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ISLAMIC STUDIES (Marks = 20)

1. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) belongs to the tribe:

- (a) Quresh
(c) Makki

- (b) Khazraj
(d) Ummavi

رسول اللہ ﷺ کا تعلق کس قبیلے سے تھا؟

- (a) قریش (b) غزرج (c) مکی (d) اموی

2. Which Prophet has the title of Khateeb-ul-Anbiya?

- (a) Hazrat Dawood (A.S)
(c) Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S)

- (b) Hazrat Nooh (A.S)
(d) Hazrat Shoaib (A.S)

خطیب الانبیاء کس نبی کا لقب ہے؟

- (a) حضرت داؤد (b) حضرت نوح (c) حضرت یعقوب (d) حضرت شعیب

3. Al-Hudaibiyah treaty was scribed by:

- (a) Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA)
(c) Hazrat Usman (RA)

- (b) Hazrat Umar (RA)
(d) Hazrat Ali Al-Murtaza (RA)

صلح حدیبیہ کس نے تحریر فرمائی؟

- (a) حضرت ابوبکر (b) حضرت عمر (c) حضرت عثمان (d) حضرت علی المرتضیٰ

4. The battle of Yarmuk was fought between the Muslims and:

- (a) Romans
(c) Persians

- (b) Jews
(d) None of these

جنگ یرموک مسلمانوں اور کے درمیان لڑی گئی؟

- (a) رومیوں (b) یہودیوں (c) ایرانیوں (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

5. Who compiled the first work of Hadith "Sahifa-e-Sadiqa"?

(a) Hazrat Abu Bakar (RA)

(b) Hazrat Abdullah bin Amr (RA)

(c) Hazrat Abu Hunain (RA)

(d) Imam Bukhari (RA)

حدیث کا پہلا مجموعہ صحیفہ صادقہ کس نے مرتب کیا؟

(a) حضرت ابوبکرؓ (b) حضرت عبداللہ بن عمروؓ (c) حضرت ابو حنینؓ (d) امام بخاریؒ

6. Who advised Hazrat Abu Bakar (RA) to compile the Holy Quran?

(a) Hazrat Umar (RA)

(b) Hazrat Usman (RA)

(c) Hazrat Ali (RA)

(d) Hazrat Zaid bin Sabit (RA)

حضرت ابوبکرؓ کو قرآن مجید جمع کرنے کا مشورہ کس نے دیا؟

(a) حضرت عمرؓ (b) حضرت عثمانؓ (c) حضرت علیؓ (d) حضرت زید بن ثابتؓ

7. The phrase "Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah" is stated in which Surah of the Holy Quran?

(a) Surah Yaseen

(b) Surah Muhammad

(c) Surah Rehman

(d) Surah Fatiha

محمد رسول اللہ کے الفاظ قرآن مجید کی کس سورت میں ہیں؟

(a) سورہ یسین (b) سورہ محمد (c) سورہ رحمن (d) سورہ فاتحہ

8. In what year did "Bait-e-Rizwan" take place?

(a) 5 AH

(b) 6 AH

(c) 7 AH

(d) 8 AH

بیعت رضوان کس سن ہجری میں ہوئی؟

(a) ۵ ہجری (b) ۶ ہجری (c) ۷ ہجری (d) ۸ ہجری

9. Which night has been regarded as better than one-thousand nights in the Holy Quran?

(a) Night of Miraj

(b) Night of Eid-ul-Fitar

(c) Night of Qadar

(d) Night of Barat

قرآن مجید میں کس رات کو ہزار مہینوں سے بہتر قرار دیا گیا ہے؟

(a) شبِ معراج (b) شبِ عید الفطر (c) شبِ قدر (d) شبِ برات

10. The Ottoman Empire lasted for _____ centuries.

(a) Six

(c) Eight

(b) Seven

(d) None of these

سلطنتِ عثمانیہ کتنی صدیوں پر محیط رہی؟

(a) چھ (b) سات (c) آٹھ (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

11. Prophet Muhammad (SAW) stayed at Hazrat Ayub Ansari's house for _____ months.

(a) 7

(c) 9

(b) 8

(d) 12

رسول اللہ ﷺ حضرت ابو ایوب انصاریؓ کے گھر کتنے ماہ قیام پذیر رہے؟

(a) سات (b) آٹھ (c) نو (d) بارہ

12. Hazrat Haleema (RA) looked after the Holy Prophet (SAW) for _____ years.

(a) 1

(c) 3

(b) 2

(d) 6

حضرت حلیمہؓ نے رسول اللہ ﷺ کی کتنے سال پرورش کی؟

(a) ایک (b) دو (c) تین (d) چھ

13. Maliki Fiqh was introduced in Spain in the reign of:

(a) Hashim

(c) Ibn-e-Ishaq

(b) Abdul Rehman

(d) Yazid

فقہ مالکی اسپین میں کس کے دور میں متعارف ہوئی؟

(a) ہشام (b) عبدالرحمن (c) ابن اسحاق (d) یزید

14. At the time of his last Hajj, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) addressed _____ Muslims at Arafat.

(a) 200,000

(c) 150,000

(b) 140,000

(d) None of these

حجۃ الوداع کے موقع پر میدانِ عرفات میں آپ ﷺ نے کتنے مسلمانوں سے خطاب فرمایا؟

(a) دو لاکھ (b) ایک لاکھ چالیس ہزار (c) ڈیڑھ لاکھ (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

15. Jizya was imposed in the Islamic State by the Prophet of Islam in _____ A.H.

(a) 9

(b) 7

(c) 11

(d) None of these

اسلامی ریاست میں جزیہ کس سن ہجری میں نافذ ہوا؟

(a) ۹ (b) ۷ (c) ۱۱ (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

16. According to the Quran there are _____ heads where Zakat can be spent.

(a) 6

(b) 7

(c) 8

(d) None of these

قرآن کے مطابق زکوٰۃ کے مصارف کتنے ہیں؟

(a) چھ (b) سات (c) آٹھ (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

17. Lady Haleema (RA), the foster mother of the Prophet (PBUH), belonged to:

(a) Banu Saad

(b) Banu Adi

(c) Banu Taym

(d) None of these

رسول اللہ ﷺ کی رضاعی والدہ حضرت حلیمہؓ کا تعلق کس قبیلے سے تھا؟

(a) بنو سعد (b) بنو عدی (c) بنو تیم (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

18. In the beginning of Madinan life, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stayed in the settlement of:

(a) Banu Saad

(b) Banu Aws

(c) Banu Nuzair

(d) None of these

مدنی زندگی کے آغاز میں رسول اللہ ﷺ نے کس بستی میں قیام فرمایا؟

(a) بنو سعد (b) بنو اوس (c) بنو نضیر (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

19. At the time of the conquest of Makkah, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was accompanied by _____ companions.

(a) 10,000

(b) 15,000

(c) 20,000

(d) None of these

فتح مکہ کے موقع پر رسول اللہ ﷺ کے ہمراہ کتنے صحابہ کرامؓ تھے؟

(a) دس ہزار (b) پندرہ ہزار (c) بیس ہزار (d) ان میں سے کوئی نہیں

ENGLISH (Marks = 50)

20. _____ woman that we saw turned out to be our CEO.

(a) A

(b) The

(c) That

(d) An

21. When the meeting had finished, they went _____ the plan once again.
 (a) Down (b) On
 (c) Up **(d) Over**
22. We have been able to obtain no information _____ his whereabouts.
 (a) That of (b) According to
 (c) In which **(d) As to**
23. I didn't know whether you had to have one of these or not; if you _____ one, however, I would have given it to you freely.
(a) Had to have (b) Had had to have
 (c) Had to had (d) Have to had
24. Some compound adjectives contain hyphens. Which of the following sentences is correct?
 (a) He's a decent-judge of character **(b) She submitted a 190-page document supporting her position**
 (c) We're adopting a two year old parakeet (d) We're reading Sanskrit dialect
25. Do you _____ go to sleep early, or is it insomnia?
(a) Ever (b) Sometime
 (c) Never (d) Every time
26. Synonym of Obdurate:
 (a) Trustable **(b) Malleable**
 (c) Amenable (d) None of these
27. Synonym of Pejorative:
 (a) Laudatory (b) Complementary
 (c) Approbatory **(d) Depreciatory**
28. She showed a blatant disregard for the rules. (Synonym of underlined word)
(a) Obvious (b) Hidden
 (c) Last-minute (d) Rebellious
29. As soon as details of the election were released to the media, the newspaper was inundated with calls - far too many to be handled effectively. (Synonym of underlined word)
 (a) Provided (b) Bothered
 (c) Reminded **(d) Flooded**
30. Antonym of Cajole:
 (a) Wheedle (b) Coax
 (c) Badger **(d) Dissuade**
31. Antonym of Ephemeral:
 (a) Fleeting **(b) Permanent**
 (c) Transitory (d) Momentary
32. Antonym of Flagrant:
 (a) Overt **(b) Trifling**
 (c) Evident (d) None of these
33. Antonym of Quixotic:
 (a) Impulsive (b) Prosthetic
 (c) Dreamy **(d) Practical**
34. Dependable : Capricious ::
 (a) Fallible : Cantankerous **(b) Capable : Inept**
 (c) Malleable : Inept (d) Incurable : Guilty
35. True health and true success go together, for they are inseparably _____ in the realm of thought.
(a) Intertwined (b) Bound up
 (c) Tied up (d) Inter-related

36. His moral decadence was marked by his _____ from the ways of integrity and honesty.
 (a) Obsession (b) Declivity
 (c) Opprobrium **(d) Departure**
37. The _____ arguments put forth for not disclosing the facts did not impress anybody.
 (a) Convincing **(b) Specious**
 (c) Spurious (d) Intemperate
38. The children were _____ by the seemingly nonsensical clues until Kinan pointed out that the messages were in code.
 (a) Censured (b) Pondered
 (c) Feigned **(d) Perplexed**
39. For a _____ fee, it is possible to upgrade from regular gasoline to premium.
(a) Nominal (b) Substantive
 (c) Exorbitant (d) Bountiful
40. It is difficult to believe that charging 20% on an outstanding credit card balance isn't _____.
 (a) Bankruptcy **(b) Usury**
 (c) Expensive (d) Taxation
41. Which of the following sentences is grammatically correct?
 (a) I and my friends went to the movie. **(b) My friends and I went to the movie.**
 (c) Me and my friends went to the movie. (d) My friends and me went to the movie.
42. Which of the following is an example of a subordinate clause?
 (a) I like pizza **(b) Because I like pizza**
 (c) Pizza is my favorite food (d) I ate pizza for dinner
43. Which sentence uses the subjunctive mood correctly?
 (a) If I was you, I would study more. (b) If I were you, I would study more.
 (c) If he was here, he would help us. **(d) If he were here, he would help us.**
44. Which sentence uses the correct tense?
 (a) I have been reading this book since two hours (b) I had read that book last week
 (c) I will have finished my homework by 7 pm **(d) I was reading the book when the phone rang.**
45. Which sentence uses the correct adjective form?
(a) The movie was more scarier than I expected (b) The movie was scarier than I expected
 (c) The movie was scare than I expected (d) The movie was scary than I expected
46. The presence of armed guards at the building entrance _____ us from doing anything disruptive.
 (a) Defeated (b) Excited
(c) Prevented (d) Prohibited
47. 'Argus-eyed' means:
(a) Watchful (b) Devoted
 (c) Lethargic (d) Clumsy
48. Perfect or highly accomplished means:
 (a) Impropriety (b) Sinister
 (c) Slovenly **(d) None of these**
49. Dearth means:
(a) Scarcity (b) To punish or criticize severely
 (c) To cause, produce, or stir up (d) Habitually fond of associating in a company or herd
50. Fastidious means:
(a) A person hard to please (b) A person hard to convince
 (c) A person hard to get angry (d) A person hard to get essential

51. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) All that is glitters is not gold
(c) All that glitters is not gold

- (b) All that is glittering is not gold
(d) All which glitters is not gold

52. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) No less than twelve minutes left the hosted
(c) No lesser than twelve minutes left the hosted

- (b) No fewer than twelve minutes left hosted
(d) None of these

53. Choose the correct sentence:

- (a) He found the gold coins as he cleans the floor
(c) He found the gold coins while he cleaning the floor

- (b) He found the gold coins while cleaning the floor
(d) None of these

54. "Although they are 250 miles apart, they keep in constant contact on the internet." This is a:

- (a) Simple sentence
(c) Complex sentence

- (b) Compound sentence
(d) Compound-complex sentence

55. I know both of them are short _____ money because of their extravagant nature.

- (a) On
(c) In

- (b) Of
(d) With

56. He writes _____ red ink.

- (a) With
(c) Of

- (b) In
(d) By

57. He was accused _____ theft.

- (a) Of
(c) With

- (b) In
(d) None of these

58. Do not jeer _____ sacred things.

- (a) With
(c) At

- (b) Upon
(d) None of these

59. He is so dull that he is insensible _____ the beauties of nature.

- (a) For
(c) Of

- (b) To
(d) With

GENERAL ABILITIES (Marks = 60)

60. The thickness of one sheet of paper is 5×10^{-2} mm. What is the thickness of a book having 400 sheets of paper?

- (a) 2 cm
(c) 200 mm

- (b) 20 cm
(d) None of these

61. Saba and Nida do their assignment together. The ratio of time taken by Saba to Nida is 6:5. If Saba takes 90 minutes to complete the assignment, how much time does Nida require?

- (a) 75 minutes
(c) 108 minutes

- (b) 96 minutes
(d) None of these

62. How many combinations of two-digit numbers having 6 can be formed from the following numbers: 6, 7, 5, 1, 3, 8?

- (a) 6
(c) 11

- (b) 10
(d) None of these

63. Find the number which does not fit in the series: 10, 25, 45, 54, 60, 75, 85

- (a) 45
(c) 75

- (b) 54
(d) None of these

64. A new number is added to the series 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 8 such that the average of the series does not change. What is the new number?

- (a) 5
(c) 7

- (b) 6
(d) None of these

65. Writing 0.0000738 in standard form we get:

- (a) 7.38×10^7 (b) 7.38×10^{-5}
(c) 7.38×10^5 (d) None of these

66. The perimeter of an equilateral triangle is 24 cm. What is the length of one side of the triangle?

- (a) 12 cm (b) 6 cm
(c) 80 mm (d) None of these

67. The exterior angle of a triangle is 80 degrees and the interior opposite angles are in the ratio 1:3. The interior angles measure:

- (a) 30 and 90 degrees (b) 25 and 75 degrees
(c) 20 and 60 degrees (d) None of these

68. A watchmaker sold 40 percent of his watches and still has 420 watches left. How many did he have to begin with?

- (a) 672 (b) 700
(c) 1050 (d) None of these

69. Six years ago, the ratio of the ages of Ali and Babar was 6:5. Four years from now, the ratio of their ages will be 11:10. What is Babar's age at present?

- (a) 16 years (b) 18 years
(c) 20 years (d) None of these

70. A sum of money at simple interest amounts to Rs. 815 in 3 years and to Rs. 854 in 4 years. The sum is:

- (a) 641 (b) 698
(c) 737 (d) None of these

71. A number is doubled and 9 is added. If the resultant is trebled, it becomes 75. What is that number?

- (a) 33 (b) 17
(c) 8 (d) None of these

72. The number 8 is to 44 as 5 is to:

- (a) 105 (b) 28
(c) 41 (d) None of these

73. Saleem walks 5 m towards west, takes a right turn and walks 5 m again. He then takes another right turn and walks 20 m. He then takes a final right turn and walks 5 m before stopping. How far is he from the starting point?

- (a) 20 m (b) 15 m
(c) 25 m (d) None of these

74. A, B, C, D and E each have different amounts of money. C has more money than only E; B has more money than D but less than A. Who has the highest amount of money?

- (a) A (b) B
(c) D (d) None of these

75. A, P, R, X, S and Z are sitting in a row. S and Z are in the centre; A and P are at the ends. R is sitting to the left of A. Who is to the right of P?

- (a) A (b) X
(c) S (d) None of these

76. Select the pair that has a different relationship when compared to the rest of the pairs:

- (a) Blue : Red (b) Left : Right
(c) Cold : Hot (d) Up : Down

77. The difference of two integers is 36. The smaller integer is 60% smaller than the larger integer. What is the sum of the two?

- (a) 54 (b) 60
(c) 21 (d) None of these

78. The average age of 5 children born at intervals of 2 years is 18 years. What is the age of the youngest child?

- (a) 12 (b) 13
(c) 14 (d) None of these

79. A jug contains 2 litres of a mixture of apple juice and orange juice in the ratio 3:5. We take out 400 ml of juice from the jug. How much more apple juice needs to be added so that the ratio becomes 7:5?

- (a) 800 ml (b) 1000 ml
(c) 2000 ml (d) None of these

80. A family consists of a man and his wife, their two daughters, and three sons with their wives. Each son has three sons and one daughter. How many female members are there in the family?

- (a) 8 (b) 7
(c) 9 (d) None of these

81. If BAT is coded as 283, CAT is coded as 383 and ARE is coded as 801, then the code for BETTER is:

- (a) 213303 (b) 213310
(c) 123301 (d) 012331

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (Everyday Science / Current Affairs / Pakistan Affairs) (Marks = 50)

82. The term "light year" refers to:

- (a) Time that Earth takes to complete one revolution around the Sun
(b) Distance of Earth from the Sun at which intensity of light is maximum
(c) Speed of light expressed in miles per year
(d) None of these

83. Why does the sky appear blue?

- (a) Due to scattering of light in the atmosphere
(b) Due to the colour of gases in the atmosphere
(c) Due to reflection from the Earth's surface
(d) None of these

84. The extraction of metal from its ore is done by "smelting", which involves:

- (a) Heating and chemical reduction
(b) Heating and oxidation
(c) Heating and electrolysis
(d) None of these

85. The hardness of a hammer made of aluminium is due to the presence of:

- (a) Ionic bond (b) Covalent bond
(c) Metallic bond (d) None of these

86. In which layer of the atmosphere are most of the clouds formed?

- (a) Mesosphere (b) Troposphere
(c) Stratosphere (d) None of these

87. Biosphere is defined as:

- (a) Part of the earth, water and atmosphere inhabited by living organisms
(b) Part of the earth inhabited by animals and plants
(c) Atmosphere in which life exists
(d) None of these

88. Malaria, polio, dengue fever and influenza are examples of:

- (a) Deficiency diseases (b) Infectious diseases
(c) Physiological diseases (d) None of these

89. The protocol which assigns IP addresses to clients connected to the internet is:

- (a) Transmission Control Protocol (b) Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
(c) User Datagram Protocol (d) None of these

90. In terms of Wi-Fi data throughput, the fastest transfer speeds are offered by which Wi-Fi standard?

- (a) 802.11a (b) 802.22g
(c) 802.11n (d) None of these

91. What information about an earthquake defines its size?

- (a) Magnitude (b) Depth of the epicenter
(c) Energy released (d) All of these

92. The fluid part of blood is known as:
 (a) Blood cells (b) Platelets
(c) Plasma (d) None of these
93. World Religion Day 2021 was celebrated on _____ January.
 (a) 13 (b) 14
 (c) 15 (d) None of these
94. The South Sudan independence referendum was held in:
(a) 2011 (b) 2012
 (c) 2013 (d) None of these
95. There are _____ members in NATO.
 (a) 26 (b) 27
 (c) 28 (d) None of these
96. The former Secretary-General of the UN, Mr. Kofi Annan, belonged to:
(a) Ghana (b) Kenya
 (c) Nigeria (d) None of these
97. _____ doesn't support any aquatic life:
 (a) Red Sea (b) Caspian Sea
(c) Dead Sea (d) None of these
98. _____ is the Afghan Foreign Minister:
 (a) Abdul Ghani (b) Mullah Yaqoob
(c) Amir Khan Muttaqi (d) None of these
99. World Environment Day is celebrated each year on _____ June.
(a) 5 (b) 6
 (c) 7 (d) None of these
100. The Falkland Islands are located near:
 (a) Australia (b) Argentina
 (c) UK (d) None of these
101. The Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline is called the:
(a) Peace Pipeline (b) Friendship Pipeline
 (c) Great Pipeline (d) None of these
102. The Lapis Lazuli Corridor links Afghanistan to:
 (a) Iran (b) Turkey
 (c) Russia (d) None of these
103. The 2023 Special Olympics were held in:
(a) Germany (b) Belgium
 (c) Portugal (d) None of these
104. NAFTA stands for:
 (a) North African Free Trade Agreement (b) North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement
(c) North American Free Trade Agreement (d) None of these
105. The _____ is the world's largest inland body of water.
(a) Caspian Sea (b) California Sea
 (c) Bering Sea (d) None of these
106. The UN Sustainable Development Goals are intended to be achieved by:
(a) 2030 (b) 2035
 (c) 2040 (d) None of these

107. Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in:

- (a) 2012 (b) 2013
(c) 2014 (d) None of these

108. Pakistan became a permanent member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in:

- (a) 2016 (b) 2017
(c) 2018 (d) None of these

109. The State of Swat was integrated into Pakistan in:

- (a) 1968 (b) 1969
(c) 1970 (d) None of these

110. Pakistan has been a member of the World Trade Organization since:

- (a) 1995 (b) 1996
(c) 1997 (d) None of these

111. Pakistan released Afghan Taliban leader _____ in 2018.

- (a) Mullah Haibatullah (b) Mullah Baradar
(c) Mullah Mansoor (d) None of these

112. Pervez Musharraf gave a _____-point formula for the solution of Kashmir.

- (a) Three (b) Four
(c) Five (d) None of these

113. Constitutionally, Gilgit-Baltistan has a _____ status.

- (a) Provincial (b) Semi-provincial
(c) State (d) None of these

114. NESCOM of Pakistan stands for:

- (a) National Engineering and Scientific Commission (b) National Engineering and Statistical Commission
(c) National Engineering and Space Commission (d) None of these

115. Pakistan has been a member of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) since:

- (a) 2002 (b) 2003
(c) 2004 (d) None of these

116. Pakistan started Operation Radd-ul-Fasaad in _____ 2017.

- (a) February (b) March
(c) April (d) None of these

117. The _____ constitutional amendment created military courts in Pakistan.

- (a) 21st (b) 22nd
(c) 23rd (d) None of these

118. The Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement (APTTA) was signed in:

- (a) 2008 (b) 2009
(c) 2010 (d) None of these

119. The founding editor of the "Zamindar" newspaper was:

- (a) Maulana Muhammad Ali Johar (b) Maulana Sikandar Ali
(c) Maulana Zafar Ali Khan (d) None of these

120. Pakistan has been a signatory of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) since:

- (a) 1977 (b) 1978
(c) 1979 (d) None of these

121. The West Pakistan Land Reforms Regulation was passed in:

- (a) 1959 (b) 1960
(c) 1961 (d) None of these

122. The Pak-Afghan border agreement ("Durand Line") was signed in:

- (a) 1893 (b) 1894
(c) 1895 (d) None of these

123. Pakistan won _____ gold medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

- (a) Two (b) Three
(c) Four (d) None of these

124. ECOWAS is a union of states in:

- (a) Latin America (b) Africa
(c) East Asia (d) None of these

125. The Indus Waters Treaty between Pakistan and India was mediated by the:

- (a) IMF (b) World Bank
(c) United States (d) None of these