

NDA & NA EXAMINATION (II) 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

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by four options. Select the option that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

1. The discussion was **WOUND UP** after a long and fruitful exchange of views.
(a) postponed (b) cut short
(c) interrupted (d) concluded
2. He was fully **ALIVE TO** the need for making adjustments.
(a) concerned about (b) worried about
(c) aware of (d) indifferent about
3. The police officer tried to **INTIMIDATE** the witness but in vain.
(a) inform (b) reward
(c) frighten (d) persuade
4. We must adopt **DRASTIC** measures to control population growth.
(a) simple (b) dramatic
(c) realistic (d) severe
5. He is extremely **METICULOUS** in his approach.
(a) simple (b) careful
(c) fair (d) reasonable
6. The expert's **MINUTE** examination brought to light some important clues.
(a) quick (b) detailed
(c) superficial (d) prolonged
7. The decision of the Union Government to **REPEAL** the Urban Land Ceiling Act has been welcomed by all.
(a) suppress (b) amend
(c) cancel (d) withhold
8. This is his **MAIDEN** appearance on the screen.
(a) first (b) last
(c) girlish (d) shy

9. At the end of the marathon everybody was **EXHAUSTED**.

(a) weakened (b) honoured
(c) satisfied (d) tired

10. He gave me a **COUNTERFEIT** coin.

(a) rare (b) fake
(c) unatured (d) inferior

Directions: Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word/words followed by four options. Select the option that is opposite in meaning to the underlined word/words and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

11. My mother has been working hard for the last two weeks and she looks **RUN DOWN**.
(a) morbid (b) energetic
(c) exhausted (d) emotional
12. The President condemned the act of **VIOLENCE** during the celebration of the festival.
(a) reason (b) instigation
(c) restraint (d) sobriety
13. The students made a **GENEROUS** contribution to the flood relief fund.
(a) niggard (b) selfish
(c) spendthrift (d) indecent
14. He was just **IDLE** by temperament.
(a) employed (b) occupied
(c) industrious (d) happy
15. Most of the decisions taken by the officer were **UNJUST**.
(a) serious (b) lenient
(c) correct (d) imbecile
16. He is a loving father and takes great **DELIGHT** in his children.
(a) revolt (b) dissatisfaction
(c) enjoyment (d) disgust
17. He was quite **CONCERNED** about his son's career.

- (c) dispassionate (d) carefree
18. They are **CONFIDENT** of success.
 (a) imprudent (b) impatient
 (c) diffident (d) reluctant
19. We **CARRIED ON** the search for the missing person.
 (a) delayed (b) reconsidered
 (c) broke up (d) called off
20. This T.V. has many **INDIGENOUS** components.
 (a) Indian (b) foreign
 (c) unnatural (d) genuine

Directions: In the following passage, at certain points you are given a choice of four words marked (a), (b), (c) and (d), one of which fits the meaning of the passage. Choose the best word out of the four. Mark the letter, viz., (a), (b), (c) or (d), relating to this word on your Answer Sheet. Example K and L have been solved for you.

Explanation: Out of the list given in item K, only, 'boy' is the correct answer because usually, a boy, and not a horse, a dog or a cow, attends school. So '(a)' is to be marked on the Answer Sheet for item K. A boy is usually referred to as 'he', so for item L, '(c)' is the correct answer. Notice that to solve the first item K you have to read the rest of the sentence and then see what fits best.

Passage

After this incident I went to Nainital, and returned after nearly a month. I had 21. _____ 22. _____ my clothes when I saw Gangu standing 23. _____ a new baby. He was 24. _____ with joy. Even Nanda 25. _____ not have 26. _____ such joy 27. _____ getting Krishna. His face had the same 28. _____ light that 29. _____ on the face of a 30. _____ man after a full meal.

21. (a) hardly (b) barely
 (c) merely (d) rarely
22. (a) out (b) away
 (c) off (d) on
23. (a) by (b) near
 (c) with (d) at
24. (a) jumping (b) bursting
 (c) dancing (d) singing
25. (a) could (b) would
 (c) should (d) ought
26. (a) experimented (b) shown
 (c) felt (d) heard
27. (a) at (b) in
 (c) on (d) into
28. (a) light (b) glow
 (c) sense (d) hope

- (c) rises (d) shows
30. (a) starved (b) starving
 (c) hungry (d) satisfied

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

31. The spirit of man

P: has slowly and painfully surmounted

Q: and his growing intelligence

R: all the obstacles that have come in his way

S: has faced all kinds of dangers

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

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

32. After our school boys had won a well-contested hockey match

P: so that they might communicate the news of their victory to the headmaster

Q: who is a keen sportsman

R: they came to school in high spirits

S: and takes a very lively interest in school games

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

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

33. Even a leisurely game like cricket

P: demanding grace rather than strength

Q: and over the rough tactics of the Australian team that visited England in 1921

R: as we saw in the controversy over body-line bowling

S: can cause much ill-will

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

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

34. Scientists point out

P: of sunspot activity

Q: that it is an aftermath that

R: has now reached its peak

S: of the eleven-year cycle

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

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

35. As the ship steams from San Diego

P: as swells of gray water from a distant storm in the North Pacific

Q: making the greener among us miserable with sea sickness

R: rock and toss the ship

S: those of us aboard have a personal

demonstration of powerful ocean movement

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

Directions: 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).

36. An electrical circuit / is the complete path / traversed by electric current. / No error
(a) An electrical circuit
(b) is the complete path
(c) traversed by electric current.
(d) No error
37. He waved us a by-by / as he boarded the train / which disappeared into the tunnel. / No error
(a) He waved us a by-by
(b) as he boarded the train
(c) which disappeared into the tunnel.
(d) No error
38. There was great deal that had to be scrapped, that must be scrapped; / but surely India could not have been what she undoubtedly was, / and could not have continued a cultured existence for thousands of years. / No error
(a) There was great deal that had to be scrapped, that must be scrapped;
(b) but surely India could not have been what she undoubtedly was,
(c) and could not have continued a cultured existence for thousands of years.
(d) No error
39. With regard to interior decoration, it is the attention given to the less overt aspects of using space / that give it life, an identity, a quality / that makes it exciting and unusual. / No error
(a) With regard to interior decoration, it is the attention given to the less overt aspects of using space
(b) that give it life, an identity, a quality
(c) that makes it exciting and unusual.
(d) No error

No error

- (a) A small parcel (b) of novels is
(c) better than none. (d) No error

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

41. He looks as if he _____ weary.
(a) is (b) was
(c) would be (d) were
42. My house is insured _____ theft and fire.
(a) for (b) against
(c) in (d) towards
43. The result of the prolonged discussion was _____.
(a) disappointment (b) disappointing
(c) disappointed (d) to disappoint
44. You are lucky _____ in the 20th century.
(a) by being born (b) to have been born
(c) for being born (d) to have born
45. Sita is true to _____.
(a) word (b) her words
(c) the words (d) words
46. Years _____ since I saw her last.
(a) have passed (b) had passed
(c) had been passing (d) have been passing
47. When he heard the terrible noise he asked me what was _____ on.
(a) happening (b) being
(c) getting (d) going
48. Could you lend me some money? I am very _____ of cash at the moment.
(a) down (b) low
(c) short (d) scarce
49. I saw her when she was standing _____ the side of the old statue.
(a) by (b) at
(c) in (d) beyond
50. True friends never _____ their loved ones in adversity.
(a) abuse (b) criticize
(c) befool (d) desert

Answers and Explanations

- (D) Concluded — *Wound up* means brought to an end or concluded.
- (C) Aware of — *Alive to* means fully aware or conscious of something.
- (C) Frighten — *Intimidate* means to frighten or threaten someone into submission.
- (D) Severe — *Drastic* means severe, extreme or forceful, especially regarding measures or action.
- (B) Careful — *Meticulous* means extremely careful and attentive to details.
- (B) Detailed — *Minute* here means very detailed and thorough.

8. (A) First — *Maiden* used attributively means first, as in *maiden appearance*.
9. (D) Tired — *Exhausted* means extremely tired.
10. (B) Fake — *Counterfeit* means made in imitation of something genuine; fake.
11. (B) Energetic — *Run down* means tired, weak or exhausted; energetic is the opposite.
12. (D) Sobriety — *Violence* implies violent or uncontrolled behaviour, while *sobriety* can suggest calm, restrained behaviour.
13. (A) Niggard — *Generous* means liberal in giving; niggard/niggardly means miserly or ungenerous.
14. (C) Industrious — *Idle* means lazy or inactive; industrious means hardworking.
15. (C) Correct — *Unjust* means unfair or wrong; among the given options, correct is the keyed opposite.
16. (D) Disgust — *Delight* means great pleasure; disgust expresses strong dislike or aversion.
17. (B) Indifferent — *Concerned* means interested or worried; indifferent means having no particular interest or concern.
18. (C) Diffident — *Confident* means self-assured; diffident means lacking confidence.
19. (D) Called off — *Carried on* means continued; called off means stopped or cancelled.
20. (B) Foreign — *Indigenous* means native or locally produced; foreign is the opposite.
21. (B) Barely — *I had barely...* means I had only just..., indicating that Gangu appeared almost immediately.
22. (C) Off — The natural expression is take off one's clothes. → *I had barely taken off my clothes...*
23. (C) With — Gangu was standing with a new baby.
24. (B) Bursting — The idiomatic expression is bursting with joy, meaning extremely happy.
25. (A) Could — *Even Nanda could not have...* correctly expresses comparison with an imagined degree of joy.
26. (C) Felt — One feels joy. → *could not have felt** such joy...*
27. (A) At — The keyed construction is at getting Krishna, indicating the cause of the joy.
28. (B) Glow — *Glow* means a visible expression of happiness or satisfaction on one's face.
29. (B) Appears — A glow appears on the face of a satisfied person.
30. (A) Starved — A starved man after a full meal would naturally show intense satisfaction.
31. (B) S-Q-P-R
Correct sentence:
The spirit of man has faced all kinds of dangers and his growing intelligence has slowly and painfully surmounted all the obstacles that have come in his way.
32. (C) R-P-Q-S
Correct sentence:
After our school boys had won a well-contested hockey match, they came to school in high spirits so that they might communicate the news of their victory to the headmaster, who is a keen sportsman and takes a very lively interest in school games.
33. (A) P-S-R-Q
Correct sentence:
*Even a leisurely game like cricket,
*demanding grace rather than strength, can cause much ill-will, as we saw in the controversy over body-line bowling and over the rough tactics of the Australian team that visited England in 1921.
34. (D) Q-S-P-R
Correct sentence:
Scientists point out that it is an aftermath of the eleven-year cycle of sunspot activity that has now reached its peak.
35. (C) S-P-R-Q
Correct sentence:
As the ship steams from San Diego, those of us aboard have a personal demonstration of powerful ocean movement as swells of gray water from a distant storm in the North Pacific rock and toss the ship, making the greener among us miserable with sea sickness.
36. (D) No error — *An electrical circuit is the complete path traversed by electric current* is grammatically correct.
37. (A) "He waved us a by-by" — The expression is incorrect. One normally waves goodbye to someone.
Correct: *He waved goodbye to us**...*
38. (A) — "There was great deal..." requires the article a.
Correct: *There was a great deal** that had to be scrapped...*
39. (B) "that give it life" — The antecedent is singular: *attention*. Therefore, the verb should be gives.
Correct: *...the attention ... that gives it life...*
40. (D) No error — *A small parcel of novels is better than none* is grammatically acceptable.
41. (D) Were — After *as if* for an unreal or hypothetical condition, the subjunctive *were* is appropriate. → *He looks as if he were** weary.*

- *My house is insured against* theft and fire.**
43. (B) Disappointing —
The result causes disappointment, so the -ing adjective is required. → *The result ... was disappointing*.**
44. (B) To have been born —
The perfect infinitive refers to the completed past event of being born.
→ *You are lucky to have been born in the 20th century.*
45. (B) Her words —
According to the official key, the answer is (B).
The intended meaning is that Sita remains faithful to what she has said.
Note: In standard idiomatic English, "true to her word" would normally be preferred, but that exact option is not given.

- present, the present perfect is appropriate.
→ *Years have passed** since I saw her last.*
47. (D) Going — What is going on? is the standard expression meaning *what is happening?* → *He asked me what was going on.*
48. (C) Short — Short of cash means not having enough money.
→ *I am very short of cash at the moment.*
49. (A) By — By the side of means beside or next to. → *She was standing by the side of the old statue.*
50. (D) — Desert