

NDA & NA EXAMINATION (II) 2016

TOTAL MARKS: 200

TIME: 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This test consists of **50 questions**.
2. Each question carries **4 marks**.
3. For every incorrect answer, **1.33 marks will be deducted** as negative marking.
4. There is **no penalty for an unattempted question**.
5. Each question has **four alternatives — (a), (b), (c) and (d)**. Select the most appropriate answer.
6. Attempt the test within the prescribed time to simulate **actual examination conditions**.
7. Check the **Answer Key & Explanations** only after completing the test

Directions for the following 10 (ten) items:
Each question in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part and indicate your response in the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

1. My friend was / habitual to drive a car / at a very high speed. / No error.
(a) My friend was
(b) habitual to drive a car
(c) at a very high speed.
(d) No error.
2. Being a day of national mourning / the offices were closed / and the national flag flew half mast. / No error.
(a) Being a day of national mourning
(b) the offices were closed
(c) and the national flag flew half mast.
(d) No error.
3. If you are wanting to watch / the birds nesting / you must not let them see you. / No error.
(a) If you are wanting to watch
(b) the birds nesting
(c) you must not let them see you.
(d) No error.
4. He does not listen to / what I say, / although I am advising him for a long time. / No error.
(a) He does not listen to
(b) what I say,
(c) although I am advising him for a long time.
(d) No error.
5. It is most essential for us / to reach the station before noon / lest we should miss the train. / No error.
(a) It is most essential for us
(b) to reach the station before noon
(c) lest we should miss the train.
(d) No error.
6. I asked him / what had brought / him there. / No error.
(a) I asked him
(b) what had brought
(c) him there.
(d) No error.
7. The guards / dare not to harm him. / No error.
(a) The guards
(b) dare not to harm him.
(c) —
(d) No error.
8. The Principal looks very worried / because students are on strike for the last fifteen days as a protest against / his disciplinary action against some miscreant. / No error.
(a) The Principal looks very worried
(b) because students are on strike for the last fifteen days as a protest against
(c) his disciplinary action against some miscreant.
(d) No error.
9. The king was embarrassed / to find evidences / against his own queen. / No error.
(a) The king was embarrassed
(b) to find evidences
(c) against his own queen.
(d) No error.
10. As I prefer coffee than tea / my friends always take the trouble / to get me a cup of coffee whenever I visit them. / No error.
(a) As I prefer coffee than tea
(b) my friends always take the trouble
(c) to get me a cup of coffee whenever I visit them.
(d) No error.

sentence with an underlined word or words followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or groups of words that is most similar in meaning to the underlined word.

11. **HOSPITALITY** is a virtue for which the natives of the East in general are highly admired.
 (a) Duty of a doctor
 (b) Generosity shown to guests
 (c) Cleanliness in hospitals
 (d) Kindness
12. House rent in cities like Mumbai or Delhi has risen to **ASTRONOMICAL** figures beyond the reach of even high-salaried people.
 (a) exorbitant (b) commercial
 (c) planetary (d) illogical
13. **APPROPRIATE** technology holds the key to a nation's development.
 (a) Modern (b) Suitable
 (c) Effective (d) Growing
14. He was **ENAMOURED** of his own golden voice.
 (a) very fond of (b) concerned with
 (c) obsessed with (d) imbued with
15. Some journalists are guilty of indulging in **YELLOW JOURNALISM**.
 (a) misrepresentation
 (b) vulgarization
 (c) sensational reporting
 (d) loud gestures

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

16. The culprit was **SENTENCED** by the Court.
 (a) acquitted (b) punished
 (c) relieved (d) pardoned
17. **THRIFTY** as he is, he can well afford to live within his means.
 (a) careless (b) instinctive
 (c) sentimental (d) extravagant
18. Do not give him a responsible job, he is **IMMATURE**.
 (a) thoughtful (b) cautious
 (c) calculating (d) seasoned
19. I was prepared to **SHOW MY HAND** provided he agreed to do the same.
 (a) to yield
 (b) to shake hands
 (c) to conceal my plan
 (d) to lose my ground
20. Akbar the great was a **SAGACIOUS** ruler.
 (a) haughty (b) cunning
 (c) rude (d) unwise

blank space and four words given after the sentence. Select whichever word you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response in the Answer Sheet.

21. She has been lying in bed for the last fortnight. I hope she will _____.
 (a) come out (b) pull out
 (c) pull through (d) go out
22. The path of progress is beset _____ difficulties.
 (a) with (b) by
 (c) through (d) along
23. I feel _____ for those who are cruel to their children.
 (a) sympathy (b) contempt
 (c) admiration (d) craving
24. Both the parties were keen to have an _____ settlement of the dispute.
 (a) enviable (b) inimical
 (c) worthy (d) amicable
25. I have come to know that the two brothers have _____.
 (a) fallen through (b) fallen out
 (c) fallen for (d) fallen short
26. Everybody finds his own work _____ whereas he feels that others have delightful jobs.
 (a) tedious (b) fabulous
 (c) unprofitable (d) indecent
27. The accident took place because of the _____ criminal _____ of the driver.
 (a) performance (b) disregard
 (c) negligence (d) slackness
28. The belief in the _____ of vaccinations is gaining ground.
 (a) immunity (b) prevalence
 (c) efficacy (d) workability
29. Our new leader is a _____ young man and will take us forward.
 (a) haughty (b) intoxicated
 (c) fanciful (d) dynamic
30. They found a world of _____ between what he said and what he did.
 (a) chaos (b) bitterness
 (c) difference (d) hope

Directions: Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to rearrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

P: therefore you must listen carefully

Q: what the speaker has said

R: in order to understand

S: will be made just once

The proper sequence should be

(a) S R P Q (b) S R Q P

(c) R S P Q (d) S P Q R

32. The small boy who

P: broke his leg

Q: fell down

R: and

S: climbed the wall

The proper sequence should be

(a) P S R Q (b) S Q R P

(c) Q S R P (d) S P R Q

33. According to an engineer

P: might hit the market next year

Q: a newly developed air-cooler system

R: if employed in conventional room coolers

S: which is based on a principle radically different from

The proper sequence should be

(a) S Q R P (b) R S Q P

(c) Q S R P (d) P Q R S

34. The clerk

P: on the desk

Q: left the money

R: in the safe

S: which he should have locked up

The proper sequence should be

(a) S R Q P (b) Q R S P

(c) P Q R S (d) Q P S R

35. Hardly had my brother descended from the plane

P: when the people

Q: waved and cheered

R: who had come to receive him

S: from the lounge

The proper sequence should be

(a) P Q R S (b) R S P Q

(c) R P Q S (d) P R S Q

36. The essay

P: like that of the human face

Q: because its variety is infinite

R: is a literary form

S: which is not easy to define

The proper sequence should be

(a) P Q R S (b) P Q S R

(c) R S Q P (d) R S P Q

37. The exhibition committee

P: attractive and useful

Q: to make exhibition

R: making efforts

S: has been

The proper sequence should be

(c) Q P S R

(d) S P Q R

Directions: Look at the underlined part of each sentence. Below each sentence are given three possible substitutions for the underlined part. If one of them (a), (b) or (c) is better than the underlined part, indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter (a), (b) or (c). If none of the substitutions improves the sentence, indicate (d) as your response on the Answer Sheet. Thus a "No Improvement" response will be signified by the letter (d).

38. My old teacher gave many poor students money in spite of he was poor.

(a) even though

(b) as if

(c) however

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

39. You **should to** read the newspapers regularly if you want to be well-informed.

(a) ought

(b) have to

(c) should be

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

40. If he **had listening to me** he would not have got lost.

(a) listened me

(b) listened to me

(c) listens me

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

41. He asked for a bank loan **also he didn't have sufficient resources.**

(a) because

(b) even if

(c) requiring

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

42. I went to the shop to buy some **stationeries.**

(a) stationery

(b) stationary

(c) stationaries

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

43. I have been waiting here **for the last two hours.**

(a) from

(b) since

(c) by

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

44. The table needs **to be painted.**

(a) paint

(b) painting

(c) having paint

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

45. It began to rain heavily just when I **prepare** to go out.

(a) prepared

(b) was preparing

(c) have prepared

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

46. The couple seemed to love **one another** very much.

(a) every other

(b) each

(c) each other

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

47. It is high time that we **did something.**

(a) had done

(b) would do

(c) have done

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

48. If I were a millionaire, I **would have helped the poor.**

(a) am capable of helping

(b) could have helped

(c) would help

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

49. The training programme was extended **for** a month.

(a) from

(b) until

(c) since

(d) NO IMPROVEMENT

by my sister.

- (a) what
- (b) that
- (c) whom
- (d) NO IMPROVEMENT

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Answers and Explanations

1. (B) — “habitual to drive a car” — *Habitual* is not followed by *to* + *verb*. We say in the habit of driving or accustomed to driving.
2. (A) — “Being a day of national mourning” — This creates a dangling construction, as if *the offices* were a day of mourning. Better: It being a day of national mourning, the offices were closed.
3. (A) — “If you are wanting to watch” — *Want* is normally a stative verb and is not used in the continuous here. Correct: If you want to watch...
4. (C) — “although I am advising him for a long time” — An action continuing for a long period requires the present perfect continuous. Correct: although I have been advising him for a long time.
5. (A) — “most essential” — *Essential* is an absolute adjective; most essential is generally considered redundant in such examination grammar. Correct: It is essential...
6. (D) No error — *I asked him what had brought him there* is grammatically correct.
7. (C) — Official key — The error is in “dare not to harm”: when *dare* functions as a modal, it takes the bare infinitive. Correct: dare not harm him. The supplied part-label formatting makes the exact segment mapping slightly unclear, so the official C is retained.
8. (B) — “are on strike for the last fifteen days” — For an action continuing from the past to the present, use *have been on strike*. Correct: *students have been on strike for the last fifteen days*.
9. (C) — *evidence* is normally uncountable.
10. (A) — “prefer coffee than tea” — The standard construction is *prefer X to Y*. Correct: *I prefer coffee to tea*.
11. (B) Generosity shown to guests — *Hospitality* means friendly and generous treatment of guests or visitors.
12. (A) Exorbitant — *Astronomical* figuratively means extremely or excessively high; *exorbitant* is the closest synonym.
13. (B) Suitable — *Appropriate* means suitable or proper for a particular purpose.
14. (A) Very fond of — *Enamoured of* means filled with love or admiration for; very fond of.
15. (C) Sensational reporting — *Yellow journalism* refers to sensationalized and often exaggerated reporting intended to attract attention.
16. (A) Acquitted — *Sentenced* means judicially punished after conviction; acquitted means declared not guilty.
17. (D) Extravagant — *Thrifty* means economical and careful with money; extravagant is the opposite.
18. (D) Seasoned — *Immature* means inexperienced or undeveloped; seasoned means experienced and mature.
19. (C) To conceal my plan — *Show my hand* means reveal one's intentions or plans; its opposite is to conceal them.
20. (D) Unwise — *Sagacious* means wise and possessing good judgment; *unwise* is its opposite.
21. (C) Pull through — *Pull through* means recover from a serious illness or difficult situation.
22. (A) With — The standard expression is beset with difficulties, meaning troubled by many difficulties.
23. (B) Contempt — One naturally feels contempt—strong disapproval or lack of respect—for people who are cruel to children.
24. (D) Amicable — An amicable settlement is one reached peacefully and in a friendly manner.
25. (B) Fallen out — *Fall out* means quarrel and cease to be friendly.
26. (A) Tedious — *Tedious* means boring, monotonous or tiresome, contrasting appropriately with *delightful jobs*.
27. (C) Negligence — Criminal negligence is the standard expression for serious failure to exercise reasonable care.
28. (C) Efficacy — *Efficacy* means effectiveness or ability to produce the intended result.
29. (D) Dynamic — A *dynamic* person is energetic, progressive and capable of bringing about change.
30. (C) Difference — A world of difference is an idiom meaning a very great difference.
31. (A) S–R–P–Q — Official key — The official answer is A. The printed fragments appear somewhat awkward; therefore the official sequence is retained rather than altering the key.
32. (B) S–Q–R–P — Correct: *The small boy who climbed the wall fell down and broke his leg*.
33. (C) Q–S–R–P — Correct flow: *According to an engineer, a newly developed air-cooler system which is based on a principle radically different from ... if employed in conventional room coolers might hit the market next year*.
34. (D) Q–P–S–R — Correct: *The clerk left the money on the desk which he should have locked up in the safe*.

descended from the plane when the people who had come to receive him from the lounge waved and cheered.

36. (C) R-S-Q-P — Correct: *The essay is a literary form which is not easy to define because its variety is infinite like that of the human face.*
37. (B) S-R-Q-P — Correct: *The exhibition committee has been making efforts to make exhibition attractive and useful.*
38. (A) Even though — *In spite of* cannot directly take a finite clause in this form. Correct: *My old teacher gave many poor students money even though he was poor.*
39. (B) Have to — According to the official key, *have to* correctly replaces *should to*. Correct: *You have to read the newspapers regularly...*
40. (B) Listened to me — The verb *listen* takes *to*. The complete conditional should read: *If he had listened to me, he would not have got lost.*
41. (A) Because — According to the official key, *because* is the intended conjunction connecting the clauses.
42. (A) Stationery — *Stationery* meaning writing materials is uncountable. Correct: *to buy some stationery.* *Stationary* means not moving.

correct because *for* expresses a duration. Correct: *I have been waiting here for the last two hours.*

44. (D) No improvement — *Needs to be painted* is already grammatically correct. (*Needs painting* is also possible.)
45. (B) Was preparing — The past continuous describes an action in progress when another action occurred. Correct: *It began to rain heavily just when I was preparing to go out.*
46. (C) Each other — According to the official key, *each other* is preferred for two persons: *The couple seemed to love each other very much.*
47. (D) No improvement — After *It is high time*, the simple past is conventionally used. Correct: *It is high time that we did something.*
48. (C) Would help — This is a second conditional referring to an unreal present situation: *If + past, would + base verb.* Correct: *If I were a millionaire, I would help the poor.*
49. (D) No improvement — *Extended for a month* correctly indicates the duration of the extension.
50. (B) That — According to the official key, *that* is the preferred substitution: *The painting that they were looking at was done by my sister.*