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Time : 1 : 30 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

Instructions to the Examinee :

1. Do not open the booklet unless you are asked to do so.
2. The booklet contains 100 questions. Examinee is required to answer only 75 questions in the OMR Answer-Sheet provided and not in the question booklet. All questions carry equal marks.
3. Examine the Booklet and the OMR Answer-Sheet very carefully before you proceed. Faulty question booklet due to missing or duplicate pages/questions or having any other discrepancy should be got immediately replaced.
4. Four alternative answers are mentioned for each question as - A, B, C & D in the booklet. The candidate has to choose the correct / answer and mark the same in the OMR Answer-Sheet as per the direction :

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परीक्षार्थियों के लिए निर्देश :

1. प्रश्न-पुस्तिका को तब तक न खोलें जब तक आपसे कहा न जाए।
2. प्रश्न-पुस्तिका में 100 प्रश्न हैं। परीक्षार्थी को केवल 75 प्रश्नों को केवल दी गई OMR आन्सर-शीट पर ही हल करना है, प्रश्न-पुस्तिका पर नहीं। सभी प्रश्नों के अंक समान हैं।
3. प्रश्नों के उत्तर अंकित करने से पूर्व प्रश्न-पुस्तिका तथा OMR आन्सर-शीट को सावधानीपूर्वक देख लें। दोषपूर्ण प्रश्न-पुस्तिका जिसमें कुछ भाग छपने से छूट गए हों या प्रश्न एक से अधिक बार छप गए हों या उसमें किसी अन्य प्रकार की कमी हो, उसे तुरन्त बदल लें।
4. प्रश्न-पुस्तिका में प्रत्येक प्रश्न के चार सम्भावित उत्तर- A, B, C एवं D हैं। परीक्षार्थी को उन चारों विकल्पों में से सही उत्तर छँटना है। उत्तर को OMR उत्तर-पत्रक में सम्बन्धित प्रश्न संख्या में निम्न प्रकार भरना है :

(शेष निर्देश अन्तिम पृष्ठ पर)

1. Which characteristic best explains India being termed a “developing economy”?
 - (A) High capital-output ratio
 - (B) Structural transformation in progress
 - (C) Complete industrialization
 - (D) Dominance of tertiary sector
2. A high dependency ratio in India primarily implies:
 - (A) Higher savings potential
 - (B) Greater burden on working population
 - (C) High labour productivity
 - (D) Balanced demographic structure
3. Rapid population growth in a developing economy tends to:
 - (A) Increase per capita income
 - (B) Reduce pressure on resources
 - (C) Slow down capital formation
 - (D) Improve employment levels
4. Which of the following is a direct objective of India’s population policy?
 - (A) Increase literacy rate
 - (B) Achieve demographic stability
 - (C) Increase exports
 - (D) Reduce fiscal deficit
5. Infrastructure development is crucial because it:
 - (A) Directly increases tax revenue
 - (B) Reduces inflation automatically
 - (C) Enhances productivity across sectors
 - (D) Eliminates poverty immediately
6. Poverty in India is commonly estimated using:
 - (A) National income method
 - (B) Consumption expenditure criteria
 - (C) Export-import ratio
 - (D) Inflation index only
7. Disguised unemployment is typically associated with:
 - (A) Industrial sector
 - (B) Agricultural sector
 - (C) Service sector
 - (D) Banking sector
8. Demand-pull inflation occurs when:
 - (A) Supply exceeds demand
 - (B) Cost of production rises
 - (C) Aggregate demand exceeds supply
 - (D) Imports increase sharply

9. The First Five-Year Plan of India primarily focused on:
- (A) Industrial growth
 - (B) Agricultural development
 - (C) Service sector expansion
 - (D) Export promotion
10. The shift from Planning Commission to NITI Aayog reflects:
- (A) Move towards centralized planning
 - (B) Greater role of cooperative federalism
 - (C) Reduction in state participation
 - (D) Focus only on taxation
11. NITI Aayog differs from Planning Commission in that it:
- (A) Allocates funds to states
 - (B) Acts as a policy think tank
 - (C) Controls inflation
 - (D) Regulates banking
12. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasize:
- (A) Economic growth only
 - (B) Social welfare only
 - (C) Balanced economic, social, environmental goals
 - (D) Industrial expansion only
13. Which of the following is not a cause of poverty in India?
- (A) Unequal distribution of income
 - (B) High unemployment
 - (C) Rapid industrialization
 - (D) Low productivity
14. Economic planning in India aimed at:
- (A) Maximizing private profit
 - (B) Reducing regional disparities
 - (C) Increasing imports
 - (D) Eliminating taxes
15. Inflation adversely affects fixed income groups because:
- (A) Their purchasing power declines
 - (B) Their income rises faster
 - (C) Their savings increase
 - (D) Their employment improves
16. Infrastructure deficiency leads to:
- (A) Higher economic efficiency
 - (B) Lower costs
 - (C) Increased exports
 - (D) Bottlenecks in growth

17. Which of the following reflects human development rather than economic growth?
- (A) Increase in GDP
 (B) Rise in literacy rate
 (C) Industrial output growth
 (D) Capital formation
18. Poverty alleviation programmes focus mainly on:
- (A) Increasing imports
 (B) Providing employment opportunities
 (C) Increasing tax rates
 (D) Promoting luxury goods
19. Indicative planning implies:
- (A) Complete state control
 (B) No government role
 (C) Guidance through policies and incentives
 (D) Only private sector control
20. Which is a cost-push factor of inflation?
- (A) Excess demand
 (B) Low consumption
 (C) High savings
 (D) Increase in wages
21. Unemployment caused by technological change is called:
- (A) Structural unemployment
 (B) Seasonal unemployment
 (C) Frictional unemployment
 (D) Disguised unemployment
22. SDGs replaced which earlier global framework?
- (A) WTO Goals
 (B) Five-Year Plans
 (C) IMF Targets
 (D) Millennium Development Goals
23. Poverty line estimation in India considers:
- (A) Consumption and calorie intake
 (B) Income only
 (C) Tax levels
 (D) Export earnings
24. Economic growth without development may result in:
- (A) Equal income distribution
 (B) Social welfare improvement
 (C) Rising inequalities
 (D) Balanced development

25. Which indicator better reflects inclusive growth?
- (A) GDP growth rate
 - (B) Per capita income
 - (C) Reduction in poverty and inequality
 - (D) Industrial output
26. The 1991 economic reforms were primarily triggered by:
- (A) Agricultural crisis
 - (B) Balance of payments crisis
 - (C) Industrial surplus
 - (D) Fiscal surplus
27. Liberalization refers to:
- (A) Increased government control
 - (B) Increase in subsidies
 - (C) Nationalization of industries
 - (D) Reduction in economic restrictions
28. Privatization aims to:
- (A) Increase public sector dominance
 - (B) Eliminate competition
 - (C) Improve efficiency through private participation
 - (D) Reduce productivity
29. Globalization leads to:
- (A) Integration of world markets
 - (B) Economic isolation
 - (C) Trade restrictions
 - (D) Import substitution
30. PPP model is mainly used for:
- (A) Agriculture
 - (B) Infrastructure development
 - (C) Tax collection
 - (D) Banking regulation
31. Agriculture remains important in India due to its:
- (A) Low productivity
 - (B) High capital intensity
 - (C) Employment generation capacity
 - (D) Limited scope
32. The Green Revolution mainly increased production of:
- (A) Pulses
 - (B) Oilseeds
 - (C) Wheat and rice
 - (D) Fruits

33. Land reforms are aimed at:
- (A) Increasing exports
 - (B) Redistributing land ownership
 - (C) Promoting industrialization
 - (D) Reducing imports
34. Agricultural productivity is low in India mainly due to:
- (A) Fragmented land holdings
 - (B) High technology use
 - (C) Excess irrigation
 - (D) High capital
35. Industrial Policy 1991 emphasized:
- (A) Liberalization and deregulation
 - (B) Licensing control
 - (C) Nationalization
 - (D) Import substitution
36. Industrial licensing system restricted:
- (A) Trade
 - (B) Entry and expansion of industries
 - (C) Exports
 - (D) Agriculture
37. Small scale industries are important because they:
- (A) Use high capital
 - (B) Reduce exports
 - (C) Generate employment
 - (D) Increase imports
38. Disinvestment is undertaken to:
- (A) Increase govt control
 - (B) Promote monopoly
 - (C) Increase subsidies
 - (D) Reduce fiscal burden
39. Industrial sickness indicates:
- (A) Profitability
 - (B) Expansion
 - (C) Inefficiency and losses
 - (D) Growth
40. Which is a major cause of industrial sickness?
- (A) Efficient management
 - (B) Adequate finance
 - (C) Obsolete technology
 - (D) High demand

41. Agriculture contributes to economic development by:
- (A) Providing raw materials
 - (B) Generating employment
 - (C) Supporting industries
 - (D) All of these
42. The Green Revolution increased regional disparities because:
- (A) It benefited all regions equally
 - (B) It was limited to irrigated areas
 - (C) It reduced productivity
 - (D) It increased imports
43. Ceiling on land holdings is a part of:
- (A) Land reforms
 - (B) Industrial policy
 - (C) Fiscal policy
 - (D) Trade policy
44. Industrial Policy 1956 is associated with:
- (A) Privatization
 - (B) Public sector expansion
 - (C) Liberalization
 - (D) Globalization
45. Globalization increases:
- (A) Protectionism
 - (B) Competition
 - (C) Isolation
 - (D) Monopoly
46. Privatization may lead to:
- (A) Inefficiency
 - (B) Losses
 - (C) Improved service quality
 - (D) Bureaucracy
47. PPP projects share risks between:
- (A) Government only
 - (B) Private sector only
 - (C) Public and private sectors
 - (D) NGOs only
48. Agricultural growth is highly dependent on:
- (A) Weather conditions
 - (B) Technology
 - (C) Irrigation
 - (D) All of these

49. Industrial development leads to structural shift from:
- (A) Primary to secondary sector
 - (B) Secondary to primary
 - (C) Tertiary to primary
 - (D) None
50. Social security measures aim to:
- (A) Increase inequality
 - (B) Increase taxes
 - (C) Reduce employment
 - (D) Provide protection against risks
51. Public finance primarily deals with:
- (A) Government revenue and expenditure
 - (B) Private sector income
 - (C) International trade
 - (D) Banking operations
52. Dalton's Principle of Maximum Social Advantage suggests:
- (A) Minimum taxation
 - (B) Equality of marginal social benefit and sacrifice
 - (C) No government intervention
 - (D) Only indirect taxes
53. Which of the following is a non-tax revenue?
- (A) Income tax
 - (B) GST
 - (C) Fees and fines
 - (D) Corporate tax
54. Direct taxes are considered better because they are:
- (A) Regressive
 - (B) Equitable
 - (C) Inflationary
 - (D) Indirect
55. GST is classified as:
- (A) Direct tax
 - (B) Regressive tax
 - (C) Progressive tax
 - (D) Indirect tax
56. Canon of certainty means:
- (A) Tax should be convenient
 - (B) Tax should be flexible
 - (C) Tax should be low
 - (D) Tax amount should be certain

57. Canon of economy refers to:
- (A) High collection cost
 - (B) High tax rates
 - (C) Minimum cost of tax collection
 - (D) No taxation
58. Benefit principle implies:
- (A) Tax based on benefits received
 - (B) Tax based on income
 - (C) Equal tax for all
 - (D) No tax
59. Ability to pay principle supports:
- (A) Regressive taxation
 - (B) Progressive taxation
 - (C) Proportional taxation
 - (D) Indirect taxation
60. Tax incidence refers to:
- (A) Actual burden of tax
 - (B) Legal liability
 - (C) Tax collection
 - (D) Tax evasion
61. Public expenditure on education leads to:
- (A) Inflation
 - (B) Human capital formation
 - (C) Budget deficit
 - (D) Reduced productivity
62. Wagner's Law states that:
- (A) Public expenditure decreases
 - (B) Public expenditure increases with economic growth
 - (C) Taxes decrease
 - (D) Trade increases
63. Peacock-Wiseman hypothesis explains:
- (A) Stable tax system
 - (B) Trade imbalance
 - (C) Inflation control
 - (D) Sudden rise in public expenditure during crisis
64. Progressive tax results in:
- (A) Reduction in inequality
 - (B) Increased inequality
 - (C) No change
 - (D) Higher inflation

65. Regressive tax affects:
- (A) Rich more
 - (B) Middle class more
 - (C) Poor more
 - (D) Government
66. Proportional tax means:
- (A) Increasing rate
 - (B) Decreasing rate
 - (C) Constant rate of tax
 - (D) Zero tax
67. MSME stands for:
- (A) Market enterprise
 - (B) Micro Small Medium Enterprises
 - (C) Macro enterprise
 - (D) Mixed sector
68. Fiscal policy includes:
- (A) Interest rate policy
 - (B) Government expenditure and taxation
 - (C) Exchange rate
 - (D) Monetary supply
69. Public debt refers to:
- (A) Private borrowing
 - (B) Government borrowing
 - (C) Imports
 - (D) Exports
70. Tax evasion is:
- (A) Legal
 - (B) Ethical
 - (C) Illegal
 - (D) Accepted
71. Tax avoidance is:
- (A) Illegal
 - (B) Legal reduction of tax liability
 - (C) Fraud
 - (D) Tax evasion
72. Incidence of indirect tax generally falls on:
- (A) Producers
 - (B) Consumers
 - (C) Government
 - (D) Exporters
73. Public expenditure helps in:
- (A) Increasing inequality
 - (B) Reducing inequality
 - (C) No impact
 - (D) Only tax increase

74. Balanced budget means:
- (A) Surplus
 - (B) Deficit
 - (C) Equal revenue and expenditure
 - (D) Zero tax
75. Fiscal deficit indicates:
- (A) Excess income
 - (B) Gap between revenue and expenditure
 - (C) No borrowing
 - (D) No expenditure
76. Direct tax example:
- (A) GST
 - (B) Customs
 - (C) Excise
 - (D) Income tax
77. Capital expenditure leads to:
- (A) Consumption
 - (B) Asset creation
 - (C) Revenue loss
 - (D) Tax reduction
78. Budget is:
- (A) Trade policy
 - (B) Monetary policy
 - (C) Income-expenditure statement
 - (D) Banking policy
79. Public debt refers to:
- (A) Borrowing by private firms
 - (B) Borrowing by government
 - (C) Borrowing by households
 - (D) Foreign aid only
80. Deadweight debt is:
- (A) Used for infrastructure
 - (B) Used for non-productive purposes
 - (C) Used for investment
 - (D) Used for exports
81. Finance Commission is under:
- (A) Article 280
 - (B) Article 360
 - (C) Article 370
 - (D) Article 300
82. Which tax is levied by Centre but collected by States?
- (A) Income tax
 - (B) Corporation tax
 - (C) Stamp duty
 - (D) GST (state share)

83. Sinking fund is used for:
- (A) Investment
 - (B) Debt repayment
 - (C) Subsidy
 - (D) Trade
84. Primary deficit:
- (A) Fiscal deficit – interest
 - (B) Revenue deficit
 - (C) Capital deficit
 - (D) Budget deficit
85. Zero-based budgeting means:
- (A) Previous budget considered
 - (B) Fresh evaluation every year
 - (C) Only capital budget
 - (D) Only revenue budget
86. A major disadvantage of external debt is:
- (A) No repayment needed
 - (B) Internal transfer
 - (C) Foreign exchange burden
 - (D) No interest
87. Progressive taxation means:
- (A) Same tax rate
 - (B) Higher income, higher tax rate
 - (C) Lower income, higher tax
 - (D) No tax
88. Which of the following is NOT a method of debt redemption?
- (A) Sinking fund
 - (B) Budget surplus
 - (C) Tax evasion
 - (D) Conversion
89. Which type of debt is raised during emergencies like war?
- (A) Voluntary debt
 - (B) Compulsory debt
 - (C) Productive debt
 - (D) Funded debt
90. Startup India was launched in:
- (A) 2014
 - (B) 2015
 - (C) 2016
 - (D) 2017
91. Innovation in startups leads to:
- (A) Economic stagnation
 - (B) Economic growth
 - (C) Trade deficit
 - (D) Fiscal deficit

92. Disinvestment means:
- (A) Buying assets
 - (B) Selling govt stake
 - (C) Increasing taxes
 - (D) Borrowing funds
93. Finance Commission submits report to:
- (A) RBI
 - (B) Parliament
 - (C) President
 - (D) Prime Minister
94. Fiscal policy during depression should be:
- (A) Restrictive
 - (B) Expansionary
 - (C) Neutral
 - (D) Balanced
95. Which objective focuses on reducing inequality?
- (A) Redistribution
 - (B) Stability
 - (C) Growth
 - (D) Employment
96. Funded debt refers to:
- (A) Short-term debt
 - (B) External aid
 - (C) Temporary debt
 - (D) Long-term debt
97. Which is the safest method of debt repayment?
- (A) Printing money
 - (B) Budget surplus
 - (C) Borrowing more
 - (D) Tax evasion
98. Public expenditure includes:
- (A) Only capital spending
 - (B) Only revenue spending
 - (C) Both revenue & capital spending
 - (D) Only subsidies
99. Tax revenue is:
- (A) Capital receipt
 - (B) Revenue receipt
 - (C) Loan
 - (D) Grant
100. Which list includes defence?
- (A) State list
 - (B) Residual list
 - (C) Concurrent list
 - (D) Union list

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Example :

Question :

Q.1 (A) ● (C) (D)

Q.2 (A) (B) ● (D)

Q.3 (A) ● (C) (D)

5. Each question carries equal marks. Marks will be awarded according to the number of correct answers you have.
6. All answers are to be given on OMR Answer Sheet only. Answers given anywhere other than the place specified in the answer sheet will not be considered valid.
7. Before writing anything on the OMR Answer Sheet, all the instructions given in it should be read carefully.
8. After the completion of the examination, candidates should leave the examination hall only after providing their OMR Answer Sheet to the invigilator. Candidate can carry their Question Booklet.
9. There will be no negative marking.
10. Rough work, if any, should be done on the blank pages provided for the purpose in the booklet.
11. To bring and use of log-book, calculator, pager & cellular phone in examination hall is prohibited.
12. In case of any difference found in English and Hindi version of the question, the English version of the question will be held authentic.

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उदाहरण :

प्रश्न :

प्रश्न 1 (A) ● (C) (D)

प्रश्न 2 (A) (B) ● (D)

प्रश्न 3 (A) ● (C) (D)

5. प्रत्येक प्रश्न के अंक समान हैं। आपके जितने उत्तर सही होंगे, उन्हीं के अनुसार अंक प्रदान किये जायेंगे।
6. सभी उत्तर केवल ओ०एम०आर० उत्तर-पत्रक (OMR Answer Sheet) पर ही दिये जाने हैं। उत्तर-पत्रक में निर्धारित स्थान के अलावा अन्यत्र कहीं पर दिया गया उत्तर मान्य नहीं होगा।
7. ओ०एम०आर० उत्तर-पत्रक (OMR Answer Sheet) पर कुछ भी लिखने से पूर्व उसमें दिये गये सभी अनुदेशों को सावधानीपूर्वक पढ़ लिया जाये।
8. परीक्षा समाप्ति के उपरान्त परीक्षार्थी कक्ष निरीक्षक को अपनी OMR Answer Sheet उपलब्ध कराने के बाद ही परीक्षा कक्ष से प्रस्थान करें। परीक्षार्थी अपने साथ प्रश्न-पुस्तिका ले जा सकते हैं।
9. निगेटिव मार्किंग नहीं है।
10. कोई भी रफ कार्य, प्रश्न-पुस्तिका में, रफ-कार्य के लिए दिए खाली पेज पर ही किया जाना चाहिए।
11. परीक्षा-कक्ष में लॉग-बुक, कैल्कुलेटर, पेजर तथा सेल्युलर फोन ले जाना तथा उसका उपयोग करना वर्जित है।
12. प्रश्न के हिन्दी एवं अंग्रेजी रूपान्तरण में भिन्नता होने की दशा में प्रश्न का अंग्रेजी रूपान्तरण ही मान्य होगा।

महत्वपूर्ण: प्रश्नपुस्तिका खोलने पर प्रथमतः जाँच कर देख लें कि प्रश्नपुस्तिका के सभी पृष्ठ भलीभाँति छपे हुए हैं। यदि प्रश्नपुस्तिका में कोई कमी हो, तो कक्षनिरीक्षक को दिखाकर उसी सिरीज की दूसरी प्रश्नपुस्तिका प्राप्त कर लें।