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General English - Answer Key

- Complete the blank in the given sentence with the suitable option given below:
Walt Whitman is _____ poet.
(A) **an American** ✓ (B) an Australian
(C) a British (D) a Scottish
- Name the poet in whose poem the following line occurs:
'Life is real! Life is earnest!'
(A) V.K. Gokak
(B) Douglas Malloch
(C) **H.W. Longfellow** ✓
(D) Rabindranath Tagore
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 12th English Book Pg.51
- Identify the sentence in which the comparative form of the adjective is used.
(A) This is the most interesting book that I have read
(B) **Prevention is better than cure** ✓
(C) This is the longest lesson in this book
(D) No other animal runs as fast as the cheetah
- Identify the words which blend to form the word Interpol and choose the correct answer from the codes given below.
(A) Inter + police
(B) Information + police
(C) **International + police** ✓
(D) Internal + police
- Identify the type of this sentence:
The teacher punished the boy for disobedience
(A) **Compound** ✓ (B) **Complex** ✓
(C) Simple (D) None of these
- The line, "The evil that men do lives after them" occurs in the play
(A) **Julius Caesar** ✓
(B) As You like it
(C) Twelfth Night
(D) The Merchant of Venice
- Identify the author of the story "The Wooden Bowl".
(A) Saki (B) Zai Whitaker
(C) Mackinlay Kantor (D) **Leo Tolstoy** ✓
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 8th English Book Pg.2
- William Shakespeare was born at
(A) **Stratford** ✓ (B) Stanford
(C) Cumberland (D) Stratfort
- Select the correct option to complete the given sentence:
If I were your employer, _____
(A) I may treat you with friendliness
(B) I will treat you with friendliness
(C) I would have treated you with friendliness
(D) **I would treat you with friendliness** ✓
- During his life time, H.W. Longfellow became a _____
(A) **'National Institution'** ✓
(B) 'Stylish Institution'
(C) 'Popular Institution'
(D) 'Global Institution'
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 12th English Book Pg.52
- Replace the underlined British word with its American equivalent.
She is having a holiday.
(A) **Vacation** ✓ (B) Vocation
(C) Package (D) Permission
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 12th English Book Pg.25
- Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition:
Chawla started off _____ her path to the milky way
(A) of (B) at
(C) **on** ✓ (D) beside
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 11th English Book Pg.9
- To Which nationality does the poet H.W. Longfellow belong?
(A) India (B) **The U.S.A** ✓
(C) China (D) France
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 12th English Book Pg.52
- Choose the correct 'antonym' of the underlined word from the given options:
Similarly Women's marvellous power is lying dormant.
(A) sluggish (B) passive
(C) unused (D) **active** ✓
- Which of the words given below can be placed after the word Spell to form a compound word?
(A) work (B) word
(C) fine (D) **bound** ✓
- Shakespeare's sonnets are _____ in number.
(A) 159 (B) 156
(C) 134 (D) **154** ✓
- Choose the correct option and complete the following sentence:
Kalpana Chawla married _____
(A) an astronaut (B) **a flight instructor** ✓
(C) her neighbour (D) a doctor
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 11th English Book Pg.9
- The theme of the story, 'The Model Millionaire' is _____
(A) Work is worship
(B) Hard work never fails



- (C) Art is long
(D) Kindness begets kindness ✓
19. Fill in the blanks with a suitable article.
 He works at _____ university.
 (A) an (B) the
(C) a ✓ (D) no article
20. Match the words under Column 'A' with the suitable infinitives under Column 'B' and select the right option from the codes given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| (a) The parcel was heavy | 1. to wear |
| (b) These clothes are comfortable | 2. to learn |
| (c) English is easy | 3. to follow |
| (d) Her speech was difficult | 4. to carry |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 4 1 2 3 ✓
 (B) 3 2 1 4
 (C) 2 4 3 1
 (D) 1 2 3 4
21. Choose the statement that takes the question tag 'should they'?
- (A) People could not be rude to one another, _____
 (B) People should be rude to one another, _____
 (C) People must be rude to one another, _____
(D) People should not be rude to one another, _____ ✓
22. "Success does not mean the absence of failures
 It means winning the war, not every battle" is a famous quote by
- (A) Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Edwin C. Bliss ✓
 (C) Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam
 (D) H.W Longfellow
23. 'I thought how paltry, how vulgar.
 What a mean act'? What is referred to as a 'mean act'?
- (A) throwing a log at the snake ✓**
 (B) killing the albatross
 (C) bringing water
 (D) allowing the snake to leave
24. Select the correct meaningful sentence from the following:
- (A) The Quality of the apples were good
 (B) The Quality of apples were good
(C) The Quality of apples was good ✓
 (D) The Qualities of the apple was good
25. Match Column A with Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| (a) Be the best | 1. Thomas Hardy |
| (b) Manliness | 2. D.H. Lawrence |
| (c) The Piano | 3. Rudyard Kipling |
| (d) The Man He killed | 4. Douglas Malloch |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(B) 4 3 2 1 ✓
 (C) 2 1 3 4
 (D) 3 4 2 1
26. Find the Wrong pair from those given below.
- (A) Snake – D.H. Lawrence
 (B) The Solitary Reaper – William Wordsworth
(C) The Cry of the Children – William Shakespeare ✓
- (D) A sonnet for my incomparable mother – F. Joanna
27. Name the poet who describes the search for water in his poem. "Going for water".
 (A) Lord Tennyson (B) Robert Browning
 (C) Wilfred Owen **(D) Robert Frost ✓**
28. Match the patterns given under Column A with the compound words under Column Band select the answer from the codes given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| (a) Verb + Noun | 1. Dining table |
| (b) Gerund + Noun | 2. Newspaper |
| (c) Noun + Noun | 3. Sunrise |
| (d) Noun + Verb | 4. Playmate |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 4 1 2 3 ✓
 (B) 3 4 1 2
 (C) 1 2 3 4
 (D) 2 3 4 1
29. In Oscar Wilde's "The Model Millionaire" The wedding present from the 'Old beggar' to Hughie was a cheque for
- (A) Five thousand pounds
(B) Ten thousand pounds ✓
 (C) Fifteen thousand pounds
 (D) Twenty thousand pounds
- Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 10th English Book Pg.4*
30. 'It isn't by size that you win or you fail' –
 The given lines are taken from the poem
- (A) A Psalm of Life
 (B) Where the Mind is Without Fear
(C) Be the best ✓
 (D) Sonnet No: 116
- Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 9th English Book Pg.152*
31. Who among the following wrote the play "Julius Caesar"?
- (A) William Shakespeare ✓**
 (B) Ben Jonson
 (C) Marlow
 (D) John Keats
32. 'This was the most unkindest cut of all'.
 By whom was the most unkindest cut inflicted?
- (A) Casca (B) Decius Brutus
(C) Marcus Brutus ✓ (D) Cassius
33. Match the characters listed under Column A with the stories they appear in listed under Column B
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------------|--------------------|
| (a) Makhan Lal | 1. Reflowering |
| (b) Matilda | 2. Holiday |
| (c) Rowther | 3. The Open Window |
| (d) Vera | 4. The Necklace |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(C) 2 4 1 3 ✓
 (D) 1 2 4 3
34. Fill in the blank with the suitable preposition:
 There is not enough space _____ the desk and the bench.
- (A) between ✓** (B) among



- (C) with (D) besides
35. If you miss the bus, take a taxi.
Identify the correct type of sentence from the options given below:
(A) A simple sentence
(B) A complex sentence ✓
(C) A compound sentence
(D) A negative sentence
36. When Trevor informed Hughie that he had clearly explained Hughie's condition to the old model, Hughie _____
(A) Became very sad (B) Praised him
(C) Became very angry ✓ (D) Smiled at him
37. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given:
.... Seek to restore the harmony of bygone days.
(A) Future (B) Present
(C) Olden ✓ (D) Modern
38. Identify the type of sentence from the options given below:
The source of the Nile was difficult to discover.
(A) A simple sentence ✓
(B) A compound sentence
(C) A complex sentence
(D) An exclamatory sentence
39. Identify the compound sentence from the options given below:
(A) He must not be late, or he will be punished ✓
(B) In the event of his being late, he will be punished
(C) If he is late he will be punished
(D) Unless he comes early, he will be punished
40. Choose the option that contains the name of speaker and the play from which these lines are taken:
'The quality of mercy is not strain'd
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven'.
(A) Shylock from 'The Merchant of Venice'
(B) Brutus from 'Julius Caesar'
(C) Antony from 'Julius Caesar'
(D) Portia from 'The Merchant of Venice' ✓
41. Choose the correct tense of the verb given in bracket from the options given below:
When I reached the station, the train _____ (leave).
(A) has left (B) leaves
(C) left **(D) had left ✓**
42. Fill in the blank with the correct question tag:
The sun sets in the west, _____
(A) did it? **(B) doesn't it? ✓**
(C) don't it? (D) do it?
43. Of the following works, which is not that of Pearl S. Buck?
(A) The Good Earth
(B) My Several Worlds
(C) The Happy Prince ✓
(D) The Child Who Never Grew
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 12th English Book Pg.369
44. In which poem do the following lines occur?
"And kingdoms may forget their kings
And dogs forget their bites"
(A) A Tiger in the Zoo
(B) My Faithful Dog

- (C) No Men are Foreign
(D) The Flying Wonder ✓
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 11th English Book Pg.112
45. Match the characters in Column 'A' with the relevant titles with Column 'B'
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| (a) Morissot | 1. The selfish giant |
| (b) Noodle Vendor | 2. Two friends |
| (c) Djinn | 3. The refugee |
| (d) Cornish Ogre | 4. How the camel got his hump |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 2 3 4 1 ✓
(B) 3 2 1 4
(C) 2 4 1 3
(D) 1 4 3 2
46. Which one of the following drama is not written by William Shakespeare?
(A) Othello (B) Coriolanus
(C) Dr. Faustus ✓ (D) Timon of Athens
47. "He hath brought many captives home to Rome
Whose ransom did the general coffers fill"
In the above quote, "He" refers to _____
(A) Mark Antony **(B) Julius Caesar ✓**
(C) Decius Brutus (D) Octavius Caesar
Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's Brutus on Caesar Line 50.
48. Identify the sentence that contains the passive form of the verb:
(A) The workers are painting the walls
(B) Ram was driving the car at that time
(C) A laptop will have been sent to me by my mother. ✓
(D) Antony touched the hearts of the people
49. Match the prefixes under Column 'A' with the word under Column 'B' and select the answer from the codes given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------|--------------|
| (a) mal | 1. claim |
| (b) un | 2. nutrition |
| (c) mis | 3. aware |
| (d) pro | 4. spell |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
(A) 2 3 4 1 ✓
(B) 1 2 4 3
(C) 3 4 2 1
(D) 4 2 1 3
- Our team will win the match, _____'
50. Choose the suitable Question tag from the list given below:
(A) will it? (B) don't it?
(C) won't it? ✓ (D) doesn't it?
51. Match the words under Column 'A' with the suffixes under Column 'B' and select the answer from the codes given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
|----------|----------|
| (a) Hero | 1. less |
| (b) Hope | 2. ist |
| (c) Art | 3. cracy |
| (d) Demo | 4. Ism |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)



- (A) 4 1 2 3 ✓
 (B) 2 3 1 4
 (C) 1 2 4 3
 (D) 3 4 2 1
52. 'There is no power in the tongue of man
 To alter me'.
 Who uttered these words?
 (A) **Shylock** ✓ (B) Antonio
 (C) Portia (D) Bassanio
53. The attainment of a developed status by 2020 does not
 mean that we can then rest on our laurels.
 'rest on one's laurels' means -'
 (A) stop seeking further success
 (B) have a good rest and sleep
 (C) **have no rest at all** ✓
 (D) not to let anyone take rest
54. Identify the adverb from the following list.
 (A) **heavy** ✓ (B) dirty
 (C) brightly (D) value
55. Match the patterns under Column A with the
 corresponding sentences under Column B
 select the answer from the codes given below.
- | Column A | Column B |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| (a) SVCA | 1. She sent me a parcel |
| (b) S VIO DO | 2. He gave prizes to the winners |
| (c) SVC | 3. The weather is hot in chennai |
| (d) S VDO IO | 4. She is a teacher |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
 (A) 4 1 2 3
 (B) 2 4 1 3
 (C) **3 1 4 2** ✓
 (D) 1 3 2 4
56. "There is a house now far
 Away where once
 "This line is by the Indian Author"?
 (A) **Kamala Das** ✓ (B) Rabindranath Tagore
 (C) R.K. Narayan (D) Sarojini Naidu
57. Match the following words given under Column A with
 the blended words under Column B and select the answer
 from the codes given below:
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| (a) Motor + Pedal Cycle | 1. Medicare |
| (b) Medical + Care | 2. Mobike |
| (c) Motor + Bike | 3. Motel |
| (d) Motor + Hotel | 4. Moped |
- (a) (b) (c) (d)
 (A) 3 4 2 1
 (B) 1 2 3 4
 (C) 2 3 4 1
 (D) **4 1 2 3** ✓
58. Find out the part containing an error
Sangeetha has left for Mumbai last night
 A B C D
 (A) Sangeetha (B) **has left** ✓
 (C) for Mumbai (D) last night
59. This rose looks beautiful. .
 Identify the sentence pattern from the options given
- below.
 (A) SVO (B) SVOA
 (C) SVA (D) **SVC** ✓
60. The selfish giant saw a little boy standing under a —
 — in a corner of the garden.
 (A) Rock (B) **Tree** ✓
 (C) Fountain (D) Plant
61. Choose the correct Synonym of the underlined word
 from the options given below:
 They reflect the munificence of the Cholas.
 (A) paucity (B) miserliness
 (C) atrocity (D) **generosity** ✓
 Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 10th English Book Pg.148
62. Which of the following works is not a drama by
 Shakespeare?
 (A) Richard III (B) Henry V
 (C) **Charles II** ✓ (D) King John
63. Identify the nationality of the author of story. 'The
 Last Leaf'
 (A) Russia (B) China
 (C) France (D) **The U.S.A** ✓
64. The Shakespearean character, Bassanio is from the play

 (A) Julius Caesar
 (B) **The Merchant of Venice** ✓
 (C) Macbeth
 (D) King Lear
65. Choose the option containing the right sequence of
 articles that would complete the passage given below:
 Mettur dam is ___ old multipurpose project of ___ Indian
 state of Tamil Nadu across ___ Cauvery river.
 (A) a, an, no article, the
 (B) **the, an, the, the** ✓
 (C) an, a, the, no article
 (D) no article, a, the, an
66. 'To live unknown beyond the cherished circle'
 The phrase 'Cherished Circle' refers to —
 (A) a big circle
 (B) **family members and friends** ✓
 (C) memorable days
 (D) dead people
67. Fill in the blank with a suitable Gerund
 — tigers is a popular sport in this country.
 (A) To hunt (B) **Hunting** ✓
 (C) Hunted (D) Hunt
68. Fill in the blank with the suitable participial form of the
 verb
 I saw the storm —
 (A) had approached (B) **approaching** ✓
 (C) was approach (D) approaches
69. Fill in the blank with the correct tense form of the verb
 from the options given below.
 The cabinet (decide) on the bill next week
 (A) has decided (B) **will decide** ✓
 (C) decided (D) had decided
70. From whose work is following utterance taken?
 "I tried hard to control my thoughts and my mind to
 influence destiny"
 (A) Rabindranath Tagore (B) **A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** ✓



- (C) Sarojini Naidu (D) R.K. Narayan
71. Identify the simple sentence from the options given below:
- (A) **Having completed my homework, I set out to play** ✓
- (B) I completed my homework and I set out to play
- (C) After I had completed my homework, I set out to play
- (D) I had to complete my homework but I set out to play

72. Match the following homophones with their related meanings and select the answer from the codes given below:

Homophones	Meanings
(a) Counsel	1. route
(b) Council	2. rough
(c) Course	3. advice
(d) Coarse	4. administrative body

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

73. Identify the figure of 'speech employed in the following line:

The reddest" flower would look as pale as snow

- (A) Metaphor (B) Oxymoron
- (C) **Simile** ✓ (D) Irony

74. Match the poets under Column A with the lines from their works under Column B

Column A	Column B
(a) Robert Frost	1. Let us, then, be up and doing
(b) H.W. Longfellow	2. It isn't by size that you win or you fail
(c) William Shakespeare	3. Like gnomes that hid us from the moon
(d) Douglas Malloch	4. Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks

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

75. "Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read And labour not different from our own".

In which poem do these lines occur?

- (A) The Flying Wonder
- (B) The Apology
- (C) **No Men Are Foreign** ✓
- (D) My Native Land

Ref: NR IAS ACADEMY's 8th English Book Pg.68

76. Match the characters under Column A with their utterances given under Column B :

Column A	Column B
(a) Brutus	1. Most learned judge! A sentence! come, prepare
(b) Portia	2. For Brutus, as youknow, was Caesar's angel!

- (c) Antony 3. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes
- (d) Shylock 4. Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more

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

77. 'Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds' Who said this?

- (A) Rabindranath Tagore
- (B) William Wordsworth
- (C) H.W. Longfellow
- (D) **William Shakespeare** ✓

78. Of the following poets, who. was known as the 'People's Poet' for having contributed 11,000 poems to English Literature?

- (A) Stephen Vincent Benet
- (B) **Edgar Albert Guest** ✓
- (C) F. Joanna
- (D) Rudyard Kipling

79. A Close Encounter is written by _____

- (A) Rob Reilly (B) Rudyard Kipling
- (C) Robert Frost (D) **Rex Coker** ✓

80. Which of the following characters is not from the drama, "Julius Caesar"?

- (A) Casca (B) Cassius
- (C) **Antonia** ✓ (D) Amelius Lepidus

