

⇒ ENGLISH LANGUAGE

100 Most Important & Most Repeated MCQs for Competitive Exams

PPSC	FPSC	CSS/PMS	NTS/OTS	KPPSC/SPSC
Total Questions: 100		✓ Correct Answers Highlighted in Green		Marks: 100

◆ GRAMMAR — PARTS OF SPEECH ◆

Q.1 Which of the following is an example of an abstract noun?

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| (A) Table | (B) Dog |
| ✓ (C) Happiness | (D) River |

Q.2 Identify the verb in the sentence: 'She quickly ran to the store.'

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| (A) quickly | ✓ (B) ran |
| (C) store | (D) She |

Q.3 Which word is an adjective in: 'The tall man wore a blue coat'?

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| (A) man | (B) wore |
| ✓ (C) tall | (D) coat |

Q.4 Which of the following is a collective noun?

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| (A) Beauty | ✓ (B) Flock |
| (C) Run | (D) Heavy |

Q.5 The word 'Hardly' is an example of:

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| (A) Adjective | (B) Preposition |
| ✓ (C) Adverb | (D) Conjunction |

Q.6 Identify the pronoun: 'Everyone must do his duty.'

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| ✓ (A) Everyone | (B) must |
| (C) do | (D) duty |

Q.7 Which of the following is a conjunction?

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| (A) Slowly | (B) Beautiful |
| ✓ (C) Although | (D) Under |

Q.8 The word 'Ouch!' in the sentence 'Ouch! That hurt.' is a/an:

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| (A) Noun | (B) Adjective |
| (C) Verb | ✓ (D) Interjection |

Q.9	Which sentence uses a proper noun?	
(A) The city is crowded.	✓ (B) London is in England.	
(C) He runs fast.	(D) Dogs are loyal.	

Q.10	Which of the following is a possessive pronoun?	
(A) He	(B) They	
✓ (C) Mine	(D) Who	

◆ TENSES & VERB FORMS ◆

Q.11	She _____ to school every day. (Simple Present)	
(A) go	✓ (B) goes	
(C) went	(D) gone	

Q.12	They _____ dinner when I arrived. (Past Continuous)	
(A) have eaten	✓ (B) were eating	
(C) ate	(D) eat	

Q.13	By the time he arrived, she _____ already left. (Past Perfect)	
(A) has	✓ (B) had	
(C) have	(D) was	

Q.14	I _____ this book since morning. (Present Perfect Continuous)	
(A) read	(B) am reading	
✓ (C) have been reading	(D) was reading	

Q.15	The passive form of 'She writes a letter' is:	
(A) A letter written by her.	✓ (B) A letter is written by her.	
(C) A letter was written by her.	(D) A letter will be written.	

Q.16	Which sentence is in the Future Perfect Tense?	
(A) I will go tomorrow.	✓ (B) I will have finished by noon.	
(C) I am going now.	(D) I went yesterday.	

Q.17	Choose the correct tense: 'She _____ in Karachi since 2010.'	
(A) lives	(B) lived	
✓ (C) has lived	(D) had lived	

Q.18	The third form (past participle) of 'break' is:	
(A) broke	✓ (B) broken	
(C) breaking	(D) broke	

Q.19 Which is the correct passive voice of 'He has written a novel'?

(A) A novel was written by him.

(B) A novel is written by him.

✓ (C) A novel has been written by him.

(D) A novel had been written.

Q.20 He _____ (study) for three hours before the lights went out.

(A) studied

(B) was studying

✓ (C) had been studying

(D) has studied

◆ SENTENCE STRUCTURE & SYNTAX ◆

Q.21 Which sentence is grammatically correct?

(A) Neither he nor she are wrong.

✓ (B) Neither he nor she is wrong.

(C) Neither he or she is wrong.

(D) Neither he nor she was wrong.

Q.22 Choose the sentence with the correct use of apostrophe:

(A) Its raining outside.

✓ (B) It's raining outside.

(C) Its' raining outside.

(D) It'ss raining outside.

Q.23 A sentence that expresses a command or request is called:

(A) Declarative

(B) Interrogative

✓ (C) Imperative

(D) Exclamatory

Q.24 Identify the type: 'He is rich but he is not happy.'

(A) Simple

(B) Complex

✓ (C) Compound

(D) Compound-Complex

Q.25 Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?

(A) I wish I was taller.

✓ (B) I wish I were taller.

(C) I wish I am taller.

(D) I wish I will be taller.

Q.26 Choose the correct sentence:

(A) Each of the boys have a pen.

✓ (B) Each of the boys has a pen.

(C) Each of boys have a pen.

(D) Each boys has a pen.

Q.27 A clause that cannot stand alone as a complete sentence is called a/an:

(A) Independent clause

(B) Main clause

✓ (C) Subordinate clause

(D) Principal clause

Q.28 'The book that I read was excellent.' — The underlined clause is:

(A) Adverb clause

✓ (B) Adjective clause

(C) Noun clause

(D) Main clause

Q.29 Which sentence correctly uses a semicolon?

(A) I like tea; but she likes coffee.

✓ (B) I like tea; she likes coffee.

(C) I like tea; because she likes coffee.

(D) I; like tea.

Q.30 Choose the correctly punctuated sentence:

✓ (A) However, he refused to listen.

(B) However he refused to listen.

(C) However he, refused to listen.

(D) However; he refused to listen.

◆ VOCABULARY — SYNONYMS ◆

Q.31 Synonym of 'Ambiguous' is:

(A) Clear

✓ (B) Vague

(C) Certain

(D) Precise

Q.32 Synonym of 'Loquacious' is:

(A) Silent

✓ (B) Talkative

(C) Lazy

(D) Intelligent

Q.33 Synonym of 'Benevolent' is:

(A) Cruel

(B) Indifferent

✓ (C) Kind

(D) Hostile

Q.34 Synonym of 'Obsolete' is:

(A) Modern

✓ (B) Outdated

(C) New

(D) Current

Q.35 Synonym of 'Candid' is:

(A) Dishonest

(B) Secretive

✓ (C) Frank

(D) Shy

◆ VOCABULARY — ANTONYMS ◆

Q.36 Antonym of 'Verbose' is:

(A) Talkative

✓ (B) Concise

(C) Lengthy

(D) Wordy

Q.37 Antonym of 'Diligent' is:

(A) Hardworking

(B) Careful

✓ (C) Lazy

(D) Attentive

Q.38 Antonym of 'Frugal' is:

(A) Thrifty

✓ (B) Extravagant

(C) Careful

(D) Economical

Q.39 Antonym of 'Transparent' is:

(A) Clear

(B) Obvious

✓ (C) Opaque

(D) Open

Q.40 Antonym of 'Ephemeral' is:

(A) Temporary

(B) Brief

✓ (C) Permanent

(D) Fleeting

◆ IDIOMS & PHRASES ◆

Q.41 The idiom 'To bite the bullet' means:

(A) To eat something

✓ (B) To endure a painful situation bravely

(C) To shoot someone

(D) To get hurt

Q.42 'Beat around the bush' means:

(A) To garden

✓ (B) To avoid the main topic

(C) To beat someone

(D) To work in forest

Q.43 The phrase 'Once in a blue moon' means:

(A) Every night

✓ (B) Very rarely

(C) Every month

(D) During full moon

Q.44 'To be on cloud nine' means:

(A) To fly an airplane

✓ (B) To be extremely happy

(C) To feel dizzy

(D) To be confused

Q.45 'To let the cat out of the bag' means:

(A) To free an animal

✓ (B) To reveal a secret

(C) To shop at market

(D) To behave strangely

Q.46 The idiom 'A penny for your thoughts' means:

(A) You are poor

✓ (B) Asking what someone is thinking

(C) Giving money

(D) Saving money

Q.47 'To burn the midnight oil' means:

(A) To waste electricity

✓ (B) To work or study late into the night

(C) To cook at night

(D) To sleep early

Q.48 The phrase 'Spill the beans' means:

(A) To cook beans

(B) To drop food

✓ (C) To reveal confidential information

(D) To make a mess

Q.49	'Hit the nail on the head' means:	
(A) To be a carpenter	✓ (B) To exactly identify the problem	
(C) To make a mistake	(D) To hit someone	

Q.50	'Under the weather' means:	
(A) Outdoors in rain	✓ (B) Feeling ill/unwell	
(C) Below a cloud	(D) In stormy weather	

◆ ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION ◆

Q.51	A person who cannot be corrected:	
(A) Insolvent	✓ (B) Incurable	
(C) Infallible	(D) Notorious	

Q.52	One who studies the stars and planets:	
(A) Astrologer	✓ (B) Astronomer	
(C) Archaeologist	(D) Biologist	

Q.53	A word that means 'one who knows everything':	
(A) Omnivore	(B) Omnipotent	
✓ (C) Omniscient	(D) Omnipresent	

Q.54	The art of beautiful handwriting is called:	
(A) Typography	✓ (B) Calligraphy	
(C) Cartography	(D) Photography	

Q.55	A person who is present everywhere:	
(A) Omniscient	(B) Omnivore	
✓ (C) Omnipresent	(D) Omnipotent	

Q.56	Words that sound the same but have different meanings:	
(A) Synonyms	(B) Antonyms	
✓ (C) Homophones	(D) Homographs	

Q.57	One who speaks many languages is called:	
(A) Bilingual	(B) Multilingual	
✓ (C) Polyglot	(D) Linguist	

Q.58	A place where bees are kept is called:	
(A) Aviary	✓ (B) Apiary	
(C) Aquarium	(D) Sanctuary	

Q.59 A person who pretends to be what he is not:

(A) Villain

✓ (B) Hypocrite

(C) Criminal

(D) Anarchist

Q.60 Fear of water is known as:

(A) Claustrophobia

✓ (B) Hydrophobia

(C) Arachnophobia

(D) Acrophobia

◆ PREPOSITIONS & ARTICLES ◆

Q.61 She is _____ honest woman. (Article)

(A) a

✓ (B) an

(C) the

(D) no article

Q.62 He has been living here _____ 2010.

(A) from

(B) for

✓ (C) since

(D) by

Q.63 The train arrives _____ 9 o'clock.

(A) in

(B) on

✓ (C) at

(D) by

Q.64 She is good _____ mathematics.

(A) in

✓ (B) at

(C) on

(D) for

Q.65 He died _____ cancer last year.

(A) from

(B) with

(C) by

✓ (D) of

Q.66 They arrived _____ the airport late.

(A) in

(B) on

✓ (C) at

(D) to

Q.67 The book is _____ the table.

(A) in

✓ (B) on

(C) at

(D) by

Q.68 _____ Nile is the longest river in Africa.

(A) A

(B) An

✓ (C) The

(D) No article

Q.69	He is proud _____ his achievements.	
(A) for	✓ (B) of	
(C) about	(D) on	

Q.70	She is married _____ a doctor.	
(A) with	✓ (B) to	
(C) by	(D) for	

◆ LITERARY TERMS & COMPREHENSION ◆

Q.71	A figure of speech that makes a direct comparison without using 'like' or 'as' is called:	
(A) Simile	✓ (B) Metaphor	
(C) Personification	(D) Alliteration	

Q.72	The repetition of initial consonant sounds in nearby words is called:	
(A) Assonance	(B) Onomatopoeia	
✓ (C) Alliteration	(D) Rhyme	

Q.73	Giving human qualities to non-human things is called:	
(A) Metaphor	(B) Simile	
✓ (C) Personification	(D) Hyperbole	

Q.74	An exaggerated statement not meant to be taken literally is:	
(A) Irony	✓ (B) Hyperbole	
(C) Understatement	(D) Paradox	

Q.75	A 14-line poem following a strict rhyme scheme is called a:	
(A) Ode	(B) Ballad	
✓ (C) Sonnet	(D) Elegy	

Q.76	The main character in a story is called the:	
(A) Antagonist	(B) Narrator	
✓ (C) Protagonist	(D) Foil	

Q.77	The use of words that imitate natural sounds (e.g., buzz, hiss) is:	
(A) Alliteration	✓ (B) Onomatopoeia	
(C) Assonance	(D) Metaphor	

Q.78	A story where characters represent abstract ideas is called:	
(A) Fable	(B) Myth	
✓ (C) Allegory	(D) Parable	

Q.79	A comparison using 'like' or 'as' is called a:	
(A) Metaphor	✓ (B) Simile	
(C) Analogy	(D) Symbol	

Q.80	The resolution or conclusion of a plot is called:	
(A) Climax	(B) Exposition	
✓ (C) Denouement	(D) Rising Action	

◆ SPELLING & WORD USAGE ◆

Q.81	Choose the correctly spelled word:	
(A) Accomodation	✓ (B) Accommodation	
(C) Accommadation	(D) Accomodattion	

Q.82	Which word is correctly spelled?	
(A) Recieve	✓ (B) Receive	
(C) Recevie	(D) Receieve	

Q.83	Choose the correct spelling:	
(A) Occurance	✓ (B) Occurrence	
(C) Occurrance	(D) Ocurrance	

Q.84	Which is the correct word to complete: 'The _____ of the story was surprising.'	
✓ (A) moral	(B) morale	
(C) morrel	(D) morall	

Q.85	Choose the correctly spelled word:	
(A) Neccessary	(B) Necessary	
✓ (C) Necessary	(D) Neccessary	

Q.86	Which sentence uses 'affect' correctly?	
(A) The weather effected our plans.	✓ (B) The weather affected our plans.	
(C) The weather affectes our plans.	(D) The weather effects our plans.	

Q.87	Choose the correctly spelled word:	
(A) Perseverence	✓ (B) Perseverance	
(C) Perseveranse	(D) Perserverance	

Q.88	The word 'principal' in 'The principal of the school' means:	
(A) A rule or belief	✓ (B) Head of a school	
(C) An amount of money	(D) Most important	

Q.89	Choose the correct word: 'She could not _____ the pain.'	
(A) bare	✓ (B) bear	
(C) beer	(D) bar	

Q.90	Which is the correct plural of 'criterion'?	
(A) Criterions	(B) Criterias	
✓ (C) Criteria	(D) Criterions	

◆ WRITING SKILLS & COMPOSITION ◆

Q.91	A paragraph that introduces the main idea of an essay is called:	
(A) Body paragraph	(B) Concluding paragraph	
✓ (C) Introductory paragraph	(D) Topic sentence	

Q.92	Which type of writing presents facts and information without personal opinion?	
(A) Narrative	(B) Descriptive	
✓ (C) Expository	(D) Persuasive	

Q.93	A formal letter must include:	
✓ (A) Date, address, salutation, body, closing	(B) Only body and closing	
(C) Date and body only	(D) Salutation only	

Q.94	The sentence that states the main idea of a paragraph is called:	
(A) Supporting sentence	(B) Concluding sentence	
✓ (C) Topic sentence	(D) Transitional sentence	

Q.95	Which transition word shows contrast?	
(A) Furthermore	(B) Moreover	
✓ (C) However	(D) Therefore	

Q.96	A précis is:	
(A) A full summary of a text	✓ (B) A concise, accurate summary in your own words	
(C) An outline of a book	(D) A bibliography	

Q.97	The tone of a persuasive essay is typically:	
(A) Neutral	✓ (B) Emotional and one-sided	
(C) Objective	(D) Informative only	

Q.98	In report writing, the section that states the purpose of the report is called:	
(A) Conclusion	(B) Methodology	
✓ (C) Introduction / Terms of Reference	(D) Recommendations	

Q.99 Which is an example of a compound sentence?

(A) Because he was tired, he slept.

(B) He was tired. He slept.

✓ (C) He was tired, so he slept.

(D) He, being tired, slept.

Q.100 The main purpose of a thesis statement is to:

(A) Summarize the conclusion

✓ (B) State the main argument of the essay

(C) List evidence

(D) Provide background information

◆ COMPLETE ANSWER KEY ◆

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

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