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Time : 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Instructions :

- 1) All questions are compulsory.
 - 2) Each question carries 2 marks.
 - 3) Answers should be marked in the given OMR answer sheet by darkening the appropriate option.
 - 4) Use black ball point pen only for marking the circle. Do not make any stray mark on the OMR answer sheet.
 - 5) Follow the instructions given on OMR Sheet.
 - 6) Rough work shall be done on the sheet provided at the end of question paper.
 - 7) Only non-programmable calculators are allowed.
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1. Consider the following statements:

- (i) The terms 'langue' and 'parole' are associated with Saussure,
- (ii) The terms 'competence' and 'performance' are associated with Dell Hymes

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| a. Only (i) is correct | b. Only (ii) is correct |
| c. Both (i) and (ii) are correct | d. Both (i) and (ii) are incorrect |

2. research is systematic, rigorous, focused, and tightly controlled, involving precise measurement and producing reliable and replicable data.

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| a. Longitudinal | b. Quantitative |
| c. Cross-sectional | d. Qualitative. |

3. The development of a trade language into a native language is technically referred to as
 - a. Creole
 - b. dialect
 - c. pidgin
 - d. idiolect
4. What is the 'mean' of the following score?
142, 145, 150, 152, 148, 149, 151, 147, 146, 150
 - a.148
 - b.152
 - c. 142
 - d.146
5. meaning is based on the ordering and focus of language.
 - a. Collocative
 - b. Connotative
 - c. Conceptual
 - d. Thematic
6. A separate section is usually prepared for the inclusion of the material that cannot be logically included in the main body of research report. What is this section called?
 - a. Abstract
 - b. Questionnaire
 - c. Hypothesis
 - d. Appendix
7. The word 'foregrounding' was used by for the first time in the study of poetic language.
 - a. Jakobson
 - b. Mukarovsky
 - c. Malinowski
 - d. Leech

8. Which of the following can be called the primary sources in literary research?
- a. the reference books
 - b. the books selected for the research
 - c. the history of literature and literary theory
 - d. the syllabus prescribed
9. Who is said to have written a treatise on the topic of sublimity before Longinus?
- a. Plato
 - b. Dionysius
 - c. Caccilius
 - d. Terentianus
10. The technical term used to refer to a way of solving a research problem systematically is?
- a. Research Design
 - b. Research Output
 - c. Research Methodology
 - d. Research Ethics
11. In A Vindication of the Rights of Woman whom does Mary Wollstonecraft compare women to when critiquing their socially conditioned weakness?
- a. Teachers
 - b. Children
 - c. Slaves
 - d. Aristocrats
12. A type of research related to some ideas or theory and generally used by philosophers and thinkers to develop a concept is called?
- a. Empirical
 - b. applied
 - c. qualitative
 - d. Conceptual

13. Which of the following statements is incorrect about Lacan's concept of 'the Name-of-the-Father'?
- a. It introduces prohibition and structure into identity formation
 - b. It represents authority and law
 - c. It represents entry into language
 - d. Its presence leads to psychosis
14. Which situation most clearly requires a researcher to evaluate a web source critically before using it?
- a. An unsigned webpage making factual claims without references or identifiable authorship
 - b. A peer-reviewed journal article available through a university database
 - c. A government report published on an official government website
 - d. A scholarly book available in an online library catalogue
15. Which of the following statements is true about Monique Wittig's declaration that "Lesbians are not women"?
- A) Lesbians have very different chromosome makeup that separates them from heterosexual females.
 - B) Lesbians reject traditional literature and so exit the linguistic domain of patriarchy entirely and so are different from heterosexual females.
 - C) "Woman" is a concept defined by her economic, sexual, and social dependency on a man and lesbians are not a part of this agreement and so are different from heterosexual females.
 - D) Lesbians have successfully established a sovereign matriarchal setup and so are separate from heterosexual females.

16. What is the standard deviation of the following scores?

Scores: 22, 99, 102, 33, 57

a.36.68

b.22.36

c. 24.52

d.34.16

17. Which of the following statements describes Peter Trofimov correctly?

A) He is a cynical nihilist who mocks human aspirations and sees no future for Russia.

B) He is a wealthy landowner disguised as a scholar interested in buying the cherry orchard at the auction.

C) He is a conservative traditionalist who argues that the old aristocratic ways are the only redemption for modern Russia.

D) He is an intellectual with grand philosophical ideals, but remains comically ungrounded in everyday reality.

18. A research approach which is an on-the-spot procedure to deal with a concrete problem located in an immediate situation is called research.

a. Action

b. Experimental

c. Mixed method

d. Quantitative

19. What is the irony involved in the Tragedians' dress rehearsal performance of their play for Rosencrantz and Guildenstern in Act II of Tom Stoppard's play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*?
- A) It is about Voltemand and Cornelius the two Norwegian spies who survive the play where as the protagonists don't.
 - B) It involves a mime in which Alfred plays the role of a queen and other actors enact Rosencrantz and Guildenstern protagonists' deaths, but they fail to recognize this.
 - C) It is about Lucianus and the Player King and they mimic Claudius and King Hamlet but not the protagonists.
 - D) It involves Reynaldo and Fortinbras and it is ironic because they represent the military future of Denmark.
20. In which of the following data collection techniques naturally occurring language data is recorded?
- a. Role Play Technique
 - b. Ethnographic Technique
 - c. Oral Simulation Technique
 - d. Discourse Completion Test
21. Where do Anna and Vronsky meet for the first time?
- a. At St. Petersburg Railway Station
 - b. At Stiva's estate
 - c. At a dinner hosted by Levin
 - d. At Moscow Railway Station
22. In research, the research wants to understand things from the informants' point of view.
- a. qualitative
 - b. longitudinal
 - c. cross-sectional
 - d. quantitative

23. Who has brought a radio, which gives the blind people in the quarantine ward a little news and a moment of beauty as they listen to music?
- a. The car thief
 - b. The doctor
 - c. The old man with the black eye patch
 - d. The pharmacist's assistant
24. A researcher uses a webpage whose content has been substantially revised since its original publication. Which bibliographic consideration becomes especially important?
- a. The colour and design of the webpage
 - b. The number of advertisements on the page
 - c. The researcher's personal opinion about the website
 - d. The date of access and, where available, the date or version of the content
25. What does the Court of Miracles in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* symbolize?
- a. The ideal Christian Community
 - b. A hidden world of marginalized people existing outside conventional social order
 - c. The Royal Government of France
 - d. The intellect elite of Paris

26. Which of the following is the best example of a strong and acceptable research hypothesis?
- a. Social media is an important topic.
 - b. This study examines social media use.
 - c. Students who spend more time on social media read fewer printed books.
 - d. Reading habits have changed in recent years.
27. Which of the following correctly describes Le Fever whose story is narrated by Uncle Toby?
- a. A French Soldier whose circumstances evoke Toby to assist him
 - b. A German scholar who supplies the tale of slawken bergius
 - c. A physician who performs an operation on Tristram
 - d. A clergyman who disputes Yorick's theological opinions
28. Which documentation system is specifically associated with footnotes, endnotes, and a bibliography?
- a. APA author-date
 - b. MLA author-page
 - c. Chicago Notes and Bibliography
 - d. Harvard author-date
29. When did Anne receive the diary as a present from her father?
- A. On 14th June 1942
 - B. On 12th June 1943
 - C. On 14th June 1943
 - D. On 12th June 1942.

30. T. S. Eliot's essay "Hamlet and His Problems" is available online through the Poetry Foundation. Which option most closely follows the basic MLA order for citing this webpage?
- a. Eliot, T. S. Poetry Foundation. "Hamlet and His Problems."
 - b. "Hamlet and His Problems." T. S. Eliot. Poetry Foundation.
 - c. Eliot, T. S. "Hamlet and His Problems." Poetry Foundation, publication details, URL.
 - d. Poetry Foundation. T. S. Eliot. "Hamlet and His Problems," URL.
31. What was Shakuntala doing when Dushyanta entered the hermitage of Kanva in the first act?
- A. Worshipping
 - B. Singing
 - C. Cleaning
 - D. Watering the plants
32. What is the most effective practice for preventing accidental plagiarism?
- a. Keeping detailed notes that clearly distinguish between quotations, paraphrases, and personal ideas
 - b. Using information from only one source
 - c. Rewording every source without proper citation
 - d. Completely avoiding quotations
33. Henry IV in the play Henry IV thinks himself to be the Emperor of country.
- A. Italy
 - B. France
 - C. Germany
 - D. Britain

34. What is the primary purpose of a research question?
- a. To summarise the research findings in advance
 - b. To guide and define the scope, methods, and direction of the inquiry
 - c. To examine a body of existing literature
 - d. To focus on the author's personal opinion
35. Why does Tagore regard blind imitation of Western nationalism as problematic for India?
- A) It would strengthen India's traditional village institutions
 - B) It could impose an alien political model that undermines India's social and spiritual ideals
 - C) It would prevent India from developing modern education
 - D) It would eliminate all forms of economic activity
36. Which statement distinguishes between MLA and APA citation practices?
- a. They use the same citation system.
 - b. MLA is for scientific research, and APA is for literature..
 - c. MLA uses an author-page system; APA uses an author-date system.
 - d. APA does not require a source list at the end of a paper.
37. Why does Stuart Hall consider the 'linguistic turn' significant for Cultural Studies?
- A) Language is irrelevant to social power.
 - B) It focuses on representation and discourse in creating cultural reality.
 - C) Political issues are replaced by formal linguistics.
 - D) Meanings are fixed.

38. What is the main purpose of a literature review?
- a. To provide unrelated background information
 - b. To increase the length of a research paper
 - c. To replace the researcher's own analysis
 - d. To examine and discuss relevant previous research on the topic
39. What is the principal implication of Derrida's notion of différance for textual meaning?
- A) Meaning is produced through differences and remains continually deferred
 - B) The meaning of a text is determined by the author's intended message.
 - C) Meaning depends entirely on the author's ideological position
 - D) Meaning is determined by historical events alone
40. What is the primary function of an abstract in a research report?
- a. To provide a complete bibliography
 - b. To discuss every source consulted
 - c. To give a concise summary of the purpose, methods, major findings, and conclusions
 - d. To introduce new arguments that are not discussed in the paper
41. What do the images in Geoffrey Chaucer's "Temple of Mars" primarily depict?
- A) The destructive forces of war and violence
 - B) The spiritual rewards of chivalry
 - C) The triumph of romantic love
 - D) The political unity of Athens

42. Identify the option that exemplifies a clearly defined and focused research question.
- a. How does the portrayal of migration shape the identity of the protagonist in William Golding's selected novels?
 - b. What is a novel?
 - c. Why is William Golding important?
 - d. What are the different types of novels?
43. What paradox lies at the core of Emily Dickinson's poem "I am Nobody! Who are you?"
- A) Public recognition is portrayed as both desirable and devoid of meaning.
 - B) Social invisibility is depicted as a means of escaping conformity.
 - C) Solitude is characterised as something good and productive.
 - D) Fame is presented as essential to individual identity.
44. Which characteristic is most essential for a hypothesis formulated for empirical research?
- a. It must be universally accepted
 - b. It must be testable using appropriate evidence
 - c. It must include several unrelated variables
 - d. It must be proven incorrect.
45. In "Moscow Carol," Joseph Brodsky's depiction of place primarily contributes to a sense of
- A) Cultural identity
 - B) Alienation and displacement
 - C) Democratic order and social harmony
 - D) Urban ethos

46. Which of the following best describes a research hypothesis?
- a. A tentative and testable statement about a possible relationship between variables
 - b. A detailed summary of previous research
 - c. A conclusion drawn after data analysis
 - d. General information about the research topic
47. The most apparent conflict depicted in Senghor's "In Memoriam" is
- A) The conflict between African identity and the themes of loss and remembrance
 - B) The contrast between individual ambition and artistic success
 - C) The disparity between rural and urban economies
 - D) The conflict between science and technology
48. Which of the following types of research is mainly concerned with generalization and formulation of a theory?
- a. applied
 - b. fundamental
 - c. qualitative
 - d. Longitudinal
49. Which of the following branches deals with language disorders?
- a. Disorder Studies
 - b. Clinical Linguistics.
 - c. Abnormality Studies
 - d. Contrastive Linguistics
50. Why is accuracy in bibliographic information particularly important in literary and language research?
- a. It enables readers to identify, verify, and locate the sources used in the research
 - b. It convinces that the researcher has extensively read books
 - c. It makes the literary argument automatically more convincing
 - d. It eliminates the need for critical interpretation of sources

- Rough Work -