

NDA & NA EXAMINATION (I) 2017

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

Each of the following items in this section has a sentence with a blank space and four words or groups of words given after the sentence. Select whichever word or group of words you consider most appropriate for the blank space and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. I _____ you to be at the party this evening.
(a) look forward to (b) hope
(c) expect (d) think
2. When I met John yesterday, it was the first time I _____ him since Christmas.
(a) saw (b) have seen
(c) had seen (d) have been seeing
3. He _____ to listen to my arguments and walked away.
(a) denied (b) disliked
(c) prevented (d) refused
4. The flow of blood was so _____ that the patient died.
(a) intense (b) adequate
(c) profuse (d) extensive
5. You have never _____ me about your experiences in America.
(a) said (b) told
(c) explained (d) spoken
6. I always felt hungry _____ I heard the dinner bell.
(a) as much as (b) as well as
(c) as soon as (d) as close as
7. Although they took every precaution, they could not _____ the accident.
(a) defer (b) allow
(c) avoid (d) block
8. The ambitious nobleman _____ to marry the king's daughter.
(a) transpired (b) perspired
(c) aspired (d) expired

9. The dictator of that country was a monster of wickedness, insatiable in his _____ for blood and plunder.
(a) idea (b) vision
(c) lust (d) intention
10. Please don't give me any more, I have had _____.
(a) few (b) too little
(c) little (d) enough

Directions: In this section, each item consists of a sentence with a word underlined and is followed by four words. Select the word that is most opposite in meaning to the underlined word and indicate your response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

11. My first lecture in the classroom was a **fiasco**.
(a) success (b) joy
(c) fun (d) disaster
12. It was indeed **arduous** to cross streets in New York.
(a) pleasant (b) effortless
(c) interesting (d) risky
13. Unlike his brother, he is **affable**.
(a) reserved (b) gullible
(c) irritable (d) lovable
14. The birth of his child decidedly proved to be an **auspicious** event in his life.
(a) precious (b) ominous
(c) useless (d) unforgettable
15. The witness **corroborated** word for word the statement of the victim.
(a) accepted (b) confirmed
(c) denied (d) repeated

Directions: In this section, each item consists of a sentence with a word underlined and is followed by four words or groups of words. Select the word or group of words that is most similar in

response in the Answer Sheet accordingly.

16. It is unwise to **sever** diplomatic relations with a neighbouring country over small matters.
(a) engage (b) estrange
(c) cut off (d) twist
17. Bad tendencies are to be **countered** by good ones until all that is evil disappears.
(a) opposed (b) balanced
(c) reduced (d) bypassed
18. The police fired **indiscriminately** at the crowd, killing many innocent women and children.
(a) continuously
(b) without distinguishing
(c) foolishly
(d) rapidly
19. Businessmen who lack **acumen** cannot be expected to be very successful.
(a) fairness (b) sharpness
(c) boldness (d) righteousness
20. His **candid** opinions have won him many friends.
(a) kind (b) courteous
(c) generous (d) frank

Directions: In this section, 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).

21. I disliked him not so much for his meanness **BUT FOR** his dishonesty.
(a) as for (b) but because
(c) but due to (d) No improvement
22. He preferred death **RATHER THAN** imprisonment.
(a) for (b) to
(c) than (d) No improvement
23. They kept the idea **SECRETLY**.
(a) secretive (b) secret
(c) secretly (d) No improvement
24. He ought not **TO TELL** me your secret, but he did.
(a) telling (b) have told
(c) having told (d) No improvement
25. If I don't know the meaning of a word, **I LOOK IT AFTER** in the dictionary.

- (c) look it up (d) No improvement
26. Mr. and Mrs. Rao stay **IN THEIR HOME** every evening.
(a) at home
(b) inside home
(c) within their home
(d) No improvement
27. When we saw him last, he **RAN** to catch a bus.
(a) has run (b) had run
(c) was running (d) No improvement
28. She **CUT A SAD FIGURE** in her first performance on the stage.
(a) made a sorry figure
(b) cut a sorry face
(c) cut a sorry figure
(d) No improvement
29. Last evening I went to the optician and bought **SPECTACLES**.
(a) a spectacle
(b) two spectacles
(c) a pair of spectacles
(d) No improvement
30. I would like **TO AVAIL** a fifteen days' holiday this summer.
(a) to avail of (b) to avail myself of
(c) to avail myself (d) No improvement

Each item 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).

31. I can fly (a) / if I will be (b) / a bird (c) / No error (d)
32. As soon as (a) / the train arrived (b) / the passengers entered the compartments (c) / No error (d)
33. Never (a) / I have (b) / seen such a town (c) / No error (d)
34. He goes to his office (a) / by bicycle (b) / every day (c) / No error (d)
35. Far from being appreciated (a) / his conduct was discussed (b) / and sharply commented (c) / No error (d)

In this section, you have two short passages. Read the passages and answer the items that follow. You are required to select your answers based on the contents of the passage and opinion of the author only.

Passage – 1

order to hear the name of the station. As I was falling asleep again, a violent jolt shot me into the arms of somebody in the seat opposite. The engine with one wheel broken was lying across the track and beside it was the luggage van, likewise, derailed. Groaning, wheezing, gasping, sputtering in its death agony, the engine was like a fallen horse which, snorting, trembling in every limb, its flanks heaving, its chest labouring, seems incapable of making the smallest effort to struggle on to its legs again.

36. The author had roused himself as he wanted to
 (a) get off
 (b) meet someone
 (c) know the name of the station
 (d) keep himself awake
37. The engine stopped because
 (a) the driver had stopped it
 (b) one of the wheels was broken
 (c) there was a halting place
 (d) there was no fuel
38. The engine is compared to a fallen horse because
 (a) it was groaning like a horse
 (b) it was lying across the track
 (c) it could make no effort to stand upright
 (d) it had a broken wheel

Passage – 2

I was beginning to tire a little now. I had been cutting steps continuously for two hours, and Tenzing, too, was moving very slowly. As I chipped steps around still another corner, I wondered rather dully just how long we could keep it up. Our original zest had now quite gone and it was turning more into a grim struggle. I then realised that the ridge ahead, instead of still monotonously rising, now dropped sharply away, and far below I could see the North Col and Rongbuk glacier. I looked upwards to see a narrow ridge running up to a snowy summit. A few more whacks of the ice-axe in the firm snow and we stood on top.

39. Which of the following is the most appropriate description of the area in which the narrator had been moving?
 (a) A steep rocky slope
 (b) A peak with a flight of steps
 (c) A high peak covered with snow
 (d) A long ridge
40. 'I had been cutting steps continuously for two hours' suggests that
 (a) the climber was unskilled in the art of making steps
 (b) he had to cut the steps out of snow before

(c) the slowness was caused by the fact that as soon as he cut the steps they were again covered with snow

(d) he had to work suspended from a ledge

41. 'It was turning more into a grim struggle' would mean
 (a) that after the long exertion he was feeling so weak that any further climbing meant a hard struggle with the forces of nature
 (b) that Tenzing was making the task more difficult
 (c) that strong cold wind was pushing him down from above and that he had to struggle with the forces of nature
 (d) that he was in a mood to give up ultimately

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 re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence and mark your response accordingly.

42.

P: Farm workers

Q: spend

R: outdoors

S: most of their time

The proper sequence should be

- (a) P Q R S (b) P R Q S
 (c) P Q S R (d) R P Q S

43.

P: He

Q: shuffled the papers

R: in a drawer

S: together

The proper sequence should be

- (a) P Q S R (b) P Q R S
 (c) P S Q R (d) R S P Q

44.

P: Do you think

Q: will

R: this soap

S: shrink woollen clothes?

The proper sequence should be

- (a) P Q R S (b) P R Q S
 (c) Q R P S (d) Q P R S

45.

P: We advised

Q: the hijackers to surrender

R: to the police

S: themselves

The proper sequence should be

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

46.

P: Sports cars

Q: appeal

R: to some motorists only

S: with noisy exhausts

The proper sequence should be

- (a) R Q S P (b) P S Q R
(c) R S P Q (d) P Q S R

47.

P: He

Q: almost

R: planned the entire strategy of operation

S: single-handed

The proper sequence should be

- (a) R S P Q (b) P R Q S
(c) S Q R P (d) Q P S R

48.

P: She has

Q: more

S: than we suspected her to possess

The proper sequence should be

- (a) P Q S R (b) P R Q S
(c) P S Q R (d) P Q R S

49.

P: They

Q: should implant

R: in the minds of young children

S: sound principles

The proper sequence should be

- (a) P Q R S (b) P Q S R
(c) R P Q S (d) P R Q S

50.

P: When I was a student

Q: I learnt swimming at the age of 15

R: of class X

S: in a government school

The proper sequence should be

- (a) P Q R S (b) P R Q S
(c) Q P R S (d) Q S P R

Answers and Explanations

- (C) Expect — *Expect someone to do something* is the correct construction.
Correct: *I expect you to be at the party this evening.*
- (C) Saw — "*the first time I had seen him since Christmas*"
- (D) Refused — Refuse to + verb is the correct construction.
Correct: *He refused to listen to my arguments.*
- (C) Profuse — *Profuse bleeding* means very heavy or abundant bleeding.
- (B) Told — We tell someone about something.
Correct: *You have never told me about your experiences...*
- (C) As soon as — It means immediately when.
Correct: *I always felt hungry as soon as I heard the dinner bell.*
- (C) Avoid — To avoid an accident means to prevent oneself from becoming involved in it.
- (C) Aspired — *Aspire to* means to strongly desire or aim to achieve something.
Correct: *The ambitious nobleman aspired to marry the king's daughter.*
- (C) Lust — Lust for blood means an intense and cruel desire for bloodshed.
- (D) Enough — The natural expression is *I have had enough*, meaning no more is wanted.
- (A) Success — *Fiasco* means a complete failure; its opposite is success.
- (B) Effortless — *Arduous* means difficult and requiring great effort; effortless is the opposite.
- (A) Reserved — *Affable* means friendly and easy to talk to; reserved means restrained or less sociable.
- (B) Ominous — *Auspicious* means favourable or promising success; ominous means threatening or suggesting something bad.
- (C) Denied — *Corroborated* means confirmed or supported; *denied* is the opposite.
- (C) Cut off — *Sever* means to cut off, break or terminate. Here it means terminating diplomatic relations.
- (A) Opposed — *Countered* means opposed or acted against.
- (B) Without distinguishing — *Indiscriminately* means without making distinctions or choosing carefully.
- (B) Sharpness — *Acumen* means the ability to make quick and intelligent judgments; mental sharpness.
- (D) Frank — *Candid* means honest, straightforward and frank.
- (A) As for — The correct correlative construction is not so much...as...
Correct: *I disliked him not so much for his meanness as for his dishonesty.*
- (B) To — Prefer X to Y is the standard construction.
Correct: *He preferred death to imprisonment.*

- is required as object complement.
Correct: *They kept the idea secret.*
24. (B) Have told — For an unfulfilled past obligation, use ought not to have + past participle.
Correct: *He ought not to have told me your secret...*
25. (C) Look it up — Look up a word means to search for its meaning in a dictionary.
26. (A) At home — Stay at home is the standard idiomatic expression.
27. (C) Was running — The action was in progress when they saw him.
Correct: *When we saw him last, he was running to catch a bus.*
28. (C) Cut a sorry figure — Cut a sorry figure means to make a poor or unimpressive appearance.
29. (C) A pair of spectacles — *Spectacles* consists of two connected lenses and is conventionally counted as a pair of spectacles.
30. (B) To avail myself of — Avail oneself of something means to make use of it.
Correct: *I would like to avail myself of a fifteen days' holiday...*
31. (B) "if I will be" — In this hypothetical construction, *will be* is inappropriate.
Correct sense: *I can fly if I am/were a bird.*
32. (D) No error — *As soon as the train arrived, the passengers entered the compartments* is grammatically correct.
33. (B) "I have" — When never begins a sentence for emphasis, subject-auxiliary inversion is required.
Correct: *Never have I seen such a town.*
34. (D) No error — *He goes to his office by bicycle every day* is correct.
35. (C) "and sharply commented" — The verb *comment* normally requires on/upon an object.
Correct: *his conduct was discussed and sharply commented upon.*
36. (C) Know the name of the station — The author explicitly says he roused himself "in order to hear the name of the station."
37. (B) One of the wheels was broken — The passage states that the engine was lying across the track with one wheel broken.
38. (C) It could make no effort to stand upright — The engine is compared to a fallen horse seemingly incapable of struggling onto its legs again.
39. (C) A high peak covered with snow — The description of cutting steps, ice-axe use and
- were on a high snow-covered peak.
40. (B) He had to cut the steps out of snow before climbing up, which was necessarily a slow process — Cutting footholds in the snow was necessary for progress and made the ascent slow.
41. (A) Further climbing meant a hard struggle — After prolonged exertion, their initial enthusiasm had disappeared and climbing had become a grim physical struggle.
42. (C) P–Q–S–R
Correct: Farm workers spend most of their time outdoors.
43. (A) P–Q–S–R
Correct: He shuffled the papers together in a drawer.
44. (B) P–R–Q–S
Correct: Do you think this soap will shrink woollen clothes?
45. (C) P–Q–S–R
Correct: We advised the hijackers to surrender themselves to the police.
46. (B) P–S–Q–R
Correct: Sports cars with noisy exhausts appeal to some motorists only.
47. (B) P–R–Q–S
Correct: He planned the entire strategy of operation almost single-handed.
48. (D) P–Q–R–S
Correct: She has more intelligence than we suspected her to possess.
49. (B) P–Q–S–R
Correct: They should implant sound principles in the minds of young children.
50. (C) Q–P–R–S — According to the official key. With the fragments as printed, this produces an awkward construction; therefore the official keyed answer (C) is retained rather than silently altering it.