

PART – A
GENERAL ENGLISH

(Marks: 25)

(1-5) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Just as tall men are often the most gentle so are big trees the most friendly. The banyan is possibly the biggest and friendliest of all our trees. We do not see many banyan trees in our cities now-a-days. These trees like to have plenty of space in which to spread themselves. But in our over crowded cities, where there is barely enough living space for people, banyan trees do not have much of a chance. After all, a full grown banyan tree takes up as much space as a three storeyed building. The banyan trees have what are called “aerial roots’ that is its branches drop to the ground, take roots again and send out more branches on their own. Therefore, after some years, the tree forms a forest of its own. No wonder the banyan tree was chosen to stand for the matted hair of Siva.

- 1) According to the passage, the banyan trees are compared to
 - 1) The biggest trees
 - 2) Gentle tall men
 - 3) Friendly big trees
 - 4) The space they occupy

- 2) The problem of over crowded cities is
 - 1) No enough space for trees
 - 2) No space to spread trees
 - 3) No enough living space for people
 - 4) Banyan trees have no space to grow

- 3) A full grown banyan tree spreads similar to the space of
 - 1) Aerial roots
 - 2) Over crowded cities
 - 3) Tall men who are gentle
 - 4) A three storeyed building

- 4) Aerial roots are
- 1) Roots that grow upwards and become branches
 - 2) Trees that become a forest
 - 3) Roots found on the branches of trees
 - 4) Branches that drop to the ground and become roots

- 5) It is not surprising to see the banyan tree stands for
- 1) tall men
 - 2) overcrowded cities
 - 3) hair of Siva
 - 4) a forest

- 6) A notice of dismissal from employment is
- 1) Red carpet
 - 2) Yellow flag
 - 3) Purple patch
 - 4) Pink slip

- 7) The idiom 'cold blood' means
- 1) Indifferently deliberately
 - 2) Deliberately
 - 3) Unintentionally
 - 4) In anger

- 8) Choose the rightly spelt word:
- | | |
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| 1) Arguement | 2) Indispinsable |
| 3) Hierarchy | 4) Guarentee |

- 9) Fill in the blank with correct conjunction
- In every country people imagine – they are the best
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| 1) that | 2) which |
| 3) but | 4) since |

10) The antonym of the word 'profuse' is

- 1) Abundant
- 2) lavish
- 3) scanty
- 4) generous

11) 'Few people attended the meeting'

The correct tag for the statement is

- 1) Didn't they?
- 2) Do they?
- 3) Weren't they?
- 4) Did they?

12) The synonym of the word 'wane' is

- 1) Revive
- 2) Decline
- 3) Dispense
- 4) Wax

13) Fill in the blank with the right verb:

When the villages were attacked, they were _____ to violent acts.

- 1) raised
- 2) roused
- 3) rose
- 4) rise

14) Fill in the blank with suitable proposition

She dropped the coins _____ the river

- 1) Into
- 2) at
- 3) in
- 4) after

15) Fill in the blank with correct word:

I had hardly finished my dinner _____ you came

- 1) So
- 2) But
- 3) When
- 4) While

16) Find out the passive voice sentence from the given sentences.

- 1) Please do my work
- 2) Children are playing in the field
- 3) Come to meet me on Sunday
- 4) Let the money be paid

17) He said, "Is anyone there?"

The correct form of the reported speech is

- 1) He said that was anyone there
- 2) He wished to know if anyone was there
- 3) He asked whether was anyone there
- 4) He wished is anyone there

18) Choose the correct sentence

- 1) Put out the light
- 2) Put in the light
- 3) Put for the light
- 4) Put with the light

19) 'The rose is not the most beautiful flower'.

The comparative degree of the statement is

- 1) Very few flowers are as beautiful as the rose
- 2) No other flower is as beautiful as the rose.
- 3) The rose is more beautiful than some other flowers.
- 4) The rose is more beautiful than many other flowers

20) The sentence is divided into six parts. The first and last parts are numbered 1 and 6. The remaining parts are named P, Q, R, and S. Rearrange the parts P, Q, R and S to form meaningful sentences.

- 1) Hobbies can fill our spare
P : Physical fatigue, and
Q : moments with enjoyment
R : and pleasure, they also relieve

S : mental tiredness and

6) do not hinder our regular work.

1) RQPS

2) SQPR

3) PQSR

4) QRSP

21) The antonym of the word 'Vivacious' is

1) Languid

2) vital

3) wild

4) energetic

22) Pick out the word to complete the sentence:

A thing kept in memory of an event is a/an

1) Archives

2) Morgue

3) Souvenir

4) Hanger

23) "To show the white features" means

1) Show fear and cowardliness

2) Show love and affection

3) Show eagerness

4) Show success and happiness

24) On knowing her results, Latha is on cloud nine.

It means that Latha is

1) in great sorrow

2) in extreme happiness

3) moving to ninth floor

4) in a confusion

25) I often visit my parents. The underlined word is

1) Noun

2) Adjective

3) Conjunction

4) Adverb