

*AJS, G-I MAIN EXAM, 2011*  
**ENGLISH & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**  
**GRADE - I**

PAPER - I

Duration : 3 Hours.  
 Total Marks: 100

**PART – A**

1. Write an essay on:

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- " Judicial backlog : causes and remedies"  
 or  
 " Destination Northeast".

2. **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow the passage :**

Sometimes Helen rose at dawn and stole into the garden while the heavy dew lay on the grass and flowers. Few know what joy it is to feel the roses pressing softly into the hand, or the beautiful motion of the lilies as she sways in the morning breeze. Sometimes she caught an insect in the flower she was plucking, and felt the faint noise of a pair of wings rubbed together in a sudden terror, as the little creature became aware of a pressure from without.

Another favourite haunt of her was the orchard, where the fruit ripened early in July. The large, downy peaches would reach themselves into her hand, and as the joyous breezes flew about the trees the apples tumbled at her feet. Oh, the delight with which she gathered up the fruit in her pinafore, pressed her face against the smooth cheeks of the apples, still warm from the sun, and skipped back to the house!

Her favourite walk was to Keller's Landing, an old tumble-down lumber-wharf on the Tennessee River, used during the Civil War to land soldiers. There she spent many happy hours and played at learning geography. She built dams of pebbles, made islands and lakes, and dug river-beds, all for fun, and never dreamed that she was learning a lesson. She listened with increasing wonder to Miss Sullivan's descriptions of the great round world with its burning mountains, buried cities, moving rivers of ice, and many other things as strange. Miss Sullivan made raised maps in clay, so that she could feel the mountain ridges and valleys and follow with her fingers the devious course of rivers. She liked this, too ; but the division of the earth into zones and poles confused and teased her mind. The illustrative strings and the orange sticks representing the poles seemed so real that even to this day the mere mention of temperature zone suggests a series of twine circles ; and She believes that if any one should set about it he could convince her that white bears actually climb the North Pole.

**2.1 Give answer(s) in a single sentence to each question(s) : 8 X 1 = 8**

- (i) What would Helen sometimes do at dawn ?
- (ii) What did Helen feel, taking an insect in her hand ?
- (iii) What was one of the favourite haunts of Helen ?
- (iv) "She gathered up the fruit in her pinafore".  
- Which fruit is referred to here ?
- (v) What did Helen do with the apples ?
- (vi) What did Helen learn through fun and play ?
- (vii) What was confusing to Helen ?
- (viii) How could Helen follow the winding course of rivers ?

**2.2 Give short answer(s) in maximum 3 sentences : 4 X 3 = 12**

- (i) What does Helen say about the insect she caught while plucking flowers?
- (ii) What does Helen say about the orchard ?
- (iii) How did Helen learn lessons in geography from Miss Sullivan ?
- (iv) How did Helen learn about the geographical divisions of the earth ?

**3. Each of the following sentences or phrases is followed by five alternatives one of which best describes in brief, the meaning of the sentence or phrase. Give the correct answer(s). 5 X 1 = 5**

- 3.1 A person who does not believe in the existence of God -  
 (a) Irreligious (b) Non-believer.  
 (c) Atheist (d) Non-conformist. (e) Theist.
- 3.2 A medicine to cause vomiting -  
 (a) Emetic (b) Anodyne  
 (c) Opiate (d) Narcotic (e) Antidote.
- 3.3 A person who compiles a dictionary -  
 (a) Author (b) Grammarian  
 (c) Linguist (d) Lexicographer (e) Choreographer
- 3.4 Travelling under a name other than one's own -  
 (a) Incognito (b) Sinecure  
 (c) Recluse (d) Refugee (e) Expatriate
- 3.5 Confinement to one place to avoid spread of infection -  
 (a) Quarantine (b) Postulation  
 (c) Isolation (d) Seclusion (e) Sequestering

**4. Each of the following words is followed by five words one of which is its opposite in meaning. Specify the word which you find most nearly opposite in meaning. 5 X 1 = 5**

**4.1 Belittle**

- (a) Detect (b) Disparage
- (c) Exaggerate (d) Detract (e) Heckle

**4.2 Despicable**

- (a) Worthy of esteem (b) Inevitable
- (c) Incapable (d) Steering (e) Featureless



4.3 **Haggard**

- (a) Inspired (b) Plump  
(c) Shrewd (d) Maidenly (e) Pleasant

4.4 **Centrifugal**

- (a) Ephemeral (b) Lasting  
(c) Barometric (d) Centripetal (e) Extravaganza

4.5 **Prodigal**

- (a) Thrifty (b) Consistent  
(c) Compatible (d) Errant (e) Wandering

5. In the following test, you should choose the one word whose meaning is closest to the given word. **5 X 1 = 5**

5.1 **Vexed**

- (a) Annoying (b) Recurring (e) Dangerous  
(c) Unresolvable (d) Complex

5.2 **Sagacious**

- (a) Contumacious (b) Illustrative  
(c) Wise (d) Benevolent (e) Benign

5.3 **Candid**

- (a) Irritable (b) Trickly  
(c) Intriguing (d) Guileless (e) Considerate

5.4 **Taciturn**

- (a) Communicative (b) Reticent  
(c) Garrulous (d) Prolix (e) Voluble

5.5 **Obstinate**

- (a) Stubborn (b) Indifferent  
(c) Pliable (d) Changeable (e) Haughty

**PART – B**

**Give the correct answer. (Do not write the question) 40X 1 = 40**

- Hillary Clinton who was in India recently is the US Secretary of -  
(a) Commerce (b) State  
(c) Treasury (d) Defence (e) None of these
- Recently the term 3G was very much in news and even a conference on it was organized in India. What is the letter 'G' denotes in 3G?  
(a) Grade (b) Group  
(c) Global (d) Guild (e) Generation
- Which of the following terms is used in banking and finance ?  
(a) Abiotic (b) Demand deposit  
(c) Fat scales (d) A diabetic (e) Cathode
- Which of the following is a food crop ?  
(a) Maize (b) Cotton  
(c) Palm (d) Jute (e) Jatropha

5. Names of which of the following rates/ratios cannot be seen in financial newspapers ?  
 (a) Bank Rate (b) Repo Rate  
 (c) Cash Reserve Ratio (d) Pulse Rate (e) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
6. Which of the following is the Chemical name of the salt we use in our kitchen ?  
 (a) Calcium Carbonate (b) Calcium Chloride  
 (c) Sodium Carbonate (d) Sodium Chloride (e) Ammonium Sulphate
7. The Judges of the Supreme Court of India now retire at the age of  
 (a) 58 years (b) 60 years  
 (c) 62 years (d) 65 years (e) 68 years
8. Sushil Kumar who won a Gold Medal at an international event is a famous  
 (a) Wrestling champion (b) Golf player  
 (c) Table Tennis Player (d) Weightlifter (e) None of these
9. A Call Centre is -  
 (a) A place where salesmen meet every day  
 (b) A Training Centre  
 (c) A Back Office set-up where customer queries are answered  
 (d) Customers' meeting place  
 (e) All of these
10. ATM means -  
 (a) Any time Marketing (b) Any time Money (c) Any time Machine  
 (d) Automatic Teller Machine (e) Automatic Teller Money
11. If your allowance was a Rs.1 and it is doubled everyday, how many days would it take for you to have over Rs.35 ?  
 (a) 6 days (b) 7 days  
 (c) 9 days (d) 10 days (e) 11 days
12. Which of the following conductors is used in heating elements ?  
 (a) Tungsten (b) Carbon  
 (c) Copper (d) Nichrome (e) None of these
13. Stethoscope : Heartbeat :: ? : Temperature  
 (a) Heat (b) Mercury  
 (c) Scale (d) Thermometer (e) None of these
14. BYW : DWU :: FUS : ?  
 (a) ESQ (b) GST  
 (c) HSQ (d) EST (e) None of these
15. Sarkaria Commission was constituted to give its report on  
 (a) New Pay Scales for the Government servants  
 (b) Centre-State relations  
 (c) Ram Janmabhoomi – Babri Masjid dispute  
 (d) Kaveri dispute  
 (e) None of these.
16. Which of the following Articles of the Constitution deals with the Fundamental Duties ?  
 (a) Article 39 C (b) Article 51 A  
 (c) Article 29 B (d) Article 49 (e) None of these



17. Among the tax revenues of the Union Government, the most important source is -  
 (a) Income tax (b) Customs Duty (c) Corporation Tax  
 (d) Union Excise duties (e) None of these
18. Where is the satellite launching centre of India located ?  
 (a) Ahmedabad (b) Hassan  
 (c) Sriharikota (d) Thumba (e) None of these
19. When did India join the United Nations ?  
 (a) 1945 (b) 1947  
 (c) 1950 (d) 1954 (e) 1955
20. On imprisonment in 1908 by the British, Bal Gangadhar Tilak was sent to  
 (a) Andaman and Nicobar (b) Rangoon  
 (c) Singapore (d) Mandalay (e) None of these
21. The animal which can tolerate more summer heat is  
 (a) Buffalo (b) Cow  
 (c) Goat (d) Deer (e) Donkey
22. Chocolates can be bad for health because of a high content of  
 (a) Zinc (b) Nickel  
 (c) Lead (d) Cobalt (e) None of these
23. Cooking gas is a mixture of  
 (a) methane and ethylene (b) Carbon dioxide and Oxygen  
 (c) butane and propane (d) Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide  
 (e) None of these
24. Grammy Award is given in the field of  
 (a) Literature (b) Music  
 (c) Science (d) Inventions and Discoveries (e) Sports
25. Which river is most important in terms of Inland waterway ?  
 (a) Amazon (b) Mississippi  
 (c) Rhine (d) Hoogly (e) Brahmaputra
26. India's political relations with its neighbouring countries are a critical part of its-  
 (a) Industrial policy (b) Trade policy (c) Foreign policy  
 (d) Development policy (e) None of these
27. In the terms of economics, the recession occurring two times with a small gap in between is known as -  
 (a) Double Deflation (b) Deflation  
 (c) Deep Recession (d) Double Dip Recession (e) None of these
28. Normally Bank accept fixed deposit for a maximum period of -  
 (a) 5 years (b) 3 years  
 (c) 10 years (d) 20 years (e) Any number of years
29. Which one of the following is not a salient feature of debit card ?  
 (a) No bad debts to banks and no suits for recovery  
 (b) No interest earning for banks  
 (c) Works like a normal withdrawal

- (d) All the above  
(e) 45 days credit is given to the card holder
30. Which department of the Government has completed its 150 years in 2010 ?  
(a) Income Tax (b) Customs Excise Duty  
(c) Post and Telegraph (d) Television and Broadcasting  
(e) None of these
31. Loans/advances to farmers is treated as -  
(a) Personal Loans (b) Priority Sector Loan  
(c) Business Loan (d) Corporate Loan (e) None of these
32. When the loan is granted for purchase of white goods it is called -  
(a) Consumption loan (b) White goods loan  
(c) Consumer durable loan (d) All the above (e) None of the above
33. The ..... of software contains lists of commands and options  
(a) menu bar (b) title bar  
(c) formula bar (d) tool bar (e) None of these
34. An example of a telecommunications device is a -  
(a) Keyboard (b) Mouse  
(c) Printer (d) Modem (e) None of these
35. Which device can understand difference between data and programs ?  
(a) Input device (b) Output device  
(c) Memory (d) Microprocessor (e) None of these
36. Computers use the ..... number system to store data and perform calculations.  
(a) binary (b) octal  
(c) decimal (d) hexadecimal (e) None of these
37. The person who writes and tests computer programs is called a  
(a) Programmer (b) Computer Scientist  
(c) Software engineer (d) Project developer (e) None of these
38. Who is elected as the new IMF Chief -  
(a) Ms. Christine Lagarde (b) Mr. Dominique Strauss-Kahn  
(c) Ban Ki-moon (d) Sepp Blatter (e) None of these
39. Who won the women's singles final in the recent Wimbledon 2011  
(a) Maria Sharapova (b) Petra Kvitova  
(c) Iveta Benesova (d) Kveta Peschke (e) Katarina Srebotnik
40. Who is the current Law Minister of India  
(a) Mr. M. Veerappa Moily (b) Mr. Kapil Sibal  
(c) Mr. Salman Khursheed (d) Dr. M.S. Gill (e) Mr. Murli Deora