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Every correct answer is highlighted and ticked • All
options preserved exactly as in the original paper



Highlighted option with a ✓ tick mark is the **correct answer**. All four options (A-D) are kept exactly as given in the original paper.

Passage I — Ibn-e-Seena

Questions 1-7

IBN-E-SEENA was also a famous philosopher, encyclopedist, mathematician and astronomer of his time. He wrote many books. His famous book on medical science is Al-Qanun-Fi-Al-Tibb. It is a huge encyclopedia of medicine converging over a million words. It surveyed the entire medical knowledge available in ancient and Muslim sources. This book remained the best and the most reliable source of medical information for six centuries. Bu Ali had some original contribution to his credit. He detected the contagious nature of tuberculosis, diseases spread by water and close relationship between psychology and health. He was the first physician to describe meningitis. He was also a chemist. His philosophical, encyclopedia Kitab-al-Shifa is an original work covering a wide range of fields like philosophy, science, physics, mathematics, metaphysics, ethics, economics and politics. He also made many discoveries in physics. He discovered inter-relationship between time and motion. He also used air thermometer. He was a geologist as well. He is the father of modern medicine. His works have been greatly appreciated and translated in many languages in the subsequent ages.

1. Bu Ali has been a source of medical information for _____.

A. 06 decades

B. 06 centuries ✓

C. 06 years

D. 60 years

2. What does contagious mean?

A. Infectious ✓

B. Danger

C. Spreading

D. Havoc

3. Bu Ali was the first one to describe:

A. Cancer

B. Epidemic

C. Meningitis ✓

D. TB

4. Which of the following books covers a wide range of topics?

A. Al Qanun-Fi-al Tibb

B. Kitab-Af-shafia ✓

C. Language

D. Logic

5. Ibn-e-Seena is the father of _____.

A. Philosophy ✓

B. Logic

C. Literature

D. Law

6. Tuberculosis is _____.

A. a book

B. a disease ✓

C. a scientist

D. an instrument

7. Meaning of subsequent is _____.

A. Consequence

B. Ensuing ✓

C. Old

D. Relevant

Passage II — Democracy

Questions 8-14

The people had no voice in the affairs of the state. This form of the government's is called "monarchy". As time passed, some wise men started thinking. They said that all men are equal. Why should one men have the power to rule over others. The country belongs to the people who live in it. They pay taxes and fight for it. All of them have equal duties and equal rights. They should have equal rights to rule the country. But how can all men rule? They can do so by electing a certain number of persons from among themselves for this purpose. This is called "election". The persons elected by the people are the people's representatives. These representatives run the government of the country. If they rule according to the wishes of the people, the people respect them. This system of government is called "democracy". Democracy is the government of the people, for the people and by the people.

8. The people had no voice in affairs of the _____.

A. Sports

B. Protest

C. State ✓

D. Education

9. In democracy all people are _____.

A. Equal ✓

B. Rivals

C. Unequal

D. Lunatics

10. The country belongs to _____.

A. President

B. People living ✓

C. Politicians

D. State

11. The people elected _____ people are their leaders.

A. for

B. from ✓

C. in

D. by

12. Representatives _____ the government.

A. serve

B. run ✓

C. topple

D. defame

13. MONARCHY means _____.

A. autocracy

B. command

C. democracy

D. kingdom ✓

14. Most countries of the World have _____.

A. Autocracy

B. Democracy ✓

C. Kingship

D. Monarchy

Error Correction Passage — The Fox and the Cat

Questions 15-21

A fox met the cat ¹to a field. The fox ²say politely, 'Good morning, Mrs Cat. You are looking very beautiful this morning.' The cat answered proudly, ³'Yes, Mr Fox I know that I am beautiful. Cats are the most beautiful of all animals. We ⁴has finer coats, greener eyes, and more graceful tails than any other animal.' 'Perhaps that is true', replied the fox, 'but a fox is clever than any other animal. He knows all tricks. Foxes ⁵has much more ⁶inteligant than cats.' 'Clever?' said the cat. 'Can you catch rats? Does your master give you warm milk to drink? I don't think you are clever.' The fox laughed. ⁷We soon be shall able to test our cleverness. The dogs are hunting this morning. I know at least a hundred tricks to escape them. How many tricks do you know, Mrs Cat?'

15. A fox met the cat _____ a field.

A. to

B. from

C. for

D. in ✓

16. The fox _____ politely, 'Good morning, Mrs Cat.

A. say

B. says

C. said ✓

D. saying

17. The cat answered proudly, _____.

A. 'Yes, Mr Fox I know that I am beautiful.

B. 'Yes, Mr Fox, I know that I am beautiful. ✓

C. Yes Mr Fox I know that i am beautiful.

D. Yes Mr Fox, I know that I am beautiful

18. We _____ finer coats, greener eyes, and more graceful tails than any other animal.'

A. has

B. have ✓

C. had

D. are

19. He knows all tricks. Foxes _____

A. has

B. have ✓

C. had

D. are

20. Much more _____ than cats.'

A. inteligant

B. intelligant

C. intelligent ✓

D. inteligent

21. The fox laughed. _____.

A. We soon be shall able to test our cleverness.

B. We soon be able shall to test our cleverness.

C. We be soon shall able to test our cleverness.

D. We shall soon be able to test our cleverness. ✓

Error Correction Passage — The Wandering Musician

Questions 22-
28

These wandering entertainers may be ¹found in any of the villages and towns of Pakistan, but there are others ²who are found only in certain parts of the country. If one walks along the streets of Lahore, one will occasionally come ³across a wandering musician singing some old unhappy love story of a village girl and her ⁴unfortunate lover. He always sings to the ⁵accompaniment of an 'ek-tara' or a violin. The sad words of the song and the wonderful ⁶skill with which he plays his instrument always attract a large crowd of people, who remain quiet, still and silent until he has finished. They remember the sound of the music long ⁷after the musician has stopped singing. The crowd throws a few coins on the mat spread in front of the musician.

22. These wandering entertainers may be _____.

A. find

B. fend

C. fond

D. found ✓

23. There are others _____ are found only in certain parts.

A. which

B. who ✓

C. whom

D. whose

24. One will occasionally come _____ a wandering musician.

A. across ✓

B. after

C. along

D. at

25. Some old unhappy love story of a village girl and her _____ lover.

A. unfavorable

B. unfortunate ✓

C. unforgettable

D. unfulfilled

26. He always sings to the _____ of a violin.

A. company

B. accompany

C. accompanied

D. accompaniment ✓

27. The wonderful _____ with which he plays his instrument always attracts people.

A. skill ✓

B. skulk

C. skull

D. still

28. They remember the sound of music long _____ the musician has stopped singing.

A. after ✓

B. ago

C. before

D. lasting

29. Ali is that boy we have been looking for all day. Identify the proper noun?

A. Ali ✓

B. Day

C. Boy

D. Looking

30. Will the apple be eaten by me? Change the voice.

A. Is an apple eaten by me?

B. Will I eat the apple? ✓

C. Will the apple be eaten by me?

D. Will I be eating the apple?

31. A letter is being written by Dawood. Change the voice.

A. A letter is written by Dawood.

B. Dawood has written a letter.

C. Dawood is writing a letter. ✓

D. Dawood writes a letter.

32. Birds fly in the air. Mark the predicate?

A. Fly

B. Fly in the air ✓

C. Birds fly

D. Birds

33. We _____ school at five o'clock.

A. Leaving

B. Leaved

C. Leave ✓

D. Leaves

34. The boy was walking fast. Pick out adverb of manner.

A. Walking

B. Boy was

C. Fast ✓

D. Walk

35. Let us walk along the shore. Pick out the preposition.

A. Us

B. Let

C. Shore

D. Along ✓

36. Choose synonym of the word 'Receive'.

A. Retain

B. Demand

C. Accept ✓

D. Get

37. There is no doubt _____ the earth is round.

A. that ✓

B. but

C. and

D. if

38. _____! I stood first in the class.

A. Alas

B. Hurrah ✓

C. Hush

D. Ah

39. The doors were shut. Change the sentence into question.

A. Shut the doors were?

B. Shut were the doors?

C. Were the doors shut? ✓

D. Were shut the doors?

40. Pick the verb from the given sentence. He ran fast and delicately.

A. Ran ✓

B. Fast

C. Delicately

D. And

41. Antonym of the word 'Majority' is:

A. Strength

B. Loads

C. Plenty

D. Minority ✓

42. I know a person whose name is Sher khan. What is 'Sher Khan' in this sentence?

A. Common noun

B. Abstract noun

C. Proper noun ✓

D. Material noun

43. 'She told me I miss you' Choose the correct punctuation mark.

A. 'She told me I miss you'.

B. "She told me I miss you."

C. She told me, "I miss you." ✓

D. She told me 'I miss you'

44. What is the plural of the noun 'tooth'?

A. teeth ✓

B. teethe

C. teeths

D. tooths

45. Identify the type of the following sentence: Saima went to the market.

A. Imperative sentence

B. Declarative sentence ✓

C. Interrogative sentence

D. Exclamatory sentence

46. Complete the sentence by inserting the correct possessive pronoun: The bags belong to Shaheer and Sara. The bags are _____.

A. mine

B. yours

C. theirs ✓

D. ours

47. Identify the action verb from the following sentence: She thought about her journey.

A. her

B. about

C. journey

D. thought ✓

48. Identify 'proper noun' in the following sentence: I phoned my mother on Sunday.

A. Sunday ✓

B. mother

C. my

D. phoned

49. Select the adjectives which describe the underlined nouns: She holds a red pencil in her right hand.

A. right, hand

B. red, right ✓

C. pencil, right

D. red, her

50. Match the word 'dark' with its correct suffix.

A. able

B. less

C. ish

D. ness ✓

51. Insert the apostrophes in the following sentence: Shazia isnt coming now, so lets go to class

A. Shazia isnt coming now, so let's go to class'

B. Shazia isn't coming now, so lets go to class'

C. Shazia isnt' coming now, so lets go' to class

D. Shazia isn't coming now, so let's go to class. ✓

52. Complete the following sentence by inserting the modal auxiliary: How long _____ you be staying at your father's home?

A. will ✓

B. would

C. should

D. must

53. Insert apostrophe in the following sentence: Taha lives in boys hostel.

A. Taha lives in boys hos'tel.

B. Taha lives in boys' hostel. ✓

C. Taha live's in boys hostel.

D. Taha lives in boy's hostel.

54. Identify 'uncountable noun' in the following sentence: Sugar makes the cake sweet.

A. sweet

B. make

C. cake

D. sugar ✓

55. Select the pronouns used in the following sentence: I reached school in time, but they arrived late.

A. I, they ✓

B. but, I

C. school, they

D. they, arrived

56. Select the appropriate verb to fill in the blank: Raza and Sameer always _____ with their friends in the ground.

A. are plays

B. plays

C. play ✓

D. is play

57. Identify the category to which the following sentence belongs: Have you completed your homework?

A. Imperative sentence

B. Declarative sentence

C. Exclamatory sentence

D. Interrogative sentence ✓

58. Red rose is _____ than pink tulip.

A. more beautiful ✓

B. most beautiful

C. beautiful

D. beautifully

59. Select the correct 'adverb of frequency' from the following sentence: The principal visits classrooms sometimes.

A. principal

B. visits

C. classrooms

D. sometimes ✓

60. Fill in the blank with appropriate 'preposition of place':
The playground is _____ the school.

A. in ✓

B. under

C. above

D. on

61. Complete the following conditional sentence: If it _____, I _____ go for walk.

A. rain, will

B. rains, will ✓

C. rains, would

D. will, rain

62. Never lose hope. The underlined word in the sentence is a/an _____ noun.

A. Concrete

B. Abstract ✓

C. Proper

D. Collective

63. A synonym for the word 'Renowned' is:

A. Famous ✓

B. Unknown

C. Unfamiliar

D. Defamed

64. Fill in the blank with a correct word. "I _____ a letter last week."

A. write

B. wrote ✓

C. have written

D. am writing

65. “Ali, buy a pen for me.” The given sentence is:

A. Question sentence.

B. Statement sentence.

C. Command sentence. ✓

D. Interrogative sentence.

66. He was very simple and straight-forward. The opposite word for the underlined word is:

A. Complicated. ✓

B. Honest.

C. Insincere.

D. Dishonest

67. “I have some big diamonds”. Change into negative sentence.

A. I had not big diamonds.

B. I not have big diamonds.

C. I do not have big diamonds. ✓

D. I does not have big diamonds.

68. “Shazia took a cup of milk” change the sentence into passive voice.

A. A cup of milk is took by Shazia.

B. A cup of milk was took by Shazia.

C. A cup of milk is taken by Shazia.

D. A cup of milk was taken by Shazia. ✓

69. The sentence which expresses a wish or pray is called _____.

A. Imperative sentence.

B. Optative sentence ✓

C. Assertive sentence.

D. Exclamatory sentence.

70. If something is obvious it is _____.

A. clear



B. pleasing

C. true

D. wrong

Question 71 — Composition (Marks: 30)

The original paper asks the candidate to write on **any ONE** of the three topics below. For complete practice, all **three** model compositions have been written out in full.

I Importance of Sports

Sports occupy a vital place in human life. They are not a mere pastime but a powerful means of building a healthy body, a disciplined mind, and a strong character. From ancient times, physical activity has been recognised as essential for a balanced life, and in the modern world, where sedentary habits and academic pressure dominate daily routines, the value of sports has grown even greater.

First and foremost, sports keep the body fit and free from disease. Regular participation in games such as cricket, football, hockey, or athletics strengthens the muscles, improves the circulation of blood, and increases stamina and energy. A physically fit person is naturally more alert, more productive, and less prone to illness.

Sports also play an important role in mental development. They teach patience, quick decision-making, and the ability to remain calm under pressure. A sportsman learns to analyse a situation swiftly and respond with the best possible action, a skill that proves useful in everyday life and professional careers alike.

Equally important is the moral training that sports provide. Playing in a team teaches cooperation, tolerance, and respect for rules. Players learn to accept both victory and defeat with grace, a quality known as sportsman spirit. This spirit of fair play, honesty, and discipline shapes good citizens who can face the challenges of life with courage and dignity.

Sports also promote unity and brotherhood. When people from different backgrounds play together or support the same team, barriers of caste, creed, and status fade away. International sporting events bring nations closer and foster goodwill and mutual understanding among people of the world.

Furthermore, sports offer excellent career opportunities. Talented sportsmen and women can achieve fame, financial success, and national honour by representing their country. Governments and institutions should therefore invest in sports infrastructure, provide proper coaching, and encourage young talent from an early age.

In conclusion, sports are indispensable for the all-round development of an individual and a nation. They build healthy bodies, sound minds, and noble characters. Schools, colleges, and communities must give sports the same

importance as academic education, so that the coming generations grow up to be strong, disciplined, and united citizens.

II Complete the Story: The Door Bell Rang...

The door bell rang, and I glanced at the clock; it was almost midnight. My family was fast asleep, and the sudden sound broke the silence of the night, sending a strange chill down my spine. I hesitated for a moment, wondering who could possibly be at the door at such an hour.

I switched on the porch light and looked through the peephole. To my surprise, I saw an old man standing outside, his clothes tattered and his face weary with exhaustion. He looked harmless, yet frightened, glancing nervously over his shoulder as though someone were following him. After a moment's hesitation, I gathered my courage and opened the door slightly, keeping the chain lock in place.

"Please," the old man said in a trembling voice, "I need help. My car broke down a mile from here, and I have been walking in the cold for an hour. I saw the light in your house and hoped someone would let me use a telephone."

His sincerity was evident, and my initial fear gave way to sympathy. I unlocked the door and invited him inside. My mother, awakened by the voices, came downstairs and offered him a warm cup of tea while I fetched the telephone. The old man explained that he was travelling to visit his daughter in the next town when his old vehicle had given up on a lonely stretch of road.

We called a local mechanic who agreed to tow the car by morning, and my father insisted that the stranger spend the night in our guest room rather than wait outside in the cold. The old man was deeply grateful and shared stories of his youth, his travels, and the daughter he had not seen in years. What began as a moment of fear turned into an unexpected and heartwarming night of kindness and companionship.

The next morning, the mechanic arrived, and the old man's car was repaired within a few hours. Before leaving, he thanked us profusely and promised to visit again on his way back. As his car disappeared down the road, I realised that the ringing of the doorbell that night had not brought danger, as I had feared, but had instead brought a reminder of human compassion and the importance of helping those in need, regardless of the hour or the circumstance.

III A Memorable Journey

Travel has always fascinated me, but among all the journeys I have undertaken, my trip to the northern valleys of Pakistan remains etched in my memory as the most unforgettable experience of my life. It was the month of July when my family and I set out from the city towards the mountains, eager to escape the scorching heat and witness the natural beauty we had only seen in pictures.

The journey began early in the morning. As our vehicle left the plains behind and began climbing the winding mountain roads, the scenery transformed dramatically. Lush green fields gave way to towering pine forests, and the air grew progressively cooler and fresher with every passing mile. Rivers of clear turquoise water rushed alongside the road, and snow-capped peaks appeared in the distance, gleaming under the bright sun.

After hours of travel through narrow, winding passes, we finally reached a small valley surrounded by majestic mountains. The view that greeted us was beyond description: emerald meadows dotted with wildflowers, wooden cottages with smoke rising from their chimneys, and a serene lake reflecting the mountains like a mirror. We set up camp near the lake and spent the evening admiring the sunset, which painted the sky in brilliant shades of orange and pink.

The following day, we hiked to a nearby glacier, a challenging trek that tested our endurance but rewarded us with breathtaking views at every turn. Along the way, we met local shepherds who welcomed us with warm hospitality, offering fresh milk and cheese made from their own livestock. Their simple, content way of life amidst such grandeur left a lasting impression on me, teaching me that true happiness does not depend on material comforts.

As night fell, we sat around a campfire, sharing stories under a sky filled with countless stars, a sight rarely visible in the polluted skies of the city. The tranquillity of the mountains, far removed from the noise and rush of urban life, brought a sense of peace I had never experienced before.

When it was finally time to return home, I felt a deep reluctance to leave. That journey taught me to appreciate the beauty of nature, the value of simplicity, and the warmth of human connection. Even today, whenever life becomes overwhelming, the memory of those majestic mountains and peaceful valleys

brings me comfort, and I know that journey will remain the most memorable one of my life.