

■ ENGLISH MCQs ■

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100 Challenging Questions with Solved Answers
Comprehensive English Preparation Paper



Total Questions: 100 MCQs
Difficulty Level: Advanced & Challenging
Topics: Grammar, Vocabulary, Comprehension, Language Skills



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Instructions & Guidelines

1. **Total Time:** 2.5 hours recommended for full practice
2. **Marking:** Each question carries 1 mark
3. **Difficulty:** These questions are advanced level, suitable for final preparations
4. **Coverage:** Includes grammar, vocabulary, synonyms, antonyms, and comprehension
5. **Answer Key:** All answers are marked with ✓ and highlighted in green
6. **Study Tips:** Read each question carefully; note down difficult words
7. **Practice Strategy:** Solve without looking at answers first, then verify
8. **Focus Areas:** Pay special attention to confusing grammar rules and vocabulary



***Best of Luck!** Work hard, stay focused, and success will follow.*

1. Which of the following words is a synonym for 'ubiquitous'?

- A) Rare
- ✓ B) Omnipresent
- C) Elusive
- D) Mysterious

2. 'The professor's lecture was so _____ that half the class fell asleep.'

- A) Stimulating
- B) Engaging
- ✓ C) Soporific
- D) Vibrant

3. Which sentence contains a dangling modifier?

- ✓ A) Walking through the park, the trees were beautiful.
- B) The trees in the park were beautiful.
- C) As we walked through the park, the trees were beautiful.
- D) The beautiful trees swayed in the park.

4. 'The author's propensity _____ verbose writing made his novels challenging.'

- ✓ A) for
- B) to
- C) of
- D) with

5. What is the correct spelling?

- ✓ A) Exaggerate
- B) Exagerate
- C) Exaggerete
- D) Exagerate

6. Which word is an antonym of 'loquacious'?

- A) Verbose
- B) Talkative
- ✓ C) Taciturn
- D) Gregarious

7. 'Had I known about the meeting, I _____ attended it.'

- A) would attend
- ✓ B) would have attended
- C) will attend
- D) attend

8. Which of these sentences is grammatically correct?

- A) Each of the students have submitted their assignments.

- B) Each of the students has submitted their assignment.
- C) Each of the students has submitted his or her assignment.
- ✓ D) Both B and C are correct.

9. What does 'obfuscate' mean?

- A) To clarify
- ✓ B) To confuse
- C) To illuminate
- D) To simplify

10. 'The _____ of the novel lies in its unexpected ending.'

- A) Pungency
- B) Efficacy
- ✓ C) Denouement
- D) Prologue

11. Which word correctly completes: 'His _____ nature made him avoid social gatherings.'?

- A) Gregarious
- B) Convivial
- ✓ C) Misanthropic
- D) Philanthropic

12. Identify the error: 'Neither the manager nor the employees was satisfied with the decision.'

- ✓ A) 'was' should be 'were'
- B) 'Neither' should be 'Either'
- C) 'satisfied' should be 'satisfy'
- D) No error

13. What is the meaning of 'perspicacity'?

- A) Honesty
- B) Clarity of expression
- ✓ C) Keen insight
- D) Physical appearance

14. 'The committee reached a _____ to end the dispute once and for all.'

- A) Conclusion
- ✓ B) Consensus
- C) Correlation
- D) Conversion

15. Which sentence demonstrates proper use of semicolon?

- A) The weather was beautiful; so we went to the park.
- ✓ B) We went to the park; moreover, we had a great time.
- C) The children were excited; they ran around quickly.
- D) I like reading books; watching movies; and playing games.

16. What does 'ameliorate' mean?

- A) To worsen
- ✓ B) To improve
- C) To bitter
- D) To complicate

17. 'The politician's _____ speech failed to convince the voters.'

- A) Eloquent
- B) Pellucid
- ✓ C) Vituperative
- D) Cogent

18. Which word is spelled incorrectly?

- A) Accommodate

✓ **B) Occassion**

C) Occurrence

D) Separate

19. 'The teacher asked the students _____ loud noise in the classroom.'

✓ **A) to stop making**

B) to stop to make

C) stopping making

D) stop making

20. What is the correct form? 'If I _____ you were coming, I would have prepared dinner.'

A) knew

✓ **B) had known**

C) would know

D) have known

21. Which word means 'excessively detailed'?

- A) Fastidious
- B) Meticulous
- ✓ C) Pedantic
- D) Pragmatic

22. Correct the sentence: 'The data shows that students their grades improved.'

- A) Change 'their' to 'that'
- ✓ B) Remove 'their'
- C) Change 'shows' to 'show'
- D) A and B are correct

23. What does 'querulous' mean?

- A) Curious
- ✓ B) Complaining
- C) Questioning
- D) Quiet

24. 'His _____ attitude towards the rules got him into trouble.'

- A) Obsequious
- ✓ B) Pugnacious
- C) Sedulous
- D) Sanguine

25. Which sentence is correct?

- A) Everyone should bring their own lunch.
- B) Everyone should bring his lunch.
- C) Everyone should bring his or her lunch.
- ✓ D) All are acceptable.

26. What is a homonym of 'right'?

- ✓ A) Write
- B) Wrong
- C) Rite
- D) Light

27. 'The author's _____ style makes his work difficult to read.'

- A) Lucid
- B) Transparent
- ✓ C) Opaque
- D) Pellucid

28. Identify the correct passive voice: 'The teacher marked the papers.'

- ✓ A) The papers were marked by the teacher.

- B) The papers have been marked by the teacher.
- C) The teacher was marking the papers.
- D) The papers are marked by the teacher.

29. What does 'ephemeral' mean?

- A) Long-lasting
- ✓ **B) Temporary**
- C) Eternal
- D) Beautiful

30. 'The manager's _____ decisions alienated the entire team.'

- A) Judicious
- ✓ **B) Arbitrary**
- C) Rational
- D) Sagacious

31. Which word is a synonym for 'accolade'?

- A) Criticism
- B) Rebuke
- ✓ C) Praise
- D) Mockery

32. 'The scientist's theory was met with considerable _____ from the academic community.'

- A) Approbation
- B) Apprehension
- ✓ C) Antipathy
- D) Acclaim

33. Which sentence contains a misplaced modifier?

- A) I saw the movie on television that you recommended.
- B) I saw on television the movie that you recommended.
- ✓ C) I saw that you recommended the movie on television.
- D) The movie I saw on television was recommended by you.

34. What does 'sanguine' mean?

- A) Bloody
- ✓ B) Optimistic
- C) Sad
- D) Realistic

35. 'His _____ remarks offended everyone at the dinner table.'

- A) Innocuous
- B) Benign
- ✓ C) Caustic
- D) Soothing

36. Choose the correct form: 'Either the cat or the dogs _____ the toy.'

- A) eats
- ✓ B) eat
- C) are eating
- D) have eaten

37. What is the meaning of 'pernicious'?

- A) Beneficial
- ✓ B) Harmful
- C) Necessary
- D) Obvious

38. 'The _____ of his argument became apparent when challenged.'

- A) Strength

✓ **B) Fallacy**

C) Logic

D) Coherence

39. Which word is not a synonym of 'abundant'?

A) Copious

B) Plentiful

C) Profuse

✓ **D) Scarce**

40. 'The witness's testimony was _____ and lacked credibility.'

A) Cogent

✓ **B) Tenuous**

C) Substantive

D) Compelling

41. What does 'maladroit' mean?

- A) Skillful
- ✓ B) Clumsy
- C) Intelligent
- D) Careful

42. 'His _____ nature prevented him from enjoying the party.'

- A) Convivial
- B) Affable
- ✓ C) Aloof
- D) Sociable

43. Identify the sentence with correct comma usage:

- A) The book which was published last year is very popular.
- ✓ B) The book, which was published last year, is very popular.
- C) The book which, was published last year is very popular.
- D) The book which was, published last year is very popular.

44. What is a synonym for 'vindicate'?

- A) Accuse
- ✓ B) Exonerate
- C) Condemn
- D) Punish

45. 'The _____ student asked insightful questions in every class.'

- A) Apathetic
- B) Indifferent
- ✓ C) Inquisitive
- D) Oblivious

46. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A) The number of students are increasing.
- ✓ B) The number of students is increasing.
- C) A number of students are increase.
- D) The amount of students is increasing.

47. What does 'meticulous' mean?

- A) Quick
- B) Careless
- ✓ C) Careful
- D) Lazy

48. 'The CEO's _____ style of management earned the employees' respect.'

- A) Despotic

- B) Tyrannical
- ✓ C) Equitable
- D) Arbitrary

49. Which word is spelled correctly?

- A) Occassion
- B) Occassion
- ✓ C) Occasion
- D) Occassion

50. 'The detective's _____ investigation uncovered the truth.'

- A) Superficial
- B) Cursory
- ✓ C) Thorough
- D) Casual

51. What is an antonym of 'prodigal'?

- A) Wasteful
- B) Extravagant
- ✓ C) Frugal
- D) Excessive

52. 'The _____ nature of the problem requires immediate attention.'

- A) Trivial
- ✓ B) Exigent
- C) Minor
- D) Negligible

53. Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?

- A) If he was here, he would help us.
- ✓ B) If he were here, he would help us.
- C) If he will be here, he helps us.
- D) If he is here, he would help us.

54. What does 'aggregate' mean?

- A) To separate
- ✓ B) To collect
- C) To scatter
- D) To divide

55. 'The _____ of the building impressed the visitors.'

- A) Disparity
- ✓ B) Grandeur
- C) Mediocrity
- D) Simplicity

56. Which word is not spelled correctly?

- A) Accommodate
- B) Conscientious
- C) Necessary
- ✓ D) Recieve

57. 'His _____ of the rules resulted in severe punishment.'

- A) Adherence
- B) Compliance
- ✓ C) Flouting
- D) Observance

58. What is the meaning of 'lambaste'?

- A) To praise

✓ **B) To criticize harshly**

C) To ignore

D) To accept

59. 'The _____ evidence proved the defendant's innocence.'

A) Circumstantial

B) Insubstantial

✓ **C) Conclusive**

D) Questionable

60. Which sentence is correct?

A) Neither John nor Mary are coming to the party.

✓ **B) Neither John nor Mary is coming to the party.**

C) Neither John or Mary are coming to the party.

D) Neither John and Mary are coming to the party.

61. What does 'auspicious' mean?

- A) Unfavorable
- ✓ B) Favorable
- C) Uncertain
- D) Neutral

62. 'The _____ of the ancient civilization fascinated the archaeologists.'

- A) Decay
- B) Ruin
- C) Obliteration
- ✓ D) Remnants

63. Which word is a synonym for 'fortuitous'?

- A) Planned
- B) Intentional
- ✓ C) Accidental
- D) Deliberate

64. 'The professor's _____ explanation confused the students rather than clarifying.'

- A) Lucid
- B) Clear
- ✓ C) Convoluted
- D) Simple

65. What is the correct spelling?

- ✓ A) Superintendent
- B) Supperintendent
- C) Superintendant
- D) Superintendence

66. 'His _____ attitude towards life made him popular among friends.'

- A) Cynical
- B) Pessimistic
- ✓ C) Jovial
- D) Melancholic

67. Which sentence contains a parallel structure error?

- A) She likes reading, writing, and painting.
- B) She likes to read, write, and paint.
- ✓ C) She likes reading, to write, and painting.
- D) A and B are both correct.

68. What does 'obsequious' mean?

- A) Independent

✓ **B) Servile**

C) Proud

D) Respectful

69. 'The _____ of his proposal became evident after careful analysis.'

A) Merit

B) Worth

C) Validity

✓ **D) Invalidity**

70. Which word is an antonym of 'brevity'?

A) Shortness

B) Conciseness

✓ **C) Verbosity**

D) Terseness

71. 'The _____ efforts of the team led to the project's success.'

- A) Lackadaisical
- B) Nonchalant
- ✓ C) Assiduous
- D) Indolent

72. What is the meaning of 'verisimilitude'?

- A) Falsehood
- ✓ B) Appearance of truth
- C) Deception
- D) Illusion

73. 'The _____ condition of the house made it uninhabitable.'

- A) Pristine
- B) Immaculate
- ✓ C) Dilapidated
- D) Spotless

74. Which sentence is grammatically correct?

- A) Each of the candidates have prepared a presentation.
- ✓ B) Each of the candidates has prepared a presentation.
- C) All of the candidates have prepared their presentation.
- D) None of the candidates has prepared their presentations.

75. What does 'egregious' mean?

- A) Mild
- ✓ B) Outrageous
- C) Minor
- D) Subtle

76. 'The _____ of the scientific findings was questioned by other researchers.'

- A) Reliability
- B) Validity
- C) Credibility
- ✓ D) Veracity

77. Which word is not a synonym of 'happy'?

- A) Elated
- B) Delighted
- ✓ C) Morose
- D) Cheerful

78. 'The _____ of the ancient text was difficult due to its archaic language.'

- A) Simplification

B) Obfuscation

✓ C) Decipherment

D) Clarification

79. What is the correct form? '_____ of us want to attend the meeting.'

✓ A) All

B) Each

C) Everyone

D) Both A and B

80. 'The _____ between the two theories sparked debate in academia.'

A) Similarity

✓ B) Dichotomy

C) Harmony

D) Agreement

81. What does 'bellicose' mean?

- A) Peaceful
- ✓ B) Warlike
- C) Friendly
- D) Calm

82. 'The _____ behavior of the child frustrated the parents.'

- A) Obedient
- B) Compliant
- ✓ C) Recalcitrant
- D) Docile

83. Which sentence uses the apostrophe correctly?

- A) The cat's sat on its cushion.
- ✓ B) The cats' toys are scattered.
- C) The toy belongs to the cat's.
- D) Its the cat's favorite toy.

84. What is a synonym for 'mendacious'?

- A) Truthful
- B) Honest
- ✓ C) Deceptive
- D) Sincere

85. 'The _____ nature of his comments hurt everyone's feelings.'

- A) Tactful
- B) Diplomatic
- ✓ C) Acerbic
- D) Courteous

86. Which word is spelled correctly?

- ✓ A) Embarrass
- B) Embarass
- C) Embaress
- D) Embarras

87. 'The evidence was _____ but circumstantial.'

- A) Conclusive
- B) Definitive
- ✓ C) Suggestive
- D) Authoritative

88. What does 'propitious' mean?

- A) Unfavorable

✓ **B) Fortunate**

C) Inauspicious

D) Unfitting

89. 'The _____ artist received commendation for her innovative work.'

A) Pedestrian

B) Conventional

✓ **C) Avant-garde**

D) Traditional

90. Which sentence is correct?

A) The team were divided in their opinions.

B) The team was divided in its opinion.

C) The team are in disagreement with each other.

✓ **D) Both A and B are acceptable.**

91. What is the meaning of 'languish'?

- A) To thrive
- B) To flourish
- ✓ C) To decline
- D) To prosper

92. 'The _____ tone of his voice indicated his disapproval.'

- A) Warm
- B) Affectionate
- ✓ C) Acrimonious
- D) Gentle

93. Which word is not a synonym of 'start'?

- A) Begin
- B) Commence
- C) Initiate
- ✓ D) Conclude

94. 'The _____ of the law was questioned by civil rights activists.'

- A) Justice
- B) Fairness
- C) Equity
- ✓ D) Inequity

95. What does 'intrepid' mean?

- A) Fearful
- ✓ B) Courageous
- C) Timid
- D) Anxious

96. 'His _____ responses to criticism demonstrated his emotional maturity.'

- A) Vengeful
- B) Hostile
- ✓ C) Equanimous
- D) Bitter

97. Which sentence contains a grammatical error?

- A) She went to the market and bought groceries.
- B) He ran quickly and jumped over the fence.
- ✓ C) They was happy about the news.
- D) She has been working here for five years.

98. What is an antonym of 'ephemeral'?

- A) Temporary

- B) Fleeting
- ✓ **C) Enduring**
- D) Transient

99. 'The _____ of the project was attributed to poor planning.'

- A) Success
- B) Achievement
- ✓ **C) Debacle**
- D) Triumph

100. Which word is the most appropriate synonym for 'indefatigable'?

- A) Lazy
- ✓ **B) Tireless**
- C) Apathetic
- D) Indolent

Answer Summary

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