



WBCS Preliminary Examination, 2017 (Solved Paper)

1. Fill in the space with an infinitive:
It is easy _____ but hard to finish.
Ans. (D) to begin
2. Fill in the blank with the correct word:
_____ he was late, he come home by nine.
Ans. (B) Although
3. Fill in the blank with the correct word:
The river was _____ the bank.
Ans. (A) overflowing
4. Fill in the blank with the correct word:
A _____ jewel was in the locker.
Ans. (C) shining
5. 'Made up his mind' means
Ans. (B) Resolved
6. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below:
He is a dark horse.
Ans. (D) Possessing a secret ability
7. Fill in the blank with the correct word given below:
He wanted to _____ out.
Ans. (C) call
8. An Epicurean is one who
Ans. (C) Enjoys pleasure
9. An orthopaedist deals with
Ans. (C) Bones
10. An illness that is likely to be fatal is
Ans. (A) Moral
11. Sorrow may be expressed by the following interjection:
Ans. (D) Alas!
12. Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below:
Á la mode
Ans. (A) Fashionable
13. Put in a correct participle in the blank space:
The car was _____ down the slope.
Ans. (A) rolling
14. Choose the word appropriate in meaning to the word underlined below:
The listeners were delighted by the music concert.
Ans. (D) Excited
15. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word underlined below:
The darkness covered the whole countryside.
Ans. (C) Light
16. There was no _____ in the rain. (Insert correct phrasal verb).
Ans. (A) let up
17. Insert correct word in the blank space:
Finish your task in a _____ manner.
Ans. (A) swift
18. Insert proper preposition in the sentence.
He was waiting _____ the train.
Ans. (C) for
19. 'At daggers drawn' means
Ans. (B) On bad terms with
20. Use suitable auxiliary verb to fill in the blank space:
You _____ catch the train at once.
Ans. (C) shall
21. 'Cinema' may be used with
Ans. (D) Theatre
22. Select the correct meaning of the idiom underlined below:
Everything was at sixes and sevens.
Ans. (A) Disordered
23. Insert proper words in the sentence:
Here is the man _____ you asked _____.
Ans. (B) that, for
24. Fill in, with relative pronoun, the blank space below:
The man _____ briefcase was lost, reported to the police.
Ans. (B) whose
25. Fill in the blank with the correct word given below:
He saved her _____ certain death.
Ans. (A) from
26. The author of 'Kadambari' was
Ans. (D) Banabhatta
27. The famous physician during Buddha's time was
Ans. (D) Jivaka

28. Which of the following is a Harappan site located in Rajasthan?
Ans. (C) Kalibangan
29. Which Magadha ruler was known as 'Seniya'?
Ans. (A) Bimbisara
30. 'Ashtadiggajas' were patronised by
Ans. (D) Krishna Deva Raya
31. The Mauryan ruler who used the name 'Piyadasi' in his official declaration was
Ans. (B) Ashoka
32. The Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang came to India during the reign of
Ans. (C) Harsavardhan
33. 'Sulh-i-Kul' was a policy introduced by
Ans. (A) Akbar
34. Rana Pratap belonged to the Rajput dynasty of
Ans. (B) Sisodiya
35. 'Razmnama' was a Persian translation of
Ans. (D) Mahabharata
36. The author of 'Neel Darpan' was
Ans. (B) Dinabandhu Mitra
37. The leader of the Munda rebellion (Ulgulan) was
Ans. (B) Birsa
38. The custom of 'Sati' was banned through legislation in the year
Ans. (C) 1829
39. The nationalist organisation 'Poona Sarvajanik Sabha' was established in the year
Ans. (A) 1870
40. The first session of the Indian National Congress in 1885 was held in the city of
Ans. (B) Bombay
41. The Younghusband Mission to Tibet was sent by which Viceroy?
Ans. (D) Curzon
42. Who was the founder of the Harijan Sevak Sangh?
Ans. (C) M K Gandhi
43. Dewan Velu Thampi's rebellion against the British took place in the Indian state of
Ans. (C) Travancore
44. Which historian is famous for his research on Mughal History?
Ans. (B) Jadunath Sarkar
45. Which Mughal emperor wrote his own autobiography?
Ans. (A) Babur
46. The Satnami rebellion took place during the reign of Mughal emperor
Ans. (D) Aurangzeb
47. The title 'Raja' was conferred on Ram Mohun Roy by the Mughal emperor
Ans. (C) Akbar II
48. The Delhi Sultan who transferred the capital from Delhi to Daulatabad (Devagiri) was
Ans. (C) Muhammad-bin Tughlaq
49. The author of 'Ain-i-Akbari' was
Ans. (B) Abul Fazl
50. The Sikh Guru executed by the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb was
Ans. (A) Tegh Bahadur
51. The 2016 Nobel Prize in Economics was won by
Ans. (A) Oliver Hart and Bengt Holmstrom
52. Which of the following states does not have veto power in the U. N. Security Council?
Ans. (C) Canada
53. Which authority in India recently ordered the playing of the National Anthem in all cinema halls across the country before the screening of a movie?
Ans. (A) Supreme Court of India
54. The Mullaperiyar Dam is a cause of discontent between
Ans. (B) Tamil Nadu and Kerala
55. Hridaynath Mangeshkar Award 2016 was won
Ans. (A) Viswanathan Anand
56. In November 2016, who resigned from the post of Editor-in-Chief of the 'Times Now' news channel?
Ans. (A) Arnab Goswami
57. Who is the author of the book 'An Era of Darkness : The British Empire in India'?
Ans. (C) Shashi Tharoor
58. The 2016 World Internet Conference was held in
Ans. (B) China
59. The 103rd Session of the Indian Science Congress was held in 2016 in
Ans. (A) Mysore
60. Who takes over as the Indian Airforce Chief when Arup Raha retires on 31, December 2016?
Ans. (A) Birender Singh Dhanoa
61. Marceló Rebelo de Sousa has won the Presidential election of
Ans. (B) Portugal
62. George Yeo, who recently resigned from the post of Chancellor of Nalanda University was formerly a politician of
Ans. (D) Singapore.
63. In December 2016, China launched a new cargo service connecting Tibet to
Ans. (B) Nepal.

64. A resolution to deploy U.N. monitors to monitor evacuations of civilians from Aleppo (Syria) was adopted in December 2016 by
Ans. (B) U.N. Security Council.
65. Who was appointed in November 2016 as army chief in Pakistan?
Ans. (B) Qamar Javed Bajwa.
66. Which Bollywood personality was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award of the 2016 Dubai International Film Festival (DIFF)?
Ans. (C) Rekha.
67. In which country was a lost city dating more than 7,000 years back unearthed in November 2016?
Ans. (C) Egypt.
68. Oscar Award 2016 for best actress was won by
Ans. (D) Brie Larson.
69. The Headquarter of World Bank is in
Ans. (B) Washington D.C.
70. The Italian Prime Minister who resigned in December 2016 after voters rejected Constitutional Reforms proposed by him, was
Ans. (A) Matteo Renzi.
71. The UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award of 2015 was won by
Ans. (C) Aqeela Asifi.
72. The 2016 G-20 Summit was held in
Ans. (A) China.
73. The International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed on
Ans. (C) September 16.
74. The name of Vikas Krishnan is associated with the sport.
Ans. (C) Boxing.
75. The 2022 Commonwealth Games is scheduled to be held in
Ans. (D) Durban.
76. The material used for safety from nuclear radiation is
Ans. (D) Lead.
77. The electric appliances in a house are connected
Ans. (B) in parallel.
78. The immersed portion of a piece of pure ice floating in water is
Ans. (D) $\frac{11}{12}$ th of its volume.
79. 'Red' is used as a danger signal because
Ans. (B) red light is scattered least by the air molecules.
80. A shaving brush is dipped in water. When taken out the hairs of the brush are seen to be drawn together due to
Ans. (A) surface tension of water.
81. The strongest electropositive element is
Ans. (A) Cs
82. Geometry of SF₄ is
Ans. (D) see-saw.
83. A reaction is spontaneous when
Ans. (A) $\Delta G = -ve$
84. 'RADAR' stands for
Ans. (A) Radio Detection and Ranging.
85. A body is acted upon by two unequal forces in opposite directions, but not in one line. The effect is that the body will have
Ans. (D) rotational as well as translational motion.
86. Which of the following processes makes direct use of oxygen?
Ans. (D) Electron transport.
87. The wellknown antibiotic penicillin is obtained from this planet group.
Ans. (B) Fungi.
88. The nature of stele in primitive vascular plants was
Ans. (A) Protostele.
89. What is a bacteriophage?
Ans. (A) A virus.
90. "Particulate theory of inheritance" was proposed by
Ans. (B) Gregor Johann Mendel.
91. Conversion of CH₃C \equiv CH to CH₃CH = CH₂ needs.
Ans. (A) Lindlar catalyst.
92. Conversion of RBr and RMgBr requires
Ans. (A) Mg / dry ether / N₂ - atmosphere.
93. The fastest S_N⁻¹ reaction is of the followings
Ans. (A) MeO - CH₂ - Cl
94. An example of modified underground stem is
Ans. (B) Potato.
95. Crossing over occurs during meiosis at
Ans. (C) Pachytene
96. Which one of the following animal phylum is latest by discovery?
Ans. (C) Loricifera.
97. A mammal that lays eggs:
Ans. (B) Echidna.
98. Barr body is absent in somatic cell of
Ans. (D) Sub-human mammalian female individual
99. 1 nm is equivalent to
Ans. (A) $10 \overset{\circ}{\text{A}}$
100. Necton are
Ans. (B) swimming organisms in water.

101. If MASON is coded as NBTPQ, then WORLD is coded as
Ans. (A) XPSME
102. If BOY is coded as ZPC, then GIRL is coded as
Ans. (B) MSJH.
103. If $a \oplus b = \text{L.C.M. of } a \text{ and } b$, $a \otimes b = \text{G.C.M. of } a \text{ and } b$, then $(12 \otimes 16) \oplus (24 \otimes 36)$ will be
Ans. (C) 12
104. The 6th term in the following series
 $ab^2 + bc^2 + cd^2 + de^2 + \dots$
Ans. (C) fg^2
105. Manipuri is to Dance as Urdu is to _____.
Ans. (D) Language.
106. A man starts from his office and goes 8 km East. Then he turns to the left and walks for 3 km. Again he turns left and walks for 8 km. At what distance is he from the starting point?
Ans. (D) 3 km.
107. Due to some error in the weighing machine, Aahana's weight was shown 72 kg against the actual value of 80 kg. The percentage error is
Ans. (C) 10%
108. A man won Rs. 60,000 in a lottery. 35% of the money was taken by the Govt. as a tax. He actually receives
Ans. (B) Rs. 39,000.
109. Due to rotten fish, a fish trader forces to sell in 10% loss. If the purchase value is Rs. 250, the selling price will be
Ans. (A) Rs. 225.
110. Number : Mathematics : : Notes : ?
Ans. (A) Currency
111. Five boys are sitting in a row. Kajol is sitting in between Piyush and Paresh while Gogol is sitting in between Ronnie and Piyush. Who is sitting at the extreme right of Gogol?
Ans. (A) Paresh
112. Five boys are so standing that they form a circle. Rahim is between Ajoy and Tom. Salman is to the left of Bablu and Ajoy is to the left of Salman. Who is to the right of Bablu?
Ans. (A) Tom
113. If $a * b = ab + b - a$, what is the value of c such that $c*(2 * 5) = 97$?
Ans. (B) 7
114. If $a \div b$ means 'a to be added to b' and $a \times b$ means 'a to be divided by b', then the value of $(14 \div 7) \div (14 \times 7)$ is
Ans. (C) 23
115. Choose the odd one
Ans. (D) Beriberi
116. P is sister of Q. Q is the wife of R. S and R are brothers. What is P to R?
Ans. (A) Sister-in-law
117. 40% of A is 60% of B. A : B will be
Ans. (B) 3 : 2
118. Ratio of Bus and Train fare is 4 : 5. If Bus fare increases by 10% and Train fare increases by 20%, new ratio of Bus and Train fare will be
Ans. (C) 11 : 15
119. A goes to a party hosted by his brother B. B has a daughter C. C has a brother D. What is D to A?
Ans. (D) Nephew
120. Hockey : India : : Baseball : ?
Ans. (D) America
121. A box contains one red ball, one blue ball and one green ball. The ratio of the weight of the red and blue ball is 5 : 6 and that of blue and green ball is 5 : 4. If the blue ball weights 60 g, the weight of the green ball is
Ans. (A) 48 g
122. The population of a district increases by 4% during the first year and decreases by 5% during the second year. If the present population of a district is 494000, two years ago it was
Ans. (B) 500000
123. A man deposited Rs. 3,000 in a Bank and Rs. 2,500 in a Post Office. Rate of interest of Bank is $\frac{1}{2}\%$ more than that of Post Office. If he gets Rs. 235 as total interest at the end of the year, the rate of interest of Post Office is
Ans. (C) 4%
124. A person, standing on a railway platform 120 meters long, notices that a train, which passed him in 5 seconds, passed completely through the station in 15 seconds. The length of the train is
Ans. (B) 60 m
125. In an examination, 35% students fail in Mathematics, 15% fail in English. If 10% fail in both, the pass per cent is
Ans. (A) 60%
126. In which year was the Indian National Congress established?
Ans. (B) 1885
127. "Swaraj is my birth right"— who said?
Ans. (D) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
128. Which political party was founded in 1906?
Ans. (B) Muslim League
129. With which Revolt names of Sidhu and Kanu are associated?
Ans. (A) Santhal

130. Who was the Governor General of India at the time of the outbreak of the Revolt of 1857?
Ans. (C) Lord Canning
131. After which incident the Non-Cooperation movement was withdrawn by Mahatma Gandhi?
Ans. (A) Chauri Chaura incident
132. In which year was the Lucknow Pact signed between the Muslim League and the Indian National Congress?
Ans. (C) 1916
133. _____ was the centre of the Aligarh movement.
Ans. (B) The Anglo-Oriental College
134. The Morley-Minto Reform was declared in the year _____.
Ans. (B) 1909
135. When and where did the Jallianwala Bagh massacre take place?
Ans. (D) 1919, Amritsar
136. Who was the President of the First Session of the Indian National Congress?
Ans. (A) Womesh Chandra Bonerji
137. Which phase is considered to be the liberal phase of Indian National Congress?
Ans. (B) 1885-1905
138. The Partition of Bengal was annulled in the year _____.
Ans. (C) 1911
139. On the eve of which movement Mahatma Gandhi gave the slogan of "Do or Die"?
Ans. (C) Quit India Movement
140. Who was the founder of the 'Forward Bloc'?
Ans. (A) Subhas Chandra Bose
141. In which year the Pakistan resolution was adopted by the Muslim League and where?
Ans. (C) 1940, Lahore
142. In its Lahore Session (1929), which of the following was declared to be the aim of the Indian National Congress?
Ans. (A) Complete Independence
143. Who was the founder of the 'Azad Hind Fauz'?
Ans. (A) Subhas Chandra Bose
144. Who considered the proposals of the Cripps' Mission as a 'post-dated cheque'?
Ans. (C) Mahatma Gandhi
145. Which Party gave a call for 'Direct Action' and which date was chosen as the 'Direct Action Day'?
Ans. (A) Muslim League; 16th August, 1946
146. Who was the First Governor General of Pakistan?
Ans. (B) Mohammad Ali Jinnah
147. Who was the First Governor General of independent India?
Ans. (D) Lord Mountbatten
148. The Indian Independence Act was passed in _____.
Ans. (A) July, 1947
149. When did the Chittagong Armoury Raid take place and who was its chief organizer?
Ans. (A) 1930, Surya Sen
150. Which Mission/Commission visited India in 1946?
Ans. (B) Cabinet Mission
151. The SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of _____.
Ans. (D) the Narasimham Committee
152. The Reserve Bank of India was established in the year _____.
Ans. (B) 1935
153. Grants-in-aid are provided for in the Constitution of India under Articles _____.
Ans. (D) 275 and 282
154. The Panchayati Raj system of India has _____.
Ans. (C) three-tiers
155. The first citizen of the Republic of India is _____.
Ans. (B) the President of India
156. The objective of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2004 is _____.
Ans. (D) All of the above
157. Which of the following was not included when the writing of the Constitution of India was completed on 29.11.1949?
Ans. (B) Fundamental Duties
158. To pass a Money Bill in the Parliament which of the following is not necessary ?
Ans. (C) Approval of the Rajya Sabha
159. 'Law and Order' is included in the _____.
Ans. (B) State list
160. The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha is _____.
Ans. (C) the Vice-President of India.
161. In India non-agricultural income tax is _____.
Ans. (D) levied by the Centre and shared with the States.
162. In India the Repo rate is announced by _____.
Ans. (C) the Reserve Bank of India
163. The Special Economic Zones Act was passed by the Indian Parliament in 2005 and the Act came into force in _____.
Ans. (A) 2006
164. 'Economic Reforms' were introduced in India in _____.
Ans. (C) 1991
165. AGMARK is related to _____.
Ans. (C) agricultural goods
166. In terms of population India ranks second in the world, while in terms of area India ranks _____.
Ans. (C) seventh

167. The first railway line of India was operationalised in 1853 between
Ans. (B) Bombay and Thane
168. The unorganised sector of India is characterised by
Ans. (A) more currency transactions.
169. More than 50% of the working population in India depend on
Ans. (A) the primary sector
170. The largest contributor to the gross domestic savings of India is
Ans. (A) the household sector.
171. The service sector of India generates more than
Ans. (D) 50% of GDP
172. In the wake of the Stockholm Conference, the Government of India set up the National Committee on Environment Planning and Coordination in the year.
Ans. (A) 1972
173. The Human Development Index was first introduced in the year
Ans. (B) 1990
174. The Second Five Year Plan of India was based on
Ans. (C) the Mahalanobis Model
175. World Development Report is published by
Ans. (C) the World Bank
176. The Western Ghats is an important mountain system of the west coast of India. The word 'Ghat' means
Ans. (D) Gap or pass
177. Name of the capital of the newly formed state of Andhra Pradesh is
Ans. (A) Amaravati
178. Pollavaram Project is associated with the river
Ans. (D) Godavari
179. Which one of the following is *not* an administrative division of West Bengal ?
Ans. (B) Malda
180. In West Bengal 'Rarh' is a physiographic region, part of which can be found in the district of
Ans. (C) Paschim Medinipur
181. The summer monsoon normally arrives in the South Bengal during
Ans. (B) 5-10 June
182. Which state of India experiences the maximum annual variation of rainfall ?
Ans. (C) Rajasthan
183. Drought is occasionally experienced in the plateau region of West Bengal because of
Ans. (C) Excessive evapo-transpiration
184. Which one of the following is *not* mined in the delta region of West Bengal ?
Ans. (A) Natural gas
185. 'Toto' is a primitive tribal community found in the state of
Ans. (C) West Bengal
186. What was the primary objective of construction of the Farakka Barrage ?
Ans. (B) Augmentation of water supply in the Hugli river
187. Which district of West Bengal has achieved the highest level of Human Development Index in the state ?
Ans. (D) North 24 Parganas
188. India's share of total land area in the world is about
Ans. (A) 2.4 per cent
189. In terms of longitude the easternmost state of India is
Ans. (D) Arunachal Pradesh
190. In India the maximum area is covered by the
Ans. (D) Alluvial soils
191. 'Shifting cultivation' is *not* practiced in which one of the following states ?
Ans. (B) West Bengal
192. Which one of the following crops witnessed the maximum rate of increase of production due to the Green Revolution in India ?
Ans. (A) Wheat
193. In terms of value of agricultural production the most important cash crop in India is
Ans. (A) Cotton
194. In India petroleum oil was first discovered in
Ans. (B) Digboi
195. Which state of India has the largest installation of wind power ?
Ans. (D) Tamil Nadu
196. As per Census of 2011 the share of population below the age of 35 years in India is
Ans. (D) 65 per cent
197. The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is
Ans. (A) a central government organization of India.
198. In terms of area and population the largest urban agglomeration in India is
Ans. (A) Mumbai
199. Which one of the following sea ports has natural harbor?
Ans. (B) Vishakhapatnam
200. Bhilai in the state of Chattishgarh is famous for the industry of
Ans. (C) Iron and Steel