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Class – VIII

Subject- English

1. Acrimony (antonym)
(a) Harshness (b) bitterness (c) Courtesy (d) Benevolence
 2. Amplify (antonym)
(a) Augment (b) Deepen (c) Lessen (d) Contract
 3. Accord (synonym)
(a) Agreement (b) Harmony (c) Discord (d) Abate
 4. Abate (antonym)
(a) Moderate them (b) Decrease (c) Aggravate (d) None of
 5. Adhere (synonym)
(a) Comply (b) Observe (c) Condemn (d) Disjoin
 6. Absolve (synonym)
(a) Pardon (b) Forgive (c) Compel (d) Accuse
 7. Abound (antonym)
(a) Flourish (b) Proliferate (c) Deficient (d) Destitute
 8. Abject (synonym)
(a) Despicable Praiseworthy (b) Servile (c) Commendable (d)
 9. Axiom (antonym)
(a) Adage (b) Truism (c) Absurdity (d) Blunder
 10. Abortive (synonym)
(a) Vain (b) Unproductive (c) Productive (d) None of them
- [DEGREES OF COMPARISON]
11. Aryan is not tall as Rithika. The sentence is in which degree?
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
 12. The giraffe the tallest animal in the world.
(a) Superlative (b) Positive (c) Comparativ (d) None
 13. Madhya Pradesh is a bigger state than Uttar Pradesh.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
 14. The pen is mightier than the sword.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
 15. No Other is as smart as debargha in the clas.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None

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16. Goa is the smaller state in India.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
17. Mr.Nandi is the richest man is our locality.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
18. You aunty is more beautiful than you.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
19. Iron is not as valuable as gold.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
20. Ishwar Chandra vidyasagar is one of the noblest person in India.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
21. Darjeeling is cooler than Kolkata.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
22. An elephant is strongee than a horse.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
23. Mount Everest is the highest peak of the Himalayas.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
24. The fox is than the goat.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None
25. You are older than me.
(a) Positive (b) Comparative (c) Superlative (d) None

Cardamom, known as the queen of all spices, boasts a history as ancient as the human race itself. It is the dried fruit of a herbaceous perennial plant. A warm, humid climate, loamy soil rich in organic matter, distributed rainfall, and specialized cultivation and processing methods all combine to render Indian cardamom truly unique in aroma, flavor, size, and its distinct parrot green color.

Two types of cardamom are produced in India. The first type, the larger variety, holds less significance as it is not traded in the futures market. It is cultivated in the north-eastern regions of the country. The second type, produced in the southern states, is actively traded in the futures market. This variety is primarily cultivated in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka. As per the futures market rules, only the 7 mm quality was initially traded in exchanges. However, the norms were relaxed, and now the 6 mm quality is also traded.

Cardamom is an expensive spice, second only to saffron. Indian cardamom is known in two main varieties: Malabar and Mysore. The Mysore variety, containing high levels of cineol and limonene, is more aromatic. India has emerged as the world's largest producer and exporter of cardamom.

The main harvest season for cardamom in India spans from August to February. Cardamom reaches the yielding stage two years after plantation. The primary physical markets for cardamom include Kumily, Vandiperiyar, Thekkady, Puliarmala in Kerala, and Bodinayakanur and Cumbum in Tamil Nadu.

Kerala is the principal producer of cardamom, contributing up to 60% of the total production. Karnataka accounts for around 25% of the production. In Tamil Nadu, Ooty is the major producer, contributing approximately 10-15% of the total output. Besides India, Guatemala also produces around 1,000-2,000 tons of cardamom annually. However, due to its lower quality, Guatemalan cardamom is available at cheaper rates.

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26. Why does the passage describe cardamom as the “queen of all spices”?

- (a) Due to its ancient history.
- (b) Because of its versatile usage in cooking.
- (c) Owing to its unique aroma and flavor.
- (d) Because it is the most expensive spice.

27. What does the passage imply about the role of climate and soil in the cultivation of Indian cardamom?

- (a) They are essential but not unique to India.
- (b) They uniquely contribute to the quality of Indian cardamom.
- (c) They have little impact on the cultivation process.
- (d) They are more important for cardamom than other spices.

28. According to the passage, why might the larger variety of cardamom be less significant in the market?

- (a) It has a weaker aroma and flavor.
- (b) It is not traded in the futures market.
- (c) It is only cultivated in limited areas.
- (d) It is more expensive than the smaller variety.

29. What does the passage suggest about the global production of cardamom?

- (a) India and Guatemala are the only producers of cardamom.
- (b) Guatemala rivals India in the quality of cardamom.
- (c) India leads in quality, while Guatemala competes in price.
- (d) Indian cardamom is less expensive than its global counterparts.

30. The passage contains words that have opposite meanings. From the following sets (a) to (e), identify two sets of antonyms:

- (1) Ancient and Modern
 - (2) Unique and Common
 - (3) Expensive and Cheap
 - (4) Limited and Extensive
 - (5) Humid and Arid
- (a) Option 1 and 3
 - (b) Option 2 and 4
 - (c) Option 3 and 5
 - (d) Option 1 and 5

31. Which of the following titles would be the most appropriate for the passage?

- (a) “The Global Spice Trade: A Comprehensive Overview”
- (b) “Cardamom: The Queen of Spices and Its Journey”
- (c) “Agricultural Practices in India: A Case Study”
- (d) “The Economic Impact of Spices in the International Market”

32. On my birthday, I distributed sweets “between the students” of my class.

- A. between students of
- B. among students of
- C. among the students of
- D. between the students in

33. My friend got his daughter “married with an engineer”.

- A. married to an engineer
- B. marry an engineer
- C. marry with an engineer
- D. married with the engineer

34. I shall not detain you longer than “it is a necessity”.

- A. it is need
- B. it shall be needed

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- C. it is necessary
- D. it will be necessity

35. "**Finishing the dinner**", the guests retired to their rooms.

- A. When finished the dinner,
- B. Finishing dinner,
- C. While finishing dinner,
- D. After finishing the dinner,

36. He is "**so clever to be**" easily deceived.

- A. so clever that he be
- B. too clever that he be
- C. too clever that he is not
- D. too clever to be

37. "**Having been a great scientist**". Newton made many inventions.

- A. Being a great scientist,
- B. To have a great scientist,
- C. To be a great scientist,
- D. Being a greater scientist,

38. "**Being illiterate, the villagers were**" cheated by the money lender.

- A. They are illiterate, the villagers
- B. The villagers, being illiterate, were
- C. The villagers are illiterate, were
- D. If they were illiterate, the villagers

39. Provided you come out successful, "**you will secure**" this job.

- A. you might be securing
- B. you secure
- C. you secured
- D. No correction is required

40. "**However influential he will be**", he cannot get an upper hand over his co-workers.

- A. However influenced he will be
- B. However influenced he will be
- C. However influential he may be
- D. However influenced he may be

41. "**If I were you**", I wouldn't speak a word to her.

- A. If I was you
- B. If I am you
- C. If I be you
- D. NO correction is required

42. "**Have you been**" more careful, the accident could have been averted.

- A. If you have been
- B. Had you been
- C. Have you been
- D. If you could have been

43. We waste much time on trifles.

- (a) Much time was wasted on trifles
- (b) Much time will be wasted on trifles
- (c) Much time is wasted by us on trifle's.
- (d) Much time is wasted on trifles

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44. The task would have been completed by that time tomorrow. Someone/Some people
- (a) will complete the task by that time tomorrow.
 - (b) will be completing the task by that time tomorrow.
 - (c) would have completed the task by that time tomorrow.
 - (d) will have completed the task by that time tomorrow.
45. One should not give unsolicited advice.
- (a) Unsolicited advice is not to be given.
 - (b) Unsolicited advice can't be given.
 - (c) Unsolicited advice may not be given.
 - (d) Unsolicited advice should not be given.

