

பகுதி-ஆ - பொது ஆங்கிலம்

Part-B - General English

வினாக்கள் : 101-200

மொத்த மதிப்பெண்கள் : 150

Questions : 101-200

Total Marks : 150

101. Dr. Salim Ali was introduced to the serious study of birds by
- (A) W.S. Millard (B) EHA  
(C) Norman Boyd Kinnear (D) Amiruddin  
(E) Answer not known
102. "Elephant Rides are for the Royals. Forget this Dream" - Who said this to Rani of Jhansi?
- (A) Baji Rao (B) Moropant Tambe  
(C) Gangadhar Rao (D) Pandit Dikshit  
(E) Answer not known
103. What was the name of the system that Nelson Mandela fought against?
- (A) Civil Rights (B) Apartheid  
(C) Violence (D) Sathi  
(E) Answer not known
104. Abraham Lincoln Proclaimed the abolition of slavery on
- (A) May 1, 1863 (B) January 1, 1863  
(C) January 1, 1864 (D) May 1, 1864  
(E) Answer not known

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105. And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking

Pick out the figure of speech given in the above poetic line.

- (A) Metaphor (B) Simile  
(C) Alliteration (D) Hyperbole  
(E) Answer not known

106. "I must go down to the seas again, to the  
Vagrant gypsy life"

Gypsy life means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) A Sea Captain's Life  
(B) A Wandering Man's Life  
(C) A Historian's Life  
(D) An Explorer's Life  
(E) Answer not known

107. "But we ants never borrow;  
We ants never lend"

Why do you think ants neither borrow nor lend?

- (A) Ants are not wise and hard working  
(B) Ants are lazy  
(C) Ants are wise and hard working  
(D) Ants are wise and silly  
(E) Answer not known

108. Choose the correct tense form for the following sentence.

If she works hard, she \_\_\_\_\_ a scholarship.

- (A) would get (B) would have got  
(C) will get (D) won't get  
(E) Answer not known

109. Select the correct tense.

If you \_\_\_\_\_ hard you would have won the relay match.

- (A) will work (B) works  
(C) working (D) had worked  
(E) Answer not known

110. Select the correct passive form of the sentence given.

She had already sent the parcel

- (A) The parcel has already been sent by her  
(B) The parcel had already been sent by her  
(C) The parcel was already sent by her  
(D) The parcel was already sent to her  
(E) Answer not known

111. Choose the correct Active Voice for the given sentence :

The rules should not be violated

- (A) You should violate the rules.  
(B) Anybody should not violate the rules.  
(C) Do not violate the rules.  
(D) Nobody should violate the rules.  
(E) Answer not known

112. Which of the following is suitable to complete the meaning?

I stopped \_\_\_\_\_ to him.

- (A) to talk (B) talking  
(C) having talked (D) being talked  
(E) Answer not known



113. The woods are lovely, dark and deep  
But I have promises to keep

Who wrote the above lines?

- (A) Robert Frost (B) Sarojini Naidu  
(C) Nisha Dyrene (D) John Masefield  
(E) Answer not known

114. But the gladdest sort of people, when the busy day is done,  
Are the brothers and the sisters who together share their fun.

Who wrote the above poem?

- (A) D.H. Lawrence (B) Edgar Albert Guest  
(C) William Wordsworth (D) Mary Botham Howitt  
(E) Answer not known

115. The word 'Plaintively' means

- (A) Happily (B) Sadly  
(C) Joyfully (D) Depressively  
(E) Answer not known

116. Prospero's daughter name was

- (A) Portia (B) Desdemona  
(C) Juliet (D) Miranda  
(E) Answer not known



117. Match the words with their phrases :

| Words                     | Phrases           |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Friendly relationship | 1. ran out        |
| (b) Meet by chance        | 2. get along with |
| (c) Use completely        | 3. go away        |
| (d) Leave from the place  | 4. come across    |

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 3 2 1 4
- (B) 3 1 4 2
- (C) 2 4 3 1
- (D) 2 3 4 1
- (E) Answer not known

118. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word :

Fill all the bowls, tubs, pails and pitchers with fresh water.

- (A) mugs (B) jugs
- (C) buckets (D) pots
- (E) Answer not known

119. Choose the correct 'Synonym' by matching Column A and B :

| Column A     | Column B   |
|--------------|------------|
| (a) Affluent | 1. Widen   |
| (b) Dilate   | 2. Spire   |
| (c) Smacks   | 3. Wealthy |
| (d) Summit   | 4. Drive   |

- (a) (b) (c) (d)
- (A) 1 3 2 4
- (B) 2 1 3 4
- (C) 3 1 4 2
- (D) 3 4 1 2
- (E) Answer not known



120. "Great Leaders have something in them which inspires a whole people and makes them do great deeds". Who quotes this?

- (A) Dr. C.N. Annadurai (B) Gandhi  
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru (D) Abraham Lincoln  
(E) Answer not known

121. When was Subash Chandra Bose born?

- (A) January 23, 1897 (B) January 23, 1891  
(C) January 26, 1901 (D) January 23, 1895  
(E) Answer not known

122. Helen Keller's Autobiography was named \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) My Story (B) The Story of my Life  
(C) Experiments with my Life (D) My Life  
(E) Answer not known

123. How did Kalpana Chawla die?

- (A) Space Shuttle Disaster (B) Aircraft Disaster  
(C) Rocket launch Disaster (D) Satellite Probe Disaster  
(E) Answer not known



124. "But of late, my computer has been behaving badly too,  
It is so absent-minded, that I don't know what to do".

Mention the figure of speech used in the above lines.

- (A) Simile (B) Personification  
(C) Metaphor (D) Repetition  
(E) Answer not known

125. But I know no better spectacle  
Than a comet in full flight.

What do you mean by 'spectacle' here?

- (A) unusual event that attracts attention  
(B) usual situation that attracts distraction  
(C) expected event that attracts attention  
(D) unexpected situation that attracts distraction  
(E) Answer not known

126. It's written in victory and defeat  
And every trial a man may meet.

What does 'it' refer to in the above given lines?

- (A) Sports (B) Hope  
(C) Courage (D) Patience  
(E) Answer not known



127. Add a prefix to the word 'Natural' to complete the sentence.

His job is to investigate \_\_\_\_\_ natural phenomena.

- (A) in (B) non  
(C) super (D) pro  
(E) Answer not known

128. Fill in the blanks with suitable article.

India is \_\_\_\_\_ largest democracy in the world.

- (A) an (B) the  
(C) all (D) a  
(E) Answer not known

129. Identify the correct preposition from the options given below.

I will have finished this essay \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.

- (A) in (B) on  
(C) at (D) by  
(E) Answer not known

130. Choose the correct question tag :

This is the bus that I have to travel, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) is this? (B) isn't this?  
(C) is it? (D) isn't it?  
(E) Answer not known

131. Select the suitable tag.

He lives in Europe, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (A) isn't he? (B) wasn't he?  
(C) didn't he? (D) doesn't he?  
(E) Answer not known





Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below (132 – 136) :

Raj was upset because he had done poorly in his English test. His grandmother sat with him and gave him a pencil. A puzzled Raj looked at his grandma and said he didn't deserve a pencil after his performance in the test. His grandma explained, "you can learn a great many things from this pencil because it is just like you. It experiences a painful sharpening, just the way you have experienced the pain of not doing well in your test. However it will help you be a better student. Just as all the good that comes from the pencil is from within itself, you will also find the strength to overcome this hurdle. And finally just as this pencil will make its mark on any surface, you too shall leave your mark on anything you choose to". Raj was immediately consoled and promised himself that he would do better in future.

132. Raj was upset as he had done \_\_\_\_\_ in his English test.

- (A) well (B) poorly  
(C) better (D) average  
(E) Answer not known

133. His grandmother gave him a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) sketch (B) pen  
(C) pencil (D) painting box  
(E) Answer not known



134. Granny compared \_\_\_\_\_ with the pencil.

- (A) Babu (B) Raj  
(C) Ravi (D) Rajesh  
(E) Answer not known

135. Raj's pain of not doing well in his test was compared with \_\_\_\_\_ of pencils.

- (A) writing (B) drawing  
(C) sketching (D) sharpening  
(E) Answer not known

136. Raj understood that failures are stepping stones to

- (A) success (B) consoling  
(C) climbing (D) strength  
(E) Answer not known

137. Choose the correct meaning of the phrase.

Reconcile to

- (A) Maintain (B) Accept half heartedly  
(C) Arrive suddenly (D) Continue  
(E) Answer not known



138. Pick out the complex sentence from the given options.

- (A) I could not make out the meaning of his absurd behaviour
- (B) One who does not love one's country is a wretched person
- (C) The children strolled through the meadow
- (D) The moon was bright and we could see our way
- (E) Answer not known

139. Find out what kind of sentence is given below.

'If he is at home, I shall see him'.

- (A) Simple
- (B) Compound
- (C) Complex
- (D) Imperative
- (E) Answer not known

140. Combine the pairs of sentences by choosing the correct sentence.

I saw a Tiger. It was wounded

- (A) I saw a Tiger was wounded
- (B) I saw a wounded Tiger
- (C) A wounded Tiger saw me
- (D) I was wounded by the Tiger
- (E) Answer not known

141. Identify the correct Degree of Comparison :

- (1) Very few people in this town are as generous as Mr. Mohan.
- (2) I cannot do anything better for you than this.
- (A) (1) Comparative Degree (2) Positive Degree
- (B) (1) Positive Degree (2) Comparative Degree
- (C) (1) Superlative Degree (2) Comparative Degree
- (D) (1) Positive Degree (2) Superlative Degree
- (E) Answer not known



142. What is the landform formed by silt called?

- (A) Alluvial (B) Sinkhole  
(C) Meander (D) Fluvial Terrace  
(E) Answer not known

143. Which historical character inspired Young Indira?

- (A) Rani of Jhansi (B) Joan of Arc  
(C) Sarojini Naidu (D) Vijayalakshmi Pandit  
(E) Answer not known

144. Why did we call Dr. Salim Ali as “Birdman of India”?

- (A) His research in climate change  
(B) His immense contribution to the field of Ornithology  
(C) His research in Orthopedic  
(D) His research in Water Movements  
(E) Answer not known

145. In whose biography do you find this statement?

I would sweep them out of existence if I had the power.

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru (B) Nelson Mandela  
(C) Mahatma Gandhi (D) Abraham Lincoln  
(E) Answer not known



146. Courage isn't a brilliant dash,  
A daring deed in a moment's flash;  
It isn't an instantaneous thing  
Born of despair with a sudden spring

Write the Rhyme scheme of the poem.

- (A) ABAB (B) ABBA  
(C) AABB (D) AAAB  
(E) Answer not known

147. Speak gently to the young, for they  
Will have enough to bear –  
Pass through this life as best they may,  
'T is full of anxious care!

Write the Rhyme Scheme of the given stanza.

- (A) ABAB (B) ABBA  
(C) AABB (D) ABAA  
(E) Answer not known

148. And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

The rhyming words in the above lines are

- (A) windy, white (B) spray, spume  
(C) clouds, gulls (D) flying, crying  
(E) Answer not known



149. Choose the correct Antonym for the underlined word 'Concentrate' from the option given.

- (A) Continual (B) Preventable  
(C) Distract (D) Wise  
(E) Answer not known

150. Match the following with correct Antonyms :

| Column A      |  | Column B     |  |
|---------------|--|--------------|--|
| (a) brisk     |  | 1. happy     |  |
| (b) desperate |  | 2. criticize |  |
| (c) plaintive |  | 3. hopeful   |  |
| (d) praise    |  | 4. dull      |  |

- |     | (a)              | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 1                | 3   | 4   | 2   |
| (B) | 4                | 3   | 1   | 2   |
| (C) | 4                | 1   | 3   | 2   |
| (D) | 4                | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| (E) | Answer not known |     |     |     |

151. Select the correct prefix word for 'Violet' from the options given :

- (A) ultra (B) em  
(C) super (D) in  
(E) Answer not known

152. Pick a suitable prefix for the given word from the given options :

Understand

- (A) re (B) ir  
(C) mis (D) sub  
(E) Answer not known



153. Match the Poets with their Poems :

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| (a) Mary Botham Howitt  | 1. The River                            |
| (b) Caroline Ann Bowles | 2. The Stick-together Families          |
| (c) Robert Frost        | 3. The Spider and the Fly               |
| (d) Edgar Albert Guest  | 4. Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening |

- |     | (a)              | (b) | (c) | (d) |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (A) | 3                | 1   | 4   | 2   |
| (B) | 4                | 2   | 3   | 1   |
| (C) | 3                | 4   | 2   | 1   |
| (D) | 2                | 4   | 1   | 3   |
| (E) | Answer not known |     |     |     |

154. For simple sheep; and such are Daffodils ...  
With the green world they live in;  
and clear rills ...

The above lines were written by \_\_\_\_\_.

- |                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) W.B. Yeats       | (B) Percy Bysshe Shelley |
| (C) John Keats       | (D) William Wordsworth   |
| (E) Answer not known |                          |

155. "Come you back unto the fireside and be comrade with your kin"

This line is taken from the poem \_\_\_\_\_.

- |                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| (A) The Poison Tree             | (B) The River |
| (C) The Stick-Together Families | (D) Life      |
| (E) Answer not known            |               |

156. "Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,  
New friendship, high adventure and a crown"

Who wrote the above lines?

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| (A) Khalil Gibran    | (B) Henry Van Dyke |
| (C) H.W. Longfellow  | (D) John Masefield |
| (E) Answer not known |                    |



157. Select the grammatically correct sentence :

- (a) My son is fond of music
- (b) My son is fond to music
- (c) My son is fond in music
- (d) My son is fond with music
- (A) (b) and (c) are correct
- (B) Only (d) is correct
- (C) (a) and (d) are correct
- (D) Only (a) is correct
- (E) Answer not known

158. Which of the following is a noun?

- (A) Put
- (B) Walk
- (C) Sun
- (D) Call
- (E) Answer not known

159. A \_\_\_\_\_ of birds were flying on the sky.

- (A) swarm of
- (B) group of
- (C) flock of
- (D) herd of
- (E) Answer not known

160. Identify which is the correct singular word and select the answer from the codes given below.

- (a) Crises
- (b) Media
- (A) (a) is a singular word
- (B) (b) is a singular word
- (C) Both (a) and (b) are singular word
- (D) Both (a) and (b) are plural word
- (E) Answer not known



161. State which statement is correct :

- (1) Little Czar was a European brown bear cub
  - (2) Little Czar was an Indian brown bear cub
  - (3) Little Czar was an American brown bear cub
  - (4) Little Czar was a Germanian brown bear cub
- (A) 1 (B) 2  
(C) 3 (D) 4  
(E) Answer not known

162. Who brought up Sir Isaac Newton?

- (A) Grandfather (B) Grandmother  
(C) Father (D) Mother  
(E) Answer not known

163. Beauty lies in the beholder's \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) Head (B) Eyes  
(C) Brain (D) Ear  
(E) Answer not known

164. "My Reminiscences" was written by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Kamala Markandaya (B) Ernest Hemingway  
(C) Toru Dutt (D) Rabindranath Tagore  
(E) Answer not known



165. Identify the figure of speech employed in the following lines.

“The bleeding bark will heal”.

- (A) Personification (B) Simile  
(C) Metaphor (D) Oxymoron  
(E) Answer not known

166. Lights flicker on and off  
But fear takes over me.

Identify the Onomatopoeic word in the given stanza.

- (A) fear (B) lights  
(C) flicker (D) on and off  
(E) Answer not known

167. “We were taken from the ore-bed and the mine,  
We were melted in the furnace and the pit –  
We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,  
We were cut and filed and tooled and gauged to fit”.

What is the poetic device used here?

- (A) Oxymoron (B) Paradox  
(C) Assonance (D) Anaphora  
(E) Answer not known



168. Foreign + Exchange = \_\_\_\_\_

Find the blended word.

- (A) Foreign change (B) Foreign exchange  
(C) Forex change (D) Forex  
(E) Answer not known

169. Which two words blend together to form the new word 'Camcorder'?

- (A) Cam + recorder (B) Camera + recorder  
(C) Camera + order (D) Cam + corder  
(E) Answer not known

170. Which of the following is correct for?

Overcoat

- (A) Noun + Preposition (B) Noun + Noun  
(C) Verb + Noun (D) Preposition + Noun  
(E) Answer not known

171. Identify the compound word that is :

Gerund + Noun

- (A) Cry baby (B) Sun rise  
(C) Bleaching powder (D) Sun set  
(E) Answer not known

172. Replace the underlined word with its American word :

We should use the Bin for the garbage.

- (A) Dust Bin (B) Trash Can  
(C) Garbage Bin (D) Trash Box  
(E) Answer not known



173. You were the dad chosen for me

The author's dad was chosen by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Mother (B) Neighbours  
(C) God (D) Friends  
(E) Answer not known

174. Then my computer caught a virus, and fell very sick,  
So I had to call in a doctor, double quick.

Why did the poet call the doctor?

- (A) as the computer fall very sick  
(B) as the computer fall down  
(C) as the computer got hurt  
(D) as the computer fall asleep  
(E) Answer not known

175. "And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over"

The above lines are in the poem –

- (A) A Thing of Beauty (B) Sea Fever  
(C) Lessons in Life (D) Making Life Worthwhile  
(E) Answer not known



176. Someday people will \_\_\_\_\_ of our great exploits.

- (A) right (B) reads  
(C) write (D) wrote  
(E) Answer not known

177. Find out the error part in the given sentence.

I found an one rupee coin / in the playground / while playing

A

B

C

- (A) I found an one rupee coin (B) in the playground  
(C) while playing (D) All are incorrect  
(E) Answer not known

178. Choose the correct article.

This has got to stop immediately; Justice Mathematics said in \_\_\_\_\_ stern voice, rapping \_\_\_\_\_ hammer for silence in \_\_\_\_\_ court.

- (A) a, the, a (B) the, a, the  
(C) a, the, the (D) a, a, the  
(E) Answer not known

179. Choose the correct preposition :

Miranda hung \_\_\_\_\_ her father saying, "Why are you so ungentle"?

- (A) upon (B) on  
(C) in (D) with  
(E) Answer not known

180. Select the correct meaningful sentence from the following.

- (A) My Sister and friend have come.  
(B) Her cousins as well as her friends has received prizes.  
(C) The whole class are attentive.  
(D) News never comes too late.  
(E) Answer not known



181. 'Practice hard and see what magic can transpire', was the advice given by \_\_\_\_\_ to Sachin Tendulkar.

- (A) Ramakant Achrekar
- (B) Ajit
- (C) Sunil Gavaskar
- (D) Sachin's father
- (E) Answer not known

182. Tom used the pain killer to

- (A) take care of his health
- (B) mend the crack on the sitting room floor
- (C) to Cure Becky Thatcher
- (D) help his aunt
- (E) Answer not known

183. The adventures of Tom Sawyer is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Short Story
- (B) Novel
- (C) Fiction
- (D) Tale
- (E) Answer not known



184. And I Sunned it with smiles

Identify the alliteration in the given line.

- (A) I – it (B) And – with  
(C) Sunned – smile (D) Sunned – with  
(E) Answer not known

185. To win, run as fast as the wind

Identify the figure of speech in the given line.

- (A) Personification (B) Metaphor  
(C) Simile (D) Anaphora  
(E) Answer not known

186. Which of the given option is a Metaphor?

- (A) Life is like a chocolate box  
(B) Raj is like his twin brother  
(C) His words are pearls of wisdom  
(D) The bus is slow as a snail  
(E) Answer not known



187. Autumn is English  
in red, yellow and brown  
Autumn is Indian  
Whenever leaves fall down  
Who wrote the above poem?

- (A) Nisha Dyrene (B) William Wordsworth  
(C) D.H. Lawrence (D) Mary Botham Howitt  
(E) Answer not known

188. "And one day, my naughty computer actually gobbled a worm,  
And behaved so erratically that it made me squirm".

The poet was made to squirm because of the \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour of  
the computer.

- (A) absent-minded (B) dreadful  
(C) erratic (D) hasty  
(E) Answer not known

189. Every soul that touches yours  
Be it the slightest contact

Who wrote the above lines?

- (A) William Shakespeare (B) Robert Frost  
(C) George Eliot (D) John Masefield  
(E) Answer not known





190. "She puts her life at Stake"

*Give the meaning of the word Stake*

- (A) brisk (B) courage  
(C) ease (D) risk  
(E) Answer not known

191. Strong is she in her faith and beliefs.

"Persistence is the key to everything", says she.

What does the word "Persistence" mean?

- (A) grief (B) groans  
(C) determination (D) moans  
(E) Answer not known

192. It's helping your fellowman to score  
When his chances hopeless seems;

The word 'it' in the above lines refers to

- (A) hard work  
(B) best work  
(C) team work  
(D) smart work  
(E) Answer not known



193. Match the Non-finite verb correctly :

| Column A   |  | Column B              |  |
|--|--|-----------------------|--|
| (a) <u>Walking</u> is healthy habit                      |  | 1. Infinitive         |  |
| (b) I like <u>to walk</u> early in the morning           |  | 2. Present Participle |  |
| (c) <u>Having walked</u> a long distance<br>I felt tired |  | 3. Gerunds            |  |
| (d) These are my <u>walking</u> shoes                    |  | 4. Past Participle    |  |

- |     |                  |     |     |     |
|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|     | (a)              | (b) | (c) | (d) |
| (A) | 1                | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| (B) | 3                | 1   | 4   | 2   |
| (C) | 1                | 3   | 4   | 2   |
| (D) | 3                | 1   | 2   | 4   |
| (E) | Answer not known |     |     |     |

194. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence.

I painted the car blue.

- |                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| (A) SVOC             | (B) SVC  |
| (C) SVA              | (D) SVOA |
| (E) Answer not known |          |

195. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence.

In 1998, Frank moved to London

- |                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| (A) ASVA             | (B) ASVO  |
| (C) ASVC             | (D) SVIDO |
| (E) Answer not known |           |

196. They rejoined the group as Sarah passed out \_\_\_\_\_ and coffee.

- |                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| (A) desert           | (B) dirt |
| (C) dessert          | (D) dish |
| (E) Answer not known |          |



197. Who was chirping at the edge of the woods?

- (A) Cow (B) Monkey  
(C) Dog (D) Birds  
(E) Answer not known

198. On the way to his home, Peter stopped to pick \_\_\_\_\_ or to listen to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) Blue flowers, the water falls  
(B) Blue flowers, the rabbits' soft tread  
(C) Yellow flowers, the rabbits' soft tread  
(D) Yellow flowers, the water falls  
(E) Answer not known

199. The setting of the play 'The Dying Detective' is in

- (A) Victor Savage's house  
(B) A New York city apartment  
(C) Dr. Watson's House  
(D) Sherlock Holmes' bedroom  
(E) Answer not known

200. Sir Arthur Ignatius Conan Doyle was a \_\_\_\_\_ writer.

- (A) Irish (B) American  
(C) British (D) French  
(E) Answer not known

