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**CLASS – VIII**

**SUBJECT – ENGLISH**

**1. Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

**Do not study too long at once. So long as the mind works with ease, it may be allowed to continue working, but if we find it moves slowly and extra trouble is needed to keep the attention fixed, it is far better to break off and take a walk or have some other recreation, than to go on plodding until one feels wholly exhausted. To continue to force the mind to work is likely to lead to injurious result and may end in a nervous breakdown from which recovery is slow and troublesome. While making the observation "Do not study too long", the author suggests that**

- A) excess of everything is bad.**
- B) reading continuously for long hours is tiring.**
- C) mind is delicate and it should not be taxed too much.**
- D) doing mental work beyond a certain limit may cause serious injury to the man.**
- E) None of these**

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**The underlying tone of the passage is that**

- A) man should work within limit.**
- B) man is delicate and should be handled carefully.**
- C) an injury to the mind is more difficult to cure than an injury to any other part of the body.**
- D) mind controls the entire physical system and should be kept in a perfect state.**
- E) None of these**

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**A man feels that he is exhausted when**

- A) he finds his mind working slowly.**
- B) he has a headache.**
- C) his thought process is clouded.**
- D) he finds it difficult to concentrate.**
- E) None of these**

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**The writer suggests that the main cause of mental breakdown is**

- A) a life of anxiety and worry.**
- B) too much work and little diversion.**
- C) excessive mental work leading to exhaustion.**
- D) a strenuous life.**

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**E) None of these**

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- A) slow moving and unexciting**
- B) putting excessive pressure**
- C) methodical**
- D) taking stress**
- E) None of these**

**6. Give an appropriate question tag. Nobody objects to the plan \_\_?**

- A) isn't it?**
- B) do they?**
- C) don't they?**
- D) aren't they?**
- E) None of these**

**7. Improve the sentence given below by changing its underlined portion. Can you tell me why did you not speak the truth?**

- A) why did not you speak**
- B) that why did you not speak**
- C) why you did not speak**
- D) why did you not spoke**
- E) None of these**

**8. Arrange P, Q, R, S to make a correct sentence.**

**A poem at the Statue of Liberty**

**P: became the topic of a rancorous exchange**

**Q: at a White House news conference yesterday**

**R: that is a symbol for America's embrace of immigrants**

**S: to announce President Donald Trump's push for immigration reform.**

- A) RPQS**
- B) PQRS**
- C) PQSR**
- D) RSQP**
- E) None of these**

**9. Direction: Carefully read the information given below and answer the questions that follow.**

**I. The earliest reference to the playing cards has been found in China, as long ago as the tenth century.**

**II. The current pack of 52 cards was only regulated in the seventeenth century.**

**III. Long before that the Chinese used paper money which was similar in design to the playing cards.**

**IV. It is believed that perhaps travelling gypsies introduced them to Europe.**

**V. In olden days cards were used both for telling fortune and playing games.**

**VI. They appeared in Italy 1320.**

**Which sentence should come third in the paragraph?**

- A) IV**
- B) I**
- C) V**

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- D) III
- E) None of these

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**Which sentence should come last in the paragraph?**

- A) VI
- B) IV
- C) II
- D) III
- E) None of these

**11. Identify the type of the sentence given below. A great fortune in the hands of a fool is a great misfortune.**

- A) Compound sentence
- B) Complex sentence
- C) Simple sentence
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

**12.Direction: Give the antonym of the words written in capital letters below.**

**ABSTRUSE**

- A) Awful
- B) Obvious
- C) Irrelevant
- D) Enigmatic
- E) None of these

**13.Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. A shiver ran through Shiva's spine when he recalled the accident \_ which he was luckily saved.**

- A) in
- B) of
- C) off
- D) from
- E) None of these

**14.Direction: Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions. The author's vision, suffused \_\_\_ an innocence and warmth, may not correspond to the country as it is today.**

- A) by
- B) to
- C) with
- D) for
- E) None of these

**15. Identify the word spelt wrong.**

- A) Bereavment
- B) Beseech
- C) Bureaucracy

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- D) Billiards
- E) None of these

16. Identify the type of pronoun for the word underlined in the given sentence. You yourself can best explain.

- A) Reflexive pronoun
- B) Emphatic pronoun
- C) Relative pronoun
- D) Distributive pronoun
- E) None of these

17. Identify the mood of the verb underlined in the given sentence. Try to do better

- A) Indicative Mood
- B) Subjunctive Mood
- C) Imperative Mood
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

18. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.

**NUGATORY**

- A) Worthless
- B) Slender
- C) Loiter
- D) Meditate
- E) None of these

19. Direction: Give the synonym of the words written in capital letters below.

**BRAZEN**

- A) Humble
- B) Unabashed
- C) Meek
- D) Temperate
- E) None of these

20. Fill in the blank with most appropriate modal verb. You \_\_\_ get all the information if you read this booklet carefully.

- A) may
- B) will
- C) can
- D) could
- E) None of these

21. Find the meaning of the phrase and idiom given below. Hit the sack

- A) In difficulties
- B) Overwhelmed
- C) Hard discipline
- D) To go to bed
- E) None of these

22. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option. She requested the student to \_\_\_ a little water in a vessel.

- A) procure
- B) collect

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- C) fetch
- D) bring
- E) None of these

**23. Identify the sentence with the correct use of conjunction.**

- A) While a great poet, he is a great novelist.
- B) Do not start till I give the word.
- C) He is willing, yet unable.
- D) All of these
- E) None of these

**24. Direction: Give one word substitutions to the following.**

**A person, who is bad in spellings**

- A) Cacographer
- B) Cartographer
- C) Calligraphist
- D) Convalescent
- E) None of these

**25. Direction: Give one word substitutions to the following.**

**One, who compiles a dictionary**

- A) Lapidist
- B) Lexicographer
- C) Linguist
- D) Loquacious
- E) None of these

**26. Give the parts of speech for the word underlined in the sentence below. I shall tell you more about it in my next.**

- A) Adverb
- B) Noun
- C) Adjective
- D) Interjection
- E) None of these

**27. Fill in the blanks with correct order of adjectives. Sheena has grown into \_\_\_\_\_ woman.**

- A) an young, beautiful, nice
- B) a beautiful, young, nice
- C) a nice, beautiful, young
- D) a nice, young, beautiful
- E) None of these

**28. Which of the following words would come third, if they are arranged in the dictionary pattern?**

- A) Amorphous
- B) Ambiguous
- C) Ambidextrous
- D) Amphibian
- E) None of these

**29. Given below is a sentence in four parts. One of the parts contains a grammatical error. Find the part.**

**The news of his marriage to another girl (i)/ was a shock to her (ii)/ but she bore up bravely (iii)/ and went on as if nothing has happened. (iv)**

- A) i

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- B) ii
- C) iii
- D) iv
- E) No error

**30.Direction: Read the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

- I. A, B, C, D and E are five friends.
- II. B is elder to E, but not as tall as C.
- III. C is younger to A, and is taller than D and E.
- IV. A is taller than D, but younger to E.
- V. D is elder than A, but shortest in the group.

**31.Who among the following is the eldest?**

- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) Either B or D
- E) None of these

**32.Direction: Read the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

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**Which of the following statements is correct about B?**

- 1. B is not the tallest.
  - 2. B is shorter than E.
  - 3. B is younger than A.
- B) Only 1 is correct.
  - C) Only 2 is correct.
  - D) Both 2 and 3 are correct.
  - E) 1, 2 and 3 are correct.
  - F) None of these

**33.Identify the sentence with incorrect punctuation.**

- A) Long live the King.
- B) How we are ever to get there, is the question.
- C) To act thus is not wisdom, but folly.
- D) He said to his disciples, "Watch and pray"
- E) None of these

**34.Identify the sentence with an incorrect position of adverb.**

- A) Gudia's uncle has just gone out.
- B) She should go there tomorrow morning.
- C) Sir often told Rania to write neatly.
- D) Bappa worked only two sums.
- E) None of these

**35.In this question a clue has been given below in italics, followed by four options of jumbled words. You have to un-jumble the words and have to identify the correct word for the given clue. 'Sports Ground'**

- A) NCIOTER
- B) IATSDUM
- C) AGNORE

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- D) RUCCOS
- E) None of these

36. Fill in the blanks as per subject-verb agreement. The new facts he \_\_discovered and the new arguments he \_\_advanced \_\_ changed my opinion.

- A) have, have, have not
- B) have, have, has not
- C) has, has, has not
- D) has, has, have not
- E) None of these

37. In which of the following sentences nominative/objective case pronoun has been used correctly?

- A) Whom do you believe him to be?
- B) Who do you wish to see?
- C) The student, whom you thought so highly of, has failed in IOEL.
- D) I was the man whom they thought was dead.
- E) None of these

38. Given below is a statement followed by two conclusions. You have to identify the conclusion/s that follow/s the given statement.

**Statement:**

The use of non-conventional source of energy will eliminate the energy crisis from the world.

**Conclusions:**

I: Modern technology is gradually replacing the conventional source of energy.

II: The excessive exploitation of environment has led to the depletion of the conventional source of energy.

- A) Only I follows.
- B) Only II follows.
- C) Either I or II follows.
- D) Both I and II follow.
- E) Neither I nor II follows.

39. **Direction:** Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

At this stage of civilization, when many nations are brought into close and vital contact for good and evil, it is essential, as never before, that their gross ignorance of one another should be diminished, that they should begin to understand a little of one another's historical experience and resulting mentality. It is a fault of the English to expect the people of other countries to react as they do, to political and international situations. Our genuine goodwill and good intentions are often brought to nothing, because we expect other people to be like us. This would be corrected if we know the history, not necessarily in detail but in broad outlines, of the social and political conditions which have given to each nation its present character. The need for greater understanding between nations

- A) will always be there
- B) is more today than ever before
- C) was always there
- D) is no longer there
- E) None of these

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- A) present character
- B) politics
- C) international position
- D) history
- E) None of these

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- A) each other
- B) others
- C) us
- D) themselves
- E) None of these

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- A) have vital contact with other nations
- B) not react to other nations
- C) have a better understanding of other nations
- D) read the history of other nations
- E) None of these

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- A) socio-political conditions
- B) gross ignorance
- C) cultural heritage
- D) mentality



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**E) None of these**

**44. Give an appropriate question tag. We had to borrow some money to buy a new house, \_\_\_?**

- A) didn't we**
- B) did we**
- C) did us**
- D) hadn't we**
- E) None of these**

**45. Given below is a statement followed by two conclusions. You have to identify the conclusion/s that follow/s the given statement.**

**Statement:**

**Cases of burning brides for dowry are not uncommon.**

**Conclusions:**

**I: In spite of anti-dowry law, the ill practice still continues.**

**II: The punishment inflicted on the party concerned is not hard enough.**

- A) Only I follows**
- B) Only II follows**
- C) Either I or II follows**
- D) Both I and II follow**
- E) Neither I nor II follows**

