

TNPSC GROUP II TEST BATCH 2024 TEST IX GENERAL ENGLISH - PART B

1. And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
The poem in which these lines appear is
a. No Men Are Foreign b. Team Work
c. Courage d. A Thing of Beauty
e. Answer not known
2. That you're my special hero
and I wanted to tell you so
Who is the special hero mentioned in the given line?
a. The poet b. The father c. God
d. The son e. Answer not known
3. Rudyard Kipling wrote the poem ' _____ '
a. The Ant and the Cricket b. On Killing a Tree
c. The Secret of the Machines d. From a Railway Carriage
e. Answer not known
4. 'The bleeding bark will heal,
And from close to the ground,
Will rise curled green twigs
The word "bleeding" means _____.
a. Oozing b. Snoozing c. Sneezing
d. None of the above e. Answer not known
5. Mary Botham Howitt lived during the period of _____.
a. 1765 - 1820 b. 1789 - 1899 c. 1799 - 1888
d. 1765 - 1810 e. Answer not known
6. Match the following poetic lines in column A with the poet in column B
Column A Column B
A. Dear friend what can I do 1. David Bates
B. Speak gently! - It is better far 2. Robert Louis Stevenson
C. Courage isn't a brilliant dash 3. Mary Botham Howitt
D. Painted Station whistly by 4. Edgar Albert Guest

22. The House on Elm Street is published in the year _____.
 a. 2018 b. 2017 c. 1912 d. 1913 e. Answer not known
23. Find out the poetic device used by the poet in the following line.
 'To youth and Age, and travels on with cheer'
 a. Anaphora b. Contrast c. Metaphor
 d. Assonance e. Answer not known
24. 'Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
 New friendship, high adventure, and a crown'.
 What did the poet seek as a boy?
 a. To wear a crown b. To be rich c. A high status
 d. To own a kingdom e. Answer not known
25. 'And happy heart, that pays its toll'.
 What is the meaning of the word 'toll'?
 a. Face the damage b. Bridge c. Money paid to use the road
 d. A long search e. Answer not known
26. Not mourning for the things that disappear.
 Identify the figure of speech.
 a. Anaphora b. Metaphor c. Onomatopoeia
 d. Simile e. Answer not known
27. 'A woman is beauty innate,
 A symbol of power and strength.'
 What is the meaning of the word, 'innate'?
 a. Imitate b. Intimate c. Inborn d. Inside e. Answer not known
28. 'She puts her life at stake,
 She's real, she's not fake!'
 Name the figure of speech employed by the poet in the given lines.
 a. Anaphora b. Metaphor c. Alliteration
 d. Assonance e. Answer not known
29. 'Don't ever try to saw her pride, her self respect
 - so beware'
 One should beware of a woman because she is capable of
 a. Fighting b. thawing and sawing rudeness
 c. attacking d. falsely accusing
 e. answer not known
30. Complete the following poetic line
 "_____ is the key to everything"
 a. Courage b. Consistency c. Patience
 d. Persistence e. answer not known

31. Identify the author of the poetic lines:
 “And miles to go before I sleep
 And miles to go before I sleep”
 a. John Keats b. Jawaharlal Nehru c. Rudyard Kipling
 d. Robert Frost e. Answer not known
32. ‘We were cast and wrought and hammered to design,’
 What is the meaning of the word, ‘wrought’?
 a. Beaten out of shape by hammering
 b. Made to dry by heating
 c. Helped to measure the weight
 d. Shifted to factory
 e. Answer not known
33. Match the following poems under Column A with the poet under Column B
- | Column A | | Column B | |
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| A. A Thing of Beauty | | 1. William Blake | |
| B. Life | | 2. Thackeray | |
| C. A Tragic Story | | 3. Henry Van Dyke | |
| D. A Poison Tree | | 4. John Keats | |
- | | A | B | C | D |
|----|---|---|---|---|
| a. | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| b. | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| c. | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| d. | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
- e. Answer not known
34. What is the theme of the poem, ‘The Secret of the Machines’?
 a. The machines are dangerous to handle
 b. The machines are built to grasp a lie
 c. The result of mishandling of the machines
 d. The need of machines and their functioning
 e. Answer not known
35. ‘We can neither love nor pity nor forgive’.
 What is the figure of speech used in the given line?
 a. Connotation b. Personification c. Hyperbole
 d. Alliteration e. Answer not known
36. Rakhi Nariani Shirke is an _____.
 a. Academician b. Educationist c. Illusionist
 d. Oncologist e. Answer not known
37. And a thousandth of an inch to give us play:
 The figure of speech implied in the underlined part of the lines is

45. The rhyme scheme used in the sestet of the poem 'Life' is
 a. aabbccdd b. abcabc c. abbacc
 d. abbaabba e. Answer not known
46. 'But at the same time, it is bare to the bone'.
 Find the figure of speech:
 a. Synecdoche b. Oxymoron c. Simile
 d. Both a & b e. Answer not known
47. It sat alone.
 What happened there is still today unknown.
 It is a very mysterious place,
 And inside you can tell it has a ton of space,
 But at the same time it is bare to the bone.
 The above stanza identified as limerick because it has the rhyme scheme
 a. aabbc b. ababa c. aabba d. abcca e. answer not known
48. 'Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd'.
 The above line is written by _____.
 a. Mary Botham Howitt b. John Keats
 c. James Falconer Kirkup d. Rakhi Nariani Shirke
 e. Answer not known
49. 'My little horse must think it queer
 To stop without a farmhouse near'.
 What is the meaning of the word, 'queer'?
 a. Usual b. Shudder c. Strange
 d. Common e. Answer not known
50. Find the correct meaning of the underlined word.
 'The only other sound's the sweep
 Of easy wind and downy flake'.
 a. to blow heavily and loudly b. to move soft and fluffy
 c. to move swiftly and smoothly d. to blow gently and slowly
 e. Answer not known
51. Where does the tree sit, in the poem 'The House on Elm Street'?
 a. In front of the house b. far from the house
 c. at the back of the house d. beside the house
 e. Answer not known
52. Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
 Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
 'Pall' in the above line refers to

61. Browning, hardening,
Twisting, withering,
And then it is done.
“it” in the above line refers to
- a. The tree b. The earth c. killing of the tree
d. the bark of the tree e. answer not known
62. ‘And now dear little children, who may this story read,
To idle, silly flattering words, I pray you ne’er give heed’.
What is the advice given by the poet to the readers?
- a. Don’t be lazy b. Don’t fall for flattery c. Don’t look silly
d. Don’t listen to others e. Answer not known
63. “There are pretty curtains drawn around; the sheets are fine and thin,”
What does the pretty curtains refer to?
- a. Drapers b. Painting c. Bedsheet cloth
d. Web e. Answer not known
64. ‘Your eyes are like the diamond bright’.
Mention the figure of speech used in the above line.
- a. Simile b. Metaphor c. Anaphora
d. Imagery e. Answer not known
65. In the last stanza of the poem, “The Spider and the fly”, the poet asks children
to close their _____ to flattery.
- a. Heart b. Eyes c. Ears
d. All the above three e. Answer not known
66. Nadia Bush wrote poems under the general heading ‘_____’.
- a. Dark Street b. Dark House c. Dark Poem
d. Dark Literature e. Answer not known
67. ‘Tending onward to the ocean,
Just like mortal prime’.
What is the meaning of the phrase, ‘mortal prime’?
- a. Matured man b. Chief person c. Young man
d. Strong man e. Answer not known
68. River, river, little river!
The figure of Speech used in the above line is
- a. Apostrophe b. Hyperbole c. Contrast
d. None of these e. answer not known
69. The poet talks about _____ stages of the river in the poem “The River”.
- a. Two b. Three c. Four
d. Ten e. Answer not known

77. There is something special about a father's love.
Pick out the words in alliteration in the above line
a. Something, Special b. Father's Love c. Special, Love
d. There, About e. Answer not known
78. "Our love is everlasting
I just wanted you to know,
That you're my special hero
and I wanted to tell you so".
What is the rhyme scheme employed by the poet in the above stanza?
a. a b c c b. a a b b c. a b b c
d. a b b b e. Answer not known
79. "River, river! Swelling river".
Why does the poet call it 'a swelling river'?
a. It grows b. It dries c. It destroys
d. It flows e. Answer not known
80. I felt love and tenderness
Keeping me safe from harm.
What is the meaning of the word "tenderness"?
a. Slender b. Protection c. Firmness
d. Kindness e. Answer not known
81. Seems it was sent to me
from someplace up above.
Who is referred in the second line?
a. Her father b. God c. Her brother
d. A cousin e. Answer not known
82. The poet who received four Pulitzer Prizes for poetry is _____
a. Rudyard Kipling b. Robert Frost c. George Eliot
d. William Blake e. Answer not known
83. For the darkening sky;
One gleam of faith
What is the meaning of the word 'gleam'?
a. Smile b. Shower c. Shine
d. Laugh e. Answer not known
84. One gleam of faith
To brave the thickening ills of life;
What does 'ills of life' refer to?

- a. Sickness and sorrow
c. Hopelessness and cowardice
e. Answer not known
- b. Illness and pain
d. Problems and struggles
85. One aspiration yet unfelt;
One bit of courage.
What is the figure of speech used by the poet in the given lines?
a. Anaphora
b. Assonance
c. Apostrophe
d. Alliteration
e. Answer not known
86. And heaven a surer heritage
What are the words in alliteration in the above line?
a. Heaven, Heritage
b. Surer, Heritage
c. Heaven, Surer
d. And, Heaven
e. Answer not known
87. 'One aspiration yet unfelt'
What is the meaning of the word, 'aspiration'?
a. Breathing hard
b. Inspiration
c. Ambition
d. Courage
e. Answer not known
88. Fill in:
John Keats was trained to be a/an _____.
a. Teacher
b. Philosopher
c. Engineer
d. Surgeon
e. Answer not known
89. With the green world they live in: and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make.
What is the meaning of the word, 'rills'?
a. Hills
b. Rain drops
c. Clouds
d. Stream
e. Answer not known
90. 'That for themselves a cooling covert make'.
Find the figure of speech.
a. Metaphor
b. Allusion
c. Assonance
d. Alliteration
e. Answer not known
91. A thing of beauty will
a. Keep a bower quiet
b. Never pass into nothingness
c. Give a sleep full of dreams
d. All of these
e. Answer not known
92. A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
The antonym for the underlined word is
a. Scarcity
b. Abundance
c. Insufficient
d. Famine
e. answer not known

93. I respect you and you respect me
I think of you and you think of me.
According to the above lines, life is_____.
- a. Reciprocal b. Repetition c. Recollection
d. Remembrance e. Answer not known
94. When you're forgotten it makes you feel sad.
Mention the figure of speech:
- a. Personification b. Metaphor c. Alliteration
d. Imagery e. Answer not known
95. Find the next line:
Know that you matter and you make a difference
- _____
- a. Even the tiniest creature needs room.
b. Nothing you're given will ever come free.
c. Remember everyone here is important.
d. Let no one shame you or make you feel bad.
e. Answer not known
96. Explain the following line:
'Know that you matter and you make a difference'
- a. Everyone matters
b. We should be selfish
c. We should make a difference to others
d. We should realize our self-worth
e. Answer not known
97. 'It seems to know mountains of information by heart'.
What is the Allusion used here?
- a. Computer b. Encyclopedia c. Dictionary
d. Note book e. Answer not known
98. Which of the following poetic devices is used in the following line:
'It's so absent-minded, that I don't know what to do.'
- a. Simile b. Oxymoron c. Anaphora
d. Personification e. Answer not known
99. Pick out the words in Alliteration in the line given below:
'So I had to call in a doctor, double quick.'
- a. Doctor, Quick b. Doctor, Double c. Double, Quick
d. Call, Doctor e. Answer not known
100. Complete the following poetic line:
'And behaved so erratically that it made me _____'.
- a. Squirm b. Upset c. Irritated d. Angry e. Answer not known

101. 'Speak gently- let not harsh words mar
The good we might do here!
"Mar" means _____
a. Hide b. Bad c. Ruin d. Express e. Answer not known
102. '... Love doth whisper low
The vows that true hearts bind;'
What is the figure of speech used in the above lines?
a. Personification b. Anaphora c. Hyperbole
d. Epithet e. Answer not known
103. Affection's voice is _____.
a. sweet b. humble c. kind d. simple e. Answer not known
104. Speak gently to the,
They may have toiled in vain;
Who may have toiled in vain?
a. Youth b. Aged c. Poor d. Erring e. Answer not known
105. 'The brave man never freed of it'
What does 'it' refer to?
a. Courage b. Patience c. Team Work
d. Fear e. answer not known
106. 'I must go down to the seas again'
Find the figure of speech.
a. Anaphora b. Epithet c. Alliteration
d. Repetition e. Answer not known
107. 'And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying'.
What does 'blown spume' mean?
a. Foam b. Perfume c. Water d. Wind e. Answer not known
108. 'I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life'.
What kind of life does the poet want to live?
a. Peaceful life b. Fisherman's life c. Wandering life
d. Fearless life e. Answer not known
109. Find the figure of speech
'And the wheel's kick'
a. Visual Image b. Sound Image c. Simile
d. Synecdoche e. Answer not known.
110. 'To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife'.
What is the figure of speech used in the given line?

- a. Simile b. Metaphor c. Personification
 d. Hyperbole e. Answer not known

111. The poet asks for _____ to go to the sea in the poem 'Sea Fever'.
 a. a small boat b. a tall ship c. a star hero
 d. Both b & c e. Answer not known
112. 'It's part of his hours, his days and his years,
 Back of his smiles and behind his tears'.
 What does 'tears' refer to?
 a. Happiness b. Sickness c. Sufferings
 d. Droplets e. Answer not known
113. 'It's written in victory and defeat
 And every trial a man may meet'
 Pick out the contrasting words in the given lines:
 a. Defeat - meet b. Man-may-meet c. written-victory
 d. victory - defeat e. Answer not known
114. Courage isn't _____,
 a. A creature of flickered hope b. A brilliant dash
 c. An instantaneous thing d. All the above
 e. Answer not known
115. It isn't a thing that a man can call
 At some future time when he's apt to fall;
 If he hasn't it now, _____
 Complete the above lines
 a. he must have it in the future b. he will have it not
 c. he will have it later d. None of the above
 e. Answer not known
116. 'It's the breath of life and strong man's creed'
 The poetic device used in the above line is
 a. Contrast b. Simile c. Assonance d. Metaphor
 e. Answer not known
117. The work of life will never be finished by a man with _____.
 a. Team spirit b. Selfishness c. Courage
 d. No dreams e. Answer not known
118. 'Here is a cart run away in the road
 Lumping along with man and load.'
 What does 'Lumping' mean?
 a. Running fast b. Carrying with difficulty c. Walking alone
 d. Falling down e. Answer not known

119. Each a glimpse and gone forever!
The figure of speech in the above line is
- a. Anaphora b. Internal rhyme c. Simile
d. Alliteration e. Answer not known
120. 'Summer comes
in a blaze of heat
with sunny smiles
and dusty feet'
What feeling does the poet convey here?
- a. Welcomed b. Irritated c. Annoyed
d. Disliked e. Answer not known
121. 'Bigger than a mountain
What is the figure of speech used in the above lines?
- a. Simile b. Metaphor c. Imagery
d. Personification e. Answer not known
122. 'Then seasons change
to muddy roads
monsoons and mangoes
leapfrogs and toads'
Which word refers to 'rain'?
- a. Dusty b. Monsoons c. Seasons
d. Leapfrogs e. Answer not known
123. Which of the following poetic devices is used in the line given?
'in a blaze of heat'
- a. Simile b. Imagery c. Irony d. Anaphora
e. Answer not known
124. And though his efforts never slack,
And though he twist and twirl, and tack
What kind of a man was the sage?
- a. Foolish b. Pious c. Hard working
d. Wise e. Answer not known
125. 'He mused upon this curious case'
Mention the figure of speech used in the given line:
- a. Metaphor b. Personification c. Irony
d. Symbolism e. Answer not known
126. It's all very well to have courage and skill
And it's fine to be counted a star,
The above lines appear in the poem

- a. Lessons in Life b. Life c. Courage
d. Teamwork e. Answer not known
127. Says he, "The mystery I've found -
Says he, "The mystery I've found!"
What is the figure of speech used by the poet in the above lines?
a. Anaphora b. Repetition c. Metaphora
d. Alliteration e. Answer not known
128. The sage was desperate to change the pigtail's position from the back of his head to
a. Side of his body b. Front of his chest c. His shoulders
d. Front of his face e. Answer not known
129. Which one of the following poems is adapted from "Aesop's tales"?
a. The house Elm Street b. No Men are Foreign
c. The Ant and the Cricket d. The Spider and the Fly
e. Answer not known
130. Indian Seasons was written by _____
a. Shanthini Govindan b. Gieve Patel
c. William Makepeace Thackeray d. Nisha Dyrene
e. Answer not known
131. But you must work with your running mate

Find the next line:
a. By the spirit of the team.
b. On the goal that's just in view;
c. Or you'll never win the game;
d. And fighting for the team.
e. Answer not known
132. "Little Lamp who made thee"
The above line is taken from a poem written by
a. William Blake b. Gieve Patel
c. Rudyard Kipling d. Caroline Ann Bowles
e. Answer not known
133. "and it's empty joy they find"
Find the figure of speech used in the above line.
a. Internal rhyme b. Oxymoron c. Alliteration d. Metaphor
e. Answer not known

134. "For the battle is lost or the battle is won"
The above line appears in the poem _____
a. Team work b. The Stick-together Family
c. Lessons in Life. d. Courage
e. Answer not known
135. 'The stick-together families are happier by far
Than the brothers and the sisters who take separate highways are.
The gladdest people living are the wholesome folks who make
A circle at the fireside that no power but death can break.
Pick out the rhyming words:
a. Families - far b. far - are c. folks - make d. None of the above.
136. Find the figure of speech
'The Western wave was all a flame'
a. Synecdoche b. Imagery c. Personification
d. Simile e. Answer not known.
137. Match column A with column B
- | Column A | | Column B | |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|--|
| A. Robert Louis Stevenson | | 1. Indian | |
| B. Dr. Gieve Patel | | 2. Scottish | |
| C. Caroline Ann Bowles | | 3. American | |
| D. Henry Van Dyke | | 4. British | |
- | | A | B | C | D |
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| a. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| b. | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| c. | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| d. | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| e. | Answer not known | | | |
138. Find the figure of speech
'Be cruel to be kind'
a. Oxymoron b. Paradox c. Personification
d. Metaphor e. Answer not known.
139. "But it's bitterness they harvest and"
Name the poet who wrote the above poetic line:
a. James Falcone Kirkup b. Edgar Albert Guest
c. Brigitte Bryant & Daniel Ho d. David Bates
e. Answer not known
140. Robert Louis Stevenson is well known for his novel _____
a. Vanity Fair b. Treasure Island c. Oliver Twist
d. Jungle Book e. Answer not known

141. Iambic pentameter is a line with _____
 a. 5 syllables b. 10 syllables c. 14 syllables
 d. 2 syllables d. Answer not known
142. Edgar Albert Guest is known for his _____ view of everyday life.
 a. Inspirational and optimistic b. Practical c. Illogical
 d. Ironical e. Answer not known
143. Kipling was the recipient of the _____ Nobel Prize in Literature.
 a. 1907 b. 1901 c. 1917
 d. 1911 d. Answer not known
144. Who is known as, "The People's Poet"?
 a. George Eliot b. Edgar Albert Guest c. Rudyard Kipling
 d. John Masefield e. Answer not known
145. 'Your eyes are like the diamond bright, but mine are dull as lead!
 Whose eyes are dull?
 a. The old man b. The fly c. The spider
 d. The cricket e. Answer not known
146. John Masefield was appointed poet laureate of _____.
 a. The USA b. The UK c. Germany
 d. France e. Answer not known
147. The Poet William Makepeace Thackeray's best known novel is _____.
 a. Jane Eyre b. David Copperfield c. Treasure Island
 d. Vanity Fair e. Answer not known
148. Edgar Albert Guest wrote
 a. Courage b. Teamwork
 c. The Stick-together Families d. All the above
 e. Answer not known
149. 'Having a friend is like planting a flower
 Show love and kindness it one day will bloom
 Let's be aware as we walk on this planet
 Even the tiniest creature needs room'.
 Pick out the rhyming words:
 a. a a b c b. a b c b c. a b c d
 d. a b b c e. Answer not known
150. William Makepeace Thackeray was born in
 a. England b. Russia c. America
 d. India e. Answer not known



அறிவுக்கு ஏற்றது, மக்களுக்கு நன்மை பயப்பது,
மக்களின் அறிவை வளர்ச்சியடையச் செய்வது எதுவே
அதைப் பற்றியே பேசு.

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