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FOUNDATION COURSE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
English Language and Indian Culture
Paper I

Time 1 Hour]

[Max. Marks 50
[Min. Marks 18

Note : All questions are compulsory. The blind students will be given 30 minutes extra time.
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1. Man's mind should be led forward into ever widening :
(a) Thought (b) Action (c) Thought and Action (d) Thought and Plan.
2. The heaven of freedom refers to the Poet's :
(a) Home Land (b) Native Land (c) Father Land (d) Dream Land.
3. The children, according to Gandhiji, must from their infancy be taught the dignity of :
(a) Labour (b) Worship (c) Class (d) Trade.
4. According to Gandhiji, the existing system of education is confined to :
(a) Head (b) The Heart (c) The Hand (d) None of these.
5. Which tree was most dear to Velan :
(a) Banyan (b) Pipal (c) Margosa (d) Neem.
6. Where did Velan arrive at last :
(a) in Malgudi (b) in Bagicha (c) in Koppal (d) in Chennai.
7. What is the most significant quality of Indian Civilization :
(a) Retention of Discontinuity (b) Retention of Continuity
(c) Retention of Comfort (d) Retention of Discomfort.
8. When did the real contact between India and China begin :
(a) 2000 years ago (b) 3000 years ago (c) 1000 years ago (d) 4000 years ago.
9. Who is the author of 'Preface to Mahabharata' :
(a) J. L. Nehru (b) Sarojini Naidu (c) C. Rajgopalachari (d) Toru Dutt.
10. How did the Mahabharata mould the character and civilization of India :
(a) by providing gospel of Dharma (b) by providing gospel of Karma
(c) by providing gospel of War (d) by providing gospel of Education.

State whether the given statements are True OR False :

11. Tagore compares reason to a dreary desert.
(a) True (b) False.
12. According to Tagore 'narrow domestic walls' refers to small houses with narrow walls.
(a) True (b) False.
13. The text-book does not teach a lad what is right and what is wrong in the home life.
(a) True (b) False.
14. Gandhiji was born in Porbandar.
(a) True (b) False.

15. Mr. Kumar later became the sole occupant of Kumar Baugh.
(a) True (b) False.
16. An astrologer foretold that Velan would live in a big house.
(a) True (b) False.
17. Emerson and Thoreau were influenced by Indian Thoughts.
(a) True (b) False.
18. Sister Nivedita visited Europe and America most.
(a) True (b) False.
19. Indian Mythology has been an integral part of the lives of Indians.
(a) True (b) False.
20. Bhishma represents perfect knight in The Mahabharata.
(a) True (b) False.

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : (21 – 30)

The choices we make on a daily basis – wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly or properly staying out of any dangerous situation – can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.

You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and border in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.

We can think of it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah ! That's me ! Living on the edge ! Woo-hoo !" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provides margins for our safety while we are driving. If we go over one side, we will go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically most of the time I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I have reached them, but I'm going to ignore there and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to the doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress". That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself traveling, doing, speaking engagements. And so on simply exhausting myself.

Finally I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and life style. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are and we don't have to apologize for it. We are not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

21. The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the :
(a) Constant need for something different (b) Population being much younger
(c) Exhausting efforts to make changes (d) Strong tendency to stay within limits.
22. Which would be the most appropriate title for the passage :
(a) Much too soon (b) Enough is enough
(c) How much is too much (d) None of the above.
23. The phrase "potentially harmful circumstances" refers to circumstances that can :
(a) certainly be dangerous (b) be fairly dangerous
(c) be possibly dangerous (d) seldom be dangerous.

24. Choose the option that makes the correct use of "unsustainable" as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space :
- (a) In the long run, the officials followed emergency procedures.
 (b) Emergency procedures were by the officials.
 (c) Officials reported an set of events during the emergency.
 (d) Officials admit that the emergency system in the longer run.
25. The author attempt so the readers through this write-up :
- (a) rebuke (b) question (c) offer aid to (d) offer advice to.
26. The author uses colloquial words such as 'yeah' and 'woo-hoo !' Which of the following is not a colloquial word :
- (a) Hooked (b) Guy (c) Stuff (d) Stress.
27. What does the author mean when he says, 'to get our lives in order' :
- (a) To resume our lives (b) To organize our lives
 (c) To rebuild our lives (d) To control our lives.
28. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'outlook' as used in the passage :
- (a) a person's evaluation of life (b) a person's experiences in life
 (c) a person's point of view towards life (d) a person's regrets in life.
29. The author explains the importance of discipline and boundaries in our lives using the example of :
- (a) road accidents (b) traffic rules
 (c) lines on the highway (d) safe driving.
30. What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage :
- (a) I.ove what you do (b) I.ove yourself to love others
 (c) Be the best version of yourself (d) Be yourself.
31. Write the synonym of Charge :
- (a) Duty (b) Responsibility (c) Care (d) Receipt.
32. Write the synonym of Struggle :
- (a) Fight (b) Face (c) Oppose (d) Defeat.
33. Choose the correct meaning of the following phrase "To bring to light" :
- (a) To Reveal (b) To Conceal (c) To Appeal (d) To Praise.
34. Choose the correct Prefix for the following words :
- Belief, Respect
- (a) Mis (b) Non (c) Dis (d) Un
35. The antonym of the word Support is :
- (a) Help (b) Argue (c) Oppose (d) Return.
36. Choose the Plural of the given word – Box :
- (a) Box (b) Boxer (c) Boxs (d) Boxes.
37. Use the correct form of the Verb in the following sentence :
- He in Allahabad for five years.
- (a) lives (b) has been living (c) have been living (d) living.
38. Fill in the blanks with correct Preposition :
- He deals rice.
- (a) in (b) with (c) at (d) on.
39. Fill in the blank with suitable form of Adverb in the sentence given below :
- He came here an hour
- (a) ago (b) before (c) early (d) just.

40. Fill in the blank with proper Conjunction :
He failed he did not study regularly.
(a) as (b) since (c) because (d) and.
41. Identify the Adverb in the sentence :
The wicked boy slapped the girl loudly.
(a) wicked (b) boy (c) slapped (d) loudly.
42. Choose the word that can join the two given sentences :
Write properly. Don't write at all.
(a) but (b) and (c) so (d) or.
43. Change the following into Past Perfect Continuous Tense :
The boys are playing cricket.
(a) Has Played (b) Have Played (c) Have been Playing (d) Had been Playing.
44. Fill in the blank with appropriate Article :
Honesty is best policy.
(a) an (b) the (c) a (d) None of these.
45. Fill in the blank with suitable Pronoun in the following sentence :
We enjoyed on the river.
(a) ourself (b) ourselves (c) itself (d) oneself.
46. Which of the following Noun is always used in the Singular Number :
(a) Child (b) Information (c) Foot (d) Ox.
47. Give one word substitute for the following expression :
Which cannot be read.
(a) Legible (b) Illegible (c) None of the above (d) All of the above.
48. Find out the appropriate meaning of the word : Etymology
(a) Act of Spying (b) To free from Blame
(c) Likeness of a Person (d) A Study of Origin of Words.
49. Insert the proper Relative Pronoun in the following sentence :
All glitters is not gold.
(a) which (b) that (c) who (d) whom.
50. Insert a suitable form of Adverb in the following sentence :
You and must work together.
(a) me (b) my (c) him (d) I.