

# TNPSC CCSE IV

## GROUP IV cum VAO EXAM

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#### GENERAL ENGLISH

1. Fill in the blank with correct tense of the verb given.

I am sleepy. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) all night.

- A) have worked      B) work  
C) have been working      D) worked

Ans : (C)

2. Fill in the blank with the correct option:

The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ around the Sun.

- A) moves      B) will move  
C) is moved      D) would move

Ans : (A)

3. Choose the correct question tag for the following statement :

Jordi attends the class regularly, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A) did he      B) didn't he  
C) does he      D) doesn't he

Ans : (D)

4. Select the correct question tag.

My father loves his native village \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- A) don't he      B) doesn't he  
C) didn't he      D) does he

Ans : (B)

5. Choose the suitable phrasal verb :

The little people \_\_\_\_\_ their daily tasks.

- A) went about      B) went out  
C) went on      D) wait on

Ans : (A)

6. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word:

Students should study their lessons with diligence and care.

- A) steady effort      B) enjoyment  
C) dedication      D) caution

Ans : (A)

7. Choose the correct "synonym" for the underlined word from the options given :

It is an invidious thing to distinguish between knowledge and character.

- A) unjust      B) seriousness  
C) just      D) unpleasant

Ans : (A)

8. Find out the correct meaning of the word "conviction".

- A) false belief      B) depressed  
C) anxious      D) strong belief

Ans : (D)

9. He plays \_\_\_\_\_ guitar.

Find out the right article :

- A) a      B) an  
C) the      D) none

Ans : (C)

10. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles :

Ramu had applied for (a) post of (b) cashier in (c) bank. In (d) interview he answered some questions well.

Codes :

a)      b)      c)      d)

A) a      the      the      an

B) the      a      a      the

C) the      a      a      an

D) the      a      the      an

Ans : (B)

11. Select the plural form of the following word :

'alumnus'

A) alumni      B) alumnae

C) alumna      D) alumus

Ans : (A)

12. Select the plural form of the following compound word.

"man servant"

A) man-servants

B) men-servant

C) men-servants

D) mens-servants

Ans : (C)

13. Which of the two sentences are in the same degree of comparison ?

I) Mr. Roshanlal is the richest man in his village

II) The climate on the hills is better than that on the plains

III) It is as hot today as it was yesterday

IV) In your view, who is the most popular cricketer ?

Select the correct answer :

A) I and II

B) I and III

C) I and IV

D) II and IV

Ans : (C)

14. Which of the following is not a blended word?

A) Motel

B) Brunch

C) Kilogram

D) Interpol

Ans : (C)

15. Choose the right combination for the blended word 'travelogue'

A) travel + monologue      B) travel + dialogue

C) travel + catalogue      D) train + catalogue

Ans : (C)

16. Pick out the compound word with the combination Adjective + Noun

A) Watchman

B) Hard working

C) Hot water

D) Whitewash

Ans : (C)

17. Match the following and choose the correct code :

Column (A)

Column (B)

a) Adjective + Noun

1. pale blue

b) Adjective + Verb

2. software

c) Adverb + Verb

3. free drive

d) Adjective + Adjective

4. downcast

Codes :

- a) b) c) d)  
 A) 1 3 4 2  
 B) 2 3 4 1  
 C) 3 1 2 4  
 D) 2 4 3 1

Ans : (B)

18. Read the passage given below and answer the question that follows.

"Friends and Comrades, the light has gone out of our lives and there is darkness everywhere. I do not know what to tell you and how to say it. Our beloved leader, Bapu as we called him, the father of the nation, is no more.

Who is referred as "Bapu"?

- A) Nethaji B) Nehru  
 C) Gandhiji D) Mr. Balbir Singh

Ans : (C)

19. Correspondence once limited to letters is now often online, as e-mail. Newsletters, brochures, circulars, resumes, etc. Once paperbound, are now online.

What do you understand of the word 'Correspondence'?

- A) Principal  
 B) Owner of School/College  
 C) Related  
 D) Written communication

Ans : (D)

20. Choose the correct sentence from the options.

- I) Supposing if we start early, we can reach on time  
 II) He remains brave and confidence in a difficult situation  
 III) He joined a European University last year  
 IV) If I had started in time, I would caught the train

Select the correct answer :

- A) I B) II  
 C) III D) IV

Ans : (C)

21. Pick out the correct sentence from the options given below.

- A) I met the concerned officer and explained my position  
 B) I met the officer concerned and explained my position  
 C) The moon was really a world covered by mountains and valleys  
 D) Either of these are suitable

Ans : (B)

22. Find out the odd word :

- A) Ground B) School  
 C) Hard D) Lab

Ans : (C)

23. To which period the underlined poet belongs to?

- A) Jack Prelutsky  
 B) William Blake  
 C) Elizabeth Barrett Browning  
 D) D.H. Lawrence

Select the correct answer :

- A) 1803 – 1882 B) 1770 – 1850  
 C) 1885 – 1930 D) 1806 – 1861

Ans : (C)

24. Match the poems with their poets.

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| a) Earth              | 1. Robert Frost     |
| b) Going for Water    | 2. John Masefield   |
| c) Migrant Bird       | 3. Khalil Gibran    |
| d) Laugh and Be Merry | 4. Famida Y Basheer |

Codes :

- a) b) c) d)  
 A) 3 1 4 2  
 B) 1 2 4 3  
 C) 2 4 3 1  
 D) 4 2 1 3

Ans : (A)

25. Match the poems with the poets :

- |                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Live to some purpose | 1. Stephen Vincent Benet |
| b) English words        | 2. Paul Holmes           |
| c) The flying wonder    | 3. V.K. Gokak            |
| d) Beautiful Inside     | 4. Adelaide Anne Proctor |

Codes :

- a) b) c) d)  
 A) 3 2 1 4  
 B) 2 3 4 1  
 C) 1 4 3 2  
 D) 4 3 1 2

Ans : (D)

26. Match the following :

Column A

- a) Phatik  
 b) Rowther  
 c) Monsieur Sauvage  
 d) Fromton Nuttel

Column B

1. The Open Window  
 2. Holiday  
 3. Reflowering  
 4. Two friends

Codes :

- a) b) c) d)  
 A) 1 2 3 4  
 B) 4 3 2 1  
 C) 2 3 4 1  
 D) 3 2 4 1

Ans : (C)

27. "What'er the theme, the Maiden Sang As if her song could have no ending".

These are the words of

- A) Walt Whitman B) William Wordsworth  
 C) William Shakespeare D) Robert Frost

Ans: (B)

28. Choose the correct preposition and fill in the blanks:

The cat hid \_\_\_\_\_ the door.

- A) above B) behind  
 C) under D) from

Ans : (B)

29. The wife of William Shakespeare was

- A) Annie Louisa Walker B) Anne Hathaway  
 C) Portia D) Viola

Ans : (B)

30. Portia's father kept three caskets filled with gold, silver and \_\_\_\_\_ to choose his daughter the right suitor.

- A) Pearls B) Diamonds  
 C) Lead D) Platinum

Ans : (C)

31. Match the Characters (A) with Who they are (B).

(A) characters

(B) who they are

- |             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| a) Antonio  | 1. Moneylender               |
| b) Bassanio | 2. A wealthy lady            |
| c) Shylock  | 3. A close friend of Antonio |
| d) Portia   | 4. A Merchant of Venice      |

- Codes :
- |      |    |    |    |
|------|----|----|----|
| a)   | b) | c) | d) |
| A) 4 | 3  | 1  | 2  |
| B) 3 | 1  | 4  | 2  |
| C) 1 | 3  | 4  | 2  |
| D) 2 | 1  | 3  | 4  |
- Ans : (A)
32. In the poem "O captain! My captain"! the captain symbolises
- |                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| A) Abraham Lincoln | B) Hitler  |
| C) Musolini        | D) Dumolin |
- Ans : (A)
33. Match the following folk arts with States :
- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| a) Manipuri  | 1. Andhrapradesh |
| b) Garba     | 2. Punjab        |
| c) Bangra    | 3. Manipur       |
| d) Kuchipudi | 4. Gujarat       |
- Codes :
- |      |    |    |    |
|------|----|----|----|
| a)   | b) | c) | d) |
| A) 3 | 2  | 4  | 1  |
| B) 3 | 4  | 2  | 1  |
| C) 2 | 4  | 3  | 1  |
| D) 2 | 1  | 4  | 3  |
- Ans : (B)
34. Rudyard Kipling, one of the most popular English Poets, was born in
- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| A) Canada  | B) India   |
| C) America | D) Britain |
- Ans : (B)
35. Laura Merton's father was a retired
- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| A) Admiral        | B) Colonel         |
| C) Flying officer | D) General Manager |
- Ans : (B)
36. Who uttered the following words in the Model Millionaire of Oscar Wilde?  
"Millionaire models are rare enough, but by Jove Model Millionaires are rarer still".
- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| A) Alan Trevor | B) Hausberg    |
| C) Hughie      | D) The Colonel |
- Ans : (A)
37. "It was only a linnet singing outside the window". What is a 'linnet'?
- |                                |
|--------------------------------|
| A) a small brown dog           |
| B) a small rabbit              |
| C) a small girl                |
| D) a small brown and grey bird |
- Ans : (D)
38. "To the Land of Snow" is the trekking experience of the author to
- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| A) Himalayas     | B) Mt. Everest |
| C) Milam Glacier | D) Kashmir     |
- Ans : (C)
39. What is the height of the Shivalinga in Tanjore temple?
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| A) 7.8 m | B) 8.7 m |
| C) 8.9 m | D) 9.8 m |
- Ans : (B)
40. Which among the following is wrongly matched?
- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| A) Film : Movie    | B) Tap : Faucet     |
| C) Nappy : Antenna | D) Flat : Apartment |
- Ans : (C)
41. What is the American Word for "aerial"?
- |                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| A) Accelerator | B) Anorak |
| C) Antenna     | D) Trunk  |
- Ans : (C)
42. "O Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done"  
What is implied in the poem "O Captain and My Captain"?
- |   |
|---|
| A) 'O Captain! hints at the affection and death of the Captain' |
| B) 'O Captain! hints at not affection of the Captain'           |
| C) 'O Captain! hints at not death of the Captain'               |
| D) 'O Captain! hints at just calling for Captain'               |
- Ans : (A)
43. "And kingdoms may forget their Kings  
And dogs forget their bites,  
But not till man forgets his Wings  
Will men forget the Wrights".  
Who pays a glowing tribute to Wright brothers in these lines?
- |                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| A) H.W. Longfellow | B) Stephen Vincent Benet |
| C) John Masefield  | D) Khalil Gibran         |
- Ans : (B)
44. "Be glad your nose is on your face"  
Who wrote the above poem ?
- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| A) Jack Prelutsky   | B) William Wordsworth |
| C) Norman Nicholson | D) Thomas Hardy       |
- Ans : (A)
45. Who wrote the motivational poem "Be the Best" ?
- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| A) William Wordsworth | B) Douglas Malloch |
| C) D.H. Lawrence      | D) Thomas Hardy    |
- Ans : (B)
46. "Living Amicably" is an extract from
- |                              |
|------------------------------|
| A) Wings of Fire             |
| B) My Experiments with Truth |
| C) To the land of Snow       |
| D) Sunny days                |
- Ans : (A)
47. Who Speaks the following line in "Julius Caesar"?  
"I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him".
- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| A) Antony        | B) Brutus         |
| C) First Citizen | D) Second Citizen |
- Ans : (A)
48. "Good friends, sweet friends, let me not stir you up  
To such a sudden flood of mutiny".  
Whose words are these ?
- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| A) Brutus        | B) Mark Antony |
| C) Julius Caesar | D) Cassius     |
- Ans : (B)
49. Fill in the blanks with the suitable word:  
Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the suitcase sir?
- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| A) open    | B) opening |
| C) to open | D) opened  |
- Ans : (B)
50. Fill in the blanks with the correct verb form to complete the sentence.  
A kind teacher always makes us \_\_\_\_\_ better.
- |             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| A) to learn | B) learn         |
| C) learning | D) none of these |
- Ans : (B)
51. Complete the following sentence using a suitable form of the passive voice.  
The certificates \_\_\_\_ (issue) to the students last week.
- |                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| A) were issued     | B) are being issued  |
| C) had been issued | D) were being issued |
- Ans : (A)

52. Pick out the correct option :  
The convenor \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting last week.  
A) was convened      B) convenes  
C) has convened      D) convened  
Ans : (D)

53. Pick out the correct answer :  
The teacher with some students \_\_\_\_\_ the seminar.  
A) attends      B) attend  
C) attending      D) have attended  
Ans : (A)

54. Fill in the blanks with a suitable question tag:  
The conductor will not give you change for ₹ 10, \_\_\_\_\_?  
A) Does he      B) Will he  
C) Will not he      D) Did he  
Ans : (B)

55. Fill up the blank with preposition :  
The work will be over \_\_\_\_\_ this evening.  
A) at      B) by  
C) on      D) near  
Ans : (B)

56. Choose the correct answer from the options given :  
Park your car \_\_\_\_\_ the tree.  
A) for      B) on  
C) at      D) beside  
Ans : (D)

57. Choose the correct meaning of the idiom  
'A Cuckoo in the nest'  
A) to be coward  
B) some who raises early  
C) an unwelcome intruder  
D) to wake up early  
Ans : (C)

58. Match the words with their meanings and choose the correct code from below :

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>
a) teetotaler	1. using both hands skillfully
b) ambidextrous	2. without a date
c) sine die	3. genuine
d) bonafide	4. refuses alcohol

Codes :  
a)    b)    c)    d)  
A) 1    2    4    3  
B) 2    3    1    4  
C) 3    4    2    1  
D) 4    1    2    3  
Ans : (D)

59. Choose the correct "Antonym" for the underlined word from the options given:  
Hughie's pictures were eagerly sought after  
A) expectantly      B) enthusiastically  
C) differently      D) indifferently  
Ans : (D)

60. Match the words from Column A with correct opposite word from Column B :

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>
a) appropriate	1. insufficient
b) adequate	2. put wrong
c) rectified	3. unsuitable
d) preferred	4. rejected

Codes :  
a)    b)    c)    d)  
A) 3    1    2    4  
B) 4    2    1    3  
C) 3    2    4    1  
D) 4    3    2    1  
Ans : (A)

61. Which word given below cannot have the suffix "\_\_\_\_ism"?  
I) regional      II) secular  
III) rational      IV) response  
Select the correct answer :  
A) IV      B) II  
C) I      D) III  
Ans : (A)

62. Match Column A with Column B.

<b>Column A</b>	<b>Column B</b>
a) -archy	1. Bureau
b) -cracy	2. Social
c) -ist	3. Path
d) -ology	4. Hier

Codes :  
a)    b)    c)    d)  
A) 2    1    4    3  
B) 2    4    3    1  
C) 4    2    1    3  
D) 4    1    2    3  
Ans : (D)

63. The correct plural form of the compound noun 'daughter-in-law' is  
A) daughter-in-law      B) daughters-in-laws  
C) daughters-in-law      D) daughter-in-laws  
Ans : (C)

64. Identify the simple sentence from the given options given below.  
A) Ramu is too poor to buy a bicycle  
B) Ramu is so poor that he cannot buy a bicycle  
C) Ramu is very poor and he cannot buy a bicycle  
D) Ramu is very poor and so he cannot buy a bicycle  
Ans : (A)

65. Pick out the complex sentence from the given options.  
A) With all his money, he is not happy  
B) If we don't win, we shall die  
C) In spite of his illness, he attended the class  
D) He worked hard, yet he failed in the exam  
Ans : (B)

66. Identify the sentence which is incorrect superlative degree.  
A) Latha is one of the most brilliant students in the class  
B) Latha is the most brilliant student than any other in the class  
C) Latha is one of the more brilliant student in the class  
D) Latha is one of the most brilliant student in the class.  
Ans : (A)

67. Identify the sentence pattern.  
The Company Chairperson promised them better salary.  
A) S V DO IO      B) S V O A  
C) S V A O      D) S V IO DO  
Ans : (D)