

HIMACHAL PRADESH
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SCREENING TEST FOR THE POST OF LECTURER APPLIED SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES (POLYTECHNIC) ENGLISH
(CLASS-I GAZETTED) IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, H.P.

TIME ALLOWED: 2.00 HOURS.

MAXIMUM MARKS: 100

Write your Roll. No.

Note: All questions carry equal marks. Out of four options given at the end of each question, please indicate the correct option.

1. The plan of Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* takes on
(a) *Decameron*
(b) *Filistrato*
(c) *Roman de la Rose*
(d) *Divine Comedy*
2. In which poem did Chaucer use the heroic couplet for the first time?
(a) *House of Fame*
(b) *The Legend of Goode Wommen*
(c) *Trailus and Criseyde*
(d) None of the above
3. *The Schoonmaster* by Roger Ascham is
(a) a morality play
(b) a humanistic poem
(c) an educational Treatise
(d) All of the above
4. Who is the author of *Piers the Ploughman*?
(a) Lydgate
(b) Henryson
(c) Gower
(d) Langland
5. To who has Spenser addressed his introductory letter in *The Faerie Queene*?
(a) Virgil
(b) Sidney
(c) Raleigh
(d) Queen Elizabeth
6. Who completed Marlowe's *Hero and Leander*?
(a) Ben Jonson
(b) Shakespeare
(c) Chapman
(d) Heywood
7. Where do the following lines occur:
"Was this the face that launched a thousand ships / And burnt the towers of Ilium?"

- (a) *Edward II*
 - (b) *Dr. Faustus*
 - (c) *Jew of Malta*
 - (d) *Tamburlaine*
8. Who is the Jew of Malta in Marlowe's play of the same name?
- (a) Falstaff
 - (b) Antonio
 - (c) Shylock
 - (d) Barabas
9. Sidney's *An Apology for Poetry* was, at least partly, in response to the *School of Abuse* written by
- (a) Michael Drayton
 - (b) Thomas Norton
 - (c) Stephen Gosson
 - (d) John Lyly
10. In which Shakespearean play do we come across the characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?
- (a) *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
 - (b) *Hamlet*
 - (c) *The Tempest*
 - (d) *King Lear*
11. "There is providence in the fall of a sparrow" occurs in
- (a) *A Farewell to Arms*
 - (b) *War and Peace*
 - (c) *King Lear*
 - (d) *Hamlet*
12. Who asserted, "Unmarried men are best friends, best masters, best servants"?
- (a) Pope
 - (b) Bacon
 - (c) Johnson
 - (d) Shakespeare
13. Whom did Jonson attack in *The Poetaster*?
- (a) Thomas Middleton
 - (b) Thomas Heywood
 - (c) Thomas Dekker

(d) John Donne

14. *The Silent Woman* is the subtitle of
- (a) *The Masque of Beauty*
 - (b) *The Staple of News*
 - (c) *The Devil is an Ass*
 - (d) *The Epicene*
15. Of the following, the legend of "King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table" was first recounted in
- (a) Layamon's *Brut*
 - (b) Tennyson's *Idylls of the Kings*
 - (c) Macaulay's *History of England*
 - (d) Lyly's *Eupheus*
16. How many books are there in the *Paradise Regained*?
- (a) Twelve
 - (b) Four
 - (c) Eight
 - (d) Ten
17. The main plank of *Aeropagitica*'s argument was for the freedom of
- (a) Movement
 - (b) Worship
 - (c) Press
 - (d) Forming a political party
18. *Incognita* (1692) is a short novel by
- (a) Sarah Fielding
 - (b) D. H. Lawrence
 - (c) William Congreve
 - (d) Barclay
19. *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1690) was written by
- (a) Jeremy Collier
 - (b) John Locke
 - (c) Samuel Butler
 - (d) John Dryden
20. *Anatomy of Melancholy* was written by
- (a) Browne

- (b) Burton
- (c) Gray
- (d) Blair

21. Who has written the following words?

"Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor Iron bars a cage."

- (a) George Herbert
- (b) Richard Lovelace
- (c) Thomas Carew
- (d) John Heywood

22. *A Short View of the Immorality and Profaneness of the English Stage* (1698) was written by

- (a) William Congreve
- (b) John Dryden
- (c) Jeremy Collier
- (d) William Wycherley

23. In which of the following work of Dryden is there a reference to 'The Great Fire of London'?

- (a) *Absalom and Achitophel*
- (b) *The Medal*
- (c) *Annus Mirabilis*
- (d) *Mac Flecknoe*

24. The statement, "true wit is nature to advantage dressed/ What oft was thought, but never so well expressed," appears in

- (a) Pope
- (b) Dryden
- (c) Coleridge
- (d) Wordsworth

25. Swift wrote in one of his works:

"A young healthy Child, well nursed, is, at a year old, a most delicious, nourishing, and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled."

Where does it occur?

- (a) *A Modest Proposal*
- (b) *Journal to Stella*
- (c) *The Drapier's Letters*
- (d) *Gulliver's Travels*

26. Who said, "I shall endeavour to enliven morality with wit, and to temper wit with morality."?

- (a) Pope
- (b) Swift
- (c) Steele
- (d) Addison

27. Who is the Vicar of Wakefield in Goldsmith's novel of the same name?

- (a) Thornhill
- (b) Primrose
- (c) Burchell
- (d) Jenkinson

28. The subtitle of *She Stoops to Conquer* is

- (a) *Journey's End*
- (b) *Ways to Sin*
- (c) *Mistakes of a Night*
- (d) *The Story of a Maid*

29. The subtitle of *Pamela* is

- (a) *The Generous Lady*
- (b) *A Pure Woman*
- (c) *Virtue Rewarded*
- (d) *The Symbol of Chastity*

30. "Far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." is from

- (a) "Night Thoughts"
- (b) *Seasons*
- (c) "Elegy written in a Country Churchyard"
- (d) *The Deserted Village*

31. Which of the following works of Johnson is considered to have been written to pay for his mother's funeral?

- (a) *A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland*
- (b) *The Lives of the Poets*
- (c) *Dictionary of the English Language*
- (d) *Rasselas, Prince of Abyssinia*

32. How many poets were treated in Johnson's *Lives of the Poets*?

- (a) 48
- (b) 42
- (c) 52
- (d) 59

33. Mr. Knightley is a character from

- (a) *Emma*
- (b) *Jane Eyre*
- (c) *Coolie*
- (d) *Cranford*

34. The subtitle of *The Prelude* is
- (a) "Emotions Recollected in Tranquillity"
 - (b) "Reflections of an Age Past"
 - (c) "Beliefs of a Poet"
 - (d) "Growth of a Poet's Mind"
35. "Our sweetest songs are those that tell us of saddest thoughts" comes from
- (a) Keats
 - (b) Shelley
 - (c) Hardy
 - (d) Arnold
36. Tennyson's "In Memoriam" was written to commemorate the death of
- (a) Arthur Hugh Clough
 - (b) Arthur Hallam
 - (c) Matthew Arnold
 - (d) Robert Browning
37. In which work of Browning the following words appear, "God is in His Heaven And all is right with the world"?
- (a) "Pauline"
 - (b) "Stafford"
 - (c) "Sordello"
 - (d) "Pippa Passes"
38. *Sketches by 'Boz'* was written by
- (a) Henry James
 - (b) George Eliot
 - (c) Charles Dickens
 - (d) W. M. Thackeray
39. Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* is best described as a
- (a) Classical Comedy
 - (b) Romantic Comedy
 - (c) Farcical Comedy
 - (d) Pastoral Comedy
40. "Happiness is but an occasional episode in the general drama of pain." Who said this?
- (a) George Eliot
 - (b) George Meredith
 - (c) Thomas Hardy
 - (d) Charles Dickens
41. George Eliot's first novel was
- (a) *Adam Bede*

- (b) *The Mill on The Floss*
- (c) *Silas Marner*
- (d) *Daniel Deronda*

42. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is a novel by

- (a) Mark Twain
- (b) Charles Dickens
- (c) Harriet Beecher Stowe
- (d) Joel Harris

43. "The Great Exhibition" of London/Crystal Palace Exhibition was organised in the year

- (a) 1850
- (b) 1851
- (c) 1861
- (d) 1871

44. Who is the main critic of Chicago School?

- (a) I. A. Richards
- (b) T. S. Eliot
- (c) A. C. Bradley
- (d) R. S. Crane

45. *Caesar and Cleopatra* is a play by

- (a) Shakespeare
- (b) Dryden
- (c) Eliot
- (d) Shaw

46. In which of the following novels, Aldous Huxley imagines a world without disease, without pain, without emotion and without spiritual life?

- (a) *Brave New World*
- (b) *After Many a Summer*
- (c) *Time Must Have a stop*
- (d) *Point Counter Point*

47. The Polish Mariner who presented colonialism as both brutal and brutalizing in many of his stories and novels was

- (a) Franz Kafka
- (b) Joseph Conrad
- (c) J. M. Barrie
- (d) A. W. Pinero

48. Who among the following could describe the scenes of crime with graphic reality?

- (a) Elizabeth Bowen
- (b) Joe Orton
- (c) Agatha Christie
- (d) John Arden

49. Campus novels, *Changing Places: A Tale of Two Campuses*, *Small World: An Academic Romance* and *Nice Work* all loosely centred on the university of Rummidge, were written by
- (a) Alan Sillitoe
 - (b) Malcolm Bradbury
 - (c) David Lodge
 - (d) John Wain
50. The play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* was written by
- (a) Harold Pinter
 - (b) Tom Stoppard
 - (c) Arnold Wesker
 - (d) Joe Orton
51. John Braine's novel ... written in 1957, deals with the social mobility and anxiety, characteristic of British life since the Second World War.
- (a) *The Crying Game*
 - (b) *Room at the Top*
 - (c) *The Jealous God*
 - (d) *The Pious Agent*
52. Who is the central character in Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*?
- (a) Abdul Gaffur
 - (b) Saleem Sinai
 - (c) Meera Menon
 - (d) None of the above
53. Which celebrated American author wrote the essay, "Civil Disobedience"?
- (a) Emerson
 - (b) Thoreau
 - (c) Whitman
 - (d) Poe
54. Which of the following plays of O'Neill is best known for the use of Greek mythology?
- (a) *Mourning Becomes Electra*
 - (b) *Desire Under the Elms*
 - (c) *The Iceman Cometh*
 - (d) *The Hairy Ape*
55. Which of the following is Hawthorne's last novel?
- (a) *The Marble Faun*
 - (b) *The Scarlet Letter*
 - (c) *The Blithedale Romance*
 - (d) *The House of the Seven Gables*

56. *Decolonising the Mind* (1986) is written by
- (a) Wole Soyinka
 - (b) Ngugi wa Thiong'o
 - (c) Joseph Conrad
 - (d) Toni Morrison
57. The central character in Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* is
- (a) Kurtz
 - (b) Ngotho
 - (c) Mwhaki
 - (d) Okonkwo
58. *Anatomy of Criticism: Four Essays* (1957) is written by
- (a) Linda Hutcheon
 - (b) Scott Albert
 - (c) William Howarth
 - (d) Northrop Frye
59. Gustad Noble is the lead character in Rohinton Mistry's
- (a) *Tales from Firozsha Baag*
 - (b) *A Fine Balance*
 - (c) *Family Matters*
 - (d) *Such a Long Journey*
60. The first five chapters of Aristotle's *Poetics* deal with
- (a) Tragedy
 - (b) Comedy
 - (c) Satire
 - (d) Different imitative arts
61. Plato's oft quoted comments on poetry occur in
- (a) *Apology*
 - (b) *Gogias*
 - (c) *Ion* and *Republic*
 - (d) None of the above
62. According to Longinus, which are the sources of 'sublimity' that cannot be cultivated?
- (a) Dignity of composition
 - (b) Appropriate use of figures of speech
 - (c) Nobility of diction
 - (d) Capacity for strong emotion and grandeur of thought
63. The words, "When a man is capable of being in uncertainties, mysteries, doubts, without any irritable reaching after fact and reasons" refers to
- (a) Dissociation of sensibility
 - (b) Objective correlative

- (c) Negative capability
- (d) Affective fallacy

64. Who coined the phrase "Objective Correlative"?

- (a) C. E. Lewis
- (b) T. S. Eliot
- (c) Ezra Pound
- (d) G. Wilson Knight

65. The concept of 'Emotive' and 'Scientific' use of language was given by

- (a) S. T. Coleridge
- (b) I. A. Richards
- (c) Cleanth Brooks
- (d) Paul Valery

66. Who of the following poets is Australian?

- (a) Austin Clarke
- (b) Judith Wright
- (c) Edwin Muir
- (d) Derek Walcott

67. Who said, "There are no facts, but interpretations"?

- (a) Roland Barthes
- (b) Michael Foucault
- (c) Nietzsche
- (d) Derrida

68. The rejection of 'universalism' is a mark of

- (a) Structuralism
- (b) New Historicism
- (c) Deconstruction/Poststructuralism
- (d) Formalism

69. The term 'aporia' is associated with

- (a) Psychoanalytical Criticism
- (b) Deconstruction
- (c) Marxist Criticism
- (d) Russian Formalism

70. The concept of 'collective unconsciousness' is associated with

- (a) Sigmund Freud
- (b) Carl Jung
- (c) James Frazer
- (d) Lacan

71. Who said, "We are all chimeras, theorised and fabricated hybrids of machine and organism; in short, we are cyborgs. The cyborg is our Ontology; it gives us our politics"?

- (a) Donna Haraway
 - (b) Patricia Ducker
 - (c) Jonathon Dollimore
 - (d) Douglas Crimp
72. *Postmodernism: The Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism* (1981) was written by
- (a) Lyotard
 - (b) Baudrillard
 - (c) Frederic Jameson
 - (d) Jurgen Habermas
73. Of the following, the earliest tract on feminism is
- (a) Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*
 - (b) Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*
 - (c) Mary Wollstonecraft's *A Vindication of the Rights of Women*
 - (d) Mary Astell's *A Serious Proposal to the Ladies*
74. *Hind Swaraj* was written by
- (a) J. L. Nehru
 - (b) M. K. Gandhi
 - (c) S. Radhakrishnan
 - (d) P. V. Kane
75. Who is the author of *A Passage to England*?
- (a) E. M. Forster
 - (b) Nirad C. Chaudhuri
 - (c) R. K. Narayan
 - (d) Khushwant Singh
76. *The Shirt of Flame* is a novel in verse written by
- (a) Rajender Singh
 - (b) Khushwant Singh
 - (c) Vikram Seth
 - (d) Mahip Singh
77. Who among the following is not an Irish writer?
- (a) Oscar Wilde
 - (b) Oliver Goldsmith
 - (c) Edmund Burke
 - (d) Thomas Gray
78. Based on the following description, identify the text in reference:
This is a play in which no one comes, no one goes, nothing happens. In its opening scene a man struggles hard to remove his boot. The play was originally written in French, later translated into English. It was first performed in 1953.
- (a) *Look Back in Anger*
 - (b) *Waiting for Godot*

- (c) The Zoo Story
- (d) The Birthday Party

79. 'Aucitya' is generally taken to refer to:

- I. Decorum
- II. Propriety
- III. Proportion
- IV. Accuracy

- (a) I and II
- (b) I and III
- (c) II
- (d) II and IV

80. Following partition novels have 'violence on the woman's body' as a significant theme. Pick the odd one out:

- (a) The Pakistani Bride
- (b) What the Body Remembers
- (c) Train to Pakistan
- (d) The Ice-Candy Man

81. Who is the author of Indica ?

- (a) Panini
- (b) Megasthenes
- (c) M.S. Randhawa
- (d) G.C. Barnes

82. Which pass joins Chamba to Bhadrawah ?

- (a) Sach
- (b) Padri
- (c) Kugti
- (d) Drati

83. Which muslim ruler got nearly 1300 books, which he saw at the Jawala mukhi temple, translated into Persian around 1361 A.D. ?

- (a) Balban
- (b) Mohd. Bin Tughlaq
- (c) Iltutmish
- (d) Feroz Shah Tughlaq

84. In which year was HP Abolition of Big Landed Estates Act enacted ?

- (a) 1952
- (b) 1953
- (c) 1954
- (d) 1956

85. In which district of Himachal Pradesh is Tirthan valley situated ?
- (a) Kullu
 - (b) Lahaul – Spiti
 - (c) Chamba
 - (d) Kinnaur
86. Which princely state was the epi – centre of Pajotha movement of 1942 ?
- (a) Dhami
 - (b) Suket
 - (c) Rampur - Bushahr
 - (d) Sirmour
87. In which region of Himachal Pradesh Diwali is called Khojala and is celebrated on the full moon night (Purnima) in the month of Magha instead of new moon night (Amavasya) of Kartika ?
- (a) Dodra Kaur
 - (b) Lahaul
 - (c) Malana
 - (d) Pangna
88. When was the Hindi daily Divya Himachal launched ?
- (a) 1992 AD
 - (b) 1997 AD
 - (c) 2001 AD
 - (d) 2003 AD
89. According to 2012 -2013 Economic Survey who operationalises the Rural Self Employment Training Institute in Himachal Pradesh ?
- (a) NGOs
 - (b) Cooperative Societies
 - (c) Education Department
 - (d) Banks
90. At which place in Bilaspur District has the HPMC a project for setting up cold room for packing grading of fruits, vegetables, flowers and culinary herbs ?
- (a) Ghumarwin
 - (b) Jukhala
 - (c) Kuthera
 - (d) Shah Talai
91. What is the length of railway tunnel which connects Banihal in Jammu to Kargil in Kashmir ?
- (a) About 3 Kms.
 - (b) About 5 Kms.
 - (c) About 9 Kms.
 - (d) About 11 Kms.

92. When was telegraph service closed in India ?
- (a) June 30, 2013
 - (b) July 14, 2013
 - (c) October 15, 2013
 - (d) December 25, 2013
93. Who is called Mahatma ?
- (a) Kanshi Ram
 - (b) Madan Mohan Malaviya
 - (c) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
 - (d) Bipan Chandra Pal
94. With which of the following is Shiv Thapa associated ?
- (a) Football
 - (b) Archery
 - (c) Boxing
 - (d) Hockey
95. Who founded the Kirti Kisan Party ?
- (a) Sohan Singh Josh
 - (b) Mahinder Singh Tikait
 - (c) Rajewal
 - (d) Chaudhary Charan Singh
96. Who is the President of Venezuela ?
- (a) Juan Evo Morales
 - (b) Nicolas Maduro
 - (c) Juan Manuel Santos
 - (d) Tillman Thomas
97. To which country does woman sprinter Shelly — Ann Fraser Pryce belong ?
- (a) USA
 - (b) Ghana
 - (c) Russia
 - (d) Jamaica
98. Which day is observed as Malala Day ?
- (a) April 15
 - (b) July 12
 - (c) October 31
 - (d) November 23

99. Who invented X-rays ?

- (a) Louis Pasteur
- (b) William Harvey
- (c) Rontegen
- (d) Niels Bohr

100. Which two planets are nearer to the Sun than the earth ?

- (a) Mercury and Venus
- (b) Jupiter and Saturn
- (c) Mars and Neptune
- (d) Pluto and Jupiter