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Second Semester B.Arch/B.Planning Degree Examination, Dec.2025/Jan.2026

Professional Writing Skills in English

(COMMON TO ALL BRANCHES)

Time: 2 hrs. Max. Marks: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. Answer all the Hundred questions, each question carries **ONE mark**.
2. Use only **Black ball point pen** for writing / darkening the circles.
3. For each question, after selecting your answer, darken the appropriate circle corresponding to the same question number on the OMR sheet.
4. Darkening two circles for the same question makes the answer invalid.
5. **Damaging/overwriting, using whiteners** on the **OMR** sheets are strictly prohibited.

Choose the appropriate verb that agrees with the subject

1. Linguistics ____an interesting subject
   a) are b) is c) were d) been

2. Which of these students _____ won the medal?
   a) have b) having c) has d) not been

3. The President or the Vice President _____ coming today
   a) is b) or c) are d) has been

4. In a funny sequence the Clown's trousers _____ pulled down
   a) was b) were c) is d) are

5. The horse with the carriage _____ ready
   a) have b) been c) is d) are

6. It was found that some students _____ not attending their classes
   a) were b) was c) is d) never

7. Someone ____ left their luggage outside
   a) has b) have c) is d) was

8. The CEO as well as his secretary _____ reaching here in an hour
   a) is b) may c) have d) are

9. What actually scared us _____ the fact that there was no one around to help us
a) were b) was c) is d) may

10. At the last minute there _____ a change in the venue of the event
a) was b) were c) is d) are

Choose that confirms with correct noun-pronoun agreement in the following sentences

11. Someone has left _____ mobile on the desk
a) his b) their c) her d) theirs

12. I am a fool ____
a) am I not? B) aren't c) is it not d) is it

13. Every child must bring _____ geometry box to the class
a) his b) their c) her d) its

14. A group of scientists is working on this project each of them _____ in their twenties
a) are b) is c) his d) her

15. The Jury were at sixes and sevens _____ could not decide a thing
a) They b) It c) its d) theirs

16. Researches conducted in the past have never been convincing, _____ are either subjective or not properly substantiated
a) Is b) They c) It d) its

17. This is the office of Amar _____ is an activist
a) which b) who c) where d) whom

18. The jury has concluded the proceedings and given _____ verdict
a) the b) there c) their d) themselves

19. A group of teachers met to see if ____ could find a way to help students improve their SAT scores
a) they b) is

20. One cannot be too careful, _____?
a) Can he? B) Can they? C) Can one? D) Can she?

Give the correct analogies for the following

21. Eye : Conjectivities : : Teeth : ...?
a) Exczema b) Plaque c) Glaucoma d) Trachoma

22. Successor : Predecessor : : After ...?
a) Before b) Later c) former d) none of these

23. Write : Scribble : : ____ : Speak
a) play b) dance c) stammer d) walk

24. _____ : Cotton : : Sweater : Wool
a) Polyster b) Sheep c) Denim d) Linen

25. Poet : Verse : : _____ statue
a) paint b) carpenter c) canvas d) sculptor

Give the correctly spelt word for the following:

26. a) Aceelerate b) Acelerate c) Acellrate d) Accelerate

27. a) Accommodate b) Acomodate c) Accomodate d) Acoomodate

28. a) Acknowledgemant b) Acknowledgement
c) Ackncwledgement d) Acknowlodgement

29. a) Aparent b) Aparrent c) Apparant d) Apparent

30. a) License b) Licence c) Lisence d) Liscence

Give the correct answer

31. Which of these is not a type of essay?
a) Narrative essay b) Descriptive essay
c) Persuasive essay d) Personal essay

32. Which of these essays tells a story?
a) Reflective b) Argumentative essay
c) Descriptive essay d) Narrative essay

33. Which of these essays explains or motivates a subject?
a) Narrative essay b) Persuasive essay
c) Reflective essay d) Expository essay

34. What types of essays is a collection of one's thoughts?
a) Narrative essay b) Reflective essay
c) Persuasive essay d) Expository essay

35. Which type of essays uses the five senses to enhance the imagining power?
a) Expository essay b) Descriptive essay
c) Argumentative essay d) None of these

General English questions

36. Correct the sentence if necessary. Give the right option.
a) She is senior than me b) She is senior to me
c) She is senior then me d) She is senior me

37. Give the right option.
a) Anu and I went home b) I and Anu went home
c) Anu and me went home d) None of these

38. Give the correct idea intended in the sentence
a) Although he was hurt, but he continued to walk
b) Although he was hurt, he continued to walk
c) He was hurt, he continued to walk
d) Although he continued to walk he was hurt

39. Give the correct idea intended
a) Do you like a glass of water
b) Would you like a glass of water
c) Do you like the glass of water
d) Would you like the glass of water

40. Choose the correct option
a) My friend has got a new job
b) My friends has get a new job
c) My friend is got a new job
d) My friend did get a new job

Cloze test – Questions 41 to 44

In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passages and against each four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

A recently published report suggests that thousands of patients die every year simply because the prescriptions written by their doctors are simply ___41___, looking at this, one wonders why it is so. After all what makes a doctor ___42___. Is it the ___44___ everday or simple casualness on their part?

41. a) legible b) legitimate c) illegitimate d) illegible

42. a) squint b) scribble c) doodle d) inscribe

43. a) gruesome b) vigorous c) grueling d) rigorous

44. a) confront b) content c) contest d) confer

Choose the correct answer

45. She writes everyday in her _____
a) dairy b) diary c) deary d) diery

46. Which of the following words is an alternate for distant?
a) farthered b) ferther c) farther d) farer

47. Which of the following is a conjunction?
a) weather b) peace c) piece d) whether

48. Which of the following word is correct for a page in a book?
a) foreward b) forward c) forworde d) foreword

49. The ordered gift ____ lovely
a) were b) do c) was d) are

50. You should ____ such stupid mistakes
a) avoid making b) avoid to make
c) avoid make d) avoid to have

Read the following sentences and identify whether they are introducers. Developers or Terminators

51. Meanwhile his business had started taking a downward slide
a) Introducer b) Developer c) Terminator

52. Therefore, all we can do is just sit silently and pray
a) Terminator b) Developer c) Introducer

53. There are various causes for unemployment in rural areas
a) Introducer b) Terminator c) Developer

54. In education, girl students drop out earlier than boys. Girls enrolment is just around 61% compared to boys
a) Introducer b) Developer c) Terminator

55. But it is not possible for us to forget our forefathers sacrifice
a) Introducer b) Terminator c) Developer

Reading comprehension questions from 56 to 60.
Read the following comprehension/passage and carefully answer the questions that follows

It gives me immense pleasure that I stand here before you to share my views on this significant day. At the outset, I congratulate you in having chosen a profession which is noble in its pursuit and sublime in its vision. It is teaching that not only changes the life of those who take it up but also the lives of thousands of their students and hence that of a nation. It is so because in changing the lives of students, a teacher does in fact help in changing the life of a nation. It is he who-through his students – brings about the most fundamental changes in the overall tapestry of the surroundings around him.

Further, I feel that despite all the changes in society, the teacher does hold the same pivotal place even today. And I do believe that all of you sitting here are capable of being the torch bearer, the flame with which thousands of other similar flames can be ignited, despite all this, when I speak these words, I understand that some of you may not agree to such views. It is so because a teacher today does not feel comfortable while listening to such seemingly utopian ideas. He fails to align to such romantic notions that he is the harbinger of any change. Though he really still is – and would remain forever that – he does not view it as a necessary reason for him to have chosen this profession.

It is so because the phenomenal changes around us are making us feel more like a trainer than being a teacher-somebody whom the world knows as a guru-the eternal guide, philosopher and source of inspiration for his disciple. The rapid commercialization of education has brought about many transformation in the sphere of education and one of the major changes that we witness today is the transformed relationship between the teacher and the taught, for a majority of our students we are now just a resource and a trainer. So, most of us don't feel the honor and dignity that had traditionally been the hallmark of the teaching profession.

Despite all this, all is not lost to us. In the vast expanse of our society, it is still the teacher who to them is the torchbearer of new directions, hopes and vision. Therefore, ladies and gentleman, do not feel disheartened by the lack of aptitude in your students or too much of attitude of your bosses. Take pride in being a teacher for it is the teacher to whom the entire society looks up. So my dear friends, lets continue to be worthy recipients of such honor with our dedication and commitment to our profession.

Answer the Questions

56. The main purpose of this passage is to highlights that
a) Teaching is a noble profession but teachers find themselves helpless in present circumstances.
b) Teachers need to continue doing their work honestly despite the changing around them.
c) Teachers today are no longer gurus but are only trainers and they should accept this change.
d) Teachers today do not wish to be seen as leading an idealistic life.

57. According to the passage, which of the following can be attributed for the change of the teachers role in society?
a) Commercialization of education
b) Excessive greed of teachers
c) Aptitude of students
d) intervention of technology in the class room

58. The above passage seems to have been extracted from a/an
a) News paper article
b) Research paper
c) Speech
d) Editorial in the newspaper

59. The author/speaker of the passage seems to agree to all except that
a) Teachers play a crucial role in changing the lives of their students
b) Teachers are still the torch bearers of change in the society
c) The relationship between the teacher and the taught has changed substancially
d) Honour and dignity are no longer associated with the teaching profession

60. The passage ends on a note on
a) Caution
b) Inspiration
c) Sarcasm
d) Didacticism

Give the synonyms of the following

61. Abjure
a) To give
b) To take back
c) Happy
d) Sorry

62. Synonym of Abrogate
a) Run b) Fascinate c) Abolish d) Create

63. What is the Antonym of brave?
a) coward b) give c) gain d) achieve

64. Antonym of blunt
a) Easy b) Lazy c) Sharp d) Speed

65. Antonym of embrace
a) Disobey b) Contradict c) Reject d) Complete

Choose the correct answer

66. An average length of sentence, in a paragraph should be about
a) 25 to 30 words b) 2 to 5 words
c) 15 to 20 words d) 5 to 10 words

67. Which of these should be avoided during the delivery of speech?
a) clarity b) pauses c) rudeness d) confidence

68. Resume is called as curriculum vitae in
a) India b) France c) North America d) South Africa

69. In technical writing, starting point of a resume must have
a) Details of educational qualification
b) Name and address
c) Career objective
d) Job details

70. Acting politely, giving remarks about colleagues work, reasoning about emails is called as of _____
a) Confidentiality b) Courtesy c) Quality d) Justification

71. Email stands for
a) Emergency mail b) Electronic mail
c) Essential mail d) Electrical mail

72. The standard font size in a resume is
a) 10-12 b) 8-10 c) 12-14 d) 6-8

73. A typical presentation should have what in its structure?
a) Q and A b) Conclusion c) Main body d) All of these

74. An essay can be divided into _____ parts
a) 4 b) 5 c) 2 d) 3

75. Which is necessary at an interview?
a) Disagreement b) Constaint nodding
c) Silence d) Timely responses

Choose the correct option from the following

76. We write a cover letter _____
a) To introduce ourself as a suitable candidate for the job
b) To try for the job
c) To let the employer know how good you are in different languages
d) To give details about your family

77. Why should we write a letter of application?
a) To let the employers know of our writing
b) To introduce yourself to the potential employer and the position you are applying for
c) To request the employer by doing a favor by giving you the job
d) To let the employer know about our address

78. Which of the following statements about facing an interview is false?
a) Greet people with a smile and firm hand shake
b) Make good eye contact
c) Express your weakness more positively
d) Don't make an attempt to ready the body language of the interviewers

79. Identify the wrong statement of a blog
a) Blogs can be in any language
b) A person can maintain multiple blogs
c) Blog is also a weblog
d) Blog is a personal dairy

80. Which of these should be avoided in a good essay?
a) Slang
b) Dignified words
c) Bravity
d) Unity of sentence

Express the intended idea in the following sentences or that which conforms to standard English

81. a) Had we bowled well, we would have won the match
b) Had we bowled well, we would won the match
c) Had we bowled well, we shall win the match
d) Had we bowled well, we will win the match

82. a) I am loving it
b) I love it
c) I am in love with it
d) I have loved it

83. a) He is too clever to solve this problem
b) He is clever enough to solve this problem
c) He is clever enough not to solve this problem
d) He is not at all clever to this problem

84. a) Hope for the best, but be prepared for worst
b) Hope of the best, but be prepared for the worst
c) Hope for the best, but be prepared for the worst
d) Hope for the best but be prepared for worst

85. a) Either of the sister is coming today
b) Either of the sisters are coming today
c) Either of the sisters is coming today
d) Either of the sisters could have been coming today

Choose the correct form of active / passive voice from the following sentences

86. Why do you tell a lie?
Correct passive voice form is
a) Why a lie told by you?
b) Why is a lie be told by you?
c) Why is a lie being told you?
d) Why is a lie told by you?

87. A new car was not bought by my father, Convert it to active voice form
a) A new car was not he bought by my father
b) A new car is not bought by my father
c) A new car is not be bought by my father
d) My father did not buy a new car

88. Did you visit the zoo?
The correct passive voice form is
a) Was the zoo visited by you?
b) Was the zoo be visited by you?
c) Was the zoo being visited by you?
d) Was the zoo been visited by you?

89. Choose the correct written statement with reference to punctuation marks
a) I met a beautiful, Earopin woman
b) I met a beautiful European woman
c) I met a beautiful, European, woman
d) I met a beautiful European, woman

90. She will invite me.
The correct passive voice form is
a) Shall being invited by her
b) I will be invited by you
c) I shall be invited by her
d) I shall being invited by her

91. The Idiom "Every cloud has a silver lining" means
a) do some thing pointless
b) ignore some one
c) to fail
d) good thing comes after bad thing

92. The idiom "ball is in your court" means
a) to play a practical joke
b) you have to take a call
c) that's true
d) don't take it too seriously

93. The idiom "heard it on the grapevine" means
a) Rumour
b) being in good health
c) bang on
d) to convince

94. The idiom 'Butter fingers' mean
a) Organized person
b) Loose power
c) Someone who is clumsy and drops things
d) to end a quarrel

95. The idiom "no pain no gain" means
a) Bang on
b) Being prompt
c) You have to work hard in order to see results
d) an issue as a problem

96. Select the correct option
The building has been built ____ the new plan
a) accordance to
b) in accordance with
c) for
d) about

97. Flour is made _____ wheat
a) from
b) of
c) to
d) with

98. The courses comprises _____ five modules
a) for
b) of
c) in
d) with

99. One of the novelists _____ been nominated for a prize
a) has
b) was
c) have
d) is

100. She has been working here _____ 10 years
a) for
b) since
c) from
d) off

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