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1. Choose the most appropriate option for joining the following sentences:
He is being kind. That is his pretence.
(A) His kindness will be his pretence.
(B) He is pretending to be kind.
(C) That he is kind, it is just a pretence.
(D) His being kind is pretence.
2. In Lamb's essay, 'Dream Children: A Reverie', what did Elia's great-grandmother Field believe she could see on her staircase?
(A) A woman in white
(B) The ghosts of two infants
(C) A mysterious shadow
(D) A group of soldiers
3. In Walter de la Mare's poem 'The Listeners', which of the following phrases does the traveller repeat?
(A) "Goodbye, old house."
(B) "Speak to me!"
(C) "Is there anybody there?"
(D) "I bring a warning."
4. In Keats's poem 'Ode to a Nightingale', which mythological figure is mentioned:
(A) Apollo
(B) Dryad
(C) Zeus
(D) Pan
5. According to Mrs. Hardcastle in Goldsmith's 'She Stoops to Conquer', their mansion resembles:
(A) A barn
(B) A barrack
(C) A museum
(D) An inn

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6. Where does Captain Bluntschli intend to go temporarily at the end of Shaw's play, 'Arms and the Man'?
- (A) Austria
(B) Germany
(C) Switzerland
(D) England
7. "A coppice gate" in Hardy's poem 'The Darkling Thrush' means
- (A) A broken gate
(B) An iron gate
(C) A weed-covered gate
(D) A newly painted gate
8. Wearing masks will prevent people from contracting Covid-19. (Convert to Passive Voice)
- (A) People will be prevented from contracting Covid-19 by wearing masks.**
(B) Covid-19 will be prevented by people from contracting wearing masks.
(C) Wearing masks will be prevented from contracting Covid-19 by people.
(D) None of the above
9. "Lethe" in Lamb's essay 'Dream Children: A Reverie' is the river of _____.
- (A) knowledge
(B) death
(C) salvation
(D) forgetfulness
10. In Galsworthy's play 'Justice', where does Falder work when he commits the forgery?
- (A) A Bank
(B) A Law Firm
(C) A Factory
(D) A Theater
11. G. B. Shaw's play 'Arms and the Man' opens with a reference to
- (A) Virgil's Aeneid**
(B) Ovid's *Metamorphoses*
(C) Terence's *Andria*
(D) Seneca's *Thyestes*
12. In his essay 'Principles of Good Writing', what daily activity does L. A. Hill suggest in order to gain ideas for articles, essays and short stories?
- (A) Watching television
(B) Reading newspapers carefully
(C) Playing outdoor
(D) None of the above

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13. She admitted that she had lied. (What clause used?)
(A) Adjective clause
(B) Adverb clause
(C) Noun clause
(D) Main clause
14. These are my sisters: _____ names are Shanti and Priya.
(A) there
(B) them
(C) her
(D) their
15. The captain as well as the passengers _____ frightened.
(A) were
(B) been
(C) was
(D) be
16. Whom does the speaker meet in Owen's poem 'Strange Meeting'?
(A) Friend
(B) Enemy
(C) Brother
(D) Mythological creature
17. In Maugham's short story 'The Lotus Eater', what is Wilson's ultimate plan when his money runs out?
(A) Return to England
(B) Find a job in Capri
(C) End his life
(D) Seek help from friends
18. In Wordsworth's poem 'The World is Too Much with Us', Proteus is one of the:
(A) Fairies
(B) Witches
(C) Sea-gods
(D) Sylphs
19. In Bates's short story 'The Ox', how many sons did Mrs. Thurlow have?
(A) One
(B) Two
(C) Three
(D) Four

20. The sun rose and the fog disappear (Identify the sentence type)
- (A) Simple
(B) Compound
(C) Complex
(D) Fragment
21. In Conrad's short story 'The Lagoon', how does Arsat's brother die?
- (A) He drowns in the lagoon.
(B) He falls from the cliff.
(C) He is bitten by a poisonous snake.
(D) He is killed in a conflict.
22. In Goldsmith's play 'She Stoops to Conquer', who is mistaken for an innkeeper by Marlow and Hastings?
- (A) Mr. Handcastle**
(B) Tony Lumpkin
(C) Sir Charles Marlow
(D) Diggory
23. She arrived _____ the airport early.
- (A) at**
(B) in
(C) on
(D) onto
24. The Tokyo Olympics were only intermittently _____ on Doordarshan.
- (A) telecasted
(B) telecast
(C) telecasting
(D) None of the above
25. Who is Charles Marlow's father in Goldsmith's play 'She Stoops to Conquer'?
- (A) Sir George Brown Marlow
(B) Sir Christopher Marlow
(C) Sir Charles Marlow
(D) Sir George Marlow
26. In Bates's short story 'The Ox', Mrs. Thurlow had saved _____.
- (A) fifty-two pounds
(B) fifty-one pounds
(C) fifty-six pounds
(D) fifty-four pounds

27. The correct plural form for 'monarch' is
(A) monarchers
(B) monarchs
(C) monarchen
(D) monarchy
28. The new teacher tried her best to get _____ her ideas to her students.
(A) through
(B) from
(C) across
(D) in
29. Arrange the following to form a correct sentence. Choose from the options below:
(P) *changed the way*
(Q) *and my role in it*
(R) *they fundamentally*
(S) *I saw the world*
(A) SPRQ
(B) RPSQ
(C) QPRS
(D) SPQR
30. In Shelley's 'Ode to the West Wind', the phrase "Pestilence-stricken multitudes" indicates:
(A) Dead leaves
(B) Sea waves
(C) Deserted buildings
(D) Dead soldiers
31. The Indian Athletes were mobbed _____ they arrived at Delhi Airport.
(A) with
(B) as soon as
(C) while
(D) by
32. The feminine form of the word 'Duke' is
(A) She-Duke
(B) Dukess
(C) Duchess
(D) Dutch

33. In which of the following places is Maugham's short story 'The Lotus Eater' set?

(A) Capri

(B) Venice

(C) Athens

(D) Florence

34. Split the sentence:

Being tired, he went to bed.

(A) He went to bed tired.

(B) He was tired and he went to bed.

(C) He was gone to bed tired.

(D) Because he was tired, so he went to bed.

35. Change the following statement into a question:

Nothing could be done.

(A) What should have been done?

(B) What else could be done?

(C) What else could you do?

(D) What have been done?

36. The Wordsworth's poem 'Strange Fits of Passion', what came near Lucy's cot?

(A) The Rising Star

(B) The Breaking Dawn

(C) The Whimpering Dog

(D) The Sinking Moon

37. In Tennyson's 'Ulysses', Ulysses wants to follow knowledge like...:

(A) A chasing boat

(B) A sinking star

(C) A thirsty beast

(D) A gentle sage

38. In G. B. Shaw's play 'Arms and the Man', what is Raina's last name?

(A) Petkoff

(B) Saranoff

(C) Bluntschli

(D) Petkov

39. In Shelley's poem 'To A Skylark', what does the speaker ask the skylark to do at the end of the poem?
- (A) Teach him how to fly
(B) Teach him to die peacefully
(C) Teach him to build a nest
(D) Teach him half the gladness of its song
40. In Yeats's poem 'The Wild Swans at Coole', the speaker saw the wild swans at Coole
- (A) 16 years ago
(B) 19 years ago
(C) 26 years ago
(D) 29 years ago
41. Indian government _____ increase budgetary allocations in sports to bring more Olympic medals.
- (A) should be
(B) would
(C) must
(D) ought
42. What is the main focus of Galsworthy's play 'Justice'?
- (A) The tragic fate of Falder
(B) The complexities of love
(C) The rigidity of the law and penal system
(D) The nature of guilt
43. _____ the future, people will be living on pills.
- (A) On
(B) In
(C) By
(D) At
44. In Galsworthy's play 'Justice', Falder was reading _____ in his cell.
- (A) Man and Superman
(B) David Copperfield
(C) Lorna Doone
(D) King Lear
45. Choose the correct option without changing the meaning of the given sentence:
Pia will not attend the seminar if someone does not persuade her. (Begin: Unless ...)
- (A) Unless someone persuade her, Pia will not attend the seminar.
(B) Unless someone persuades her, Pia will not attend the seminar.
(C) Unless someone persuades her, Pia will attend the seminar.
(D) Unless someone does not persuade her, Pia will attend the seminar.

46. They are watching a movie. (Convert to Passive Voice)
- (A) A movie is being watched by them.**
- (B) A movie is watched by them
- (C) A movie has been watched by them.
- (D) A movie will be watched by them.
47. In Yeats's poem 'The Wild Swans at Coole', how many swans does the speaker see?
- (A) Nine - and - thirty
- (B) Nine - and - forty
- (C) Nine - and - fifty**
- (D) Nine - and - ninety
48. Who have "o'erbrimm'd their clammy cells" in Keats's poem 'To Autumn'?
- (A) The Butterflies
- (B) The Grasshoppers
- (C) The Nightingales
- (D) The Honey-Bees**
49. In Shaw's play 'Arms and the Man', what do Petkoff and Sergius find strange about the coat in Act III?
- (A) It is torn and muddy.
- (B) It contains a photograph of Raina.**
- (C) It has a woman's glove in it.
- (D) It doesn't belong to them.
50. In Shaw's play 'Arms and the Man', what is Sergius' rank in the army?
- (A) Colonel
- (B) Captain
- (C) Major**
- (D) Lieutenant
51. The wrestler was _____ strong, but very intelligent also.
- (A) not very
- (B) to be
- (C) not only**
- (D) neither
52. "This man has disappointed us", said Mrs. Mullick. (Change into indirect speech)
- (A) Mrs. Mullick said that man had disappointed them.
- (B) Mrs. Mullick said that that man had disappointed them.**
- (C) Mrs. Mullick said that that man has disappointed them.
- (D) Mrs. Mullick said that that man disappointed them.

53. In Conrad's short story 'The Lagoon', Arsat and his brother had been the Ruler's :

(A) Sword-bearers

(B) Boatmen

(C) Flag-bearers

(D) Soldiers

54. In O'Henry's short story 'The Gift of the Magi', what is the name of the owner of the shop which deals in hair goods of all kinds?

(A) Madame Sofronie

(B) Madame Eglentyne

(C) Mrs. Moore

(D) Hanny Bernett

55. To replace the underlined phrase, the correct clause will be :

In spite of being very rich, she is not proud.

(A) Due to her richness

(B) As she is very rich

(C) Although she is not very rich

(D) Although she is very rich

56. Which among these is *NOT* a 'Lucy Poem'?

(A) 'With Lucy Shall I Never Meet'

(B) 'I Travelled Among Unknown Men'

(C) 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'

(D) 'Strange Fits of Passion Have I Known'

57. She _____ in this school for five years now.

(A) studied

(B) studies

(C) has been studying

(D) is studying

58. Choose the correct pair of alternatives :

I _____ who _____ my dictionary.

(A) wonders, steals

(B) wonder, steal

(C) wonder, stole

(D) wondered, stolen

59. In Wordsworth's poem 'The World is Too Much with Us', which mythological figures are mentioned?
- (A) Zeus and Hera
- (B) Proteus and Triton**
- (C) Pan and Apollo
- (D) Odin and Thor
60. In Browning's poem 'The Last Ride Together', what does the speaker wish the beloved to take back in these lines:
- "Take back the _____ you gave, – I claim Only a memory of the same."
- (A) Love
- (B) Gift
- (C) Heart
- (D) Hope**

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