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QUESTION PAPER BOOKLET

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**WRITTEN TEST FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POSTS OF
STENOGRAPHER GR - D AND LOWER DIVISION CLERK**

Examination date: 10/09/2023

Total Number of Questions: 100

Total Marks: 100

Test Duration: 60 minutes

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3. For correct answer one mark will be awarded.
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| S.No. | Question |
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| 1. | One word for “ <i>a condition of suspended activity</i> ” (A) abervance (B) abeyance (C) absence (D) abettance |
| 2. | Synonym of “ <i>Civility</i> ” is (A) Courtesy (B) Righteousness (C) Correctness (D) Kindness |
| 3. | Choose the correct sentence from the following:- (A) He write well (B) He writes well (C) He writing well (D) He writers well |
| 4. | Choose the underlined part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error. “Here <u>are</u> one of the three <u>keys</u> you <u>will need</u> to unlock the office door <u>tomorrow</u> .” (A) (B) (C) (D) |
| 5. | Past participle of “ <i>Bath</i> ” is ____? (A) Bathe (B) Bathing (C) Baths (D) Bathed |
| 6. | Choose the correct form of the word in brackets from the options given below:- Last year Mr. Kumar (<i>teach</i>) us Hindi (A) Taached (B) Taught (C) Teaching (D) Thought |
| 7. | The plural form of ‘ <i>Calf</i> ’ is; (A) Calfs (B) Calfes (C) Calves (D) Calfves |
| 8. | “Manila is the capital of Philippines” – This is _____ sentence? (A) an Imperative (B) an Interrogative (C) an Exclamatory (D) a Declarative |
| 9. | “Joy waited for the train, but the train was late.” This is a _____ sentence? (A) Compound (B) Simple (C) Complex (D) Periodic |
| 10. | Identify the correct sentence from the options given below:- (A) They doesn't understand what to do. (B) They don't understand what to do. (C) They understands what to do. (D) They do understand what to do. |
| 11. | Fill in the blanks using the correct form of <i>verb</i> from the options given below:- The number of students in the university _____ from year to year. (A) varys (B) varees (C) varies (D) vary |

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| 12. | <p>Choose the underlined part of the sentence that contains a grammatical error. If there are no errors, choose answer 'D'.</p> <p>When the professor <u>called out his(A) name</u>, <u>he walked(B)</u> rather <u>hesitant to(C)</u> the front of the room and stood there shaking. / No error(D)</p> |
| 13. | <p>Choose the correct phrase to complete the sentence given below: The monsoon has _____.</p> <p>(A) set at (B) set up (C) set in (D) set on</p> |
| 14. | <p>In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.</p> <p>Either Murugan (1)/ or Valli (2)/ have done this (3)/ No error(4)</p> <p>(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4</p> |
| 15. | <p>In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".</p> <p>When the (wind blow), the cradle will rock.</p> <p>(A) wind blew (B) wind blows (C) wind blows (D) No improvement</p> |
| 16. | <p>In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.</p> <p>One of us has given _____ his honesty.</p> <p>(A) up (B) off (C) of (D) on</p> |
| 17. | <p>In the following question, out of the four given alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.</p> <p>Long and short of it</p> <p>(A) Hardly and suddenly (B) Light and dark (C) The summary of the matter (D) Day and night</p> |
| 18. | <p>The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.</p> <p>Biologists are often P: a rigidly deterministic Q: approach to behaviour R: accused of taking</p> <p>(A) PQR (B) RPQ (C) QRP (D) PRQ</p> |


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| 19. | <p>A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.</p> <p>She has learnt the answer by heart.</p> <p>(A) The answer by her was learnt by heart. (B) The answer has been learnt by heart by her. (C) The answer was learnt by her by heart. (D) The answer is learnt by heart by her.</p> |
| 20. | <p>A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.</p> <p>This dress was given to me by my husband.</p> <p>(A) My husband gives me this dress. (B) My husband has given this dress to me. (C) My husband gave me this dress. (D) My husband had given this dress to me.</p> |
| 21. | <p>A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.</p> <p>Floor was cleaned.</p> <p>(A) The cleaner cleaned the floor. (B) The floor should be cleaned. (C) I cleaned the floor. (D) Someone cleaned the floor</p> |
| 22. | <p>A sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech.</p> <p>He said "Sister, please cook me something nice today."</p> <p>(A) He requested his sister to cook him something nice that day. (B) He told his sister to cook him something nice today. (C) He ordered his sister to cook him something nice that day. (D) He asked his sister if she could cook him something nice that day.</p> |

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| 23. | <p>A sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech.</p> <p>Rohan said, "I shall be 25 tomorrow."</p> <p>(A) Rohan said that he would be 25 tomorrow. (B) Rohan said that he should be 25 the following day. (C) Rohan said that he shall be 25 tomorrow. (D) Rohan said that he would be 25 the following day.</p> |
| 24. | <p>Paw : Cat :: Hoof : ?</p> <p>(A) Lamb (B) Horse (C) Elephant (D) Tiger</p> |
| 25. | <p>Improve the part underlined in the sentence below:-</p> <p>We demonstrated to them how we <u>were prepared</u> the artistic patterns</p> <p>(A) are prepared (B) do prepared (C) had prepared (D) no improvement</p> |
| 26. | <p>Improve the part underlined in the question:-</p> <p>They wanted to know <u>where was his house</u>.</p> <p>(A) where is his house (B) where his house was (C) where his house be (D) No improvement</p> |
| 27. | <p>Improve the part underlined in the question:-</p> <p>What he <u>intends to propose</u> is not clear from his letter</p> <p>(A) intending to propose (B) intended to be proposed (C) is intending to be proposed (D) No improvement</p> |
| 28. | <p>Fill up the blanks with the most suitable word from the given choices:-</p> <p>He is one of those who would much rather sacrifice _____ life than turn disloyal to the country.</p> <p>(A) His (B) One's (C) Their (D) Its</p> |
| 29. | <p>Fill up with suitable adjectives:-</p> <p>He doesn't need your help because he is _____ intelligent.</p> <p>(A) too (B) more (C) much (D) very</p> |
| 30. | <p>Fill up with suitable option:-</p> <p>Neither he nor you _____ to go.</p> <p>(A) is (B) was (C) have (D) has</p> |

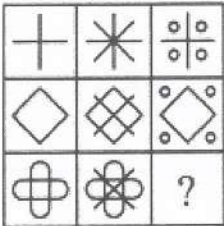

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| 31. | <p>Fill up with suitable option:- Everybody among the businessmen_____enjoying drinking when the manager of the hotel was shot dead.</p> <p>(A) were (B) have been (C) is (D) was</p> |
| 32. | <p>Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice:- What one must do, one must do properly.</p> <p>(A) What must be done , must be done properly (B) It must be done properly what one must do (C) It must be done what, one must do properly (D) One must do properly what has to be done</p> |
| 33. | <p>Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice:- The noise of the traffic kept me awake.</p> <p>(A) I was kept awake by the noise of the traffic (B) The traffic kept me awake by the noise (C) I kept myself awake due to the noise of the traffic (D) I continued awake by the noise of the traffic</p> |
| 34. | <p>In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect speech:- Kiran asked me, "Did you see the cricket match on television last night?"</p> <p>(A) Kiran asked me whether I saw the Cricket match on television the earlier night. (B) Kiran asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the earlier night. (C) Kiran asked me did I see the Cricket match on televisionthe last night. (D) Kiran asked me whether I had seen the Cricket match on television the last night.</p> |
| 35. | <p>In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect speech The Commander said to his troop, "March forward."</p> <p>(A) The Commander told his troop to march forward (B) The Commander asked his troop to march forward (C) The commander ordered his troop to march forward (D) The Commander commanded his troop to march forward</p> |

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| 36. | Select the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word:- Many (A) Endless (B) Several (C) Unlimited (D) Numberless |
| 37. | Select the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word. Destitution (A) Beggary (B) Humility (C) Damage (D) Poverty |
| 38. | Select the word which is nearest in meaning to the given word. Jeopardy (A) Enmity (B) Adventure (C) Danger (D) Magic |
| 39. | From the given alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning to the given word. Rebuked (A) Invited (B) Awarded (C) Praised (D) Received |
| 40. | From the given alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning to the given word. Repulsive (A) Attractive (B) Lovely (C) Delightful (D) Distinctive |
| 41. | Give the correct meaning of the phrasal verb given in italics in the following sentences Don't worry. I shall try to <i>bring him round</i> (A) To take somebody along (B) Persuade to accept something (C) Make someone visit (D) None of the above |
| 42. | Find the correctly spelt word:- (A) Rigerous (B) Rigourous (C) Regerous (D) Rigorous |
| 43. | Find the correctly spelt word:- (A) Palete (B) Palet (C) Palate (D) Pelate |

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| | <p>Instructions for the next five questions:- Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.</p> <p>History plays a key role in helping the current generation to know where they came from. It also helps us understand the transformation that the society has gone through. We all know that change is a constant thing that takes place every now and then. History plays a very crucial role when it comes to making comparisons. For example, historians help us understand why small things may lead to big disasters. The best example is the causes of the First and Second World Wars. The current generation tends to gain more information about their past culture. By knowing your culture, you are placed in a better position to preserve it. History is such an important subject and plays a very vital role when it comes to shaping our society. History is the study of past events. We refer to the past when comparing it with the present times and deduce the changes that have taken place. This is the easiest way to make comparisons on a timely basis.</p> |
| 44. | <p>Why is history such an important subject to study? (A) History plays a crucial role when it comes to making comparisons (B) History helps us preserve humans (C) History helps to understand our current generation (D) History can prevent diseases</p> |
| 45. | <p>How is history beneficial to the current generation? (A) It helps them to know about world wars (B) It helps them to know where they came from (C) It helps them to know the mistakes of their ancestors (D) It helps them to create opportunities</p> |
| 46. | <p>History is the study of _____ events. (A) future (B) present (C) new (D) past</p> |
| 47. | <p>What is the role of historians? (A) to help us understand why small things may lead to big disasters (B) to study future disasters (C) to acknowledge the mistakes of the past (D) to study wars of different periods</p> |
| 48. | <p>Which of the statement is true? (A) by knowing our culture, we can understand other cultures also (B) by knowing our culture, we can add more to it (C) by knowing our culture, we can better preserve it (D) by knowing our culture, we can understand our country</p> |
| 49. | <p>Fill up the blanks with the most suitable word from the given choices:- What is there _____ is hidden from God? (A) which (B) that (C) who (D) whom</p> |
| 50. | <p>Find the 'one word' substitute for the given phrase: To praise highly (A) consider (B) extol (C) deliver (D) affect</p> |

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| 51. | In the following question a series is given with one term missing. Choose the correct alternative from the given ones that will complete the series. 975, 864, 753, 642, ____? (A) 431 (B) 314 (C) 531 (D) 532 |
| 52. | M is the son of P. Q is the granddaughter of O who is the husband of P. How is M related to O? (A) Son (B) Daughter (C) Mother (D) Father |
| 53. | In a row of boys, Srinath is 7 th from the left and Venkat is 12 th from the right. If they interchange their positions, Srinath becomes 22 nd from the left. How many boys are there in the row? (A) 19 (B) 31 (C) 33 (D) 34 |
| 54. | Which number is wrong in the series "1, 9, 25, 50, 81"? (A) 1 (B) 25 (C) 50 (D) 81 |
| 55. | BDAC: FHEG :: NPMO : ? (A) RQTS (B) NTRC (C) TRQS (D) RTQS |
| 56. | From the given options, choose the correct one that will replace the question mark (?) in the following series. 83, 74, 66, 59, 53, ?, 44, 41 (A) 42 (B) 50 (C) 44 (D) 48 |
| 57. | Arrange the given words in the sequence in which they occur in the dictionary: 1. Reputation 2. Reptile 3. Republic 4. Replicate 5. Repository Options: (A) 42531 (B) 43251 (C) 45312 (D) 45231 |
| 58. | In the following question, select the odd letters from the given alternatives: (A) AEI (B) IMQ (C) EIL (D) MQU |
| 59. | In a certain code 'GIVE' is written as '51@©' and 'FAIL' is written as '%219'. How is LEAF written in that code? (A) 5©2% (B) 9©2% (C) 9@2% (D) 9©1% |
| 60. | Bicycle is to Pedal as Boat is to ____ (A) Steering (B) Water (C) Oar (D) Sail |
| 61. | A two-digit number is such that the product of the digits is 12. When 9 is subtracted from the number, the digits are reversed. The number is: (A) 34 (B) 62 (C) 43 (D) 26 |
| 62. | Find the number of triangles in the given figure.  (A) 8 (B) 10 (C) 12 (D) 14 |

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| 71. | <p>Select a suitable figure from the four alternatives that would complete the figure matrix.</p>  <p>(1) (2) (3) (4)</p> <p>(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4</p> |
| 72. | <p>Find out from amongst the four alternatives as to how the pattern would appear when the transparent sheet is folded at the dotted line.</p>  <p>(x) (1) (2) (3) (4)</p> <p>(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4</p> |
| 73. | <p>The salaries A, B, C are in the ratio 2 : 3 : 5. If the increments of 15%, 10% and 20% are allowed respectively in their salaries, then what will be new ratio of their salaries?</p> <p>(A) 3 : 3 : 10 (B) 10 : 11 : 20 (C) 23 : 33 : 60 (D) Cannot be determined</p> |
| 74. | <p>Three candidates contested an election and received 1136, 7636 and 11628 votes respectively. What percentage of the total votes did the winning candidate get?</p> <p>(A) 57% (B) 60% (C) 65% (D) 90%</p> |
| 75. | <p>If A is the brother of B; B is the sister of C; and C is the father of D, how D is related to A?</p> <p>(A) Brother (B) Sister (C) Nephew (D) Uncle</p> |
| 76. | <p>Which Shiv Sena Chief Minister of Maharashtra resigned from the post in July 2022?</p> <p>(A) Eknath Shinde (B) Devendra Fadnavis (C) Raj Thackeray (D) Uddhav Thackeray</p> |
| 77. | <p>Who wrote the ever best-selling Sherlock Holmes detective stories?</p> <p>(A) Sir Arthur Miller (B) Sir Arthur Clarke (C) Sir Arthur Wilson (D) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle</p> |

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| 78. | What is the full form of 'PDF' with reference to computers? (A) Possible Document Formation (B) Portable Docket Format (C) Ported Document Formulae (D) Portable Document Format |
| 79. | Who is the head of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council? (A) RBI Governor (B) Union Finance Minister (C) Finance Commission Chairperson (D) NITI Ayog CEO |
| 80. | The Headquarters of the World Health Organisation is situated at _____? (A) Prague (B) Hague (C) Geneva (D) London |
| 81. | The Parliament of India is consisted of: (A) Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha (B) Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha & President (C) Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, President & Prime Minister (D) Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha & Council of Ministers |
| 82. | Which among the following Union Territory of India has largest Area? (A) Delhi (B) Andaman & Nicobar Islands (C) Dadra & Nagar Haveli (D) Ladakh |
| 83. | Who among the following advocated the concept of survival of the fittest: (A) Newton (B) Einstein (C) Darwin (D) C.V. Raman |
| 84. | Which of the following vitamins help in the absorption of calcium? (A) Vitamin A (B) Vitamin B (C) Vitamin C (D) Vitamin D |
| 85. | What is the new name of the 'Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society'? (A) India Memorial Museum and Library Society (B) Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society (C) Swatantra Memorial Museum and Library Society (D) Bharat Memorial Museum and Library Society Show |
| 86. | Which country's Prime Minister was granted the 'Grand Cross of the Order of Honour' by Greece in 2023? (A) China (B) USA (C) Ukraine (D) India |
| 87. | Which company has developed a new dialogue-based chatbot named 'ChatGPT'? (A) Google (B) Microsoft (C) OpenAI (D) Meta |
| 88. | ISRO commenced the training for crew module recovery for its Gaganyaan Mission, along with which Armed Force? (A) Indian Army (B) Indian Navy (C) Indian Airforce (D) Indian Coast Guard |

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| 89. | What theory states that the universe started with a small singularity, then inflated over the next 13.8 billion years to the cosmos that we know today? (A) Big-Bang Theory (B) Helio-centric Theory (C) Copernican Model (D) Galileo Theory |
| 90. | 'Dholpur-Karauli' is the recently approved tiger reserve of which Indian state? (A) Gujarat (B) Rajasthan (C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Maharashtra |
| 91. | India has maximum amount of foreign trade with:- (A) Japan (B) UK (C) Russia (D) USA |
| 92. | Ozone hole is present over (A) Equator region (B) Antarctic region (C) Arctic region (D) Tropic region |
| 93. | The golden fiber is another name of (A) Cotton (B) Hemp (C) Jute (D) Rayon |
| 94. | Rafael Nadal has been named as the ambassador for which Indian technology brand? (A)TCS (B) Wipro (C)Infosys (D)Tech Mahindra |
| | Human bone does not contain (A) Oxygen (B) Calcium (C) Phosphorous (D) Carbon |
| 96. | The term PVC used in the plastic industry stands for (A) Polyvinyl carbonate (B) Polyvinyl chloride (C) Phosphavinyll chloride (D) Phosphor vanadium chloride |
| 97. | Apiculture is (A) Rearing of silkworms (B) Culturing of apical tissue (C) Culturing of algae (D) Bee keeping and rearing of bees |
| 98. | Who came to be known as the 'Grand Old Man of India'? (A) Justice Ranade (B) Dadabhai Naoroji (C) Mahatma Gandhi (D) Rabindranath Tagore |
| 99. | Manipur State was created in (A) 1960 (B) 1962 (C) 1966 (D) 1972 |
| 100. | 'God of small things' was written by (A) Bankim Chandra Chatterji (B) Rabindranath Tagore (C) Arundhati Roy (D) Mahatma Gandhi |

SET A

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