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Day and Date : Tuesday, 09/09/2025**Total Marks : 100****Time : 04.00 pm to 06.00 pm**

Instructions:

- 1) All questions are compulsory.
 - 2) Each question carries 2 mark.
 - 3) Answers should be marked in the given OMR answer sheet by darkening the appropriate option.
 - 4) Follow the instructions given on OMR sheet.
 - 5) Rough work shall be done on the sheet provided at the end of question paper.
 - 6) Only non-programmable calculators are allowed.
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1. Which of the following CANNOT be the motivation for Research?
 - a. Desire to get a research degree and its consequential benefits
 - b. Desire to solve the unsolved problems
 - c. Desire to get intellectual joy
 - d. Desire to criticize the earlier studies
2. Whereas the qualitative research is concerned with phenomena relating to or involving quality, kind, the quantitative research deals with the measurement of
 - a. data
 - b. basics
 - c. quantity
 - d. sources

3. What is plagiarism in research?
 - a. A citation style for referencing books
 - b. The act of misrepresenting others' work as one's own
 - c. A statistical method
 - d. A method of collecting primary data
4. The main concern of research is generalisation and formulation of a theory.
 - a. applied
 - b. fundamental
 - c. qualitative
 - d. longitudinal
5. The research related to some ideas or theory and generally used by philosophers and thinkers to develop a concept is research.
 - a. Empirical
 - b. applied
 - c. qualitative
 - d. conceptual
6. The purpose of research is to describe the state of affairs as it exists at present.
 - a. Empirical
 - b. applied
 - c. descriptive
 - d. conceptual
7. In research ethics, informed consent involves:
 - a. Allowing participants to take part in the research without full knowledge
 - b. Not disclosing the research objectives to avoid influencing participants
 - c. Clearly informing participants about the purpose, risks, and benefits of the study before obtaining their agreement
 - d. Giving financial incentives to participants to gain their consent

8. In type of research, the researcher has greater control over the research environment.
- a. Analytical
 - b. Applied
 - c. Experimental
 - d. Qualitative
9. A way of solving a research problem systematically is called
- a. Research Design
 - b. Research Output
 - c. Research Methodology
 - d. Research Ethics
10. Which of the following is NOT true?
- Research:
- a. relies on empirical evidence
 - b. utilizes relevant concepts
 - c. is informed by individual bias
 - d. is committed to objective considerations
11. The formulation of research hypothesis is based on.....
- a. review of previous research findings
 - b. research process
 - c. the primary data
 - d. research methodology
12. In literary research, the primary sources are
- a. the reference books
 - b. the books selected for the research
 - c. the history of literature and literary theory
 - d. the prescribed syllabus

13. What is the significance of triangulation in research?
- a. Reducing the sample size to improve data quality
 - b. Combining multiple research methods to cross-verify data and improve validity
 - c. Using only qualitative methods to explore diverse perspectives
 - d. Focusing solely on statistical significance
14. As per the 7th edition of APA, when citing a source with three or more authors in-text, which format should be used?
- a. List all the authors in each citation
 - b. List the first author followed by "et al."
 - c. List only the first author and the last author in each citation
 - d. List only the first and second authors' names in each citation
15. For empirical research in linguistics, which of the following techniques is NOT used for the collection of primary data?
- a. role-plays
 - b. interview
 - c. questionnaire
 - d. meetings
16. Which of the following is NOT a style used for referencing?
- a. MLA
 - b. Apollo
 - c. APA
 - d. Chicago
17. A brief summary of research is
- a. Hypothesis
 - b. Research Methodology
 - c. Abstract
 - d. Review of Literature

18. is a research approach which is an on-the-spot procedure designed to deal with a concrete problem located in an immediate situation.
- a. Action Research
 - b. Empirical Research
 - c. Qualitative Research
 - d. Descriptive Research
19. A section of a research report which includes the material that cannot be logically included in the main body of research report is called
- a. Abstract
 - b. Questionnaire
 - c. Hypothesis
 - d. Appendix
20. Which of the following is NOT the type of validity used by researchers?
- a. Content Validity
 - b. Convergent Validity
 - c. Text Validity
 - d. Construct Validity
21. A collection of naturally occurring samples of language which have been collected and collated for easy access by researchers and material developers who want to know how words and other linguistic items are actually used is called.....
- a. Corpus
 - b. Storehouse
 - c. Thesaurus
 - d. Language Material
22. A technique of data collection in which naturally occurring language data is recorded is
- a. Role Play Technique
 - b. Ethnographic Technique
 - c. Oral Simulation Technique
 - d. Discourse Completion Test

23. In MLA style, how should you cite a book with more than two publishers listed on the title page?
- a. List all publishers, separated by semicolons
 - b. List only the first publisher mentioned
 - c. List only the most prominent publisher
 - d. Include the first and last publishers, separated by a hyphen
24. Which of the followings is NOT a research journal devoted to English Studies?
- a. Language
 - b. Commonwealth Literature
 - c. JSTOR
 - d. PMLA
25. Which of the following is NOT used as a statistic technique for data analysis?
- a. Mean
 - b. SPSS
 - c. Mode
 - d. Standard Deviation
26. meaning is indispensable for the essential functioning of language.
- a. Connotative
 - b. Thematic
 - c. Conceptual
 - d. Collocative
27. Who said, "the unconscious is structured like a language" in the context of the relationship between 'language' and 'unconscious'?
- a. Jacques Lacan
 - b. Harold Bloom
 - c. Carl Jung
 - d. Helene Cixous

28. In Annihilation of Caste, Ambedkar explained 'fraternity' as
- a. Something deceptive and illogical concept that is totally irrelevant to the modern Indian society
 - b. Essentially an attitude of respect and reverence towards fellow men.
 - c. Something that will bring bias and hatred among low caste people
 - d. A concept of foreign origin and hence irrelevant to the Indian caste-based society.
29. Which play seems to suggest that only creatures of fiction are likely to know what they are?
- a. Lights Out!
 - b. Six Characters in Search of an Author
 - c. Hamlet
 - d. Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
30. The process in which dictionaries and grammar books of the newly accepted standard language are prepared is called
- a. selection
 - b. codification
 - c. elaboration of function
 - d. acceptance
31. What is the name of the biblical character whose birth is referred to as a "pigmy face appear" in A. D. Hope's poem, "Imperial Adam"?
- a. Adam
 - b. Eve
 - c. Cain
 - d. Abel

32. Why is Ikemefuna sent from another village to live with Okonkwo?
- a. Because Ikemefuna's parent die in fire
 - b. As part of the price for a woman being murdered
 - c. Okonkwo's family takes him in as a house servant
 - d. As part of an arrange marriage with Ezinma
33. In William Thackeray's *Vanity Fair*, 'monstrous'. is 'angelic' and
- a. Becky; Amelia
 - b. Matilda; Becky
 - c. Amelia; Matilda
 - d. Amelia; Becky
34. Who arranges Grusha's marriage to Jussup?
- a. Michael
 - b. Simon
 - c. Lavrenti
 - d. Aniko
35. Which city's elegant architecture, timeless cafes, and the venerable presence of the Danube River serve to create an aura of tranquillity and sophistication for Paul Theroux?
- a. London
 - b. Paris
 - c. Herat
 - d. Vienna
36. Who approves clan's important decisions in *Things Fall Apart*?
- a. The oracle of the hills and the caves
 - b. Okonkwo
 - c. The High Chief
 - d. A King

37. According to Jakobson, the code has corresponding function in speech event.
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| a. emotive | b. referential |
| c. conative | d. metalingual |
38. What is the name of Modern Indian English poet who started his poetic career at the age of forty with his first book of poems, *Close the Sky*?
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| a. Arun Kolhatkar | b. Dilip Chitre |
| c. Jayant Mahapatra | d. Arvind Krishna Mehrotra |
39. Consider the following statements:
- (i) A literary masterpiece creates its own genre
- (ii) A masterpiece of popular literature generates its independent genre.
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| a. (i) is incorrect but (ii) is correct |
| b. (i) is correct but (ii) is incorrect |
| c. Both (i) and (ii) are correct |
| d. Both (i) and (ii) are incorrect. |
40. Who is the author of 'Dreams from my father'?
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| a. Barack Obama | b. Bill Clinton |
| c. Thomas Jefferson | d. John F. Kennedy |
41. Referring to the tendency in Western philosophy and science to prioritize the linguistic signifier over the signified in the 1900s the term 'Logocentrism' is coined by
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| a. Jacques Derrida | b. Ludwig Klages |
| c. Paul de Man | d. J. Hillis Miller |

42. Who among the following 'Harlem Renaissance' movement poets composed the famous Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"?
- a. Claude McKay
 - b. James Weldon Johnson
 - c. Langston Hughes
 - d. Robert Hayden
43. Which philosophy is most closely associated with the themes of *The Outsider*?
- a. Existentialism
 - b. Nihilism
 - c. Absurdism
 - d. Stoicism
44. The concept of 'speakers meaning' is at the base of in pragmatics.
- a. Speech Act theory
 - b. politeness
 - c. cooperative principles
 - d. deixis
45. What does the character of Enishte Effendi represent in *My Name is Red*?
- a. The bridge between old and new artistic traditions
 - b. The strict adherence to Islamic orthodoxy
 - c. The power of the Sultan over art
 - d. The rebellion against traditional Ottoman art
46. The opening line of T. S. Eliot's poem *The Waste Land*, 'April is the cruellest month,' is an allusion to which work of medieval literature?
- a. The Book of Margery Kempe, by Margery Kempe
 - b. *Le Morte D'Arthur*, by Sir Thomas Malory
 - c. *The Canterbury Tales*, by Geoffrey Chaucer
 - d. *The Decameron*, by Giovanni Boccaccio

47. Who in the play Lights Out! says "if she were a decent woman, we people would go to her rescue!"?
- a. Mohan
b. Surinder
c. Bhasker
d. Leela
48. When did Anne Frank write the first entry in her diary?
- a. 12th June 1942
b. 14th June 1942
c. 11th June 1942
d. 16th June 1942
49. Which type of deviation is present in the following line:
Thou hast bound bones and veins in me, fastened me flesh
- a. semantic
b. phonological
c. grammatical
d. lexical
50. What are the subtypes of 'vivakshitaanyaparavaachya' that is, with intended but further extending?
- (i) arthantaraskrmita (merged in the other meaning)
(ii) atyantatiraskrutam (completely lost)
(iii) samlakshyakrama (of discernible sequentiality)
(iv) asamlakshyakrama (of undiscernible sequentiality)
- a. (i), (ii) and (iii)
b. (i) and (ii)
c. (i) and (iv)
d. (iii) and (iv)



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