



**INTERNATIONAL SKILL
ENHANCEMENT TRAINING**

STD - 8

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Time: 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

Name of the student: Div:

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Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory.
- Each question carries 1 mark.
- Choose the most appropriate answer from the given options.
- Use the OMR sheet provided to mark your answers.

1. Australia's capital, known for its impressive parliamentary buildings, is what ?

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| A) Sydney | B) Perth |
| C) Canberra | D) Melbourne |

2. Identify the vitamin known as ascorbic acid.

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| A) Vitamin A | B) Vitamin B12 |
| C) Vitamin D | D) Vitamin C |

3. Leo Tolstoy, the author behind the epic 'War and Peace', hails from which country?

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| A) Russia | B) Germany |
| C) France | D) Italy |

4. What does the phrase "break the ice" mean?

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| A) To destroy something | B) To make a beginning in conversation |
| C) To make something cold | D) To create a difficult situation |

5. At sea level, the boiling point of water is measured at how many degrees Celsius?

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| A) 100°C | B) 90°C |
| C) 120°C | D) 80°C |

6. Who was the British commander during the Battle of Plassey?

- A) Robert Clive
- B) Warren Hastings
- C) Lord Cornwallis
- D) Clive of India

7. Calculate the average speed of a car that travels 400 km in 5 hours.

- A) 60 km/h
- B) 100 km/h
- C) 75 km/h
- D) 80 km/h

8. What type of species is considered to be at risk of extinction?

- A) Endangered species
- B) Invasive species
- C) Native species
- D) Feral species

9. DNA stands for?

- A) Deoxyribonucleic Acid
- B) Deoxynucleic Acid
- C) Dichloronitric Acid
- D) None of the above

10. What is the primary objective of Chandrayan-3?

- A) To study Mars
- B) To explore the Moon's surface
- C) To send humans to the Moon
- D) To launch satellites

11. Which of the following was the first mammal to be cloned from an adult somatic cell?

- A) Dolly the sheep
- B) Copy the cat
- C) Snuppy the dog
- D) the cat

12. Near which river is the majestic Taj Mahal located?

- A) Ganges
- B) Yamuna
- C) Saraswati
- D) Kaveri

13. The primary ingredient in bread is usually?

- A) Rice
- B) Wheat
- C) Corn
- D) Oats

14. Asia ranks as the largest continent by what criteria?

- A) Population
- B) Diversity
- C) Area
- D) GDP

15. Describe the water cycle starting with evaporation.

- A) Evaporation, Condensation, Precipitation
- B) Condensation, Precipitation, Evaporation
- C) Precipitation, Evaporation, Condensation
- D) None of the above

16. Solving for the cube root of 27 yields?

- A) 9
- B) 3
- C) 6
- D) 2

17. The groundbreaking discovery of penicillin was made by?

- A) Alexander Fleming
- B) Marie Curie
- C) Thomas Edison
- D) Albert Einstein

18. Convert the following sentence to reported speech: “She said, ‘I am going to the market.’”

- A) She said that she is going to the market.
- B) She said that she was going to the market.
- C) She says that she is going to the market.
- D) She said she went to the market.

19. What is the opposite of “Inferior”?

- A) Mediocre
- B) Average
- C) Substandard
- D) Superior

20. Which of the following is considered the most ductile metal?

- A) Copper
- B) Aluminium
- C) Gold
- D) Silver

21. Choose the correct form for the if clause: “If it _____ , we will stay indoors.”

- A) rains
- B) rained
- C) rain
- D) is raining

22. Which of the following roles is Dr. B.R. Ambedkar best known for in Indian history?

- A) First Prime Minister of India
- B) Principal Architect of the Indian Constitution
- C) Leader of the Indian National Congress
- D) Founder of the Indian National Army

23. Which notable book was penned by Stephen Hawking?

- A) The Universe in a Nutshell
- B) A Brief History of Time
- C) The Grand Design
- D) Black Holes and Baby Universes

24. What is the primary purpose of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita?

- A) To govern civil laws
- B) To manage family laws
- C) To regulate trade and commerce
- D) To establish criminal laws

25. From which country do the majority of Rohingya refugees flee?

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| A) Bangladesh | B) Myanmar (Burma) |
| C) India | D) Thailand |

26. The pound sterling serves as the main currency for which country?

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| A) Germany | B) France |
| C) United Kingdom | D) Switzerland |

27. Who is credited with inventing the movable type printing press?

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| A) Johannes Gutenberg | B) William Caxton |
| C) Benjamin Franklin | D) Martin Luther |

28. Northern lights are primarily caused by the interaction of solar winds with?

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| A) The ozone layer | B) High altitude clouds |
| C) Ocean currents | D) Earth's magnetic field |

29. When is Constitution Day celebrated in India?

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| A) January 26 | B) August 15 |
| C) November 26 | D) December 1 |

30. Identify the primary component used in making glass.

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| A) Sand | B) Clay |
| C) Lime | D) Plastic |

31. What policy did the British use to divide communities in India during their rule?

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| A) Policy of Unity | B) Divide and Rule |
| C) National Integration | D) Cultural Harmony |

32. Which of the following is an example of a non-communicable disease?

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| A) Influenza | B) Tuberculosis |
| C) Diabetes | D) Measles |

33. The United Nations was established in which year following the end of World War II?

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| A) 1960 | B) 1950 |
| C) 1918 | D) 1945 |

34. Ocean tides are primarily caused by the gravitational pull of the?

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| A) Sun | B) Moon |
| C) Earth | D) Mars |

35. For which popular book series is J.K.Rowling best known?

- A) The Lord of the Rings
- B) The Chronicles of Narnia r
- C) Game of Thrones
- D) Harry Potter

36. Helium is commonly used in balloons because it is?

- A) Heavier than air
- B) Lighter than air
- C) Inexpensive
- D) Colourful

37. In Internet terminology what does WWW stand for ?

- A) World Wide Web
- B) Wide World Web
- C) Web World Wide
- D) World Web Wide

38. What does the term “orthopaedics” primarily refer to?

- A) Treatment of heart diseases
- B) Treatment of musculoskeletal disorders
- C) Treatment of skin conditions
- D) Treatment of respiratory diseases

39. The Netherlands is famously known for its picturesque scenes of?

- A) Mountains and rivers
- B) Windmills and tulips
- C) Castles and moats
- D) Vineyards and orchards

40. What percentage of the Earth’s freshwater is stored in glaciers and ice caps?

- A) About 10%
- B) About 25%
- C) About 68%
- D) About 75%

41. What was the name of India’s first satellite launched in 1975?

- A) INSAT-1
- B) Aryabhata
- C) Rohini
- D) Bhaskara

42. The femur is known to be the longest bone located in the?

- A) Arm
- B) Leg
- C) Back
- D) Head

43. Madrid, a city of great historical and cultural significance, is the capital of?

- A) Portugal
- B) Spain
- C) Brazil
- D) Argentina

44. Oxygen, an essential element for life, is denoted by which chemical symbol?

- A) O
- B) Ox
- C) O2
- D) O3

45. Identify a word that reads the same forward and backward.

- A) Runner
- B) River
- C) Race car
- D) Radar

46. What is the maximum duration of the Lok Sabha in India?

- A) 3 years
- B) 4 years
- C) 5 years
- D) 6 years

47. By population, which country is the largest in the world as of the latest census?

- A) USA
- B) China
- C) India
- D) Brazil

48. What is the title of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography?

- A) My Experiments with Truth
- B) The Story of My Life
- C) The Life of Mahatma Gandhi
- D) The Truth about My Life

49. The Central Processing Unit is crucial for a computer's function, often abbreviated as?

- A) CPU
- B) GPU
- C) PSU
- D) SSD

50. Who wrote the national song "Vande Mataram"?

- A) Rabindranath Tagore
- B) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- C) Allama Iqbal
- D) Muhammad Iqbal

51. With the aid of what technology was uranus discovered, marking it as the first planet found using this method?

- A) Telescope
- B) Satellite
- C) Radio waves
- D) Spectroscopy

52. India's longest river, providing vital resources to millions, is named?

- A) Godavari
- B) Yamuna
- C) Brahmaputra
- D) Ganga

53. India's government operates under which system?

- A) Monarchical
- B) Democratic
- C) Dictatorial
- D) Anarchistic

54. Photosynthesis allows plants to convert sunlight into what type of energy?

- A) Chemical
- B) Nuclear
- C) Mechanical
- D) Electrical

55. The City of Jaipur is also known as the “Pink City” and is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. What is it famous for?

- A) Its beaches
- B) Its palaces and forts
- C) Its forests
- D) Its wildlife

56. Light bending as it passes through different media is known as?

- A) Reflection
- B) Absorption
- C) Diffraction
- D) Refraction

57. Nitrous oxide, used for both medical anaesthesia and as a performance enhancer in engines, is also known as?

- A) Laughing gas
- B) Crying gas
- C) Sleeping gas
- D) Racing gas

58. How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach the Earth?

- A) About 8 minutes
- B) About 15 minutes
- C) About 30 minutes
- D) About 1 hour

59. What is the “Akbarname”?

- A) A historical novel
- B) A biography of Akbar
- C) A book of poetry
- D) An account of the Mughal military campaigns

60. Known as the “Father of History,” this individual’s works remain a crucial source of historical knowledge.

- A) Herodotus
- B) Thucydides
- C) Plato
- D) Aristotle

61. Assertion (A): Mercury is a heavy metal that is liquid at room temperature.

Reason (R): Mercury has a low melting point compared to other metals.

Options:

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation for A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation for A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

62. No birds are mammals. All sparrows are birds. Which of the following is true?

- A) All sparrows are mammals.
- B) No sparrows are mammals.
- C) Some birds are mammals.
- D) All mammals are birds.

63. If X is the brother of Y and Y is the sister of Z, what is the relationship of X to Z?

- A) Uncle
- B) Cousin
- C) Sister
- D) Brother

64. What type of organ is the skin in the human body?

- A) Internal
- B) External
- C) Secondary
- D) Tertiary

65. Anna is twice as old as Tom. If Tom is 15 years old, how old is Anna?

- A) 25
- B) 30
- C) 20
- D) 35

66. The area of a triangle can be calculated by _____ formula?

- A) Base times height
- B) Half the base plus the height
- C) Base plus height
- D) Half the base times the height

67. The ozone layer is found within which layer of Earth's atmosphere?

- A) Troposphere
- B) Stratosphere
- C) Mesosphere
- D) Thermosphere

68. Which of the following is a chemical change?

- A) Ice melting
- B) Water boiling
- C) Rust forming on iron
- D) Sugar dissolving in water

69. The historic figure credited with first circumnavigating the globe is?

- A) Christopher Columbus
- B) Ferdinand Magellan
- C) Marco Polo
- D) Vasco da Gama

Please read the passage below and answer the following questions.

Poverty is a significant issue that affects millions of people around the world. It is not just about a lack of money; it encompasses various factors that prevent individuals and families from achieving a decent standard of living. People living in poverty often struggle to meet their basic needs, such as food, shelter, clothing, and healthcare.

There are many causes of poverty, including unemployment, low wages, and lack of access to education. In many cases, poverty is passed down from one generation to the next. Children who grow up in poverty often do not have the same opportunities for education and development as their more affluent peers, making it difficult for them to escape the cycle of poverty.

Efforts to reduce poverty include government programs, non-profit organisations, and community initiatives. These programs often focus on improving access to education, providing job training, and ensuring basic healthcare. However, tackling poverty requires a collective effort from individuals, communities, and governments.

70.What does poverty primarily refer to?

- A) Lack of education
- B) Lack of money and basic needs
- C) Unemployment
- D) Lack of healthcare

71.Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a cause of poverty?

- A) Unemployment
- B) Lack of access to education
- C) Low wages
- D) High wages

72.How can poverty be reduced according to the passage?

- A) By ignoring the problem
- B) By increasing taxes
- C) Through government programs and community initiatives
- D) By providing free food

73.What is one effect of growing up in poverty mentioned in the passage?

- A) Increased wealth
- B) Better healthcare
- C) Limited educational opportunities
- D) More community support

74. Which element is essential for combustion and supports burning?

- A) Nitrogen
- B) Hydrogen
- C) Helium
- D) Oxygen

75. Which fruit is unique for having its seeds on the outside?

- A) Kiwi
- B) Strawberry
- C) Mango
- D) Peach

76. Which season in India is characterised by heavy rainfall?

- A) Winter
- B) Summer
- C) Monsoon
- D) Spring

77.Which of the following is a common use of hydrogen?

- A) Fuel for rockets
- B) In the production of ammonia
- C) In hydrogen fuel cells
- D) All of the above

78. Which of the following is considered as one of the oldest known civilisations?

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| A) Indus Valley Civilisation | B) Roman Civilisation |
| C) Mesopotamian Civilisation | D) Egyptian Civilisation |

79. Nocturnal animals are primarily active during?

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| A) Day | B) Night |
| C) Dusk | D) Dawn |

80. On which date does the Summer Solstice usually occur in the Northern Hemisphere?

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| A) June 21 | B) December 21 |
| C) March 21 | D) September 23 |

81. Diamond, a highly sought-after gemstone, is composed primarily of which element?

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| A) Nitrogen | B) Silicon |
| C) Oxygen | D) Carbon |

82. By area, which nation is recognised as the largest in the world?

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| A) China | B) United States |
| C) Canada | D) Russia |

83. The Nile River, known for its historical significance, is the longest river on which continent?

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| A) Asia | B) Europe |
| C) Africa | D) North America |

84. To measure electrical current, an electrician would most likely use a?

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| A) Voltmeter | B) Ammeter |
| C) Ohmmeter | D) Galvanometer |

85. The pancreas in the human body is responsible for producing?

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| A) Insulin | B) Digestive enzymes |
| C) Bile | D) Adrenaline |

86. Considered as the father of Western philosophy, this ancient Greek philosopher taught Plato.

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| A) Socrates | B) Plato |
| C) Aristotle | D) Heraclitus |

87. Which of the following is a safe practice when creating a password?

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| A) Using your name | B) Using a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols |
| C) Using "123456" | D) Sharing your password with friends |

88. The liver is responsible for producing which important digestive fluid?

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| A) Saliva | B) Gastric juice |
| C) Bile | D) Pancreatic juice |

89. Commonly known as table salt, this compound consists of sodium and?

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| A) Chlorine | B) Fluorine |
| C) Bromine | D) Iodine |

90. Which country did Adolf Hitler lead as Chancellor?

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| A) Italy | B) Germany |
| C) Austria | D) Spain |

91. Which of the following is a common spreadsheet application?

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| A) Microsoft Word | B) Microsoft Excel |
| C) Microsoft PowerPoint | D) Microsoft Paint |

92. The scientific study of fungi is known as?

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| A) Phycology | B) Mycology |
| C) Entomology | D) Ichthyology |

93. In which year did the Swadeshi Movement begin?

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| A) 1905 | B) 1915 |
| C) 1920 | D) 1930 |

94. Which of the following is a method of data storage?

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| A) Hard drive | B) Cloud storage |
| C) USB flash drive | D) All of the above |

95. Which gas is often used in the refrigeration process due to its properties?

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| A) Ammonia | B) Carbon dioxide |
| C) Oxygen | D) Nitrogen |

96. What does “Wi-Fi” stand for?

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| A) Wireless Frequency | B) Wired Fidelity |
| C) Wide Frequency | D) Wireless Fidelity |

97. Dronacharya Award is given for?

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| A) Outstanding performance in sports | B) Excellence in coaching |
| C) Contributions to sports administration | D) Sports journalism |

98. The longest species of snake in the world is recognised as the?

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| A) King Cobra | B) Rattlesnake |
| C) Anaconda | D) Python |

99. Which country hosted the G20 summit in 2023?

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| A) India | B) Indonesia |
| C) Italy | D) Japan |

100. A rectangle has a length that is twice its width. If the perimeter is 48 cm, what is the width?

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| A) 14 cm | B) 10 cm |
| C) 12 cm | D) 8 cm |