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I was no doubt at fault in having gone to that officer. But his impatience and overbearing anger were out of all proportion to my mistake. It did not warrant expulsion. I can scarcely have taken up more than five minutes of his time. But he simply could not endure my talking. He could have politely asked me to go, but power had intoxicated him to an inordinate extent. Later I came to know that patience was not one of the virtues of that officer. It was usual for him to insult his visitors. The slightest unpleasantness was sure to put the sahib out.

Now most of my work would naturally be in his court. It was beyond me to conciliate him. I had no desire to curry favour with him. Indeed, having once threatened to proceed against him, I did not like to remain silent. Meanwhile I began to learn something of the petty politics of the country. Kathiawad, being a conglomeration of small states, naturally had its rich crop of politicals. Petty intrigues between states, and intrigues of officers for power were the order of the day. Princes were always at the mercy of others and ready to lend their ears to sycophants. Even the sahib's peon had to be cajoled, and the sahib's shirastedar was more than his master, as he was his eyes, his ears and his interpreter. The shirastedar's will was law and his income was always reputed to be more than the sahib's. This may have been an exaggeration, but he certainly lived beyond his salary.

Q.1 Who lived beyond his salary?

- (A) Sahib
- ✓ (B) Shirastedar
 - (C) Sahib's peon
 - (D) Officers

Q.2 The meaning of 'sycophant' is ...

- (A) A mentor
- (B) A strong opponent
- 🗸 (C) A servile flatterer
 - (D) A guide and philosophe



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Q.3 Who were ready to lend their ears to sycophants?

- ✓ (A) Princes
 - (B) Sahibs
 - (C) Shirastedars
 - (D) Officers

Q.4 What had intoxicated him?

- (A) Wealth
- (B) Physical strength
- (C) Money and property
- (D) Power

Q.5 The essay Is There a Text in This Class? was authored by ...

- (A) Harold Bloom
- (B) Edward Said
- (C) Elaine Showalter
- 🗸 (D) Stanley Fish

Q.6 A key argument in Laura Mulvey's Visual Pleasure and Narrative Cinema (1975) in the context of gender is that ...

- (A) In a world ordered by sexual imbalance, pleasure in looking has been split between active/male and passive/female
 - (B) The split between spectacle and narrative supports the women's role as the active one of forwarding the story
 - (C) The woman controls the film fantasy and also emerges as the representative of power
 - (D) The female protagonist is free to command the stage, a stage of spatial illusion

Q.7 Who wrote Mrichchhakatika, The Little Clay Cart?

- (A) Bhasa
- (B) Bhavbhuti
- (C) Kalidasa



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🗸 (D) Shudraka

Q.8 "What we call the beginning is often the end And to make an end is to make a beginning."

In which of the poems, do the above lines appear?

- ✓ (A) Little Gidding
 - (B) Burnt Norton
 - (C) Gerontion
 - (D) The Hollow Men

Q.9 Walter Scott is associated with ...

- (A) Existentialist novel
- 🗸 (B) Historical novel
 - (C) Epistolary novel
 - (D) Diasporic novel

Q.10 The words Langue and Parole are employed by ...

- (A) Jacques Derrida
- (B) Gareth Griffiths
- ✓ (C) Ferdinand de Saussure
 - (D) Stuart Hall

Q.11 The character Rajam in the novel Swami and Friends is the son of ...

- (A) A Businessman
- 🗸 (B) A Police Officer
 - (C) A Farmer
 - (D) A Contractor

Q.12 One of the distinctive features of human language is ...

- ✓ (A) Cultural transmission
 - (B) Genetic transmission
 - (C) Effective transmission
 - (D) Non-effective transmission



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Q.13 Critical theory of New Historicism was founded by ...

- (A) Walter Scott
- (B) Leo Tolstoy
- ✓ (C) Stephen Greenblatt
 - (D) Patrick O'Brian

Q.14 In which kind would you place Philip Massinger and John Fletcher's collaborative work A New Way to Pay Old Debts?

- (A) Tragicomedy
- (B) Farce
- (C) Tragedy
- ✓ (D) Comedy

Q.15 When was Wordsworth appointed as the Poet Laureate?

- (A) 1668
- (B) 1850
- **⊘**(C) 1843
 - (D) 1802

Q.16 The novel One Hundred Years of Solitude is a fine exemplar for ...

- ✓ (A) Magic realism
 - (B) Social realism
 - (C) Stream of consciousness
 - (D) Intertextuality

Q.17 Vladimir Propp's The Morphology of a Folktale was written in the year

- (A) 1925
- √(B) 1928
 - (C) 1930
 - (D) 1932

Q.18 The difference between British English and American English can be observed ...



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- (A) Only in vocabulary
- (B) Only in grammar
- (C) Only in pronunciation
- ✓(D) In vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation and spelling system

Q.19 Which of the following novels is a pre-partition novel that relocates the world within and around the Delhi-based Nihal household?

- - (B) Ocean of Night
 - (C) All About H. Hatter
 - (D) The Serpent and the Rope

Q.20 The book Dominance Without Hegemony is authored by ...

- (A) Gyanendra Pandey
- (B) Dipesh Chakrabarty
- √(C) Ranajit Guha
 - (D) Sumit Sarkar

Q.21 Which is not the play written in collaboration by Thomas Middleton and William Rowley?

- (A) The Mayor of Quinsborough
- ✓ (B) The White Devil
 - (C) A Fair Quarrel
 - (D) The Spanish Gipsy

Q.22 In whose memory did Alfred, Lord Tennyson compose In Memoriam?

- (A) John Keats
- **②**(B) Arthur Henry Hallam
 - (C) Lord Byron
 - (D) Hugh Clough

Q.23 Which of the following novels is written by Susan Edmonstone Ferrier?

(A) Northanger Abbey



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- (B) Malmoth the Wanderer
- ✓ (C) The Inheritance
 - (D) The Surgeon's Daughter

Q.24 Lionel Trilling's essay Freud and Literature was written in the year ...

- ✓ (A) 1940
 - (B) 1942
 - (C) 1945
 - (D) 1948

Q.25 In Code Mixing ...

- ✓ (A) Base Language gets mixed with Supra Language
 - (B) Supra Language gets mixed with Base Language
 - (C) Only one language is used for mixing
 - (D) Incorrect sentence is mixed with a correct sentence

Q.26 All India Progressive Writers Association was launched on 10th April, 1936 at ...

- (A) Mumbai
- ✓ (B) Lucknow
 - (C) Delhi
 - (D) Bangalore

Q.27 A central focus of cultural studies is the social processes by which knowledge and skills are acquired that enable us to be members of a culture. This is known as ...

- (A) Agency
- ✓ (B) Acculturation
 - (C) Authenticity
 - (D) Urbanization

Q.28 Who, among the following, is considered as the father of multiculturalism?



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- ✓ (A) Paul Yuzyk
 - (B) David Hardiman
 - (C) Gayatri Spivak
 - (D) David Arnold

Q.29 Which is not the characteristic of good hypothesis among the following?

- (A) Conceptual clarity
- (B) Simplicity
- (C) Brevity
- (D) Ambiguity

Q.30 Checking Theory is a linguistic principle that occurs in ...

- (A) Structural Linguistics
- (B) Generative Linguistics
 - (C) Traditional Grammar
 - (D) Systemic Linguistics

Q.31 The Citizen of the World is written by ...

- (A) Samuel Johnson
- (B) Thomas Nashe
- (C) Edward Gibbon
- (D) Oliver Goldsmith

Q.32 The terms Mosaic and Melting Pot are parts of ...

- (A) Historicism
- (B) Psychoanalysis
- (C) Queer Studies
- ✓ (D) Multiculturalism

Q.33 Which of the following awards was given to Anita Desai's novel Fire on the Mountain?

(A) Booker Prize



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- (B) Nobel Prize
- ✓ (C) Sahitya Academy Award
 - (D) National Academy of Letters Award

Q.34 Which of the following poems was not written by Matthew Arnold?

- (A) The Scholar Gipsy
- (B) The Moon Now Rises
 - (C) Palladium
 - (D) Dover Beach

Q.35 Who among the following was not the University Wits?

- (A) Christopher Marlowe
- ✓ (B) William Shakespeare
 - (C) Robert Greene
 - (D) Thomas Lodge

Q.36 Which of the following poems has Carpe Diem as the main theme?

- (A) The Garden
- (B) To His Coy Mistress
 - (C) Bermudas
 - (D) The Definition of Love

Q.37 Which of the following is not a novel that belongs to the trend of magic realism?

- (A) One Hundred Years of Solitude
- 🗸 (B) Ulysses
 - (C) Tin Drum
 - (D) Shame

Q.38 Who among these is associated with Campus Novels?

- (A) Joseph Conrad
- (B) D.H. Lawrence
- (C) James Joyce



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(D) David Lodge

Q.39 M. Anantanarayanan's work, The Silver Pilgrimage deals with ...

- (A) The caste system in India
- (B) The adventures of Jayasurya
- (C) The political issues in South India
- 🗸 (D) The Hindu religious practices

Q.40 Which of the following plays by Sir George Etherege mirrors degraded moral life in the Restoration period?

- (A) The Way of the World
- (B) The Provoked Wife
- (C) Love in a Tub
 - (D) The Beaux' Stratagem

Q.41 Which of the following plays is written by Thomas Shadwell?

- (A) The Sullen Lovers
 - (B) The Recruiting Officer
 - (C) The Double Dealer
 - (D) The Plain Dealer

Q.42 In the sentence "I wanna go home," wanna is a contracted form of ..

- ✓ (A) Want to
 - (B) Want him to
 - (C) Do not want to
 - (D) Want him not to

43. Raja Rao's novel Kanthapura opens with the invocation of goddess

- (A) Durga
- (B) Chamundi
- (C) Tulaja Bhawani
- 🗸 (D) Kenchaamma



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44. Who wrote the book entitled Musical Elaborations?

- (A) Parth Chatterjee
- (B) Antonio Gramsci
- (C) Ranajit Guha
- (D) Edward Said

45. Empirical research deals with

- (A) some thoughts
- (B) some abstract ideas and theories
- (C) some units
- O) some problems

46. Roland Barthes' Mythologies (1957) is admittedly an ideological critique of

- (A) The sacred traditions of Europe
- (B) The predominance of literary theory
- (C) The ancient Greek and Roman heritage of French Culture
- (D) The language of so-called mass culture

47. Which character in Shakespeare's play speaks the following lines? "Cowards die many times before their death; the valiant never taste of death but once."

- (A) Antony
- (B) Macbeth
- (C) Richard II
- 🗸 (D) Julius Caesar

48. A periodical The Rambler, as imitation of The Spectator, was started by

- (A) Alexander Pope
- (B) Joseph Addison
- (C) Sir Richard Steele
- 🤡 (D) Samuel Johnson



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49. The critic associated with Postcolonialism is

- (A) Terry Eagleton
- (B) Jean Lyotard
- (C) Jean Baudrillard
- (D) Helen Tiffin

50. William Somerset Maugham's first published work is known as

- ✓ (A) Liza of Lambeth
 - (B) Lady Frederick
 - (C) A Man of Honour
 - (D) Of Human Bondage

51. "O Lady! We receive but what we give / And in our life alone does nature live."

In which of the following poems do the above lines appear?

- (A) Christabel
- (B) Kubla Khan
- (C) Frost at Midnight
- 🗸 (D) Dejection: An Ode

52. Who claimed English as Saraswati's Gift to India?

- (A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (B) Mahatma Gandhi
- (C) C. Rajagopal<mark>achari</mark>
 - (D) Vijayalaxmi Pandit

53. The autobiographical experiences of growing up as Dalit in the newly independent India of 1950s, whose title signifies scraps of food left on a plate, is the story of

- 🗸 (A) Omprakash Valmiki
 - (B) Kancha Ilaiah
 - (C) Namdeo Dhasal
 - (D) Manoranjan Byapari



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54. The term 'Cultural Materialism' was coined by

- (A) T.S. Eliot
- (B) F.R. Leavis
- (C) C.S. Lewis
- (D) Raymond Williams

55. Francois Lyotard is associated with

- (A) Postcolonialism
- ✓ (B) Postmodernism
 - (C) Historicism
 - (D) Culture studies

56. Which of the following is not a short story by Edgar Allan Poe that was published in Graham's Magazine?

- (A) Murders in the Rue Morgue
 - (B) The Masque of the Red Death
 - (C) The Imp of the Perverse
 - (D) The Philosophy of Composition

57. Which of the following poems was not written by Nissim Ezekiel?

- (A) Night of the Scorpion
- (B) The Professor
- ✓ (C) After Midnight
 - (D) A Time to Change

58. Whose comic farce Englishman in Paris contested the field with Sentimental comedy?

- (A) Henry Carey
- (B) George Lillo
- (C) Samuel Foote
 - (D) George Colman



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59. In the sentence The truth is that he did not attend the classes, the underlined linguistic unit functions as

- (A) Subject
- (B) Direct object
- (C) Indirect object
- **⊘** (D) Complement

60. Case study method believes that

- (A) all men share common problem
- (B) all men share common nature
- (C) all men share common fate
- (D) all men share common interest

61. Charlotte Perkins Gilman wrote a book entitled

- (A) Joining the resistance
- (B) In Praise of Women's Bodies
- (C) Fetishism and Curiosity
- 🗸 (D) The Yellow Wallpaper

62. Why computer plays an important role in doing research?

- (A) because of its variability
- (B) because of its sophistication
 - (C) because of its easy availability
 - (D) because of its easy handling

63. Post-coloniality for Homi Bhabha, in The Location of Culture (1994), is a salutary reminder of

- (A) The authentication of the unambiguous histories of decolonial movements
- (B) The persistent neo-colonial relations within the 'new' world order and the multinational division of labour
 - (C) The need to be monologic rather than an endless celebration of hybridity



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(D) The constitution of a field of stabilization that is knowledge outside of representation

64. That there are differences in language has been propounded by

- (A) Chomsky
 - (B) Ferdinand de Saussure
 - (C) Halliday
 - (D) Van Valin

65. Rahoul, the Hero of Bhabani Bhattacharya's Novel So Many Hungers, begins his conversation on Gandhism and regrets about his non-participation in

- (A) World War I
- 🗸 (B) World War II
 - (C) French Revolution
 - (D) Spanish Civil War

66. Who leads the conspirators in hatching the plot of murdering Julius Caesar?

- (A) Brutus
- (B) Casca
- ✓ (C) Cassius
 - (D) Cinna

67. Whose essays are called "infinite riches in a little room"?

- (A) Christopher Marlowe
- (B) Thomas Nashe
- (C) Francis Bacon
- (D) Charles Lamb

68. Gynocriticism is a term related to

- (A) Modernism
- (B) Postmodernism



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- (C) Structuralism
- (D) Feminism

69. Who has written the collection of short stories entitled The Cow of the Barricades?

- (A) Raja Rao
 - (B) R.K. Narayan
 - (C) Anita Desai
 - (D) Kiran Nagarkar

70. In which of the following poems, does the poetic line, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind" appear?

- (A) Ode to a Nightingale
- (B) Ode to the West Wind
 - (C) Ode on Melancholy
 - (D) Dejection, An Ode

71. Who published one of the most influential works on moral philosophy entitled The Sovereignty of Good and Other Concepts?

- (A) James Joyce
- (B) Samuel Beckett
- ✓ (C) Iris Murdoch
 - (D) Henrik Ibsen

72. The concepts Feminine, Feminist, and Female were introduced by

- (A) Toril Moi
- (B) Helene Cixous
- ✓ (C) Elaine Showalter
 - (D) Virginia Woolf

73. Which of the following poems was written by Ezra Pound?

- (A) Gerontion
- 🗸 (B) The Return



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- (C) The Eye
- (D) Antique Harvester

74. The decline of spirit of the Elizabethan drama begins with the works of

- (A) William Strode
- ✓ (B) Ben Jonson
 - (C) Thomas Heywood
 - (D) John Dryden

75. In the sentence Ten thousand saw I at a glance, the phrase Ten thousand has been

- ✓ (A) Foregrounded
 - (B) Reduplicated
 - (C) Blended
 - (D) Clipped

76. Arrange the following books in the order in which they appeared. Use the code given below:

- (i) Politics
- (ii) The State and Revolution
- (iii) The Republic
- (iv) The Leviathan
- (A) (ii) (i) (iii) (iv)
- ⟨B⟩ (iii) (i) (iv) (ii)
 - (C) (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)
 - (D) (i) (iii) (iv) (ii)

77. Which type of research is Exit poll survey?

- (A) an exploratory research
- ✓ (B) a descriptive research
 - (C) a historical research
 - (D) a social research



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- 78. Associated with Julia Kristeva's attempts to combine Saussurean and Bakhtinian theories of language and literature, the conceptual term argues that "any text is constructed as a mosaic of quotations; any text is the absorption and transformation of another"
- (A) Ecriture
- (B) Discourse
- (C) Heteroglossia
- ✓ (D) Intertextual
 - 79. Which of the following novels has theme of Gandhiji's village based economy?
- (A) Murugan, the Tiller
 - (B) Kandan
 - (C) Atlauar House
 - (D) Conflict
 - 80. Who is the author of Arcadia?
 - (A) Thomas Nashe
- 🗸 (B) Sir Philip Sidney
 - (C) Daniel Defoe
 - (D) William Webb
 - 81. What did Marlowe's protagonist of Dr. Faustus ask Mephistopheles to bring to amuse him during the final days of his life?
 - (A) Seven Deadly Sins
 - (B) Cleopatra of Egypt
 - (C) Paramour
- (D) Helen of Troy
 - 82. Which of the following poems was not written by W. B. Yeats?
 - (A) The Rose of the World
 - (B) Byzantium
 - (C) The Second Coming



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- 🗸 (D) For A Dead Lady
 - 83. The novel which portrays the ebb and flow of the mind of the character is referred to as
- ✓ (A) Stream-of-consciousness
 - (B) Realistic
 - (C) Existentialist
 - (D) Social
 - 84. Ecriture Feminine is advocated by:
 - (A) Kristeva, Julia
- (B) Cixous, Helen
 - (C) Irigaray, Luce
 - (D) Lacan, Jacques
 - 85. A key figure of the so-called Frankfurt School that relocated under threat from the Nazis, who explored culture through combining Marxist and psychoanalytic theories and argued that commodity culture is a form of mass deception, is:
 - (A) Friedrich Nietzsche
- (B) Theodor Adorno
 - (C) Pierre Bourdieu
 - (D) Michel Foucault
 - 86. The human organ that makes the phonatory system is
- 🗸 (A) Larynx
 - (B) Lung
 - (C) Tongue
 - (D) Hard palate
 - 87. Who, among the following women novelists, portrays daughter and young wife in her novels?
 - (A) Nayantara Sahgal



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- (B) Kamala Markandaya
- 🗸 (C) Anita Desai
 - (D) Ruth Prawer Jhabvala
 - 88. Raymond Williams refers to William Cobbett, in Culture and Society, 1780–1950, who believed that the working people must be in charge of their own educational movements. Which English novel is mentioned by Williams, in this context, as having a similar position?
- (A) Charles Dickens, Hard Times
 - (B) Elizabeth Gaskell, North and South
 - (C) George Gissing, The Unclassed
 - (D) D.H. Lawrence, Sons and Lovers

89. The book The Myth of Sisyphus was authored by:

- ✓ (A) Albert Camus
 - (B) Jean-Paul Sartre
 - (C) Friedrich Nietzsche
 - (D) Soren Kierkegaard

90. Who coined the concept of 'heteroglossia'?

- (A) Mikhail Bakht<mark>in</mark>
 - (B) S.T. Coleridge
 - (C) William Hazlitt
 - (D) John Crowe Ransom

91. The normative social ordering of identities and subjectivities along the heterosexual/homosexual binary; the privileging of one as natural and the other as deviant is not a primary concern for challenge in:

- (A) Foucault, The History of Sexuality
 - (B) Sedgwick, Epistemology of the Closet
 - (C) Butler, Gender Trouble
 - (D) Eagleton, Sweet Violence



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92. The name of the Novelist and the novel that won the John Llewellyn-Rhys memorial prize is:

- (A) Nirad C Choudari Passage to England
- (B) Kushwant Singh Train to Pakistan
- (C) Ruskin Bond Room on the Roof
 - (D) Arun Joshi The Apprentice

93. Duality in human language refers to:

- (A) Structure at the level of sounds and words
 - (B) Structure at the level of words and sentences
 - (C) Structure at the level of sounds and sentence
 - (D) Structure at the level of sentence and paragraphs

94. Which of the following plays ends with the famous saying,

"The strongest man is he who stands most alone"

- (A) Richard II
- (B) An Enemy of the People
 - (C) Pygmalion
 - (D) Macbeth

95. The Indian Phrases "Datta, Dayadhwam, Damayata" appear in one of the following poems:

- (A) The Waste Land
- 🗸 (B) Ash Wednesday
 - (C) Little Gidding
 - (D) Gerontion



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96. The novel written in the form of letters is called:

- ✓ (A) Epistolary
 - (B) Elegiac
 - (C) Picaresque
 - (D) Historical

97. The term dialectical materialism is associated with:

- ✓ (A) Karl Marx
 - (B) Richard Hoggart
 - (C) Raymond Williams
 - (D) Colin McCabe

98. The relation between a word and its meaning is:

- (A) Consistent
- (B) Logical
- ✓ (C) Arbitrary
 - (D) Coherent

99. Edward Said studies Orientalism as:

- (A) Marking a distinction between pure and political knowledge
- (B) Producing knowledge in the human sciences that transcends its author's own circumstances
- ⟨○⟨C⟩ A dynamic intellectual, aesthetic, scholarly, and cultural exchange between the colonizers and the colonized
 - (D) A dynamic exchange between individual authors and the large political concerns shaped by the three great empires—British, French, American

100. Train to Pakistan was published in the United States under the title 'Mano Majra'. On the banks of which river is this fictional village situated?

- (A) Saraswathi
- (B) Yamuna
- (C) Ganga
- 🕜(D) Sutlej