

P.G. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, MAY 2019

ENGLISH

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

I. Attempt *all* questions :

- 1 _____ is described as 'deaf' and 'gap-toothed' by Chaucer.
 - (a) The Prioress.
 - (b) The Knight.
 - (c) Wife of Bath.
 - (d) The Miller.
- 2 In which poem does Keats express his longing for a "draught of vintage, cool'd a long age in the deep-delved earth" ?
 - (a) Ode to the Nightingale.
 - (b) Ode to Autumn.
 - (c) Ode on a Grecian Urn.
 - (d) Ode on Melancholy.
- 3 "Elegy Written on the Death of a Mad Dog" is a poem by _____.
 - (a) Samuel Butler.
 - (b) Jonathan Swift.
 - (c) Alexander Pope.
 - (d) Oliver Goldsmith.
- 4 According to _____, poets have to be banished from the ideal Republic.
 - (a) Aristotle.
 - (b) Plato.
 - (c) Socrates.
 - (d) None of the above.
- 5 The "Touchstone Method" is associated with _____.
 - (a) William Taylor Coleridge.
 - (b) Samuel Johnson.
 - (c) Francis Bacon.
 - (d) Mathew Arnold.

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- 6 A common element in Arundhati Roy's *God of Small Things* and Anis Salim's *Tales from the Vending Machine* is the presence of _____.
- (a) Meenachil River.
 - (b) Twins as the central characters.
 - (c) Characters with pronounced physical deformities.
 - (d) None of the above.
- 7 The figure of speech used in the expression "I want to frolic in the frothy rivers of my faraway homeland" is _____.
- (a) Nostalgia.
 - (b) Simile.
 - (c) Hyperbole.
 - (d) Alliteration.
- 8 _____ was dismissive of Shakespeare's achievements on artistic and moral grounds.
- (a) George Orwell.
 - (b) JW Goethe.
 - (c) Leo Tolstoy.
 - (d) Victor Hugo.
- 9 _____ is the author of *Sea of Poppies*.
- (a) Amitav Ghosh.
 - (b) Rohinton Mistry.
 - (c) Kiran Desai.
 - (d) Anita Desai.
- 10 _____ is considered to be one of the Movement poets.
- (a) TS Eliot.
 - (b) Philip Larkin.
 - (c) Robert Frost.
 - (d) Sylvia Plath.
- 11 The expression, "as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile" is an instance of :
- (a) Freudian slip.
 - (b) Malapropism.
 - (c) Spoonerism.
 - (d) Solecism.

- 12 "The river lay before us, like a python that had just devoured its prey" is an instance of :
- (a) Metaphor. (b) Witticism.
- (c) Simile. (d) Pun.
- 13 _____ was the king who signed the Magna Carta :
- (a) Henry II. (b) Henry III.
- (c) John. (d) Edward II.
- 14 Salman Rushdie's character Saleem Sinai was born exactly at _____.
- (a) Noon.
- (d) The stroke of midnight.
- (c) The moment the Americans dropped the Atom bomb in Hiroshima.
- (d) Eleven pm on 14th August 1947.
- 15 "Here is an oak tree planted in a costly vase," remarked Goethe about _____.
- (a) Hamlet. (b) King Lear.
- (c) Prospero. (d) Othello.
- 16 _____ is an example of an allegory.
- (a) The Castle of Otranto. (b) Animal Farm.
- (c) Jane Eyre. (d) Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

17 A diphthong is _____.

- (a) A stressed consonant.
- (b) An elongated vowel.
- (c) A gliding vowel.
- (d) None of the above.

18 Which one of the following is a grammatically acceptable expression?

- (a) The sands of the sea is numerous.
- (b) The sands of the sea are numerous.
- (c) An European in India do not seem to have the same problem.
- (d) A hour is a long time.

19 A line consisting of five feet each consisting of _____ followed by a stressed syllable known as Iambic Pentameter.

- (a) Two unstressed syllables.
- (b) One unstressed syllable.
- (c) One stressed syllable.
- (d) None of the above.

20 "Daddy" is a poem by _____.

- (a) Sylvia Plath.
- (b) Anne Sexton.
- (c) Walt Whitman.
- (d) Emily Dickinson.

21 _____ translated Kamasuthra and the Arabian Nights into English.

- (a) Richard Burton.
- (b) T E Lawrence.
- (c) Kushwant Sing.
- (d) None of the above.

22 In the play _____ by GB Shaw, we have the character Bluntschli.

- (a) Saint Joan.
- (b) Arms and the Man.
- (c) Pygmalion.
- (d) Mrs. Warren's Profession.

- 23 According to Hemingway 'All modern American literature comes from one book...' The book he had in mind is _____.
- (a) The Scarlet Letter.
 - (b) Moby Dick.
 - (c) The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
 - (d) Leaves of Grass.
- 24 Which among the following is not a poem written by WB Yeats ?
- (a) Second Coming.
 - (b) Sailing to Byzantium.
 - (c) Easter 1916.
 - (d) The Windhover.
- 25 _____ is the author of *The Global Soul*.
- (a) Vinod Mehta.
 - (b) Pico Iyer.
 - (c) Salman Rushdie.
 - (d) None of the above.
- 26 _____ is Shakespeare's last play.
- (a) Hamlet.
 - (b) All is Well that Ends Well.
 - (c) Tempest.
 - (d) Midsummer Night's Dream.
- 27 The rhyme scheme of the lines "It had been told an old man had sent e-mails/To some very dubious females/He was asked what they said/But he just shook his head" is _____.
- (a) a - b - c - d.
 - (b) a - b - a - b.
 - (c) a - b - b - c.
 - (d) a - a - b - b.
- 28 _____ did not win a Nobel Prize for literature.
- (a) Leo Tolstoy.
 - (b) Sir Winston Churchill.
 - (c) George Bernard Shaw.
 - (d) Bertrand Russell.

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29 _____ is a travelogue.

(a) *The Jaguar Smile.*

(b) *The Moor's Last Sigh.*

(c) *Shame.*

(d) *Imaginary Homelands.*

30 O. Henry is the pseudonym of _____.

(a) Eric Arthur Blair.

(b) William Sydney Porter.

(c) Hector Hugh Munro.

(d) None of the above.

31 The expression "Loud Colours" is an example of _____.

(a) Synaesthesia.

(b) Cliche.

(c) Onomatopoeia.

(d) None of the above.

32 A humorous poem with five lines is known as _____.

(a) Doggerel.

(b) Pentapoem.

(c) Limerick.

(d) Heroic verse.

33 The Ivory Throne is a novel by _____.

(a) Manu S. Pillai.

(b) Anees Salim.

(c) CP Surendran.

(d) Meena Kandaswami.

34 The smallest unit in a language is called _____.

(a) Phoneme.

(b) Word.

(c) Morpheme.

(d) None of the above.

35 Name the famous novel that starts with the line: "Call me Ishmael" :

- (a) *The House of Seven Gables.* (b) *The Castle of Otranto.*
(c) *Moby Dick.* (d) *The White Peacock.*

36 The rhetorical device which involves exaggeration of ideas for the sake of emphasis is known as _____.

- (a) Synthesis. (b) Contrathesis.
(c) Discordia Concors. (d) hyperbole.

37 _____ is the author of "A Room of One's Own."

- (a) Julia Kristeva. (b) Elaine Showalter.
(c) Virginia Woolf. (d) Annette Kolodny.

38 _____ was described as the 'Wiseest, brightest and meanest of mankind' by Alexander Pope.

- (a) William Shakespeare. (b) William Marlowe.
(c) Francis Bacon. (d) Sir Issac Newton.

39 'Langue' and 'parole' are terms introduced by _____.

- (a) Noam Chomsky. (b) Roland Barthes.
(c) Ferdinand Saussure. (d) Jean Piaget.

40 Langston Hughes's name is associated with _____.

- (a) Beat Generation. (b) Lost Generation.
(c) Transcendentalist Movement. (d) Harlem Renaissance.

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- 41 Benjamin's Adujeevitham has been translated into English as _____ by Joseph Koyippally.
- (a) *Life Among Goats.* (b) *Goat Days.*
(c) *The Valley of Sheep.* (d) *Goatdamn Days.*
- 42 _____ is the director of Jurassic World : *Fallen Kingdom.*
- (a) Christopher Nolan. (b) Joaquin Phoenix.
(c) J. A. Bayona. (d) Alfred Hitchcock.
- 43 _____ the novel that won the Booker of Bookers.
- (a) *Midnight's Children.* (b) *God of Small Things.*
(c) *The White Tiger.* (d) *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness.*
- 44 The term "floccinaucinihilipilification," recently caused a sensation in Indian media. It means the habit of _____.
- (a) Estimating something as worthless.
(b) Lionizing someone or something.
(c) Idolizing someone.
(d) None of the above.
- 45 In "The End of Imagination" Arundhati Roy discusses the _____.
- (a) Damages caused by large dams.
(b) Implications of a nuclear disaster.
(c) Conflict of opinion between Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi.
(d) Mishandling of the Kashmir situation.

- 46 The word 'infotainment' is an example of _____.
(a) An archaic word. (b) A portmanteau word.
(c) A jargon. (d) A slang.
- 47 The concept of the 'Negative Capability' was first introduced by _____.
(a) John Keats. (b) P.B. Shelley.
(c) TS Eliot. (d) William Wordsworth.
- 48 The *Kiter-Runner* is a novel whose locale is mainly _____.
(a) New Delhi. (b) Calcutta.
(c) Kabul. (d) Karachi.
- 49 *Akkarmashi* is the autobiography of _____.
(a) Om Prakash Valmiki. (b) Mary Kamble.
(c) Sharan Kumar Limbale. (d) Bama.
- 50 _____ won the Nobel prize for literature in 2018.
(a) Haruki Murakami. (b) Kazuo Ishiguro.
(c) Bob Dylan. (d) None.

(50 × 1 = 50 marks)

II. Write short notes (not more than 200 words) on any *two* of the following :

1. Affective Fallacy.
2. Aestheticism.
3. Gothic Fiction
4. Bildungsroman.
5. Hamartia
6. Subaltern Literature.
7. Structuralism and Post-structuralism.

(2 × 5 = 10 marks)

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