

Booklet Serial No.

Signature Invigilator

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Question Paper cum Answer Script

Hall Ticket No.

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Time: 2hrs**Maximum Marks: 70****INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

1. Candidate should write their Hall Ticket number and OMR number on the space provided above. Candidate should not write their Hall Ticket and OMR number at any other place.
2. This question booklet contains **(16)** pages. The Candidate should check the booklet before taking the Test. In case of any discrepancy, a new booklet may be provided by the Invigilator.
3. The question booklet consists of Part A and Part B. Part A contains 50 multiple-choice questions, each with four options. The candidate must select the correct answer and mark the corresponding circle on the OMR sheet using a blue or black ballpoint pen. Each question carries one mark. No marks will be awarded if the correct answer is not properly marked against the corresponding question number in the OMR sheet. Further, if more than one option is marked for any question, no marks will be awarded for that question.
4. Part B consists of four descriptive questions, each carrying 5 marks. The answers must be written only in the 8-page answer booklet provided. No additional answer booklet will be issued.
5. There are no Negative marks.
6. At the end of Entrance Test, candidates are allowed to take their question booklet and handover the OMR Sheet and answer booklet to the Invigilator.

PART-A**SECTION-I (Research Methodology)**

1. Which of the following is the first step in the research process?
(A) Defining the Problem (B) Data Collection
(C) Literature Review (D) Hypothesis Testing
2. A research design is a:
(A) Set of techniques (B) Structure of research
(C) Type of data (D) Method of analysis
3. In qualitative research, the emphasis is on:
(A) Numerical data (B) Objectivity
(C) Statistical analysis (D) Understanding meaning and experiences
4. Hypothesis is:
(A) A tentative statement (B) A proven fact
(C) A conclusion (D) A theoretical framework
5. The term “sampling” refers to:
(A) Measuring population (B) Drawing conclusions
(C) Analysing data (D) Selecting units from a population
6. A variable that is manipulated to observe its effect is known as:
(A) Independent variable (B) Dependent variable
(C) Intervening variable (D) Control variable
7. A structured questionnaire is generally used in:
(A) Qualitative research (B) Ethnographic studies
(C) Case studies (D) Quantitative research
8. The purpose of a pilot study is to:
(A) Publish preliminary findings (B) Estimate budget
(C) Finalize hypothesis (D) Test the feasibility of the research
9. Which of the following methods is used for studying the past?
(A) Historical method (B) Survey method
(C) Experimental method (D) Action research
10. An example of primary data is:
(A) Newspaper article (B) Government report
(C) Textbook (D) Interview transcript

11. The process of assigning numerals to variables is called:
(A) Sampling (B) Coding
(C) Scaling (D) Measurement
12. Triangulation in research refers to:
(A) Combining multiple methods to study a phenomenon
(B) Using three types of respondents
(C) Using three types of sampling techniques
(D) Statistical data analysis
13. Reliability refers to:
(A) Relevance of the data (B) Accuracy of results
(C) Validity of measurement (D) Consistency of measurement
14. Which of the following is NOT a type of non-probability sampling?
(A) Stratified sampling (B) Quota sampling
(C) Snowball sampling (D) Purposive sampling
15. The null hypothesis states that:
(A) There is no significant relationship (B) There is a significant relationship
(C) The hypothesis is true (D) The sample is invalid
16. A case study is an example of:
(A) Experimental research (B) Descriptive research
(C) Historical research (D) Hypothetical research
17. Cross-sectional studies are conducted:
(A) Once at a point in time (B) Over a long period
(C) On historical data (D) Through experiments
18. In survey research, a "closed question" means:
(A) One with fixed response options (B) One without any response
(C) One with a long answer (D) A hypothetical question
19. Which one of the following refers to a "conceptual framework"?
(A) Outline of sampling (B) Review of literature
(C) Statistical analysis (D) Logical structure of theory
20. In a Likert scale, respondents:
(A) Choose between two alternatives (B) Rank the options
(C) Write long responses (D) Indicate level of agreement
21. Correlation indicates:
(A) Relationship between variables (B) Cause and effect
(C) Sampling error (D) Experimental design
22. Plagiarism is:
(A) Presenting others' work as one's own (B) Quoting sources correctly
(C) Giving credit to the author (D) Writing in one's own words

23. A longitudinal study collects data:
 (A) Over a period of time (B) From one point in time
 (C) From different locations (D) Using only interviews
24. Action research is primarily concerned with:
 (A) Theoretical frameworks (B) Academic writing
 (C) Experimental designs (D) Practical problem-solving
25. Content analysis is used to:
 (A) Test hypotheses (B) Analyse survey results
 (C) Interpret qualitative data (D) Review books

Section -II (Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy)

26. National Education Day is observed on
 (A) 26th January (B) 11th November
 (C) 5th September (D) 1st May
27. Planning Commission is replaced with:
 (A) NITI Ayog (B) Defense Commission
 (C) Agriculture Commission (D) Railway Commission
28. The concept of "social exclusion" first became popular in which continent?
 (A) Africa (B) Australia
 (C) North America (D) Europe
29. What is the correct order of the Varna system in India?
 (A) Brahmana, Kshatriya, Vaishya, Shudra
 (B) Vaishya, Shudra, Brahmana, Kshatriya
 (C) Brahmana, Vaishya, Kshatriya, Shudra
 (D) Kshatriya, Brahmana, Shudra, Vaishya
30. What is India's position in the global economy by GDP, in 2024?
 (A) Third Largest (B) Fourth Largest
 (C) Fifth Largest (D) Sixth Largest
31. What is the classical dance form of Tamil Nadu?
 (A) Bharatanatyam (B) Kathakali
 (C) Kuchipudi (D) Sattriya
32. When did the UN General Assembly adopt and declare the "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights"?
 (A) 10 December 1948 (B) 10 December 1958
 (C) 10 October 1950 (D) 10 October 1960
33. In 1953, under whose leadership was the first OBC Commission formed?
 (A) P. Subramanyam (B) Kaka Kalelkar
 (C) General Kariappa (D) Krishna Kant

34. How many Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are listed by UNO?
 (A) 15 (B) 16
 (C) 17 (D) 18
35. What is the minimum pension given under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM), a government scheme meant for old age protection and social security of unorganized workers.
 (A) Rs. 2000 (B) Rs. 3000
 (C) Rs. 4000 (D) Rs. 5000
36. “Annihilation of Caste” was written by
 (A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Jawaharlal Nehru
 (C) B.R. Ambedkar (D) Arbindo Ghose
37. In medieval India, the term ‘Amir-i-Chahalgani’ referred to:
 (A) Foreign Invaders (B) Trusted Nobles
 (C) Women Spies (D) Agricultural labourers
38. Which of these is the small-scale industry in India?
 (A) Jute industry (B) Paper Industry
 (C) Textile Industry (D) Handloom Industry
39. In India, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) is a multi-dimensional organisation investigating economic offences under which of the following legislations?
 1. Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
 2. Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999
 3. Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988
 4. Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018
 Select the correct answer using the code given below:
 (A) 1 and 2 only (B) 3 and 4 only
 (C) 1, 2 and 4 only (D) 1, 2, 3 and 4
40. The largest public sector undertaking in the country is?
 (A) Railways (B) Airways
 (C) Roadways (D) Iron and Steel Plants
41. The ‘Panchayat Se Parliament 2.0’ program commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of which tribal leader?
 (A) Birsa Munda (B) Komuram Bhim
 (C) Nana Singh (D) Laxman Nayak
42. Nizam ul Mulk was the ruler of
 (A) Bhopal (B) Kashmir
 (C) Junagadh (D) Hyderabad
43. The ideal of ‘Welfare State’ in the Indian Constitution is enshrined in its
 (A) Preamble (B) Directive Principles of State Policy
 (C) Fundamental Rights (D) Seventh Schedule

44. Which of the following NOT one of the Lokapalas or the Guardians of the Universe, as per Hindu scriptures?
 (A) Kubera (B) Yama
 (C) Indra (D) Shiva
45. The concept of 'social exclusion' was first used by
 (A) Rene Lenoir (B) Winston Churchill
 (C) Karl Marx (D) Michael Foucault
46. The book 'A Theory of Justice' is authored by
 (A) John Locke (B) Plato
 (C) John Austin (D) John Rawls
47. Arrange the following in the same order as they figure in the Preamble to the Indian Constitution
 i) Sovereign ii) Socialist iii) Secular iv) Democratic v) Republic
 (A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) (B) (v), (iv), (iii), (ii), (i)
 (C) (i), (iv), (ii), (v), (iii) (D) (i), (v), (iv), (ii), (iii)
48. Who has written "Das Capital"?
 (A) Karl Marx (B) Emanuel Durkheim
 (C) Aristotle (D) Hegel
49. Liberty, Equality and Fraternity was the contribution of...
 (A) Russian Revolution (B) African Revolution
 (C) Industrial Revolution (D) French Revolution
50. The theory of economic drain of India during British imperialism was propounded by
 (A) Dadabhai Naoroji (B) Jawaharlal Nehru
 (C) G.K. Gokhale (D) B.G. Tilak

Part-B (Descriptive)

Attempt all four (4) questions.

(5 x 4 = 20)

Section-I: Research Methodology

1. What are the types of sampling designs in research methodology?
2. Explain the meaning of primary data and secondary data. Discuss the special care is to be taken while collecting primary data in a research study.

Section-II: (Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy)

3. What do you understand the phrase "inclusive growth" in recent discourse in Indian political economy.
4. What was the role of Jyotirao Phule and Ambedkar for the upliftment of marginal communities in India?
