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## **ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - 2024**

#### Maximum Marks : 150

#### Time Allowed : 2 hours

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Section	Subject	No. of Questions	Marks
PART – A	Objective type	50	100
PART – B	Descriptive type	1	50
		Total	150

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### PART – A

50X2=100 Marks

- Which part of Constitution of India describes the model of Welfare State?
  - (a) Fundamental Rights
  - (b) Fundamental Duties
  - (c) The Preamble
  - (d) Directive Principles of State Policy
- 2. The mind of the makers of the Constitution of India is reflected in which of the following?
  - (a) The Preamble
  - (b) The Fundamental Rights

(c) The Directive Principles of State Policy

- (d) The Fundamental Duties
- Consider the following statements:
   1. The orders of the Delimitation Commission in India cannot be called in question before any court.

2. No modifications in the orders of the Delimitation Commission are permissible by the Parliament or State Legislative Assembly concerned.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- Arrange the following Committees related to the Panchayati Raj System in the chronological order:
  - 1. L.M. Singhvi Committee
  - 2. Hanumantha Rao Committee
  - 3. Ashok Mehta Committee
  - 4. P.K. Thungon Committee

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1-2-4-3
- (b) 3-2-1-4
- (c) 4-3-1-2
- (d) 3-1-4-2
- 5. Which of the following statements with respect to the right to have a legal aid is/are correct?

1. Under the Constitution of India, it is given under the Directive Principles of State Policy.

2. It is the duty of the police to inform the nearest Legal Aid Committee immediately after the arrest of a person.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2



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6. Local self-government can be best	(a) Ashoka	
explained as an exercise in	(b) Chandragupta Maurya	
(a) Federalism	(c) Harsha	
(b) Democratic decentralization	(d) Kanishka	
(c) Administrative delegation		
(d) Direct democracy	10. Arrange the following events in	
7. Consider a situation when a minister is	Indian modern history in	
not a member of either House of the	chronological order:	
Parliament.	I. Indian National Congress formed.	
Which of the following statements	II. Jallianwala Bagh massacre.	
would be correct?	III. Partition of Bengal.	
(a) He cannot participate in the	IV.India gains independence from	
proceedings of the Houses.	British rule.	
(b) He can participate in the	Select the correct answer using the	
proceedings of the Ho <mark>use</mark> s but cannot	code given below.	
take par <mark>t in th</mark> e voting <mark>on a</mark> ny Bill.	(a) <mark>III</mark> , I, II, IV	
(c) He <mark>c</mark> an parti <mark>cipa</mark> te in the	(b) II, III, I, IV	
proceedings of the House and take part	(c) I, III, II, IV	
in the voting on any Bill.	(d) III, II, I, IV th values	
(d) The situation itself is impossible as		
to become a minister, one must have to	11. Identify the incorrect pair leader	
be a Member of Parliament.	matched with their role during the	
	Indian independence movement:	
8. Which ancient Indian text is considered	(a) Jawaharlal Nehru - Advocated for	
the oldest surviving literature of the	complete independence	
world?	(b) Subhas Chandra Bose - Founded	
(a) Rigveda	the Forward Bloc	
(b) Ramayana	(c) Vallabhbhai Patel - The first Prime	
(c) Mahabharata	Minister of independent India	
(d) Arthashastra	(d) Bhagat Singh - Involved in	
	revolutionary activities	
9. Which ancient Indian emperor is		
known for his edicts inscribed on		

pillars and rocks across the Indian

subcontinent?



- 12. Which Indian National Congress session is incorrectly matched with its significant outcome?
  (a) Lucknow Session (1916) The formal reunion of the moderates and extremists in INC
  (b) Surat Session (1907) Witnessed a split in the Indian National Congress
  (c) Lahore Session (1929) Purna Swaraj
  (d) Madras Session (1887) Foundation of the Indian National Congress.
- **13.** Which of the following statements about the Delhi Sultanate is/are correct?

1. The Delhi Sultanate was established by Qutb-ud-din Aibak

2. The Khalji dynasty was founded by Jalal-ud-din Firuz Khalji.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

14. With reference to ancient South India, Korkai, Poompuhar and Muchiri were well known as

- (a) capital cities
- (b) ports
- (c) centers of iron-and-steel making
- (d) shrines of Jain Tirthankara's

**15. Assertion:** The Sangam Age was a period of flourishing literature and cultural development in ancient South India.

Reason:TheSangamliterature,composed in Tamil, provides valuableinsights into the society, economy, andcultural life of the time, reflecting thepatronageofkingsandthecontributions of poets and scholars.

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.

(b) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.

(c) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.

(d) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

**16.** Which of the following countries is not located on the bank of the Black Sea?

(a) Syria

- (b) Turkey
- (c) Georgia
- (d) Bulgaria
- **17.** Arrange the following Indian cities from north to south:
  - I. Srinagar
  - II. Bhopal
  - III. Visakhapatnam



IV. Thiruvananthapuram

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) III, II, I, IV
- (b) I, II, III, IV
- (c) I, III, II, IV
- (d) IV, III, II, I
- **18.** Variations in the length of daytime and nighttime from season to season are due to
  - (a) The earth's rotation on its axis
  - (b) The earth's revolution round the sun in an elliptical manner
  - (c) Latitudinal position of the place

(d) Revolution of the earth on a titled axis

- **19.** Which of the following countries has common borders with Israel?
  - (a) Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt

(b) Lebanon, Syria, Turkey and Jordan

- (c) Cyprus, Turkey, Jordan and Egypt
- (d) Turkey, Syria, Iraq and. Yemen
- **20.** In which of the following continent "The Andes mountain" is located?
  - (a) South America
  - (b) North America
  - (c) Europe
  - (d) Asia
- 21. Which one of the following pairs of islands is separated from each other by the 'Ten Degree Channel'?(a) Andaman and Nicobar

- (b) Nicobar and Sumatra
- (c) Maldives and Lakshadweep
- (d)Sumatra and Java
- **22.** The Tropic of cancer passes through which of the following states?
  - 1. Gujarat
  - 2. Chhattisgarh
  - 3. Uttar Pradesh
  - 4. Jharkhand

Select the correct answer from the code given below Code

- (a) 1, 2 and 4
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 1,3 and 4
- (d) 2, 3 and 4
- 23. What is meant by 'Public Good"?
  - (a) A commodity produced by government

(b) A commodity whose benefits are indivisibly spread among the entire community

(c) A government scheme that benefits the poor households

(d) Any commodity that is very popular among general public

24. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding depreciation?1. It is an annual allowance for wear and tear of capital goods.

2. It takes into account of unexpected or sudden destruction or disuse of capital.



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Select the correct answer from using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **25.** A "Closed economy" is an economy in which
  - (a) The money supply is fully controlled
  - (b) Deficit financing takes place
  - (c) Only exports take place
  - (d) Neither exports nor imports take

place

**26.** Match the following:

Type of Deficit	Impacts
Revenue Deficit	current income and expenditure
Fiscal Deficit	cumulative of all the borrowings
Primary Deficit	fiscal deficit without interest liabilities

Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched?

- (a) No pair
- (b) Only one pair
- (c) Only two pairs
- (d) All the three pairs
- 27. What does 'MSP 'stand for?
  - (a) Minimum Supply Price
  - (b) Minimum Support Price

- (c) Maximum Supply Price
- (d) Maximum Support Price
- 28. The money multiplier in an economy increases with which one of the following?

(a) Increase in the Cash Reserve Ratio in the banks

(b) Increase in the Statutory Liquidity Ratio in the banks

(c) Increase in the banking habit of the people

(d) Increase in the population of the country

29. Which of the following organizationsbrings out the publication known as'World Economic Outlook?

- (a) The International Monetary Fund(b) The United Nations DevelopmentProgramme
- (c) The World Economic Forum
- (d) The World Bank
- **30.** Which of the following could lead to inflation in the Indian economy?
  - 1. Rising global inflation
  - 2. Hike in interest rates by RBI

3. Devaluation of Indian Rupee by RBI Select the correct answer using the code given below

- (a) No pair
- (b) Only one pair
- (c) Only two pairs
- (d) All the three pairs



- **31.** The Indian Army launched 'Operation Sarvashakti' to flush out terrorist's in
  - (a) Myanmar
  - (b) Manipur
  - (c) Jammu and Kashmir
  - (d) Chhattisgarh
- **32.** Consider the following statements regarding the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan:

1. This programme is initiated by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

2.It aims to develop an inclusive society for persons with disabilities.

3.It has provisions of pension for persons with disabilities.

Which of the statements given above is/ are correct?

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
- (b) 1 and 2 only
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1 only
- **33.** Which one of the following organization launched the James Webb Space Telescope?
  - (a) JAXA
  - (b) NASA
  - (c) ISRO
  - (d) ROSCOSMOS
- **34.** Which of the following particles are subatomic particles?
  - 1. Electron
  - 2. Proton

- 3. Neutron
- 4. Muon

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1 and 4 only
- (b) 1, 2, 3 and 4
- (c) 2 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3 only

**35.** Which one of the following is related

- to global dimming?
- (a) Fall of atmospheric pressure due
- to increased particulates

(b) Raise of atmospheric pressure

- due to increased particulates
- (c) Raise of temperature due to

increased particulates

(d) Fall of temperature due to

increased particulates
Passage-1

Agriculture will for sure immensely benefit from AI applications. AI can be used to create intelligent systems which are embedded in machines that can work with higher accuracy and speed than humans and at the same time be responsive like humans. AI together with Internet of Things (IoT) and Sensor Technology can be the great enabler of precision agriculture. AI can also play a critical role along with remote sensing technology in wide scale implementation of Climate Smart Agriculture. Some of the AI Techniques like Mobile based Recommender Systems and Expert Systems can drastically increase the adoption rate of agriculture technologies like high yielding or disease resistant varieties, innovative farm implements thereby helping in



increasing farmer's income. These AI techniques can also be the enabler of the paradigm shift of location based advisory services to the personalised and context specific advisory for the millions of farmers of our country. Automation, Sensors, Drones, IoT, Solar Power aided with AI provide new opportunities for business and entrepreneurs to deliver innovative solutions as service at affordable prices to the farmers. Precision farming one another area where we can benefit from AI and it can also help farmers to maximise the space they have, to be more precise about the types of crops, weather pattern and when and where we should go for raising crops so that the costbenefit ratio is favourable to farmers.

**36.** Which one of the following statements best implies the suggestion implied by the passage given above?

1. The best thing that AI can do in agriculture is to avoid drudgery and tedium from many agricultural operations so that we can put our time and efforts in much better ways of findina an array of creative AI innovations to surpass human capabilities

2. The benefit for humans from AI is raise in prosperity of agriculture and moving high in stages of development so that from primitive agrarian stage we move to developed service economy stage.

Select answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

37. On the basis of above passage, following assumptions have been made:

1. AI is a best tool for doubling farmers income

2. AI can improve grading and sorting making supply chain more efficient Which of the above assumptions are valid?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- **38.** Which of the following is the most logical corollary we can make from the above passage?

(a) AI has both non-biological and human dimensions

- (b) AI in agriculture gives rise to some ethical dilemmas
- (c) AI needs to subsidized for small and marginal farmers
- (d) AI can bring down labour cost in farming

#### Passage-2

According to a study, the tropical deforestation rate is likely to climb steadily in the 2020s and 2030s and then speed up around 2040, "as areas of high forest cover in Latin America that are currently experiencing little deforestation come under areater threat". Analysis corroborates the conclusions of previous studies that reducing tropical deforestation is a sizable and low-cost option for mitigating climate change.



39. On the basis of above passage following assumptions were made:1. Acting against tropical deforestation is cheapest way for tropical countries

to fight climate change

2. Developed nations can fund developing nations for plundering their tropical timber in past Which of the above assumptions are valid?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 & 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 40. Which of the following could be the rational implication from the passage?
  1. If carbon pricing is raised there will be high incentive to conserve carbon
  2. Amazon forests are a treasure to world since tropical forest is at center of climate fight
  3. Deforestation is high in tropical countries due to their poverty
  Which of the above statements is/are correct?
  - (a) 1 only
  - (b) 2 & 3 only
  - (c) 1 & 3 only
  - (d) All the above
- 41. Consider the following arrangement that had some missing letters aabcd\_ee\_bc\_d\_eabccc\_eabbbcdea

The missing letters which complete the arrangement are:

- (a) e, a, d, d, d
  (b) e, a, a, b, c
  (c) a, b, c, d, e
  (d) e, d, c, b, a
- 42. Ram's birthday was on Thursday on the eighth day of February in 2009. What was the day of his birthday in 2004?
  - (a) Thursday
  - (b) Saturday
  - (c) Monday
  - (d) Wednesday
- **43.** In a faulty compass, the East direction
- is shown as North. In the same compass, the South direction will be shown as:
  - (a) North
  - (b) West
  - (c)South
  - (d)None of the above
- **44.** Consider the following statements and conclusions:

#### Statements:

- 1. If it rains, the streets will be wet.
- 2. The streets are not wet.

#### **Conclusions:**

- I. It did not rain.
- II. It rained.

Which of the above conclusions logically follows from the given statements?



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(a) Only conclusion I follows	What is the age of the teacher?	
(b) Only conclusion II follows	(a) 33	
(c) Both conclusions I and II follow	(b) 34	
(d) Neither conclusion I nor II	(c) 35	
follows	(d) 36	
45. Consider the following sequence of	48. A milkman sells milk at the rate of	
numbers: 20, 24 <mark>, 33</mark> , 58, 107,	Rs.50 per litre. Upon investigation, it	
Which number would appear in the	was found that the milk contains 25%	
sequence next?	water. Assuming that the cost of the	
(a) 228	milk is Rs.48 per litre, what is the	
(b) 187	profit per litre made by the milkman?	
(c) 207	(a) 12	
(d) 171	(b) 13	
	(c) 14	
<b>46.</b> In a classroom, there are <mark>48 students.</mark>	(d) 15	
Th <mark>e</mark> rat <mark>io o</mark> f boys to girls in the		
classroom is 3:1. The teacher wants	49. Consider the two Statements are	
to divide the students into groups for	given followed by a Question:	
a project, with each group having the	Statement - 1: Investment of Chetan	
same number of boys and girls. If 6	is Rs 91.	
boys and 2 girls are absent on the day	Statement - 2: Investment of all of	
of the project, what is the maximum	them are distinct natural numbers.	
number of groups that can be formed	Question: If the average investment	
with the remaining students?	of Aman, Bony, Chetan and Dev is Rs	
(a) 8	46, whose investment is the highest	
(b) 9	among them?	
(c) 10	Which one of the following is correct	
	in a second of the shore of the second	

- (d) 11
- 47. In a class of 20 students, the average age of the students is 15 years. When the teacher's age is also included, the average age of the class increases by 1 year.

in respect of the above Statements

(a) Statement-1 alone is sufficient to

(b) Statement-2 alone is sufficient to

and the Question?

answer the question.

answer the question.



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(c) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are required to answer the question.(d) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are not sufficient to answer the question.

**50.** In an examination of five papers, marks obtained by Pankaj are in the ratio of 4:5:6:7:8 across the five papers. Each paper carries the same marks.

Consider the two Statements are given followed by a Question:

**Statement - 1:** Total marks obtained by Pankaj in all the papers together is 300 marks.

Statement - 2: Lowest percentage of marks obtained by Pankaj in any of the paper of this examination is 30%

**Question:** In how many papers did Pankaj obtain more than 50% of the maximum marks?

Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above Statements and the Question?

(a) Statement-1 alone is sufficient to answer the question.

(b) Statement-2 alone is sufficient to answer the question.

(c) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are required to answer the question.

(d) Both Statement-1 and Statement-2 are not sufficient to answer the question.

PART – B

50X1=50 Marks

Write an essay on the following topic in 600 words.

**1.** Need for Transparency in Public Administration and how as a Government officer you can contribute to this cause?

Education with values