

MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION 2017- 18

LANGUAGE TESTING – ENGLISH

Directions (Q. Nos 1 - 5) :

Read the passage and answer the question given below it:

Parents of children who were saved by fisherman Abdul Sattar flocked the Triveni Kala Sangam on Wednesday afternoon to greet Abdul Bhai, who rescued most of the children in last week's school bus tragedy. Abdul was awarded the Times Hero Award by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson, Najma Heptullah. 'I find a God in this man', said Raj Kumari Devi, whose ten-year-old son, Arun, was rescued by him, 'This man emerged like an angel. None of us knew swimming. We did not know how to reach the scene of the accident, which was in the middle of the river', said Arun's father, Chand Sharma was another happy soul. Her two sons were saved by Sattar. Chand says, 'We were helplessly roaming about on the river bank, while this man was struggling to save my children. I shall never forget the contribution of this man to our life. We go to the temple, but these are the true Gods amongst us. I wish I could give him every little belonging that I have. He is great. 'Abdul Sattar is simple fisherman. He has spent twenty five years of his life worrying over his daily meal, what he wears and a fixed dwelling unit for his family. But the man made a mark when the recent school tragedy occurred in the Yamuna. He saved the lives of most of the children, who were drowning in the river.

1. What is Abdul Sattar?
(1) a teacher
(2) a fisherman
(3) a carpenter
(4) a driver
2. Pick out the antonym for 'remember'?
(1) save
(2) rescue
(3) forget
(4) forgot
3. Which award is mentioned in the passage?
(1) Times Hero award
(2) Times Heroine award
(3) Padmashri award
(4) Padmabhushan award
4. "He is great", who has made this statement?
(1) Abdul Sattar
(2) Najma Heptullah
(3) Rajkmari Devi
(4) Chand Sharma
5. Which of these pairs is the odd man out?
(1) last week
(2) little belonging
(3) happy soul
(4) little family

Directions (Q. Nos 6 - 10) :

Read the passage and answer the question given below it:

Anaemia is a major public health problem that affects women and children throughout their life. In young boys and girls, anaemia limits their growth development, reduces their concentration, affects their learning capabilities and makes them susceptible towards infection, thereby increasing school drop-out rates, reducing their physical fitness and work productivity.

In girls, anaemia leads to early delivery in future, birth of low weight babies, higher infant mortality rates and higher maternal mortality rates.

Anaemia is a preventable disorder. Adding rich food items to the diet and taking iron-folic items to the diet and taking iron-folic acid tablet regularly go a long way in maintaining natural haemoglobin levels and reducing prevalence of anaemia.

6. The major public health problem mentioned in the passage is _____
(1) Anaemia (2) Typhoid
(3) Malaria (4) Swine flu
7. In young boys and girls Anaemia affects their _____
(1) teaching capabilities (2) learning capabilities
(3) eating habits (4) physical fitness
8. We should take _____ tables regularly.
(1) calcium (2) iron-folic acid
(3) vitamin (4) tonic
9. We can prevent Anaemia by maintaining natural _____
(1) oxygen level (2) red and white blood cells
(3) haemoglobin level (4) calcium level
10. Which word in the passage means 'curable'?
(1) major (2) susceptible
(3) preventable (4) natural

Directions (Q. Nos 11 - 15) :

Read the passage and answer the question given below it:

Shree was working in the stone quarries at Turbhe. He had son, Shekhar. He was blind from birth. His father had never let him out of the house as he was afraid of his safety. One day he was twelve, five boys from the local Municipal School came to Shekhar's house. They were shocked to know that he had never stepped out of his house since, his birth. The boys were members of an 'Arambh' project that tries to get children to be educated. They told shree that he should send his boy to school. Shree didn't like idea. He belonged to a poor family. After repeated visits, the boys again visited and told shree that the school admission was free. Shekhar was very clever. He got 2nd rank in his S.S.C. Exam. The school headmistress called Shree and said, "Your son was proved the best in the school and I am proud of him, he was really a hard working boy."

11. Where was shree working?
(1) in the stone quarry (2) in the stone lorry
(3) in the municipal school (4) in an 'Aurambh' project.
12. How many boys came to Shekhar's house?
(1) twelve (2) five
(3) two (4) seven
13. The phrase 'to let one out' means _____
(1) to be shocked (2) to go out
(3) to give permission to go out (4) to agree
14. The boys were shocked to know that _____
(1) he belonged to a poor family.
(2) he had never stepped out of his house, since his birth.
(3) he had never visited school.
(4) None of the above.
15. The school head mistress was proud of Shekhar as _____
(1) he was blind from his birth.
(2) he was an honest boy.
(3) he was really a hard working boy.
(4) he was an educated person now.

Directions / Indirection

16. Once I decided to prepare tea myself for my friends.
S1 :
S2 :
S3 :
S4 :
S5 : Finally I trained tea and served it with biscuits.
P : I added five tea spoons of sugar and three spoons of tea powder.
Q : I took three cups of sugar and three tea spoons of tea powder.
R : Then I switched on the gas stove and boiled water.
(1) PQR (B) QRP
(3) PRQ (4) QPR
17. S1 : The menace of plastic in the state came to the fore when thin plastic bags choked the drains and caused water logging.
S1 :
S2 :
S3 :
S4 :
S5 : But the anti plastic movement is gaining stream in cities.
P : Later the government decided to ban only bags of thickness less than 50 microns.
Q : In the aftermath of the incident the government proposed a complete ban on plastics.
R : However it may be a long time before plastic is completely banned in the state due to its widespread utility.
(1) PRQ (B) PQR
(3) QPR (4) QRP

18. **A** : Sparrow was the first bird I was introduced to.
B :
C : Later the roads were widened and the birds left our area.
(1) Sparrows love feeding on grains.
(2) As a child I would keep watching them after my school hours.
(3) Fruiting trees attract many birds.
(4) I know it doesn't understand our language.
19. **A** : The leopard was found in the basement of the school.
B :
C : After an 18 hour operation forest department officials finally captured the leopard.
(1) The leopard had entered in the premises of NES school.
(2) The leopard had entered in the premises of police station.
(3) The leopard was kept in a cage.
(4) Even today leopards are being hunted everyday.
20. Superstitions introduce _____ fears in the mind and weaken it by the power of suggestion.
(1) rational (2) vague
(3) valid (4) weak
21. My greatest guru is my mother. She gave me _____ of life.
(1) values (2) meals
(3) education (4) message
22. If we had the _____ that however difficult things are right now, it will not remain so forever.
(1) impression (2) conviction
(3) belief (4) thought
23. While you deliver a speech, always be _____.
(1) shy (2) nervous
(3) confident (4) stubborn
24. We should have 'balanced diet' every day. He balanced diet means _____.
(1) delicious food (2) limited nutritious food
(3) food that is oily and spicy (4) local food
25. Many people consume packaged food because _____.
(1) It was become a matter of convenience
(2) It has become a matter of convenience
(3) It is become a matter of convenience
(4) It had become a matter of convenience
26. Previously they used to live _____ Paris.
(1) with (2) by
(3) within (4) in
27. She always avoids artificial products and goes only for the natural _____ ?
(1) does she? (2) doesn't she?
(3) don't she? (4) will she?
28. If it rains tomorrow, we _____ paper boats.
(1) Prepare (2) will prepare
(3) could preparing (3) are preparing
29. _____ you like to have tea or coffee?
(1) can (2) will
(3) would (4) should
30. She has got green fingers. This means _____.
(1) she's got no experience of life.
(2) she steals things.
(3) she's good at gardening.
(4) she's got fingers green in colour.

31. Peace and Progress always go **hand in hand**.
 (1) go together (2) depart from each other
 (3) separate from each other (4) go parallel
32. He has been learning English **off and on** for sometime past.
 (1) regularly (2) irregularly
 (3) steadily (4) carefully
33. **By and by** the teacher came into the room, and there was pin drop silence in the class.
 (1) before time (2) some time afterwards
 (3) in time (4) in a short time
34. After a lot of efforts when his scheme has **fallen through**, he felt very said.
 (1) succeeded (2) collapsed
 (3) failed (4) passed
35. His **maiden speech** in the parliament was a great success.
 (1) first speech (2) last speech
 (3) good speech (4) long speech

Directions (Q. Nos 36 - 43) :

The earth is the (36) _____ plant of the solar system. No other planet other than the (37) _____ has life on it. As the earth is a (38) _____ there is magnetic field around the earth. It diverts the harmful rays from the (39) _____ towards the polar regions of the earth. The sun which is at the centre of the solar system is a yellow coloured (4) _____. Mercury is (41) _____ to the sun. (42) _____ is the largest planet of the solar system. Mars is called the (43) _____ planet.

Directions

36. (1) first (2) second
 (3) third (4) last
37. (1) Earth (2) Neptune
 (3) Uranus (4) Saturn
38. (1) Star (2) Planet
 (3) Magnet (4) Asteroid
39. (1) Moon (2) Sun
 (3) Mercury (4) Mars
40. (1) star (2) planet
 (3) satellite (4) Super Nova
41. (1) largest (2) closest
 (3) farthest (4) smallest
42. (1) Jupiter (2) Mars
 (3) Earth (4) Venus
43. (1) yellow (2) blue
 (3) white (4) red
44. I have kept a reserve funnel in case _____ accidents.
 (1) with (2) of
 (3) in (4) to
45. The _____ is a person who is mending shoes.
 (1) shopkeeper (2) carpenter
 (3) cobbler (4) buyer

46. The train _____ at 6.30 A.M. everyday, so the platform is crowded.
(1) arrives (2) arrived
(3) arriving (4) will arrive
47. Little Rohan is very much interested to watch the ships _____ in the ocean.
(1) sailing (2) selling
(3) sailing (4) celling
48. My mantra to be happy is very sample.
(1) imperfect (2) unhappy
(3) difficult (4) worst
49. Solar energy is modular and scalable and can be generated at the point of use.
(1) measurable (2) immeasurable
(3) countable (4) valuable
50. Our problems are so colossal and we are very small.
(1) strong (2) extremely large
(3) small (4) difficult