyer.
(B) He is a clergyman.
 (C) He is a tradesman.
 (D) He is a kinsman.
50. In Oliver Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer*, Mr. Hardcastle wants his daughter to marry:
 (A) Hastings
 (B) Tony
(C) Marlow
 (D) The Landlord's son
51. The title of William Somerset Maugham's "The Lotus Eater" alludes to :
(A) Greck mythology – people who forget responsibilities
 B) Indian spirituality
 (C) Japanese gardening
 (D) Roman war rituals
52. In James Joyce's "Araby", what does the young narrator promise to buy for Mangan's sister from the bazar?
 (A) A book
 (B) A piece of jewellery
 (C) Whatever she desires
(D) Nothing specific, just a souvenir
53. In Charles Lamb's "The Superannuated Man", what does the term 'superannuated' mean in the context of the essay?
 (A) Promoted
(B) Retired due to old age
 (C) Newly employed
 (D) Relocated
54. "She had been studying for three hours" is an example of the usage of
(A) Past perfect continuous tense
 (B) Future continous tense
 (C) Past perfect tense
 (D) Present perfect continuous tense
55. In William Wordsworth's "Tintern Abbey", the poet-speaker revisits the site after
 (A) seven years
(B) five years
 (C) eleven years
 (D) fourteen years
56. In John Donne's "The Good Morrow", what according to the poet, were the lovers doing before they met?
 (A) Studying
(B) Sleeping
 (C) Travelling
 (D) Working
57. Choose the correct relative clause for the following sentence:
 The person _____ called you is waiting outside.
 (A) that
(B) who
 (C) which
 (D) will
58. In William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, who wants, "Where we are, there are daggers in men's smiles"?
(A) Donalbain
 (B) Banquo
 (C) Macduff
 (D) Malcolm
59. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank:
 You are not _____ to be present at the meeting since you are on leave.
(A) required
 (B) require
 (C) requisite
 (D) allow
60. Join the following sentences using the most appropriate word:
 The road was long, _____ we could not see the end.
(A) and
 (B) however
 (C) but
 (D) though