

100 English Multiple Choice Questions with Answers

Section 1: Poets, Essayists, Novelists, Dramatists and their Works

1. Which of the following works was written by William Wordsworth?

- a) "The Road Not Taken"
- b) "Daffodils"
- c) "Because I could not stop for Death"
- d) "Gitanjali"

Answer: b) "Daffodils"

2. Who is known for writing the essay "Politics and the English Language"?

- a) Charles Lamb
- b) Francis Bacon
- c) George Orwell
- d) E.B. White

Answer: c) George Orwell

3. Which novelist created the fictional town of Malgudi?

- a) Charles Dickens
- b) R.K. Narayan
- c) Jane Austen
- d) Mark Twain

Answer: b) R.K. Narayan

4. "The Importance of Being Earnest" is a famous play by:

- a) William Shakespeare
- b) George Bernard Shaw
- c) Oscar Wilde
- d) Arthur Miller

Answer: c) Oscar Wilde

5. Which of these works was NOT written by Shakespeare?

- a) "Hamlet"
- b) "Macbeth"
- c) "Arms and the Man"
- d) "Romeo and Juliet"

Answer: c) "Arms and the Man"

6. "Of Studies" and "Of Truth" are essays written by:

- a) Charles Lamb
- b) Francis Bacon
- c) George Orwell
- d) A.G. Gardiner

Answer: b) Francis Bacon

7. Emily Dickinson's poetic style is characterized by:

- a) Long, flowing sentences
- b) Short lines, dashes, and unconventional style
- c) Rhyming couplets
- d) Complex metaphysical concepts

Answer: b) Short lines, dashes, and unconventional style

8. Who authored "Death of a Salesman"?

- a) Tennessee Williams
- b) Arthur Miller
- c) Oscar Wilde
- d) George Bernard Shaw

Answer: b) Arthur Miller

9. Rabindranath Tagore received the Nobel Prize for which work?

- a) "The Crescent Moon"
- b) "Gitanjali"
- c) "The Guide"
- d) "Malgudi Days"

Answer: b) "Gitanjali"

10. "Pride and Prejudice" was written by:

- a) Jane Austen
- b) Charles Dickens
- c) Mark Twain
- d) J.K. Rowling

****Answer: a) Jane Austen****

Section 2: Writing of Discourse

11. Which of the following is NOT a type of essay?

- a) Narrative
- b) Expository
- c) Rhetorical
- d) Persuasive

****Answer: c) Rhetorical****

12. In a formal letter, if you don't know the recipient's name, the correct salutation is:

- a) Dear Friend
- b) Hello
- c) Dear Sir/Madam
- d) To Whom It May Concern

****Answer: c) Dear Sir/Madam****

13. The concluding part of a story that resolves the conflict is called:

- a) Exposition
- b) Rising action
- c) Climax
- d) Resolution

****Answer: d) Resolution****

14. An autobiography differs from a biography because it is:

- a) Written in third person
- b) Written by the person about their own life
- c) Always chronological
- d) Always objective

****Answer: b) Written by the person about their own life****

15. A precis should be approximately what fraction of the original text's length?

- a) 1/2
- b) 1/3
- c) 1/4
- d) 2/3

****Answer: b) 1/3****

16. Which of these is NOT a characteristic of a good editorial?

- a) Presents a balanced view
- b) Includes personal anecdotes and humor
- c) Suggests solutions
- d) Uses formal language

****Answer: b) Includes personal anecdotes and humor****

17. When making notes, what is the primary purpose?

- a) To rewrite the text in your own words
- b) To condense information for future reference
- c) To critique the original text
- d) To practice handwriting skills

****Answer: b) To condense information for future reference****

18. Which of the following is NOT a component of a story's structure?

- a) Beginning
- b) Middle
- c) Preface
- d) End

****Answer: c) Preface****

19. In letter writing, "Yours faithfully" is used when:

- a) Writing to a friend
- b) Writing to a relative
- c) Beginning with "Dear Sir/Madam"
- d) Beginning with the recipient's name

****Answer: c) Beginning with "Dear Sir/Madam"****

20. What type of essay aims to convince the reader of an opinion?

- a) Narrative
- b) Descriptive
- c) Expository
- d) Persuasive

****Answer: d) Persuasive****

Section 3: Pronunciation - Sounds - Use of Dictionary

21. How many vowel sounds are there in standard English?

- a) 5
- b) 12
- c) 20
- d) 24

****Answer: c) 20****

22. Which of the following words has a silent 'k'?

- a) Kick
- b) Knock
- c) Kettle
- d) Kite

****Answer: b) Knock****

23. The words "hear" and "here" are examples of:

- a) Homonyms
- b) Homophones
- c) Homographs
- d) Heteronyms

****Answer: b) Homophones****

24. Words that have the same spelling but different pronunciation are called:

- a) Homographs
- b) Homophones
- c) Heteronyms
- d) Synonyms

****Answer: c) Heteronyms****

25. The phonetic symbol /ʃ/ represents the sound in:

- a) Sun
- b) Zebra
- c) Shoe
- d) Chair

****Answer: c) Shoe****

26. Which of the following is NOT a component of a dictionary entry?

- a) Pronunciation
- b) Word class
- c) Author's biography
- d) Etymology

****Answer: c) Author's biography****

27. Guide words in a dictionary are used to:

- a) Define the word
- b) Show pronunciation
- c) Help locate entries quickly
- d) Provide examples

****Answer: c) Help locate entries quickly****

28. Which sound is a diphthong?

- a) /æ/
- b) /aɪ/
- c) /p/
- d) /ʃ/

****Answer: b) /aɪ/****

29. Words with the same spelling and pronunciation but different meanings are called:

- a) Homophones
- b) Homographs
- c) Heteronyms
- d) Homonyms

****Answer: d) Homonyms****

30. The word "wind" (to turn) and "wind" (air movement) are examples of:

- a) Homographs
- b) Homophones
- c) Heteronyms
- d) Synonyms

****Answer: c) Heteronyms****

Section 4: Parts of Speech

31. Which of the following is a collective noun?

- a) Book
- b) Beauty
- c) Team
- d) John

****Answer: c) Team****

32. In the sentence "She gave him her book," the words "she," "him," and "her" are:

- a) Nouns
- b) Personal pronouns
- c) Possessive pronouns
- d) Demonstrative pronouns

****Answer: b) Personal pronouns****

33. Which of the following is an abstract noun?

- a) Teacher
- b) London
- c) Courage
- d) Group

****Answer: c) Courage****

34. The word "quickly" in "She ran quickly" is an:

- a) Adjective
- b) Adverb
- c) Preposition
- d) Conjunction

****Answer: b) Adverb****

35. "And," "but," and "or" are examples of:

- a) Coordinating conjunctions
- b) Subordinating conjunctions
- c) Correlative conjunctions
- d) Prepositions

****Answer: a) Coordinating conjunctions****

36. Which pair contains a transitive and an intransitive verb respectively?

- a) Write, sleep
- b) Run, walk
- c) Be, have
- d) Think, dream

****Answer: a) Write, sleep****

37. In the sentence "Wow! That's amazing!" the word "Wow" is an:

- a) Adjective
- b) Adverb
- c) Interjection
- d) Preposition

****Answer: c) Interjection****

38. Which of these is a demonstrative adjective?

- a) My
- b) This
- c) Beautiful
- d) Some

****Answer: b) This****

39. "Both...and," "either...or," and "neither...nor" are examples of:

- a) Coordinating conjunctions
- b) Subordinating conjunctions
- c) Correlative conjunctions
- d) Prepositional phrases

****Answer: c) Correlative conjunctions****

40. Which of the following is NOT an adverb of manner?

- a) Quickly
- b) Well
- c) Yesterday
- d) Carefully

****Answer: c) Yesterday****

Section 5: Tenses

41. Which tense is used in "I have been waiting for an hour"?

- a) Present perfect
- b) Present continuous
- c) Present perfect continuous
- d) Simple present

****Answer: c) Present perfect continuous****

42. "I will have finished my homework by 8 PM" is in which tense?

- a) Future continuous
- b) Future perfect
- c) Simple future
- d) Future perfect continuous

****Answer: b) Future perfect****

43. Which tense shows an action that was ongoing when another action interrupted it?

- a) Simple past
- b) Past continuous
- c) Past perfect
- d) Past perfect continuous

****Answer: b) Past continuous****

44. "She has visited Paris twice" uses which tense?

- a) Simple present
- b) Present continuous
- c) Present perfect
- d) Simple past

****Answer: c) Present perfect****

45. Which tense is used for actions that will be in progress at a specific time in the future?

- a) Simple future
- b) Future continuous
- c) Future perfect
- d) Future perfect continuous

****Answer: b) Future continuous****

46. In the sentence "The sun rises in the east," what tense is used?

- a) Simple present
- b) Present continuous
- c) Present perfect
- d) Past simple

****Answer: a) Simple present****

47. "By next year, I will have been teaching for ten years" is in which tense?

- a) Future perfect
- b) Future continuous
- c) Future perfect continuous
- d) Simple future

****Answer: c) Future perfect continuous****

48. Which tense is used in "I had finished my homework before dinner"?

- a) Simple past
- b) Past continuous
- c) Past perfect
- d) Past perfect continuous

****Answer: c) Past perfect****

49. "She was tired because she had been running" uses which tense to explain the cause?

- a) Simple past
- b) Past continuous
- c) Past perfect
- d) Past perfect continuous

****Answer: d) Past perfect continuous****

50. Which tense form uses "am/is/are going to + verb"?

- a) Present continuous
- b) Future continuous
- c) Simple future
- d) Future perfect

****Answer: c) Simple future****

Section 6: Types of Sentences

51. "The bell rang, and the students left the classroom" is an example of which type of sentence?

- a) Simple
- b) Compound
- c) Complex
- d) Compound-complex

****Answer: b) Compound****

52. Which of the following is an interrogative sentence?

- a) The weather is pleasant today.
- b) Please close the door.
- c) What a beautiful sunset!
- d) Where do you live?

****Answer: d) Where do you live?****

53. "When the bell rang, the students left the classroom" is an example of which type of sentence?

- a) Simple
- b) Compound
- c) Complex
- d) Compound-complex

****Answer: c) Complex****

54. Which of these is an exclamatory sentence?

- a) She is a doctor.
- b) Is she a doctor?
- c) What a talented doctor she is!
- d) Be a doctor.

****Answer: c) What a talented doctor she is!****

55. "You like chocolate, don't you?" is an example of:

- a) Yes/No question
- b) Wh-question
- c) Tag question
- d) Alternative question

****Answer: c) Tag question****

56. A sentence that contains one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses is called:

- a) Simple sentence
- b) Compound sentence
- c) Complex sentence
- d) Compound-complex sentence

****Answer: c) Complex sentence****

57. Which type of sentence gives a command?

- a) Declarative
- b) Interrogative
- c) Imperative
- d) Exclamatory

****Answer: c) Imperative****

58. "Would you like tea or coffee?" is an example of:

- a) Yes/No question
- b) Wh-question
- c) Tag question
- d) Alternative question

****Answer: d) Alternative question****

59. "When the bell rang, the students left the classroom, and the teacher went to the staff room" is an example of:

- a) Simple sentence
- b) Compound sentence
- c) Complex sentence
- d) Compound-complex sentence

****Answer: d) Compound-complex sentence****

60. Questions that begin with who, what, where, when, why, or how are called:

- a) Yes/No questions
- b) Wh-questions
- c) Tag questions
- d) Alternative questions

****Answer: b) Wh-questions****

Section 7: Articles and Prepositions

61. Which article is used before singular countable nouns beginning with consonant sounds?

- a) A
- b) An
- c) The
- d) No article

****Answer: a) A****

62. In the sentence "She has been living here ____ 2010," which preposition should be used?

- a) for
- b) since
- c) during
- d) by

****Answer: b) since****

63. Which of the following does NOT use "the"?

- a) The United States
- b) The Pacific Ocean
- c) France
- d) The Nile River

****Answer: c) France****

64. Which preposition is used to indicate movement entering something?

- a) In
- b) Into
- c) Through
- d) Across

****Answer: b) Into****

65. In "She is interested ____ music," which preposition should be used?

- a) in
- b) on
- c) at
- d) with

****Answer: a) in****

66. Which article is used before unique nouns like "sun" and "moon"?

- a) A
- b) An
- c) The
- d) No article

****Answer: c) The****

67. In "I'll see you ____ Friday," which preposition should be used?

- a) in
- b) at
- c) on
- d) by

****Answer: c) on****

68. The sentence "Love is important" uses which article?

- a) A
- b) An
- c) The
- d) No article (zero article)

****Answer: d) No article (zero article)****

69. Which preposition is used to indicate position with three or more objects?

- a) Between
- b) Among
- c) Beside
- d) Along

****Answer: b) Among****

70. In "The meeting starts ____ 9 o'clock," which preposition should be used?

- a) in
- b) on
- c) at
- d) during

****Answer: c) at****

Mixed Topics

71. Which of the following is NOT a type of adverb?

- a) Adverb of manner
- b) Adverb of place
- c) Adverb of quantity
- d) Adverb of frequency

****Answer: c) Adverb of quantity****

72. In the word "university," the correct article to use is:

- a) a
- b) an
- c) the
- d) no article

****Answer: a) a****

73. Which of the following is a complex sentence?

- a) I like tea and coffee.
- b) I like tea but I don't like coffee.
- c) Although I like tea, I don't like coffee.
- d) I like tea; I don't like coffee.

****Answer: c) Although I like tea, I don't like coffee.****

74. The word "myself" is a:

- a) Personal pronoun
- b) Possessive pronoun
- c) Reflexive pronoun
- d) Relative pronoun

****Answer: c) Reflexive pronoun****

75. Which tense is typically used for universal truths?

- a) Simple present
- b) Present continuous
- c) Present perfect
- d) Simple past

****Answer: a) Simple present****

76. In note-making, what does the hierarchy of information help to show?

- a) The author's bias
- b) Relationships between ideas
- c) The chronology of events
- d) The difficulty level of concepts

****Answer: b) Relationships between ideas****

77. What is the difference between a biography and an autobiography?

- a) A biography is longer than an autobiography
- b) A biography uses more formal language
- c) A biography is written by someone else about a person's life
- d) A biography covers only famous people

****Answer: c) A biography is written by someone else about a person's life****

78. Which of the following is a coordinating conjunction?

- a) Because
- b) Although
- c) Unless
- d) Yet

****Answer: d) Yet****

79. In the phrase "cut with scissors," the preposition "with" indicates:

- a) Accompaniment
- b) Method/means
- c) Location
- d) Time

****Answer: b) Method/means****

80. Which part of speech connects words, phrases, or clauses?

- a) Preposition
- b) Conjunction
- c) Interjection
- d) Adverb

****Answer: b) Conjunction****

81. "Death of a Salesman" is a play about:

- a) The American Dream
- b) A medieval king
- c) Star-crossed lovers
- d) A jealous general

****Answer: a) The American Dream****

82. What is the main difference between a proper noun and a common noun?

- a) Proper nouns are always plural
- b) Proper nouns name specific people, places, or things
- c) Common nouns are always abstract
- d) Common nouns are always countable

****Answer: b) Proper nouns name specific people, places, or things****

83. When writing a precis, you should:

- a) Include your personal opinion
- b) Use direct quotes from the original
- c) Maintain the tone of the original
- d) Add new information

****Answer: c) Maintain the tone of the original****

84. The degree of comparison used in "This is the tallest building in the city" is:

- a) Positive
- b) Comparative
- c) Superlative
- d) Intensive

****Answer: c) Superlative****

85. In the sentence "She walked slowly," what part of speech is "slowly"?

- a) Verb
- b) Adjective
- c) Adverb
- d) Preposition

****Answer: c) Adverb****

86. Which word is an example of an interjection?

- a) Quickly
- b) Wow
- c) Under
- d) Because

****Answer: b) Wow****

87. Which of these is a subordinating conjunction?

- a) And
- b) But
- c) Although
- d) Or

****Answer: c) Although****

88. In the sentence "The book is on the table," what is the function of "on"?

- a) Conjunction
- b) Preposition
- c) Adverb
- d) Adjective

****Answer: b) Preposition****

89. "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was written by:

- a) Charles Dickens
- b) Jane Austen
- c) Mark Twain
- d) R.K. Narayan

****Answer: c) Mark Twain****

90. What is the subject in the sentence "The tall man wore a black hat"?

- a) Tall
- b) Man
- c) The tall man
- d) Hat

****Answer: c) The tall man****

91. A sentence that asks a question with no answer expected is called:

- a) Interrogative
- b) Rhetorical
- c) Alternative
- d) Tag question

****Answer: b) Rhetorical****

92. In a dictionary, information about the origin of a word is called:

- a) Definition
- b) Etymology
- c) Pronunciation
- d) Word class

****Answer: b) Etymology****

93. Which of the following is NOT a fricative sound?

- a) /f/
- b) /v/
- c) /p/
- d) /z/

****Answer: c) /p/****

94. In essay writing, the statement that presents the main idea is called:

- a) Topic sentence
- b) Thesis statement
- c) Introduction
- d) Conclusion

****Answer: b) Thesis statement****

95. Which tense would you use to describe an action that started in the past and continues to the present?

- a) Simple past
- b) Past continuous
- c) Present perfect
- d) Simple present

****Answer: c) Present perfect****

96. In the sentence "The flowers are beautiful," what is "beautiful"?

- a) Noun
- b) Verb
- c) Adjective
- d) Adverb

****Answer: c) Adjective****

97. Which of these is NOT a component of a formal letter?

- a) Sender's address
- b) Date
- c) Receiver's address
- d) Personal postscript

****Answer: d) Personal postscript****

98. The use of "a" instead of "an" before words beginning with vowel sounds is an example of:

- a) Spelling error
- b) Grammar error
- c) Pronunciation error
- d) Syntax error

****Answer: b) Grammar error****

99. Which playwright is known for his use of blank verse?

- a) George Bernard Shaw
- b) William Shakespeare
- c) Oscar Wilde
- d) Arthur Miller

****Answer: b) William Shakespeare****

100. In the sentence "Although it was raining, we went for a walk," the clause "Although it was raining" is a:

- a) Independent clause
- b) Dependent clause
- c) Noun clause
- d) Relative clause

****Answer: b) Dependent clause****

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