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GENERAL STUDIES PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 200

All questions carry equal marks of 2 each.

Attempt all questions.

- Two men of exceptional ability who made Bengal virtually independent of the Mughal Empire were
 - Murshid Quli Khan and Alivardi Khan
 - Alivardi Khan and Sarfaraz Khan
 - Murshid Quli Khan and Sarfaraz Khan
 - Ghulam Muhammad and Shujat Khan
- Who among the following did not permit the English and French to fortify their factories in Calcutta and Chandernagore?
 - Najat Khan
 - Shuja-ud-din
 - Sarfaraz Khan
 - Alivardi Khan
- The English East India Company declared war on Siraj-ud-Daulah in
 - 1756-1757
 - 1757-1758
 - 1857-1858
 - 1858-1859
- The privileges secured by the East India Company in 1717 under the royal *farman* by the Mughal Emperor had granted the Company
 - The freedom to export only without paying taxes
 - The freedom to import only in Bengal without paying taxes
 - The freedom to export and import by paying meager taxes
 - The freedom to export and import without paying taxes
- Between the Company and the Nawabs of Bengal, the *farman* became
 - A source of friendship
 - A perpetual source of conflict
 - A source of subsequent business partnership
 - A perpetual source of good will
- The Battle of Plassey was fought in
 - June 1757
 - July 1757
 - August 1757
 - January 1757
- Mir Qasim took a drastic step of
 - Selling the *dastaks* or free passes to all the foreigner merchants
 - Selling the *dastaks* or free passes to all the Indian merchants
 - Abolishing the *farman* issued to the Company's servants
 - Abolishing all duties on internal trade

8. In the 'Dual' or 'Double' government
- (a) The British had power without responsibility while the Nawab had the responsibility but not the power to discharge it
 - (b) Both the British and the Nawab had power and responsibility
 - (c) Both the British and the Nawab had only the power but not responsibility
 - (d) Both the British and the Nawab had the responsibility but not the power to discharge it
9. In 1767, the Parliament passed an act obliging the Company to pay to the British treasury
- (a) £ 300,000 per year
 - (b) £ 400,000 per year
 - (c) £ 500,000 per year
 - (d) £ 600,000 per year
10. The terrible famine in Bengal was heightened by
- (a) The Nawab's policies
 - (b) The People themselves
 - (c) The British Government
 - (d) The Company's policies
11. The Company's debt, due to its policy of expansion through war, increased from £ 17 million in 1797 to _____ in 1806
- (a) £ 20 million
 - (b) £ 30 million
 - (c) £ 31 million
 - (d) £ 32 million
12. The lead in organizing a united front of the Maratha chiefs was taken by
- (a) The Holkar
 - (b) The Bhonsle
 - (c) The Peshwa
 - (d) The Rajput
13. Who among the following attacked the British Residency at Nagpur?
- (a) Appa Sahib
 - (b) Nana Phadnis
 - (c) Yeshwant Rao
 - (d) Raja of Bharatpur
14. By 1818, the entire Indian sub-continent had been brought under the British control except
- (a) Awadh and Sindh
 - (b) Punjab and Sindh
 - (c) Punjab and Awadh
 - (d) Mysore and Sindh
15. The conquest of Sindh occurred as a result of
- (a) Anglo-Russian rivalry
 - (b) Anglo-French rivalry
 - (c) Anglo-Portuguese rivalry
 - (d) Anglo-Spanish rivalry
16. Who annexed Sindh after a brief campaign?
- (a) Lord Gough
 - (b) Lord Wellesley
 - (c) Sir Charles Napier
 - (d) Sir Robert Clive
17. How much amount of money was given to the one who annexed Sindh as prize money for accomplishing the task?
- (a) Five lakhs of rupees
 - (b) Six lakhs of rupees
 - (c) Seven lakhs of rupees
 - (d) Eight lakhs of rupees
18. The chief instrument through which Lord Dalhousie implemented his policy of annexation was
- (a) Subsidiary Alliance
 - (b) Double government
 - (c) Dastaks
 - (d) Doctrine of Lapse
19. From whom did Dalhousie take away the cotton producing province of Berar in 1853?
- (a) The Nizam
 - (b) The Nawab
 - (c) The Wazir
 - (d) The Mansabdar

20. Who said this in attacking exclusive privileges on the English East India Company- "*Such exclusive companies, therefore, are nuisances in many respects...and destructive to those which have the misfortune to fall under their government*"?
- (a) Adam Smith (b) Percival Spear
(c) Charles Napier (d) Baji Rao II
21. The first important parliamentary act regarding the Company's affairs was
- (a) The Regulating Act of 1773 (b) The Charter Act of 1813
(c) The Charter Act of 1833 (d) The Government of India Act, 1924
22. The Act of 1784 that gave the British Government supreme control over the Company's affairs and its administration in India was known as
- (a) Government of India Act (b) Regulating Act
(c) The British Government Act (d) Pitt's India Act
23. The Act of 1784 sub-ordinated the Bombay and Madras Presidencies to Bengal in all questions of
- (a) Police, judicial and stamp (b) Internal affairs, canals and highways
(c) War, diplomacy and revenues (d) Trade, transportation and railways
24. Which Charter Act brought the Company's monopoly of tea trade and trade with China to an end?
- (a) The Charter Act of 1803 (b) The Charter Act of 1813
(c) The Charter Act of 1823 (d) The Charter Act of 1833
25. The Indian handicrafts fell after 1813, when they lost
- (a) Their foreign markets
(b) Their Indian markets
(c) Both their foreign and Indian markets
(d) Their monopoly over handicrafts of European countries
26. Imports of British cotton goods in India alone increased from £ 1,100,000 in 1813 to _____ in 1856:
- (a) £ 2,200,000 (b) £ 4,300,000
(c) £ 5,300,000 (d) £ 6,300,000
27. By the end of the 19th century, Indian exports consisted primarily of
- (a) Raw cotton, jute and silk (b) Oil seeds and wheat
(c) Hides and skins, indigo and tea (d) All of these
28. "*Our system acts very much like a sponge, drawing up all the good things from the bank of the Ganges and squeezing them down on the banks of the Thames*". Who said this?
- (a) Lord Ellenborough (b) John Sullivan
(c) George Stephenson (d) Lord Cornwallis
29. One of the main reasons why a handful of foreigners could conquer and control India with a predominantly Indian army was:
- (a) Absence of modern nationalism in the country (b) Cruelty of the British army
(c) Lack of disciplines among the Indian army (d) Religious divisions
30. "*As for the police...the shepherd is a more ravenous beast of prey than the wolf*". Who wrote this in the year 1832?
- (a) Lord Wellesley (b) Lord Curzon
(c) Cornwallis (d) William Bentinck

31. In 1833, the Government appointed a Law Commission headed by
(a) Elphinstone (b) Metcalfe
(c) Macaulay (d) Munro
32. The Indian legal system under the British was based on the concept of
(a) Equality before law (b) Fundamental Rights
(c) Justice for all (d) Social justice
33. Which group of people applied the advanced humanistic and rational thought of the West to the Indian situation as they saw it?
(a) Humanists (b) Radicals
(c) Socialists (d) Extremists
34. The practice of *sati* was outlawed in
(a) 1819 (b) 1820
(c) 1829 (d) 1830
35. In 1856 the Government of India passed an Act
(a) Prohibiting infanticide (b) Enabling Hindu widows to remarry
(c) Prohibiting the practice of untouchable (d) Ending child marriage
36. The Wood's Dispatch of 1854 was a step in the development of
(a) Industries (b) Trade and commerce
(c) Entrepreneurship (d) Education
37. To make up for the paucity of expenditure on education, the officials had recourse to the so-called
(a) Downward filtration theory (b) Upward filtration theory
(c) Down to earth theory (d) Vertical theory
38. In 1820, Rammohun Roy published
(a) Commentary on Bhagavad Gita (b) Hindu Philosophical Thoughts
(c) Precepts of Jesus (d) On Judaism
39. The *Brahmo Samaj* preaches
(a) Trinity (b) Monotheism
(c) Atheism (d) Deism
40. Henry Vivian Derozio was removed from Hindu College in 1831 because of his
(a) Patriotism (b) Socialist leaning
(c) Radicalism (d) Nationalism
41. Jotiba Phule carried on a campaign against
(a) Infanticide (b) Child Marriage
(c) Sati (d) Brahmanical supremacy
42. Harish Chandra Mukherji, who played an outstanding role in support of the Indigo Revolt, was the editor of
(a) Hindoo Patriot (b) Neel Darpan
(c) The Hindu (d) The Bengalee
43. What provided the spark or the immediate cause for the Revolt of 1857?
(a) Distribution of *Chapatti s* and Lotus flowers (b) Refusal of *batta* to the sepoy
(c) Episode of the greased cartridges (d) Afghan war

44. Which of the following was not the storm-centre of the Revolt of 1857?
(a) Delhi (b) Kanpur
(c) Lucknow (d) Punjab
45. After suppression of the Revolt Emperor Bahadur Shah was deported to
(a) Colombo (b) Rangoon
(c) Kathmandu (d) Lahore
46. Mappila/Maplia Uprising erupted in which district?
(a) Malabar (b) Changana-cheri
(c) Kotayam (d) Kurnool
47. *Neel Darpan*, the play that gained great fame for vividly portraying the oppression by Indigo planters was written by
(a) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (b) Vishwar Chandra Sen
(c) Digambar Biswas (d) Din Bandhu Mitra
48. A major agitation was organized during 1883 in favour of the Ilbert Bill which would enable
(a) Indian magistrates to try Europeans (b) Indians to compete in the Civil Services
(c) Indian army to get *batta* (d) Indians to travel oversea
49. An All-India National Conference was organized in December 1883 by
(a) The Asiatic Society (b) The Bengal Association
(c) The Indian National Congress (d) The Indian Association
50. The two leaders of The Indian national Movement who viewed the *Khilafat* agitation as a golden opportunity for cementing Hindu-Muslim unity are
(a) Lala Lajpat Rai and Bal Gangadhar Tilak (b) Jawaharlal Nehru and Mohammad Jinnah
(c) Lokmanya Tilak and Mahatma Gandhi (d) Maulana Azad and Hakim Ajmal Khan
51. The newly elected President of CYMA Pu Vanlalruata belongs to which locality?
(a) Hlimen (b) Chaltlang
(c) Zarkawt (d) Tuikual S
52. Who is the first Mayor of Aizawl Municipal Corporation(AMC)?
(a) PL Lalbiakzuala (b) PC Lalhmingthanga
(c) Zartzoliana (d) CT Zakhuma
53. The first Indian state to announce that starting from 2018, it will switch to January-December financial year from the existing April-March cycle
(a) Karnataka (b) Kerala
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Sikkim
54. The deadline for linking Aadhaar with government schemes is being extended from Dec 31, 2017 to
(a) March 31st, 2018 (b) April 1st, 2018
(c) May 31st, 2018 (d) June 1st, 2018
55. What is the maximum age of joining the National Pension System (NPS)?
(a) 60 years (b) 62 years
(c) 65 years (d) 70 years

56. The state that has become the India's first state to incorporate skill development programme in higher education.
- (a) Gujarat (b) Mizoram
(c) Rajasthan (d) Karnataka
57. Winner of the 'Best Tourism State' named as 'Hall of Fame Award for three consecutive years
- (a) Sikkim (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Maharastra (d) Uttar Pradesh
58. The position of India in the latest edition of "Ease of Doing Business", published by the World Bank is
- (a) 100th (b) 120th
(c) 130th (d) 140th
59. Which one of the following is the India's first 100% computer literate village?
- (a) Punsari (b) Nunthaang
(c) Balia (d) Chamravattom
60. India's rank in the 2017 Global Hunger Index (GHI)
- (a) 100th (b) 112nd
(c) 120th (d) 132nd
61. Which Indian entrepreneur has won the prestigious International Business Person of the Year award in London for innovative IT solutions?
- (a) Ranjan Kumar (b) Birendra Sasmal
(c) Madhira Srinivasu (d) Uday Lanje
62. Which Indian city hosts the celebration of the International 'PUN' (Puppets Unite Neighbors) festival?
- (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru
(c) Ahmadabad (d) Kolkata
63. The bollywood film that becomes India's official entry in the Foreign Language Film category at the 2018 Oscars?
- (a) Newton (b) Dhangal
(c) Bahubali 2 (d) Brave maids
64. Nasikabatrachus Bhupathi, a new species of frog discovered in Western Ghats look like which of the following kind of animal?
- (a) Pig (b) Dog
(c) Cat (d) Wolf
65. Through which port, India sent its first consignment of wheat to Afghanistan based on the trilateral agreement between India, Iran and Afghanistan?
- (a) Shahid Behesthi Port (b) The Chabahar Port
(c) Kandla Port (d) Bushehr Port
66. Which article of the Spanish constitution was be activated that allowed Spain to impose direct rule over its disputed territory (Catalonia)?
- (a) Article 150 (b) Article 151
(c) Article 153 (d) Article 155

67. What are the two new members who joined the International Police Organization at the 86th Interpol General Assembly held in Beijing on 27th of Sept. 2017?
- (a) Palau and Panama (b) Panama and Solomon Island
(c) Palestine and Solomon Island (d) Vanautu and Palestine
68. Which of the following US cyber security firm has tied up with Bharti Airtel to provide cyber security solutions in India?
- (a) Symantec (b) Oxford Solutions
(c) CensorNet (d) ImageWare Systems
69. Which city has topped the list in the Mercer's 2017 Quality of Living index?
- (a) Vienna (b) Frankfurt
(c) Munich (d) Geneva
70. The country that has allowed import of Indian bananas, pomegranate, custard apple and okra for the first time from India
- (a) Australia (b) USA
(c) Japan (d) Canada
71. What is the purpose of launching For what purpose Launches "AsktheSpokesperson" initiative on twitter by the Ministry of External Affairs?
- (a) For better understanding of employment opportunities
(b) For better understanding of government policies
(c) For better understanding of foreign policy
(d) For better understanding of import & export qualities
72. The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Non-Violence is observed on which date?
- (a) October 1 (b) October 2
(c) October 3 (d) October 4
73. Bharatmala Project launched by Government of India is related to-
- (a) Building Government Offices (b) Building Bridges
(c) Building houses for the poor (d) Building Highways
74. The city that has topped the report as 'most stress free city' according to 2017 Global least stressful cities released, by a firm called Zip jet?
- (a) Geneva, Switzerland (b) Stuttgart, Germany
(c) Tokyo Japan (d) Hangzhou, China
75. In which ocean the Indian Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) conducted a three-day anti-submarine warfare exercise?
- (a) Indian Ocean (b) Pacific Ocean
(c) Atlantic Ocean (d) Arctic Ocean
76. On 27th October 2017, which one of the following country leave the International Criminal Court becoming the first country to do so?
- (a) Morocco (b) Algeria
(c) Burundi (d) Libya
77. Which country's passport is the 'most powerful' in the world according to Global Passport Power Rank 2017?
- (a) Malaysia (b) Singapore
(c) Switzerland (d) USA

78. Which country emerges as biggest source for digital talent According to the Survey conducted by Capgemini and LinkedIn?
- (a) India (b) China
(c) USA (d) Japan
79. According to “Lonely Planet” the travel guide company, Which country is ranked as the number one country to visit in 2018, in its Best in Travel 2018 list?
- (a) Chile (b) Sweden
(c) Finland (d) Switzerland
80. The name of the satellite to be launched by Myanmar on June 2019 is
- (a) Burmasat-2 (b) MyanmarSat-2
(c) Sat2-Myanmar (d) Swadheshi-3
81. Which country tops in the list of pollution-linked deaths in the world according to Lancet study published on October 2017?
- (a) China (b) South Africa
(c) India (d) Brazil
82. The poorest country of the world (2017) according to Global Finance Magazine
- (a) Burundi (b) Democratic Republic of Congo
(c) Liberia (d) Central African Republic
83. On October 2017, which country’s parliament approves its first budget since 2005
- (a) Palestine (b) Lebanon
(c) Syria (d) Libya
84. What is the slogan of International Day for Disaster Reduction 2017?
- (a) ‘Home Safe Home: Reducing Exposure, Reducing Displacement’
(b) ‘Home Safe Home: Clean and neat Environment’
(c) ‘Home secure : safety and secure Environment’
(d) ‘Home secure : Implement technology, Reducing Risk’
85. Which country has launched ‘world’s biggest & most powerful’ nuclear icebreaker Ship?
- (a) USA (b) China
(c) Russia (d) Germany
86. Who is the writer of the recently launched book “Unstoppable: My Life So Far”?
- (a) Abhinav Bindra (b) Sachin Tendulkar
(c) Sania Mirza (d) Maria Sharapova
87. On 4th October 2017, a book titled ‘The Singing Tree’ written by Ken Youngstein was launched by an international NGO, Orbis India to spread awareness on preventing child
- (a) Labour (b) Cancer
(c) Blindness (d) Trafficking
88. “Beyond the Dream Girl” is the biography of which of the following actress?
- (a) Deepika Padukone (b) Hema Malini
(c) Priyanka Chopra (d) Kajol
89. Who is the chairman of recently reconstituted Inter-State Council?
- (a) Arun Jaitley (b) Amit Shah
(c) Narendra Modi (d) AB Vajpayee

90. Who among the following has topped the Forbes' list of highest paid female athletes of 2017?
(a) Danica Patrick (b) Maria Sharapova
(c) Venus Williams (d) Serena Williams
91. Who is the newly elected President of the European Council (EC)?
(a) Andrej Plenkovic (b) Christian Kern
(c) Donald Tusk (d) Charles Michel
92. On August 2017, Justice Dipak Misra was sworn in as the
(a) 40th Chief Justice of India (b) 45th Chief Justice of India
(c) 47th Chief Justice of India (d) 49th Chief Justice of India
93. Who topped the Forbes list of top-earning dead celebrity for the 5th time?
(a) Michael Jackson (b) Bob Marley
(c) Elvis Presley (d) Tupac Shakur
94. Who is the former Soviet military officer who recently passed away at age 77 and was credited with preventing a possible nuclear disaster at the peak of the Cold War?
(a) Alexander Nevski (b) Stanislav Petrov
(c) Mikhail Kutuzov (d) Aleksei Brusilov
95. Kazuo Ishiguro is the 2017's winner of Nobel Prize for
(a) Physics (b) Economics
(c) Literature (d) Chemistry
96. Which Indian cricketer became the highest run-scorer after 200 ODIs?
(a) Sachin Tendulkar (b) Virat Kohli
(c) Mahendra Singh Dhoni (d) Suresh Raina
97. The first Indian woman wrestler to sign with WWE?
(a) Sakshi Malik (b) Shasikala
(c) Babitha (d) Kavita Devi
98. Who received "Blue Planet Prize", the world's most prestigious award for pioneers in environmental science?
(a) Sim Van Der Ryn (b) Chico Mendes
(c) Yacouba Sawadago (d) Hans Joachim Schellnhuber
99. The country that hosts a huge war games exercise "Aurora" with NATO
(a) Sweden (b) Germany
(c) Estonia (d) England
100. Who has been awarded as Germany's highest civilian honour "Cross of the Order of Merit"?
(a) Rajesh Nath (b) Mahesh Bhatt
(c) Vijayakanth (d) Jaydeep Barman