

NDA & NA EXAMINATION (I) 2022

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 has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to determine 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. A company of five thousand soldiers, / having marched tirelessly for over five days, / have just moved into their cantonment. / No error
(a) A company of five thousand soldiers,
(b) having marched tirelessly for over five days,
(c) have just moved into their cantonment.
(d) No error
 2. Every person who believes in principles / must stand up to fight / for their convictions. / No error
(a) Every person who believes in principles
(b) must stand up to fight
(c) for their convictions.
(d) No error
 3. The Olympic Games reflects / the highest spirit of / human endeavour and achievement. / No error
(a) The Olympic Games reflects
(b) the highest spirit of
(c) human endeavour and achievement.
(d) No error
 4. The principal of the school / stressed the need for discipline / amongst the students. / No error
(a) The principal of the school
(b) stressed the need for discipline
(c) amongst the students.
(d) No error
 5. Failure is the stepping stone to success; / however, successive failures are not / successive stepping stones to success. / No error
(a) Failure is the stepping stone to success;
(b) however, successive failures are not
(c) successive stepping stones to success.
(d) No error
 6. India's strengths are / its diversity of culture and / the spirit of tolerance in it's people. / No error
(a) India's strengths are
(b) its diversity of culture and
(c) the spirit of tolerance in it's people.
(d) No error
 7. Once considered ninth planet of the solar system, / Pluto is today listed as the / largest dwarf planet of the solar system. / No error
(a) Once considered ninth planet of the solar system,
(b) Pluto is today listed as the
(c) largest dwarf planet of the solar system.
(d) No error
 8. The greatest glory in life / is to be able to realize ones dreams and ambitions / without trampling on those of others. / No error
(a) The greatest glory in life
(b) is to be able to realize ones dreams and ambitions
(c) without trampling on those of others.
(d) No error
 9. To be able to manage one's / anger is a reflection of an individual's / psychological maturity. / No error
(a) To be able to manage one's
(b) anger is a reflection of an individual's
(c) psychological maturity.
(d) No error
 10. A honest mistake / is no more than that; / just an honest mistake. / No error
(a) A honest mistake
(b) is no more than that;
(c) just an honest mistake.
(d) No error
- Directions:** Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings to each. Choose the most appropriate answer from among the options (a), (b), (c) and (d).
11. Counting your chickens
(a) confident of success
(b) greedily accumulating wealth
(c) being careful about spending money
(d) getting scared because of danger

- (a) baked food that is delicate and delicious with a topping
- (b) extra benefit over and above an already good deal
- (c) getting what you asked for
- (d) more than what is needed

13. A stitch in time

- (a) tailoring one's efforts efficiently
- (b) making an effort to succeed
- (c) inability to take timely decision
- (d) timely action that prevents a negative outcome

14. At sixes and sevens

- (a) on top of the situation
- (b) state of denial
- (c) state of total confusion
- (d) well-planned and prepared

15. Talking twenty to the dozen

- (a) talking hurriedly and rapidly
- (b) talking too much
- (c) talking without making sense
- (d) talking out of turn

16. Under the weather

- (a) walking in the rain
- (b) controlled by the elements
- (c) browbeaten by the heat
- (d) unwell

17. To sit on the fence

- (a) to act promptly
- (b) to be lazy
- (c) to be undecided
- (d) to sit without doing anything

18. Once in a blue moon

- (a) romantic moment
- (b) occasionally
- (c) rarely
- (d) often

19. Through thick and thin

- (a) in genuine friendship
- (b) through the best of everything
- (c) among people both fat and slim
- (d) through difficult times

20. Like chalk and cheese

- (a) very different from each other
- (b) without any blemish
- (c) pure white in colour
- (d) very like each other

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.

21.

Q: there are many ways of dealing

R: with them without excessive argumentation

S: with intransigent customers

The correct sequence should be:

(a) QPRS (b) QSPR

(c) PSQR (d) RSQP

22.

P: in the years following

Q: India achieved remarkable economic development

R: liberalization in the year 1991

S: the landmark reforms inaugurated via

The correct sequence should be:

(a) PQRS (b) PRSQ

(c) SPRQ (d) QPSR

23.

P: was the victory secured by the women's hockey team

Q: in the arena of sport, perhaps

R: against Australia in the Tokyo Olympics

S: the greatest moment in Indian Olympic history

The correct sequence should be:

(a) SPQR (b) RPQS

(c) QSPR (d) QRPS

24.

P: in terms of GDP and GNP,

Q: for gauging the success of a nation

R: which are the two major determinants

S: economic progress is determined

The correct sequence should be:

(a) SQRP (b) RPQS

(c) SPRQ (d) QRPS

25.

P: with the aplomb of a stage artist,

Q: that they are not men of straw

R: they can twist and shake their wobbly heads

S: mesmerizing the gullible into believing

The correct sequence should be:

(a) PRQS (b) RPSQ

(c) SPQR (d) QRPS

26.

P: of its rain-soaked verdure

Q: and on the other there are

R: on the one hand there is the immense beauty

S: the artifacts of its visible modernity

The correct sequence should be:

(a) PRQS (b) QRSP

(c) SPQR (d) RPQS

27.

P: are often rooted

Q: the causes

R: of extreme poverty

S: in the inequalities of social systems

- (a) QRPS (b) QRSP
(c) SRQP (d) SRPQ

28.

P: a person by the way

Q: he behaves and

R: you must judge

S: not by the way he looks

The correct sequence should be:

- (a) RPQS (b) QRSP
(c) RSQP (d) QPSR

29.

P: to the greatest number of people

Q: that causes the least discomfort

R: whenever in doubt

S: always opt for the option

The correct sequence should be:

- (a) RQPS (b) QRSP
(c) RSQP (d) QPSR

30.

P: brought by bad times

Q: against the despondency

R: our greatest defence

S: faith and belief are

The correct sequence should be:

- (a) RQPS (b) SRQP
(c) RSQP (d) QPRS

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

31. He is essentially a **CRUDE** person.

- (a) coarse (b) refined
(c) eager (d) balanced

32. His **CONFIDENCE** is high.

- (a) diffidence (b) eagerness
(c) steadfastness (d) endurance

33. His **INTEGRITY** is noticed.

- (a) skilfulness (b) ability
(c) dependability (d) dishonesty

34. She is a **BENEVOLENT** individual.

- (a) clever (b) muddled
(c) malevolent (d) ambivalent

35. His **SARTORIAL** manner is judged.

- (a) unstylish (b) uncompromising
(c) common (d) crude

36. This piece of art is **AUTHENTIC**.

- (a) genuine (b) expensive
(c) rare (d) fake

- (a) cloudburst (b) drought
(c) deforestation (d) drizzle

38. His **DEDICATION** is known to all.

- (a) clarity (b) hostility
(c) apathy (d) anger

39. His **PERSPICACITY** was remarkable.

- (a) smartness (b) dullness
(c) dedication (d) deviousness

40. He has a **PENCHANT** for spicy food.

- (a) tendency (b) affinity
(c) fear (d) dislike

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

41. After a good meal, it is important to pay a

COMPLIMENT to the chef.

- (a) tip (b) praise
(c) admonish (d) revile

42. His work is **LAUDABLE**.

- (a) praiseworthy (b) laughable
(c) bold (d) loud

43. Raj is a **COMPETENT** carpenter.

- (a) capable (b) exceptional
(c) inept (d) clumsy

44. He is **DILIGENT** in submitting assignments.

- (a) dilly-dallying (b) procrastinating
(c) intelligent (d) conscientious

45. He appears to be **RETICENT**.

- (a) expansive (b) jolly
(c) silent (d) withdrawn

46. He is always **JOVIAL**.

- (a) cheerful (b) callous
(c) garrulous (d) credulous

47. Mohan remains **MOROSE** these days.

- (a) introspective (b) generous
(c) chirpy (d) sullen

48. He was a **RELUCTANT** learner.

- (a) enthusiastic (b) eager
(c) unwilling (d) fearful

49. Amit is **OPTIMISTIC** about the prospects of his investments.

- (a) pessimistic (b) uncaring
(c) carefree (d) sanguine

50. Sachin is very **COOPERATIVE** by nature.

- (a) compliant (b) covert
(c) complacent (d) conniving

Answers and Explanations

1. (C) have just moved into their cantonment — The subject is "A company", which is singular. Therefore, *have* should be *has*.
Correct: A company of five thousand soldiers has just moved into its cantonment.
2. (C) for their convictions — *Every person* is treated as singular in the traditional agreement tested here. Hence, his/her conviction(s) is expected instead of *their convictions*.
3. (A) The Olympic Games reflects — *The Olympic Games* takes a plural verb.
Correct: The Olympic Games reflect the highest spirit of human endeavour and achievement.
4. (D) No Error — The sentence is grammatically acceptable. *Amongst* is a correct variant of *among*.
5. (D) No Error — The sentence is grammatically correct. *Successive* appropriately means following one after another.
6. (C) the spirit of tolerance in it's people — It's means *it is/it has*. The possessive form is *its*.
Correct: the spirit of tolerance in its people.
7. (A) Once considered ninth planet of the solar system — A definite article is required.
Correct: Once considered the ninth planet of the solar system...
8. (B) is to be able to realize ones dreams and ambitions — The possessive pronoun requires an apostrophe: *one's*, not *ones*.
Correct: to realize one's dreams and ambitions.
9. (D) No Error — *One's anger* and *an individual's psychological maturity* are grammatically correct.
10. (A) A honest mistake — *Honest* begins with a vowel sound because *h* is silent. Therefore, *an* is required.
Correct: An honest mistake...
11. (A) Confident of success — *Counting your chickens* refers to assuming or expecting success before it has actually happened, from the expression *count your chickens before they hatch*.
12. (B) Extra benefit over and above an already good deal — *The icing on the cake* means an additional advantage that makes an already good situation even better.
13. (D) Timely action that prevents a negative outcome — *A stitch in time* refers to taking prompt action to prevent a problem from becoming worse.
14. (C) State of total confusion — *At sixes and sevens* means in a confused, disorganised or disorderly state.
15. (A) Talking hurriedly and rapidly — *Talking nineteen/twenty to the dozen* means talking very quickly and continuously.
16. (D) Unwell — *Under the weather* means feeling ill or slightly unwell.
17. (C) To be undecided — *Sit on the fence* means to avoid making a decision or choosing between two sides.
18. (C) Rarely — *Once in a blue moon* means very rarely or almost never.
19. (D) Through difficult times — *Through thick and thin* means through all circumstances, particularly difficulties and hardships.
20. (A) Very different from each other — *Like chalk and cheese* describes two people or things that are completely different.
21. (B) Q-S-P-R —
Correct sentence: "There are many ways of dealing with intransigent customers, but perhaps the best way is to agree with them without excessive argumentation."
22. (D) Q-P-S-R —
Correct sentence: "India achieved remarkable economic development in the years following the landmark reforms inaugurated via liberalization in the year 1991."
23. (C) Q-S-P-R —
Correct sentence: "In the arena of sport, perhaps the greatest moment in Indian Olympic history was the victory secured by the women's hockey team against Australia in the Tokyo Olympics."
24. (C) S-P-R-Q —
Correct sentence: "Economic progress is determined in terms of GDP and GNP, which are the two major determinants for gauging the success of a nation."
25. (B) R-P-S-Q —
Correct sentence: "They can twist and shake their wobbly heads with the aplomb of a stage artist, mesmerizing the gullible into believing that they are not men of straw."
26. (D) R-P-Q-S —
Correct sentence: "On the one hand there is the immense beauty of its rain-soaked verdure, and on the other there are the artifacts of its visible modernity."

Correct sentence: "The causes of extreme poverty are often rooted in the inequalities of social systems."

28. (A) R-P-Q-S —

Correct sentence: "You must judge a person by the way he behaves and not by the way he looks."

29. (C) R-S-Q-P —

Correct sentence: "Whenever in doubt, always opt for the option that causes the least discomfort to the greatest number of people."

30. (B) S-R-Q-P —

Correct sentence: "Faith and belief are our greatest defence against the despondency brought by bad times."

31. (B) Refined — *Crude* means rough, coarse or lacking sophistication. *Refined* is its opposite.

32. (A) Diffidence — *Confidence* means self-assurance, whereas *diffidence* means lack of confidence or excessive shyness.

33. (D) Dishonesty — *Integrity* means honesty and strong moral principles. Its direct opposite is *dishonesty*.

34. (C) Malevolent — *Benevolent* means kind and well-meaning; *malevolent* means wishing harm or evil to others.

35. (A) Unstylish — *Sartorial* relates to dress, clothing and style of dressing. In the given context, *unstylish* provides the intended opposite.

36. (D) Fake — *Authentic* means genuine or real; *fake* is its direct opposite.

37. (B) Drought — *Deluge* means a severe flood or an enormous amount of water. *Drought*, a prolonged absence of rainfall, is the opposite.

commitment and devotion. *Apathy* means lack of interest or enthusiasm.

39. (B) Dullness — *Perspicacity* means sharpness of understanding or mental insight. *Dullness* is the opposite.

40. (D) Dislike — *Penchant* means a strong liking or inclination for something. Its opposite is *dislike*.

41. (B) Praise — A *compliment* is an expression of praise, admiration or approval.

42. (A) Praiseworthy — *Laudable* means deserving praise or commendation.

43. (A) Capable — *Competent* means having the necessary ability or skill to do something successfully; *capable* is the closest synonym.

44. (D) Conscientious — *Diligent* means careful, hardworking and persistent in one's duties. *Conscientious* is the nearest option.

45. (D) Withdrawn — *Reticent* means reserved, restrained or unwilling to speak freely. *Withdrawn* is the closest option in the given context.

46. (A) Cheerful — *Jovial* means cheerful, friendly and good-humoured.

47. (D) Sullen — *Morose* means gloomy, ill-tempered or sullen.

48. (C) Unwilling — *Reluctant* means unwilling or hesitant to do something.

49. (D) Sanguine — *Sanguine* means optimistic or hopeful, especially about a future outcome.

50. (A) Compliant — *Cooperative* means willing to help, work with others or comply; *compliant* is the nearest option provided.