



Minervaa International Scholarship Examination

Sample Question
Class - IX
Subject – Social Studies



LOGICAL REASONING

- Four letter clusters have been given, out of which three are alike in some manner, while one is different. Select the odd letter cluster.
a) CBE b) UTW c) TSU d) EDG
- The day before the day before yesterday is three days after Saturday. What day is it today?
a) Wednesday b) Tuesday
c) Thursday d) Friday
- If the present ages of Nadu and Shobit are 20 years and 24 years respectively, then find the ratio between the age of Nadu (before 4 Years) and Shobit after 4 years.
a) 5:9 b) 4:7 c) 2:3 d) 5:6
- Six persons A, B, C, D, E and F sit in two rows of three persons each. If E is not at any end, D is second to the left of F, C is the neighbor of E and is sitting diagonally opposite to D and B is the neighbor of F, then who will sit opposite to B?
a) A b) C c) E d) D
- Statement:** "You are hereby appointed as a programmer with a probation period of one year and your performance will be reviewed at the end of the period for confirmation." - A line in an appointment letter.
Assumptions:
i) The performance of an individual generally is not known at the time of appointment offer.
ii) Generally an individual tries to prove his worth in the probation period.
a) Only assumption I is implicit b) Either I or II is implicit
c) Neither I nor II is implicit d) Both I and II are implicit

SOCIAL STUDIES

6. America was discovered in:
a) 1491 b) 1492 c) 1493 d) 1494
7. When did World War-II start?
a) 1937 b) 1938 c) 1939 d) 1940
8. Who said that "Man is a political animal"?
a) Aristotle b) Karl Marx c) Lenin d) Plato
9. The climate of the northeastern states of India is influenced by:
a) Bay of Bengal b) Arabian Sea
c) Indian Ocean d) Himalayan Mountains
10. King Louis XVI belonged to which dynasty of Kings?
a) House of Capet b) House of Bonaparte
c) House of Bourbon d) House of Valois
11. Which among the following is not a correct pair?
a) Ellora Caves – Rastrakuta Rulers
b) Mahabalipuram – Pallava Rulers
c) Khajuraho – Chandellas
d) Elephanta Caves – Mauryan Era
12. Which king started the organization of Kumbh fair at Allahabad?
a) Harshavardhana b) Dhruvasenali
c) Narshimhvarman d) Akbar
13. In a solar or lunar eclipse, the region of earth's shadow is divided into:
a) Four parts b) Five parts
c) Two parts d) Three parts
14. Which one among the following is called terrestrial planet?
a) Mercury b) Jupiter c) Saturn d) Uranus
15. Which of the following taxes are imposed and collected by the state government?
a) Estate duty b) Sales tax
c) Land revenue d) All of these

16. Who can remove the Vice-President from his office?

- a) President
b) Prime minister
c) Parliament
d) Legislative assemblies of the state

17. Which of the following extremist leader murdered Kennedy on April 30, 1968?

- a) Subramaniam Bharati b) Khudiram Bose & Prafulla Chaki
c) Hemachandra Kanungo d) Sachindranath Sanyal

18. The Tropic of Cancer passes through which Indian states?

- Rajasthan, Gujarat and Mizoram.
- Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Assam.
- Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal.
- Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh.

19. Which organization is responsible for maintaining a buffer stock of food grains in India?

- a) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- b) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- c) National Food Security Act (NFSA)
- d) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

20. Which event allowed Hitler to consolidate power and eliminate his political rivals, leading to the establishment of a dictatorship in Germany?

- a) The Great Depression b) The Beer Hall Putsch
c) The Treaty of Versailles d) The Reichstag Fire

21. Who gave the slogan 'Swaraj is my birth right and I shall have it'?

- a) Bhagat Singh b) Sukhdev
c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak d) Raj guru

22. Harappan weapons were made of:

- a) Stone b) Copper c) Bronze d) All of these

23. In which state have the land reform measures helped to reduce poverty?

- a) Punjab b) Tamil Nadu c) Kerala d) West Bengal

24. On which Island of France, Napoleon was born?

- a) Operon b) Corsica c) Elba d) Saint Helena

25. Which amendment to the Indian Constitution lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 years?

- a) 42nd b) 44th c) 61st d) 73rd

26. Which one of the following is not a function of the United Nations?

- a) Maintain international peace and security.
- b) Solve social & political problems through international cooperation.
- c) Install democratic governments in non-democratic countries.
- d) Promote Human rights.

27. Which of the following is not a major river system in South India?

- a) Krishna b) Godavari c) Kaveri d) Narmada

28. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan aims at which age group:

- a) 6-10 years b) 7-12 years c) 10-18 years d) 6-14 years

29. 'In my state the mother is the most important citizen' was said by:

- a) Helmuth
c) Hindenburg
- b) Hitler
d) Herbert Spencer

30. Latex can be collected from which of the following trees?

- a) Rubber tree b) Eucalyptus tree
c) Pine tree d) Deodar tree

31. Finance raised to operate a business is called:

- a) Labour b) Enterprise c) Land d) Capital

32. What is the name of the body which framed the Constitution of India?

- a) Assembly of Congress b) Constituent Assembly
c) National Assembly d) General Assembly

33. The concept of 'Judicial review' means that the Supreme Court can:

- Review the functioning of the President.
- Review the functioning of the Parliament.
- Review the functioning of the Council of Ministers.
- Review the constitutional validity of laws.

34. In which country, there is no democracy?

- a) Switzerland b) Iceland
c) Myanmar d) Sweden

35. The greatest Chola King in the dynasty of the Cholas of Thanjavur was:

- a) Parantaka b) Rajaraja - I c) Rajendra - I d) Kulottunga

36. Which one of the following terms means 'a sudden overthrow of the government illegally'?
- a) Martial Law
 - b) Revolution
 - c) Referendum
 - d) Coup
37. Which of the following is the world's largest peninsula?
- a) India Peninsula
 - b) South Africa Peninsula
 - c) Arabian Peninsula
 - d) Chinese Peninsula
38. In early 19th century which was the two major commercial crops grown in India?
- a) Sugarcane and cotton
 - b) Jute & Cotton
 - c) Indigo and Opium
 - d) Wheat and Indigo
39. Who said "the task of representing the people has to be given to the rich"?
- a) Mirabeau
 - b) Jean Paul Marat
 - c) Rousseau
 - d) Georges Danton
40. Which of these books was written by John Locke?
- a) The spirit of the laws
 - b) Two treatises on Government
 - c) The social contract
 - d) All
41. What separates Sri Lanka and India?
- a) Palk Strait and Gulf of Mannar
 - b) Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean
 - c) Both A and B
 - d) None of these
42. India's total area is approximately _____ percent of the total geographical area of the world.
- a) 1.28
 - b) 2.4
 - c) 2.8
 - d) 3
43. Every document presented and every word spoken in the Constituent Assembly has been recorded and preserved. These are called _____?
- a) Constituent Assembly Debates
 - b) Constituent Assembly Minutes
 - c) Constituent Assembly Agenda
 - d) Constituent Assembly Daily

44. US entered into World War II due to
- a) Annexation of Poland by Germany
 - b) Aerial bombing on London
 - c) Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour
 - d) Nonpayment of reparation dues by Germans
45. Which countries led the Allied Powers?
- a) UK, France and USSR
 - b) UK, Germany, France and USA
 - c) UK, Germany and Italy
 - d) UK, Japan and Germany
46. The people's dreams were written in diaries and later published in a highly disconcerting book called the Third Reich of Dreams. Who wrote this book?
- a) Holocaust
 - b) Euthanasia
 - c) Auschwitz
 - d) Charlotte Beradt
47. The concept of "global village" primarily refers to:
- a) Economic self-reliance
 - b) Cultural isolation
 - c) Worldwide interconnectedness through communication and technology
 - d) Decline of urbanisation
48. Which layer of the Earth is responsible for generating its magnetic field?
- a) Crust
 - b) Mantle
 - c) Outer core
 - d) Inner core
49. Which of the following is an example of *chemical weathering*?
- a) Frost action
 - b) Exfoliation
 - c) Oxidation of minerals in rocks
 - d) Tree root expansion
50. Which of the following gases has the *greatest role* in the greenhouse effect?
- a) Oxygen
 - b) Carbon dioxide
 - c) Nitrogen
 - d) Argon
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ANSWER KEY

1.a	2.d	3.b	4.b	5.d	6.b	7.c	8.	9.	10.
11.d	12.a	13.c	14.a	15.c	16.c	17.b	18.a	19.a	20.d
21.c	22.d	23.d	24.b	25.c	26.c	27.d	28.d	29.b	30.a
31.d	32.b	33.d	34.c	35.b	36.d	37.c	38.c	39.a	40.b
41.a	42.b	43.a	44.c	45.a	46.d	47.c	48.c	49.c	50.b