

**PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW BOARD**  
**TERRITORIAL ARMY COMMISSION : SEPTEMBER 2021**

**PAPER-2: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & ENGLISH**

**A1**

Max Time : 2 Hours

(Please Read The Instructions Carefully)

Max Marks : 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Paper-2 has two parts: Part I & Part II
  - (a) Part I : General Knowledge (50 marks)
  - (b) Part II: English (50 marks)
2. Each section carries 50 objectives type of questions.
3. There will be four possible answers to every question. Candidates are required to fill correct answer in the OMR sheet with Black ball pen only.
4. For each correct answer, 1 mark will be granted and 0.5 mark will be deducted for every wrong answer.
5. If a candidate gives more than one answer, it will be treated as a wrong answer and 0.5 mark will be deducted. There will be no penalty for questions left unanswered.
6. Candidates should not mark in the question paper. They can use blank pages provided in the question paper for rough work.
7. To be eligible to qualify, a candidate must obtain minimum 40% marks each in Part I & II separately and a minimum of 50% aggregate in total.

**PART-1 : GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

- Q1. Which of the following was the first metal used by man?  
(a) **Copper** (b) Silver (c) Bronze (d) Brass
- Q2. Which Mughal king tried to stop the practice of Sati?  
(a) Akabar (b) Humayun (c) Shahjahan (d) **Aurangzeb**
- Q3. The Sultan of Delhi, who is reputed to have built the biggest network of canals in India was  
(a) Iltutmish (b) Ghiyas-ud- din - Tughlaq (c) **Firoze Shah Tughlaq** (d) Sikandar Lodi
- Q4. Which caves is a network of sculpted caves located in Mumbai harbour?  
(a) Ajanta (b) Ellora (c) **Elephanta** (d) Khajuraho
- Q5. The Panama canal links  
(a) **Pacific and Atlantic Ocean** (b) Atlantic & Arctic Ocean  
(c) Pacific and Indian Ocean (d) Antarctic & Atlantic Ocean
- Q6. India is developing Chabahar port in which of the following countries?  
(a) Iraq (b) Oman (c) **Iran** (d) Pakistan
- Q7. Who is the author of the book 'The White Tiger'?  
(a) R K Narayan (b) **Aravind Adiga** (c) Vikram Seth (d) Arundhati Roy
- Q8. Kisan Diwas (Farmer's Day) is observed on?  
(a) **23<sup>rd</sup> December** (b) 15<sup>th</sup> July (c) 14<sup>th</sup> December (d) 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Q9. The world economic report is published by?  
(a) World bank (b) UNDP (c) **IMF** (d) UNCTAD
- Q10. Eutrophication  
(a) Is a normal process that converts dry land into marshes.  
(b) Is slowed by the presence of Phosphate and Nitrate fertilisers.  
(c) Is characterised by an excess amount of oxygen in large bodies of water.  
(d) **Is characterised by a rapid enrichment of water body with minerals and nutrients.**
- Q11. Which of the following is not a Directive Principle of the State Policy?  
(a) To raise the level of nutrition. (b) **To develop a scientific temper.**  
(c) To promote economic interests of weaker sections. (d) To separate the judiciary from the executive.
- Q12. MALABAR is a Naval exercise between India and  
(a) Singapore (b) **USA** (c) China (d) Britain

- Q13. In a pressure cooker, cooking is faster because the increase in vapour pressure  
 (a) Increase the specific heat (b) Decrease the specific heat  
 (c) Decrease the boiling point (d) **Increase the boiling point**
- Q14. In 1991, India's first indigenous super computer named ..... was developed by Vijay Bhatkar.  
 (a) Prayag 400 (b) Pragati 5000 (c) **Param 8000** (d) Prabhas 6000
- Q15. A data warehouse is always  
 (a) **Subject Oriented** (b) Object Oriented (c) programme Oriented (d) Compiler Oriented
- Q16. Jallikattu is associated with which Indian festival?  
 (a) Onam (b) **Pongal** (c) Biku (d) Hornbill
- Q17. Which of the following countries have an unwritten constitution?  
 (a) USA (b) **UK** (c) Iran (d) Pakistan
- Q18. Supernova is  
 (a) Comet (b) Asteroid (c) **Exploding Star** (d) Black Hole
- Q19. The largest tiger reserve in India is  
 (a) Pench (b) Manas (c) **Nagarjun** (d) Corbett
- Q20. Sahara is located in which part of Africa?  
 (a) Eastern (b) Western (c) **Northern** (d) Southern
- Q21. Which among the following comes under the primary sector of Indian economy?  
 (a) Sugar Industry (b) **Dairy** (c) Banking (d) Transport of goods
- Q22. As we go from equator to North Pole, the value of 'g' (the acceleration due to gravity)  
 (a) Remains the same (b) decreases (c) **Increases** (d) None of the above
- Q23. Ozone layer above the surface of earth provides a shield against?  
 (a) X-rays (b) **Ultra violet rays** (c) Gamma rays (d) Infra-red rays
- Q24. Which foreign country is closest to Andaman Islands?  
 (a) Srilanka (b) **Myanmar** (c) Indonesia (d) Pakistan
- Q25. Fiscal policy is connected with  
 (a) Issue of currency (b) Exports and Imports  
 (c) **Public revenue & expenditure** (d) None of above
- Q26. Convertibility of rupee implies  
 (a) Being able to convert rupee into gold  
 (b) Allowing the value of rupee to be fixed by market forces  
 (c) **Freely permitting the conversation of rupee to other currencies and vice-versa**  
 (d) Developing an International market for currencies in India
- Q27. Where did Buddha preach his first sermon?  
 (a) Kasi (b) **Sarnath** (c) Kushinagar (d) Bodh Gaya
- Q28. The only country in the world whose flag is not square or rectangle is?  
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) **Bhutan** (c) Maldives (d) **Nepal**
- Q29. Which one of the following Grand Slam titles is also known as 'Rolland Garros' title?  
 (a) **French Open** (b) Wimbledon (c) US Open (d) Australian Open
- Q30. Who was the first woman President of the Indian National Congress?  
 (a) **Mrs. Anne Besant** (b) Sucheta Kriplani (c) Indria Gandhi (d) Sarojini Naidu
- Q31. Solar eclipse occurs when  
 (a) Earth comes between Sun and Moon (b) Moon is at right angle of Earth  
 (c) **Moon come between Sun and Earth** (d) Sun comes between Moon and Earth
- Q32. Who is the first Indian cricketer to take a Hat trick of wickets in test?  
 (a) BS Bedi (b) BS Chandra Sekhar (c) EAS Prasanna (d) **Harbhajan Singh**
- Q33. The first woman to climb Mount Everest was?  
 (a) Marie Jose Perce (b) Florence Griffith Joyner (c) **Junkie Tabei** (d) Jackie Joyner Kersee
- Q34. Which of the following cause variations in the genetic material of progeny?  
 (i) Sexual reproduction (ii) Asexual reproduction (iii) Mutations (iv) Epigenetic changes  
 (a) (i) only (b) (ii) and (iv) (c) (i), (iii) and (iv) (d) **(i) and (iii)**

- Q35. Shock absorbers are usually made of steel as it  
 (a) is not brittle (b) has lower elasticity  
**(c) has higher elasticity** (d) has no ductile property
- Q36. Which of the following is a biodegradable waste?  
 (a) Nylon (b) Plastics **(c) Wool** (d) Polyethene bags
- Q37. The first stable product of photosynthesis is?  
 (a) Starch (b) Sucrose **(c) Phosphoglycesic acid** (d) Glucose
- Q38. Narain Karthikeyan is a sportsman in the field of?  
 (a) Golf (b) Chess (c) Shooting **(d) Formula one car racing**
- Q39. The process of arranging data in logical sequence is called?  
 (a) Classifying (b) Reproduction (c) Summarising **(d) Sorting**
- Q40. Who among the following has not won Nobel prize?  
**(a) Jawahar Lal Nehru** (b) Kailash Satyarthi (c) H.G Khorana (d) Mother Teresa
- Q41. Addition of gypsum to cement  
 (a) reduces setting time of cement (b) produce very light color cement  
**(c) increases setting time of cement** (d) shining surface is formed
- Q42. Which of the following organs does not eliminate waste products from the body?  
 (a) Large Intestine **(b) Liver** (c) Kidney (d) Skin
- Q43. Which of the following is not correctly matched?  
 (a) War Saw - Poland **(b) Rotterdam - Australia** (c) Karachi - Pakistan (d) Dublin - Ireland
- Q44. For determination of which of the following is carbon dating method used?  
 (a) Fossils (b) Rocks (c) Trees **(d) a & b above**
- Q45. In which stadium did Sachin Tendulkar complete his 100th century?  
 (a) Eden Garden **(b) Shere Bangla Stadium**  
 (c) Firoz Shah Kolta Stadium (d) None of the above
- Q46. From which Country did India procure the aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov, to join Indian Navy as INS Vikramaditya?  
**(a) Russia** (b) Germany (c) Ukraine (d) France
- Q47. The office of Lokpal and Lakayukta in India is based on which of the following?  
 (a) Parliamentary Commissioner of UK  
**(b) Ombudsman of Scandinavia**  
 (c) Procurator General of Russia  
 (d) Council of state in France
- Q48. Who is the first Air Chief to receive the honour of Marshal?  
**(a) Arjan Singh** (b) Satish Kumar Sarin (c) SK Metha (d) Yashwant Tepnis
- Q49. In banking sector, C stands in CBS for ?  
 (a) Credit **(b) Core** (c) Contingent (d) Complete
- Q50. The executive power relating to concurrent subjects remain with?  
**(a) the States** (b) the Centre (c) the Constitution (d) the President

**PART-II : ENGLISH**

**Directions** Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

No one can look back on his schooldays and say with truth that they were altogether unhappy. I have good memories of Oak Grove's, among a horde of bad ones, Sometimes on summer afternoons there were wonderful expeditions across the Duns to a village called Tsango Gap, or to Birchha lake, where one bathed dangerously among the boulders and came home covered with cuts. And there were still more wonderful mid summer evenings, when as a special treat, we were not driven off to bed as usual but allowed to wander about the grounds in the long twilight, ending up with a plunge into a swimming bathe at about nine o' clock. There was a joy of waking early on summer mornings and getting in an hour's undisturbed reading (Premchand, Ruskin Bond, HG Wells, Anton Chekhov were the favourite authors of my childhood) in the sunlit sleeping dormitory. There was also cricket, which I was no good at but with which I conducted a sort of hopeless love affair upto the age of about eighteen. And there was the pleasure of keeping caterpillars- the silky green and purple puss-moth specimen of which could be illicitly purchased for six paise at a shop in the town- and, when one could escape long enough from the master who was talking the walk' there was the excitement of dredging the dew ponds on the Duns for the enormous newts with orange coloured bellies. The business of being out for a walk, coming across something of fascinating interest and then being dragged away from it by a yell from the master, like a dog jerked onwards by the leash, is an important feature of school life and helps to build up the conviction, so strong in many children, that the things you most want to do are always unattainable.

- Q51. We can infer that the author was a  
(a) disobedient student (b) lonely child  
(c) **mischievous boy** (d) studious boy
- Q52. Why does writer call cricket a hopeless affair?  
(a) He was forced to give it up (b) He did not play it at all  
(c) He played it secretly (d) **He tried hard to learn**
- Q53. "Where one bathed dangerously". Why the writer call bathing dangerous?  
(a) They were punished later (b) There were snakes in the water  
(c) **The boulders gave them bruises** (d) The water was too deep
- Q54. What is the 'moral' the boy draws from his childhood experiences ?  
(a) **Things you enjoy doing are always unreachable** (b) Only do the things that masters tell you to  
(c) Do not walk alone in the grounds (d) Do not collect insects like caterpillars
- Q55. Which of the following the boys not do on summer mornings ?  
(a) Read in bed (c) **Sleep until late** (b) Play cricket (d) Collect caterpillar

**Directions:** In the following questions, some part of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has error. The number of that part is the answer. If a sentence is free from error, your answer is "No error".

- Q56. A senior doctor (a)/ expressed concern (b)/ **about physician's recommended the vaccine** (c) / No error (d)
- Q57. "The Arabian Nights" (a)/ **are indeed** (b)/ an interesting book (c)/ No error (d)
- Q58. A chill wind blew (a)/ and icy fingers of death (b) / **crept up my spine** (c) / No error (d)
- Q59. They dreamed of a society (a) /where everyone (b) **were equal** (c) / No error (d)
- Q60. Her behavior (a)/ around him (b) / **was little oddly** (c) No error (d)

**Directions:** In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which expresses the meaning of the word given in the bold.

- Q61. **Loquacious**  
(a) talkative (b) slow (c) content (d) unclear
- Q62. **Bliss**  
(a) pleasure (b) fantasy (c) **happiness** (d) laughter
- Q63. **Labyrinth**  
(a) meandering (b) rotating (c) pacing (d) wriggling
- Q64. **Conscientious**  
(a) concentrated (b) **honest** (c) scientific (d) false
- Q65. **Fustian**  
(a) unpretentious (b) timid (c) **arrogant** (d) courteous

**Directions:** In the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom / Phrase in 'bold'. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idioms / phrase given in bold.

- Q66. **to show a clean pair of heels**  
(a) to hide (b) **to escape** (c) to pursue (d) to follow

- Q67. **a little gush of gratitude**  
 (a) gradual recovery (b) **friendly feeling** (c) excessive labour (d) excessive enthusiasm
- Q68. **to get wind**  
 (a) to forget (b) **come to know** (c) to tell (d) to meet
- Q69. **a man of straw**  
 (a) a unreasonable person (b) **a man of no substance** (c) a very active person (d) a worthy fellow
- Q70. **was plain sailing**  
 (a) **was very easy** (b) was complicated (c) was competitive (d) was uncomfortable

**Directions:** In this questions, out of four alternative choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentences.

- Q71. A person very reserved in speech  
 (a) confident (b) **reticent** (c) eloquent (d) adamant
- Q72. Free from punishment  
 (a) posterity (b) stoicism (c) **impunity** (d) wrath
- Q73. A person who devotes his/her life for the welfare of others  
 (a) **altruist** (b) hermit (c) volunteer (d) martyr
- Q74. Excessive desire to work  
 (a) **ergomania** (b) idolomania (c) islomania (d) ethnomania
- Q75. Speaking with stammer or lips  
 (a) melliloquent (b) dentiloquent (c) fatiloquent (d) **stuttering**

**Directions:** In these questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word (s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out the four alternatives

- Q76. How did these things come \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 (a) **about** (b) into (c) at (d) down
- Q77. I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ butter but I have a lot of bread.  
 (a) a lot of (b) little (c) **much** (d) some
- Q78. It is difficult \_\_\_\_\_ affection on her.  
 (a) showering (b) **to shower** (c) shower (d) of showering
- Q79. I always fall \_\_\_\_\_ old friends in times of need.  
 (a) over (b) through (c) **back on** (d) off
- Q80. Never give your friends \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 (a) the cold arm (b) the cold elbow (c) **the cold shoulder** (d) the cold hand

**Directions:** In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is mis-spelt. Find that mis-spelt word.

- Q81. (a) telepathy (b) **antepathy** (c) sympathy (d) apathy
- Q82. (a) **adversery** (b) adultery (c) advisory (d) arbitrary
- Q83. (a) impetuous (b) ignoble (c) ignominious (d) idiosyncrasy
- Q84. (a) **accelerate** (b) exaggerate (c) liberate (d) perpetrate
- Q85. (a) acquaintance (b) appeasement (c) abnormality (d) accentuate

**Directions:** In these questions, the sentences have been given in Active / Passive voice. From the given alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the given sentence in passive / Active voice.

- Q86. I remember them taking me to the zoo.  
 (a) I remember having being taken to the zoo. (b) I remember to be taken to the zoo.  
 (c) **I remember being taken to the zoo.** (d) I remember I was taken to the zoo.
- Q87. We must endure what we cannot cure.  
 (a) what cannot cured must endured (b) what could be cure must be endured.  
 (c) what we cure must be endured. (d) **what cannot be cured must be endured.**
- Q88. I have made all the reservations.  
 (a) All the reservations are made by myself. (b) The reservations are made by myself.  
 (c) **All the reservations have been made by me.** (d) None of these.
- Q89. Who did this?  
 (a) This was done by who? (b) By who this was done?  
 (c) By whom this was done? (d) **By whom was this done?**

- Q90. The mechanic uses old spare parts for the car.  
 (a) Old spare parts were used for the car by the mechanic  
 (b) Old spare parts was used for the car by the mechanic.  
 (c) Old spare parts is being used for the car by the mechanic.  
 (d) **Old spare parts are used for the car by the mechanic.**

**Directions:** In these questions, the first and the last sentence of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage are numbered 1 & 6. The part of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentences and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

- Q91. 1: Even today in many countries  
 P: neglected and these are for  
 Q: who have had the benefit of  
 R: women continue to be  
 S: fever, women than men  
 6: educational and vocational training  
 (a) PRQS (b) **QPSR** (c) RQPS (d) SQRP
- Q92. 1: Computers and mobile phones  
 P: grammar and reducing  
 Q: are turning us into  
 R: lazy writers  
 S: ruining and sleeping and  
 6: are attention span  
 (a) **QRSP** (b) SPQR (c) QSPR (d) SRPQ
- Q93. 1: In the first year of reign, Ashoka was in autocraft  
 P: The effect of slaughter on his mind was profound  
 Q: He was successful but thousands were slain in the battle.  
 R: About the ninth year he decided to conquer Kalinga  
 S: This caused a sudden change of heart  
 6: He joined the Buddhist community and became a monk.  
 (a) RPQS (b) RSPQ (c) RQSP (d) **RQPS**
- Q94. 1: Vegetarianism promotes a natural way of life.  
 P: A vegetarian's life-style is natural and healthy.  
 Q: Despite its message of universal love and non-violence, it has not spread.  
 R: It is best cultivated in the mind.  
 S: This may be because it is an inward looking habit.  
 6: Food and health are closely related.  
 (a) **QSRP** (b) PQRS (c) QRSP (d) PRSQ
- Q95. 1: The fame of Bacon as a creative writer rests mainly on his essays.  
 P: The term is derived from 'essai'.  
 Q: It may be perhaps desirable to write something on 'Essay'.  
 R: 'Essai' means experiment, attempt.  
 S: The essay, covers an enormous range of composition.  
 6: In style the essay is often self-revelatory & illustrative.  
 (a) PQRS (b) **QPRS** (c) RPSQ (d) SPRQ

**Directions:** In these questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the word given in the bold.

- Q96. **Analogue**  
 (a) Correlate (b) Cognate (c) Dialogue (d) **Difference**
- Q97. **Procrastinate**  
 (a) Experiment (b) **Expedite** (c) Exclude (d) Propagate
- Q98. **Adept**  
 (a) Ignorance (b) **Inept** (c) Lacuna (d) Inexperience
- Q99. **Impoverished**  
 (a) Pure (b) **Affluent** (c) Important (d) Efficient
- Q100. **Bizarre**  
 (a) Droll (b) Ridiculous (c) **Ordinary** (d) Comical

ANSWERS ARE BOLD