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Senior Scale Stenographer
&
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Question Paper Along with Answer Key

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Q 1.

When and by whom the slogan of “Do or Die” was given?

Options:

- A) Mahatma Gandhi, Civil Disobedience movement
- B) Khan Abdul Gafar Khan, Khilafat Movement
- C) Jawahar Lal Nehru, Non-Cooperation Movement
- D) Mahatma Gandhi, Quit India Movement

Correct Option: Option “D”

Q 2.

Which of the following Princely state(s) formed part of PEPSU? 1.Nalagarh 2.Kalsia 3.Jind 4. Junagarh Choose the answer from the following:

Options:

- A) 1 and 2
- B) 1 and 3
- C) 1,2 and 3
- D) 2,3 and 4

Correct Option: Option “C”

Q 3.

The planetary winds also known as “roaring forties”, “furious fifties” and “stormy sixties” are

Options:

- A) Westerlies
- B) Trade Winds
- C) Cyclones
- D) Polar Winds

Correct Option: Option “A”

Q 4.

Three important rivers of the Indian Sub- continent have their sources near Mansarover lake in the Great Himalayas. These rivers are

Options:

- A) Indus, Jhelum and Sutlej
- B) Brahmaputra, Sutlej and Yamuna
- C) Brahmaputra, Indus and Sutlej
- D) Jhelum, Sutlej and Yamuna

Correct Option: Option “C”

Q 5.

With reference to Indian climate, the Western disturbances originate over.....

Options:

- A) Arabian Sea
- B) Mediterranean Sea
- C) Baltic Sea
- D) Bay of Bengal

Correct Option: Option “B”

Q 6.

The ground water can become confined between two impermeable layers. This type of enclosed water is called

Options:

- A) Artesian well
- B) Aquifer
- C) Unconfined Groundwater
- D) Confined Groundwater

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 7.

The greatest variety of animal and plant species is found in

Options:

- A) Temperate Grasslands
- B) Tropical rain forests
- C) Tundra regions
- D) Savannas

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 8.

Identify the correct order of the process of soil erosion from the following:

Options:

- A) Splash erosion, Sheet erosion, Rill erosion, Gully erosion
- B) Sheet erosion, Splash erosion, Gully erosion, Rill erosion
- C) Rill erosion, Gully erosion, Sheet erosion, Splash erosion
- D) Gully erosion, Rill erosion, Sheet erosion, Splash erosion

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 9.

In India, "Right to Vote" is a:

Options:

- A) Natural right
- B) Legal right
- C) Constitutional right
- D) Fundamental right

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 10.

A bird, resting on the floor of an air tight box which is being carried by a boy, starts flying, the boy will feel that the box is now

Options:

- A) Heavier
- B) Lighter
- C) Shows no change in weight
- D) Lighter in the beginning and heavier afterwards

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 11.

A man pushes a wall and fails to displace it. He does

Options:

- A) Negative work
- B) No work at all
- C) Positive but not maximum work
- D) Maximum work

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 12.

Which of the following statements is wrong?

Options:

- A) Sound travels in a straight line
- B) Sound travels as waves
- C) Sound is a form of energy
- D) Sound travels faster in vacuum than in air

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 13.

First line of defence of body is

Options:

- A) Skin and mucuous membrane
- B) Neutrophils and Monocytes
- C) Fever
- D) Interferons

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 14.

AIDS is caused due to

Options:

- A) Reduction in number of helper T cells
- B) Lack of Interferon
- C) Reduction in number of killer T cells
- D) Autoimmunity

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 15.

The colour of cow's milk is slightly yellowish due to the presence of

Options:

- A) Xanthophylls
- B) Riboflavin
- C) Ribulose
- D) Carotin

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 16.

Mirages are observed in deserts due to the phenomenon of

Options:

- A) Interference of light
- B) Total reflection of light
- C) Scattering of light
- D) Double refraction of light

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 17.

The Chief Election Commissioner of India is appointed by the :

Options:

- A) President of India
- B) Prime Minister
- C) Parliament
- D) Chief Justice of India

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 18.

The President of India is elected by an Electoral College comprising of the following :

Options:

- A) Elected Members of Lok Sabha
- B) Elected Members of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- C) Elected Members of Vidhan Sabhas of all States
- D) Elected Members of both Houses of Parliament and elected members from Vidhan Sabhas of all States

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 19.

What is the composition of the Parliament of India according to Article 79 of the Constitution

- 1. Lok Sabha**
- 2. Rajya Sabha**
- 3. President**
- 4. Prime Minister**

Choose answer from the following:

Options:

- A) 1 and 2
- B) 1,2 and 3
- C) 1,2 and 4
- D) 1,2,3 and 4

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 20.

Who elects the Vice President of India?

Options:

- A) All members of both Houses of Parliament
- B) Elected members of Parliament and the elected members of State Legislative Assembly
- C) The elected members of both Houses of Parliament
- D) None of the above

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 21.

What is the main basis for allocation of seats to various States in the Lok Sabha?

Options:

- A) Population of the State
- B) Size and resources of the State
- C) Size, resources as well as population
- D) none of these

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 22.

Arrange the sequence in which the following terms appear in the Preamble of the Constitution of India :

Options:

- A) Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic, Republic
- B) Sovereign, Secular, Socialist, Democratic, Republic
- C) Sovereign, Democratic, Socialist, Secular, Republic
- D) Sovereign, Socialist, Democratic, Secular, Republic

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 23.

Who of the following played a major role in the integration of the Princely States?

Options:

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru and Vallabhbhai Patel
- B) Vallabhbhai Patel and VP Menon
- C) SK Dhar and Fazl Ali
- D) Pannikar and Kunzru

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 24.

Right to Information is a

Options:

- A) Legal right
- B) Fundamental right
- C) Neither Fundamental or Legal
- D) Both Fundamental as well as Legal

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 25.

Complete the Article 21 of Indian Constitution with the appropriate word: "No person shall be deprived of his life or _____ liberty except according to procedure established by law."

Options:

- A) civil
- B) political
- C) individual
- D) personal

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 26.

The Stratosphere is considered to be ideal for flying jet aircraft because:

Options:

- A) this layer is rich in ozone which reduces fuel consumption
- B) the temperature is constant and ideal for aircraft engine efficiency
- C) to avoid the turbulence which is common in the troposphere below
- D) this layer is out of the firing range of anti-aircraft guns

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 27.

The chemically inactive gas present in the atmosphere is:

Options:

- A) Nitrogen
- B) Carbon dioxide
- C) Water Vapour
- D) Oxygen

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 28.

Isobars are imaginary lines drawn through places having equal atmospheric:

Options:

- A) Temperature
- B) Pressure
- C) relative humidity
- D) lapse rate

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 29.

What is the unit of measurement of the distance of nearby stars from Earth?

Options:

- A) Nautical miles
- B) Kilometers
- C) Fathoms
- D) Light years

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 30.

What is the relative position of the sun, moon and the earth at the time of a solar eclipse?

Options:

- A) the sun and moon are in opposition
- B) the sun and moon are in conjunction
- C) the three make a right angle triangle
- D) the three make an equilateral triangle

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 31.

Retreating monsoon causes sporadic rainfall in which of the following areas?

Options:

- A) Coast of Maharashtra
- B) Northern Chhattisgarh
- C) Malwa plateau and Vidarbha region
- D) Coast of Tamil Nadu

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 32.

The leeward side of a mountain which does not receive rain is known as:

Options:

- A) adiabatically dry area
- B) rain-shadow area
- C) desert area
- D) dry zone

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 33.

Which of the following has the oldest rocks?

Options:

- A) The Indo-Gangetic plain
- B) The Shivaliks
- C) The Aravallis
- D) The Himalayas

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 34.

Where do Bhagirathi and Alaknanda join to form Ganga?

Options:

- A) Gangotri
- B) Rudraprayag
- C) Karanprayag
- D) Devprayag

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 35.

Which one of the following types of coal contains a higher percentage of Carbon than the rest?

Options:

- A) bituminous coal
- B) lignite
- C) anthracite
- D) peat

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 36.

Who, among the following, was the founder of the Atomic theory?

Options:

- A) Benjamin Franklin
- B) John Dalton
- C) Madam Curie
- D) Albert Einstein

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 37.

The process of splitting up of a nucleus of an atom into smaller parts along with emission of energy is called:

Options:

- A) Nuclear fission
- B) Nuclear fusion
- C) Implosion
- D) Transmutation

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 38.

Vinegar is acidic in nature due to the presence of:

Options:

- A) Formic acid
- B) Sulphonic acid
- C) Sulphuric acid
- D) Acetic acid

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 39.

Chlorination is:

Options:

- A) adding small quantities of chlorine in water as a germicide
- B) a chemical reaction which reduces chlorine
- C) process of removing chlorine from chlorides
- D) formation of a salt having a chloride

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 40.

A small pouch containing silica gel is often found in medicine bottles because silica gel:

Options:

- A) kills bacteria
- B) kills germs and spores
- C) absorbs moisture
- D) absorbs all gases in the bottle

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 41.

According to Census 2011, which one of the following Indian States has the highest density of population?

Options:

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Bihar
- C) West Bengal
- D) Kerala

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 42.

In which of the following places is the Shompen tribe found?

Options:

- A) Nilgiri Hills
- B) Spiti Valley
- C) Nicobar Islands
- D) Lakshadweep Island

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 43.

The homeland of the Yakuts is :

Options:

- A) Iran
- B) Kenya
- C) North India
- D) Russia

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 44.

Which of the following States in India has the maximum population of Zoroastrians?

Options:

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 45.

In which of the following places is the Central Coffee Research Institute located?

Options:

- A) Chickmagalur
- B) Balasore
- C) Guntur
- D) Khurda

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 46.

In which part of India are the thorn forests commonly found?

Options:

- A) Malabar coast
- B) Assam & Meghalaya
- C) Rajasthan & Gujarat
- D) Terai region

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 47.

Iron is obtained mostly from which of the following ores?

Options:

- A) Haematite
- B) Magnetite
- C) Siderite
- D) Iron pyrites

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 48.

The Rourkela Steel Plant was built on the banks of the :

Options:

- A) Bhadra river
- B) Brahmani river
- C) Damodar river
- D) Bhima river

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 49.

How many PIN regions are there in India?

Options:

- A) 6
- B) 7
- C) 8
- D) 9

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 50.

What is meant by the term "fallowing"?

Options:

- A) shifting cultivation
- B) leaving land uncultivated
- C) intensive farming
- D) market gardening

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 51.

What name was given to the officers by Ashoka who propagated Buddhism?

Options:

- A) Dhamma mahamattas
- B) Yuktas
- C) Amatyas
- D) Rajukas

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 52.

Tripitakas are the canonical works of the

Options:

- A) Vaishnavas
- B) Jains
- C) Buddhist
- D) Ajivikas

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 53.

Who among the following is NOT from the Slave Dynasty?

Options:

- A) Qutubuddin Aibak
- B) Balban
- C) Iltutmish
- D) Jalal-ud-din Khilji

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 54.

Whose gave the philosophy of 'Advaita'?

Options:

- A) Shankaracharya
- B) Vallabhacharya
- C) Vasumitra
- D) Nagarjuna

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 55.

Who among the following was a blind poet who worshipped Lord Krishna and spread the Krishna Bhakti cult?

Options:

- A) Kabir Das
- B) Tulsidas
- C) Surdas
- D) Bihari

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 56.

Which Sufi saint's Dargah is in Ajmer?

Options:

- A) Salim Chishti
- B) Baba Farid
- C) Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia
- D) Hazrat Moinuddin Chishti

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 57.

In which language was the Bhakti poetry of Namdev written?

Options:

- A) Hindi
- B) Marathi
- C) Bengali
- D) Tamil

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 58.

Robert Clive laid the foundation of the British Empire in India by winning the battle of:

Options:

- A) Plassey
- B) Haldighati
- C) Baxar
- D) Panipat

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 59.

Where did the English open their first factory in south India in 1611?

Options:

- A) Madras
- B) Vishakapatnam
- C) Machilipatnam
- D) Armagoan

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 60.

Who among the following introduced the Doctrine of Lapse?

Options:

- A) Robert Clive
- B) Lord Cornwallis
- C) Warren Hastings
- D) Lord Dalhousie

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 61.

**Which of the following is/ are affected by the disease "Fluorosis"? 1.Teeth 2.Bones 3.Liver
.Choose answer from the following**

Options:

- A) Only 1
- B) Only 2
- C) 1 and 2
- D) 1 and 3

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 62.

Nine Ultra Mega Power Projects are being set up in various parts of the country. These will use as fuel :

Options:

- A) Nuclear energy
- B) Coal
- C) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)
- D) Naphtha

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 63.

Where is the Headquarter of UNESCO located?

Options:

- A) Paris
- B) London
- C) Vienna
- D) Stockholm

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 64.

Which one of the following statements is correct?

Options:

- A) 1/3rd of the members of Rajya Sabha retire every second year
- B) 2/3rd of the members of Rajya Sabha retire every second year
- C) 1/2 of the members of Rajya Sabha retire every third year
- D) 1/3rd of the members of Rajya Sabha retire every year

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 65.

The Ex-officio Chairman of the Planning Commission of India is the :

Options:

- A) Planning Minister
- B) Finance Minister
- C) Prime Minister
- D) Governor of Reserve Bank of India

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 66.

In India, National Income is computed by :

Options:

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Central Statistical Organisation
- C) Planning Commission
- D) Indian Statistical Institute

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 67.

The belief that economic growth will percolate down to all sectors was known as :

Options:

- A) Dispersal theory
- B) Decentralized growth theory
- C) Pump priming
- D) Trickle down

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 68.

In order to promote village industrialization, Government of India has set up the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Rural Industrialisation in :

Options:

- A) Wardha
- B) Hyderabad
- C) Kolkata
- D) Porbandar

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 69.

Land Development Banks form a part of the :

Options:

- A) Commercial banks
- B) Industrial Development bank of India
- C) Food Corporation of India
- D) Cooperative credit structure

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 70.

Which of the following is the NOT an Indirect Tax?

Options:

- A) Central excise
- B) Customs duty
- C) Wealth tax
- D) Service tax

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 71.

After Amrita Pritam, who is the second Punjabi writer to bag the Jnanpith Award?

Options:

- A) Sr. Nanak Singh
- B) Sr. Gurdial Singh
- C) Sr. Gurdial Duggal
- D) Shiv Kumar Batalwi

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 72.

Who of the following are the prominent leader(s) of the Punjabi Suba Movement?

- 1) Master Tara Singh
- 2) Fateh Singh
- 3) Master Mohan

Choose the answer from the following:

- A) Only 1
- B) Only 2
- C) 1 and 2
- D) 1 and 3

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 73.

How many Rajya Sabha seats are there in Punjab?

Options:

- A) 7
- B) 6
- C) 9
- D) 8

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 74.

PEPSU state was merged with Punjab in which year?

Options:

- A) 1952
- B) 1954
- C) 1956
- D) 1958

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 75.

Arrange the following Chief Ministers of Punjab in chronological order: 1. Zail Singh 2. Darbara Singh 3. Gopi Chand Bhargava. Choose answer from the following :

Options:

- A) 1,2,3
- B) 3,1,2
- C) 3,2,1
- D) 2,1,3

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 76.

Of the five Takhts of Sikhism, how many are located in Punjab?

Options:

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 77.

Punjabi language is considered to be a successor of which language?

Options:

- A) Hindawi
- B) Sauraseni Prakrit
- C) Urdu
- D) Pali

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 78.

Which of the following famous sportsperson declined the Arjuna award in 2001?

Options:

- A) Milkha singh
- B) Jeev milka singh
- C) Pargat singh
- D) Ajitpal singh

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 79.

The Chief Guest at the Republic Day Celebration 2014 was:

Options:

- A) King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
- B) Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
- C) Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra
- D) President Vladimir Putin

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 80.

The island in South China Sea which has recently been in dispute between China and Vietnam is:

Options:

- A) Paracel Island
- B) Pratas Island
- C) Taiping Island
- D) Xiachuan Island

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 81.

Who has recently been appointed as the Governor of Kerala?

Options:

- A) Nikhil Kumar
- B) Hansraj Bhardwaj
- C) M O H Farook
- D) Sheila Dikshit

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 82.

The Union government has recently launched the "Maulana Azad Sehat Scheme" a health scheme for_____?

Options:

- A) Minority Women
- B) Minority Students
- C) Minority Senior Citizens
- D) Minority Disabled Person's

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 83.

With which of the following neighbours, India has recently conducted "Exercise Surya Kiran - VI"?

Options:

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Pakistan
- C) Nepal
- D) Bangladesh

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 84.

Which of the following team is the winner of 68th Santosh Trophy of Football, 2014?

Options:

- A) Railways
- B) Mizoram
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Punjab

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 85.

International Day of Non-Violence is marked on

Options:

- A) 11th July
- B) 1st October
- C) 2nd October
- D) 12th November

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 86.

The Northern Limit Line is a disputed maritime demarcation line between _____

Options:

- A) Russia and China
- B) China and Japan
- C) Germany and France
- D) North Korea and South Korea

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 87.

Which of the following is the nodal agency for the National Knowledge Commission for planning and budgeting purposes?

Options:

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- C) Planning Commission
- D) None of the above

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 88.

Recently, which of the following firms has acquired Nokia handset business in India?

Options:

- A) Microsoft
- B) Google
- C) Face book
- D) Motorola

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 89.

Poonam Rani and Chanchan Devi were in news recently. They are the players of which of the following games?

Options:

- A) Table Tennis
- B) Hockey
- C) Cricket
- D) Basketball

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 90.

What is the name of Google's new project which intends to provide high speed broadband internet connection in selected cities?

Options:

- A) Google Net
- B) Google Demo
- C) Google Connect
- D) Google Fiber

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 91.

Board of Revenue was established in Calcutta during the period of

Options:

- A) William Bentick
- B) Lord Dalhousie
- C) Warren Hasting
- D) Lord Cornwallis

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 92.

Which of the following pair is NOT correctly matched?

Options:

- A) Leonardo da Vinci - Last Supper
- B) Michelangelo - The Last glory
- C) Raphael - The Alba Madonna
- D) Guernica -Pablo Picasso

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 93.

In 1952, the first Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) , on the model of Massachusetts Institute of Technology was set up at

Options:

- A) Kharagpur
- B) Kanpur
- C) New Delhi
- D) Madras

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 94.

The third Anglo-Mysore War between Tipu Sultan and British came to end due to the

Options:

- A) Treaty of Srirangapattinam
- B) Treaty of Mangalore
- C) Treaty of Mysore
- D) Treaty of Vellore

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 95.

Which one of the following was NOT a member of the Hunter Committee set up to enquire into the Jallianwala bagh Massacre?

Options:

- A) Lord Hunter
- B) W.F.Rice
- C) Sir Thomas Smith
- D) Sir Charles Metcalfe

Correct Option: Option "D"

Q 96.

Which Land Revenue System replaced the Batai System during the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh?

Options:

- A) Zabti System
- B) Kankut System
- C) Nasqa System
- D) None of the above

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 97.

Who is the Architect of Virasat-e-Khalsa Heritage complex in Anandpur Sahib?

Options:

- A) Moshe Safdie
- B) Jean Nouvel
- C) John Pawson
- D) Henry Price

Correct Option: Option "A"

Q 98.

Who is considered to be the Pioneer of Punjabi literary tradition?

Options:

- A) Bulle Shah
- B) Guru Angad Dev
- C) Sheikh Farid
- D) Guru Nanak Dev

Correct Option: Option "C"

Q 99.

In which district is Hari-ke-Pattan Wetland situated?

Options:

- A) Barnala
- B) Tarn Taran
- C) Moga
- D) Bhatinda

Correct Option: Option "B"

Q 100.

Which of the following disease is caused by eating fish inhabiting in mercury contaminated water?

Options:

- A) Bight's disease
- B) Osteosclerosis
- C) Hiroshima Episode
- D) Minimata disease

Correct Option: Option "D"