

PARLIAMENT OF INDIA  
(JOINT RECRUITMENT CELL)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR THE POST OF EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE/COMMITTEE/PROTOCOL  
ASSISTANT IN  
LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2013

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS AND GENERAL ENGLISH

**INSTRUCTIONS:** (i) Write your Roll No. and other details in the appropriate columns of the OMR Answer Sheet. (ii) Mark the correct answer by fully darkening/blackening the circle. In case, you feel that there is more than one correct response, mark the response which you consider the best. In any case, choose only one response for each question. Use blue or black ball pen only to mark your response. (iii) The answer once marked in ball pen cannot be changed. (iv) All questions carry equal marks. (v) There will be no negative marking.

Time : 50 Minutes

Marks: 100

**PART-A : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & CURRENT AFFAIRS**

- Which state in India has the longest coastline:**  
(A) Tamil Nadu (B) Gujarat (C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Maharashtra
- The Tropic of Cancer does not pass through:** (A) India (B) Bangladesh (C) Nepal (D) China
- Which among the following was not led by Gandhiji:**  
(A) Swadeshi Movement (B) Non-cooperation Movement  
(C) Civil Disobedience Movement (D) Quit India Movement
- Who is considered as Father of Indian renaissance:**  
(A) Mahatma Gandhi (B) Rabindranath Tagore (C) Swami Vivekanand (D) Raja Rammohan Roy
- Which of the following decides the monetary policy in India:**  
(A) Ministry of Finance (B) Ministry of Commerce  
(C) Reserve Bank of India (D) Planning Commission
- Which of the following does not follow Euro as its currency:**  
(A) Germany (B) Belgium (C) Switzerland (D) Portugal
- Who is the founder of the People's Republic of China:**  
(A) Deng Xiaoping (B) Zhou En-lai (C) Mao Zedong (D) Sun Yat - Sen
- Which country is to host Commonwealth Games, 2018:**  
(A) India (B) Pakistan (C) Australia (D) South Africa
- Which of the following Vitamin is necessary for blood clotting:**  
(A) Vitamin A (B) Vitamin D (C) Vitamin K (D) Vitamin C
- 'Navroze' is a festival celebrated by:** (A) Hindus (B) Muslims (C) Christians (D) Parsis
- Who was elected unanimously as the President of India:**  
(A) Neelam Sanjiva Reddy (B) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan (C) K.R. Narayanan (D) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- Which is the World's largest desert:**  
(A) The Great Australian desert (B) Sahara desert (C) Arabian Desert (D) Gobi desert
- Which of the following states does not have Legislative Council:**  
(A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Jammu & Kashmir (C) Tamil Nadu (D) Bihar
- The inaugural 'World Test Cricket Championship in 2017' will take place in:**  
(A) Australia (B) England & Wales (C) India & Pakistan (D) West Indies
- The worldwide Great Depression took place in:** (A) 1926 (B) 1920 (C) 1937 (D) 1930
- Mohammad Yunus of Grameen Bank fame belongs to which country:**  
(A) Pakistan (B) Malaysia (C) Bangladesh (D) India
- Whose 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary is being celebrated in 2013:**  
(A) Rabindranath Tagore (B) Swami Vivekanand  
(C) Swami Dayanand (D) Ramkrishna Paramhansa

18. **The first country to establish trade relations with India was:**  
(A) Portugal (B) Holland (C) France (D) England
19. **At present, Right to Property is:**  
(A) legal right (B) human right (C) fundamental right (D) natural right
20. **Who among the following is not a Nobel laureate:**  
(A) C.V. Raman (B) S. Chandrashekar (C) V. Ramakrishnan (D) S. Ramanujam
21. **Hunter Commission was appointed by the British to probe into:**  
(A) Bardoli Satyagraha (B) Jallianwala Bagh tragedy  
(C) Khilafat Agitation (D) Chauri Chaura incident
22. **The partition of Bengal was revoked by the British in:** (A) 1919 (B) 1917 (C) 1920 (D) 1911
23. **Which river is known as sorrow of Bihar:** (A) Ganga (B) Kosi (C) Gandak (D) Son
24. **When were Indian states first organized on a linguistic basis:** (A) 1952 (B) 1953 (C) 1956 (D) 1950
25. **Which amendment was passed by the Parliament to curb political defections:**  
(A) 52<sup>nd</sup> amendment (B) 54<sup>th</sup> amendment (C) 73<sup>rd</sup> amendment (D) 48<sup>th</sup> amendment
26. **Which soil is best suited for cotton cultivation:**  
(A) alluvial soil (B) black soil (C) red soil (D) arid soil
27. **In which Congress session in 1931 the famous resolution on fundamental rights was passed:**  
(A) Lahore (B) Bombay (C) Karachi (D) Nagpur
28. **Who among the following is a judge of the International Court of Justice:**  
(A) Manmohan Sarin (B) Rajender Sachchar (C) J.S. Verma (D) Dalveer Bhandari
29. **Which of the following is not a member of ASEAN:** (A) Myanmar (B) Bhutan (C) Brunei (D) Laos
30. **Who is the author of 'Wealth of Nations':**  
(A) Ricardo (B) Malthus (C) Adam Smith (D) Amartya Sen
31. **What should be the maximum time gap between two Sessions of the Parliament of India:**  
(A) 3 months (B) 4 months (C) 9 months (D) 6 months
32. **The UN has recently passed a resolution against which country for human right violation:**  
(A) Nepal (B) India (C) Sri Lanka (D) Pakistan
33. **India is connected with Europe through:**  
(A) Persian Gulf (B) Red Sea (C) Suez Canal (D) Malaccan Strait.
34. **This heavy bird was originally to be made national bird of India before the peacock was used to replace it. It is highly vulnerable species and is found in Rajasthan and Gujarat:**  
(A) Monal (B) Indian Moorhen (C) Great Indian Bustard (D) Pink flamingo
35. **The youngest mountain range in the world is:**  
(A) The Alps (B) The Andes (C) The Himalayas (D) The Rockies
36. **The Civil services in India was established by :**  
(A) Lord Rippon (B) Lord Dalhousie (C) Lord William Bentick (D) Lord Cornwallis
37. **Who described Taj mahal as a 'teardrop on the cheek of time':**  
(A) Nehru (B) Gandhi (C) Tagore (D) Jayprakash Narayan
38. **Who was the first to describe the great mutiny of 1857 as the first War of Independence:**  
(A) Nehru (B) Tilak (C) V.D. Savarkar (D) Lajpat Rai
39. **The spread of Jainism in Karnataka is attributed to :**  
(A) Kanishka (B) Ashoka (C) Narasimavarma Pallava (D) Chandragupta Maurya
40. **During the period of Sangas there was a revival of :**  
(A) Jainism (B) Brahminism (C) Zoroastrianism (D) Buddhism
41. **The Indian Constitution is regarded as:**  
(A) Federal (B) Unitary (C) Parliamentary (D) Federal in form and Unitary in spirit
42. **On whom does the Constitution confer special responsibility for the enforcement of fundamental rights:** (A) Parliament (B) Supreme Court (C) President (D) State legislature
43. **Which film won the 2013 National Award:**  
(A) Kai Po Che (B) Paan Singh Tomar (C) Chittagong (D) Vicky Donor
44. **What is the real name of Dalai Lama:**  
(A) Hu-jin-Tso (B) Mu Zhiyi (C) Denkatsu Torii (D) Tenzin Gyatso

45. Who among the following has been recently conferred the 'Allard Prize for International Integrity': (A) Arvind Kejriwal (B) Manmohan Singh (C) Anna Hazare (D) Sonia Gandhi
46. Who is the current highest ranked Indian player in tennis men's singles:  
(A) Somdev Devvarman (B) Mahesh Bhupathi (C) Yuki Bhambri (D) Ashok Amritraj
47. Where is the Indian Grand Prix held annually:  
(A) Speed Circuit, Kochi (B) Bose Circuit, Kolkata  
(C) Chinnaswamy Circuit, Chennai (D) Buddh International Circuit, Greater Noida
48. Who are the 2013 US open men's doubles winners:  
(A) Bob and Mike Bryan (B) Max Mirnyi and Mahesh Bhupathi  
(C) Leander Paes and Radek Stepanek (D) Llewton Hewitt and Andy Roddick
49. Which one of the following ranges forms the waters divide between Narmada and Tapti rivers:  
(A) Satpura (B) Aravalli (C) Vindhyas (D) Kaimur
50. The Constituent Assembly for undivided India first met on:  
(A) 6<sup>th</sup> December 1943 (B) 9<sup>th</sup> December 1946 (C) 20<sup>th</sup> February 1947 (D) 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1947

**PART - B : GENERAL ENGLISH**

**I. Choose the correct synonym of the given word:**

51. lexicon (A) volume (B) phrase (C) idiom (D) dictionary
52. schedule (A) timetable (B) design (C) adjustment (D) model
53. scrooge (A) generous (B) callous (C) politician (D) miser
54. prurient (A) sexy (B) lusty (C) lascivious (D) sonorous
55. detour (A) bypass (B) highway (C) forested (D) private road
56. humongous (A) human (B) healthy (C) enormous (D) strong
57. fervid (A) ardent (B) feverish (C) freckled (D) gratis
58. gnome (A) fairy (B) senile (C) goblin (D) cherub

**II. Choose the correct antonym of the given word:**

59. libidinous (A) salacious (B) moral (C) concupiscent (D) legal
60. languor (A) lengthy (B) vigour (C) rigour (D) finality
61. euphonious (A) right (B) verdant (C) strident (D) harmonious
62. ratiocinative (A) logical (B) reasoned (C) absurd (D) proportionately
63. torpor (A) tepidity (B) complacence (C) attention (D) restlessness
64. noxious (A) healthy (B) venomous (C) sincere (D) famous
65. retrogress (A) evolve (B) ebb (C) backslide (D) release

**III. Fill in the blanks to make the sentences meaningfully complete:**

66. Pilots have to undergo \_\_\_\_\_ medical tests to get into their profession.  
(A) vicious (B) vigorous (C) rigorous (D) perfect
67. We tend to \_\_\_\_\_ the leaders we love. (A) vilify (B) transmogrify (C) demonize (D) deify
68. In any corruption scandal, a small official is made the \_\_\_\_\_ guy.  
(A) tall (B) fall (C) unintended (D) resource
69. It is high time you \_\_\_\_\_ your Will. (A) wrote (B) write (C) had written (D) should write
70. She has promised to extend her \_\_\_\_\_ support to us.  
(A) unrestricted (B) uninhibited (C) unstinted (D) unilateral

**IV. Choose alternative which can best substitute the given words:**

71. War or fighting happening between members of the same group:  
(A) intrafighting (B) feudal (C) inter-fighting (D) interneceine
72. Area of soft wet ground which you might sink into if you try and walk on it:  
(A) quagmire (B) slush (C) quicksand (D) trough
73. Lucky tendency to find interesting or valuable things by chance:  
(A) tenacity (B) destiny (C) serendipity (D) adventure
74. Having a pleasant and flowing sound. (A) staccato (B) mellifluous (C) rhythmic (D) concordant
75. Bad-tempered and often angry. (A) violent (B) splenetic (C) temporal (D) hostile

V. Choose the answer closest in meaning to the following idioms:

76. **Have a chip on your shoulder:** (A) have a long time grudge against someone (B) wearing a medal for bravery in the war (C) seem angry all the time because you think you have been treated unfairly (D) have a curiosity for everything around
77. **Toss-up:** (A) Either of two possibilities is equally likely (B) draw of lots  
(C) getting something by chance (D) lucky find
78. **Put something on the backburner:** (A) send a project to a committee  
(B) send a proposal back to the proposer (C) put a proposal in the "under consideration" category  
(D) delay doing something for the time being
79. **Back seat driver:** (A) someone who tells others how to do thing (B) a trainer driver  
(C) leader who remains in the background (D) one who keeps criticizing others all the time
80. **Left-handed compliment:** (A) a big slap on the back (B) an achievement not worth mentioning  
(C) unintended or ambiguous compliment (D) criticism that looks like praise
81. **Wild card:** (A) Someone who barges into a party uninvited (B) an unexpected discovery  
(C) someone or something whose behavior is sometimes unexpected (D) an unknown player
82. **Steal somebody's thunder:** (A) get the success and praise someone else should have got  
(B) shout someone down (C) expose someone's bluff (D) bring someone unknown into limelight
83. **Bad hair day:** (A) a windy day (B) a day when everything seems to go wrong  
(C) a day on which you are feeling depressed (D) a day on which you miss all your appointments

VI. Choose the correct proposition to fill in the blanks

84. What started \_\_\_\_\_ as graffiti on an architectural scar, soon became a work of art:  
(A) out (B) up (C) on (D) away
85. Germany was a divided nation caught up \_\_\_\_\_ the ultimate ideological battle:  
(A) for (B) in (C) with (D) to
86. \_\_\_\_\_ each successive instance of your reasoning I am only confused a little more:  
(A) with (B) on (C) during (D) at
87. Those nomads are incredibly hospitable . Someone seeking food and shelter would never be turned \_\_\_\_\_ :  
(A) off (B) away (C) back (D) on
88. The world champion took just five minutes to dispose \_\_\_\_\_ his opponent:  
(A) off (B) away (C) of (D) out
89. Our lawyer wants to go \_\_\_\_\_ the papers thoroughly before we sign them:  
(A) over (B) through (C) into (D) for
90. If you renege \_\_\_\_\_ the contract, you lose your security deposit : (A) over (B) up (C) on (D) by

VII. Choose the part of the sentence which has an error in it:

91. (A) She has been ill (B) since the day she has arrived (C) for a short vacation (D) from the U.S.
92. (A) If you will not pay interest (B) on time (C) you will forfeit (D) your entire deposit.
93. (A) We waited for a taxi (B) for a long time (C) at the end (D) we decided to walk down to the hotel.
94. (A) The poor people (B) were put (C) on the bus (D) after giving them some money.
95. (A) These days (B) he finds it difficult (C) to make his both ends (D) meet.
96. (A) With a view to encourage (B) the staff to work harder,  
(C) we have introduced (D) an incentive scheme.

VIII. Choose the correctly spelt alternative:

97. (A) connoisseur (B) connisseur (C) conoisieur (D) connoisseur
98. (A) archaeologist (B) archelogist (C) archologist (D) archaeologist
99. (A) restauranter (B) restaurateur (C) restaurantur (D) restaurateur
100. (A) enmity (B) enimity (C) enmity (D) enimity

**KEY**

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