

## SYNONYMS PART I

Directions: In each of these questions, you find a sentence, a part of which is bold. For the bold part, four words/phrases are suggested. Choose the word/phrase nearest in meaning to the bold part.

1. He was not at all **abashed** by her open admiration.  
A Delighted      B. Piqued  
C. Embarrassed      D. Livid
2. Rahul was amazed at how **affable** his new employer was  
A Demanding      B. Polite  
C. Repulsive      D. Quality-conscious
3. Since our plans are **amorphous** we shall send you the detailed programme at a later date.  
A Impractical      B. Prohibitive  
C. Inimical      D. Formless
4. Preeti's **arduous** efforts had sapped her energy.  
A Over-ambitious      B. Strenuous  
C. Sterile      D. Apocryphal
5. The manager's **articulate** presentation of the advertising campaign impressed his employers.  
A Well-prepared      B. lucid  
C. Superficial      D. Banal
6. I do not wish to be  **beholden** to anyone in this office  
A Dependent      B. Opposed  
C. Obligated      D. Sycophant
7. We must prevent the **proliferation** of nuclear weapons.  
A use      B. increase  
C. expansion      D. extension
8. The debate has **instigated** a full official enquiry into the incidence.  
A initiated      B. incited  
C. forced      D. caused
9. The workers were full of **applause** for the new policy of the management.  
A approval      B. adulation  
C. praise      D. eulogy
10. Her **ostensible** calm masked a deep seated fear.  
A illusory      B. apparent  
C. dubious      D. visible
11. Sonu is an **inveterate** liar.  
A effective      B. habitual  
C. frequent      D. familiar
12. He is a good-looking but **insipid** young man.  
A. Arrogant      B. Unscrupulous  
C. Sick      D. Lacking in spirit
13. He had **insidiously** wormed his way into her affections.  
A. In a polite manner      B. In a secret manner  
C. In ugly way      D. In a forceful manner
14. His boss's criticism left him feeling rather **abashed**.  
A. Annoyed      B. Arrogant  
C. Embarrassed      D. Awakened
15. The **inexorable** demands of the workers brought the company to a closure.  
A. Unreasonable      B. Relentless  
C. Monetary      D. Violent
16. The **acerbic** remarks of the manager were unwarranted.  
A. Bitter      B. Furious  
C. Arrogant      D. Childish
17. He felt **incensed** at the way he was treated.  
A hurt      B. tortured  
C. angry      D. insulted
18. Officers responsible for the **abortive** coup were punished.  
A unsatisfying      B. bloodless  
C. unsuccessful      D. chaotic
19. He never **recovered** from the loss of his wife.  
A got by      B. got over  
C. got aside      D. got rid
20. The poor man stood **abashed** at the display of wealth.  
A embarrassed      B. humiliated  
C. surprised      D. elevated
21. He received the **accolade** he deserved so well.  
A honour      B. appreciation  
C. greeting      D. award
22. The guests were offended by his **uncouth** behaviour.  
A Snobbish      B. unnatural  
C. uncontentional      D. ungracious
23. The pianist played the tune with **verve**.  
A enthusiasm      B. tenderness  
C. efficiency      D. depth
24. It is possible that printed books will soon become **obsolete**.  
A boring      B. inaccessible  
C. unfashionable      D. out-of-date
25. We should **emulate** the examples of our teachers.  
A study      B. admire  
C. follow      D. imitate
26. As he is **prudent**, he will be successful in life.  
A courageous      B. punctual  
C. intelligent      D. careful
27. Several members of the party **eulogized** their leader at the public meeting.  
A. flattered      B. wished  
C. praised      D. thanked
28. One cannot but admire your **ingenious** solution to the problem.  
A. final      B. skillful  
C. original      D. appropriate
29. The financial crisis **caused** the fall of the Government.  
A. brought about      B. brought forward  
C. brought down      D. brought over
30. The NRIs who are eager to invest in India are discouraged by the **archaic** rules and procedures.  
A. earlier      B. outdated  
C. complex      D. ancient
31. The chief engineer -was irritated by the **perpetual** complaints.  
A. trivial      B. eternal  
C. baseless      D. repeated
32. We repeatedly asked the girl why she was crying but she said that she did not want to **entangle** us in her affairs  
A. entrap      B. impress  
C. involve      D. induce
33. His performance in the examination **stunned** his friends  
A. surprised      B. stupefied  
C. angered      D. subdued
34. More effective measures should be adopted for the

- conservation** of forest in India  
 A. protection B. cultivation  
 C. propagation D. supervision
35. Will you please **rectify** the mistake?  
 A. clarify B. condone  
 C. regularise D. correct
36. Death is **inevitable**  
 A. unconquerable B. unavoidable  
 C. uncontrollable D. imminent
37. A **scramble** for power began in right earnest.  
 A. struggle B. contest  
 C. quarrel D. dispute
38. My students in the laboratory are rather **inquisitive** about the apparatus  
 A. sensitive B. careful  
 C. curious D. anxious
39. It was a shocking act of **total** irresponsibility  
 A. senseless B. shameless  
 C. sheer D. criminal
40. The crowd was getting **restive**.  
 A. restful B. restless  
 C. tired D. excited
41. She cast a **cursor** glance at the appearance of the visitors  
 A. searching B. sympathetic  
 C. hurried D. curious
42. He delivered a lengthy speech in which he committed several **ludicrous** mistakes.  
 A. Glaring B. Funny.  
 C. Absurd D. Serious
43. The performance of the candidates was **deplorable**.  
 A. Horrible B. Contentious  
 C. Laughable D. Lamentable
44. Timely first aid **resuscitate** the patient.  
 A. Soothed B. Rescued  
 C. Revived D. Cured
45. Outside I am nothing but a **frolicsome** little goat who's broken loose.  
 A. Happy B. Playful  
 C. Gay D. Delightful
46. He was accused of **laxity**.  
 A. Corruption B. Inefficiency  
 C. Favouritism D. Negligence
47. The teacher **reiterated** the importance of steady and hard work for getting through the examinations.  
 A. Emphasised B. Stressed  
 C. repeated D. furthered
48. There is **affectation** in the way he talks.  
 A. beauty B. sincerity  
 C. artificiality D. sadness
49. He is in the habit of using **obsolete** words.  
 A. difficult B. outdated  
 C. wrong D. simple
50. He talked on a passage from Hamlet; the **explication** was lucid.  
 A. discussion B. explanation  
 C. argument D. description
51. The books supplied by the shop were not only rare, they were also **invaluable**.  
 A. valueless B. priceless  
 C. useless D. cheap
52. The **lassitude** was caused by overwork.  
 A. laziness B. boredom  
 C. weariness D. sickness
53. Lunatics generally have **Queer** ideas.  
 A. strange B. clumsy  
 C. intricate D. frivolous
54. Although he has become rich, he is still **frugal**.  
 A. miserly  
 B. careful in spending  
 C. generous with money  
 D. discourteous
55. The court questioned the **veracity** of the petition made.  
 A. right B. truthfulness  
 C. argument D. basis
56. Savita was asked to prove her **allegations** in the court.  
 A. credentials B. ' cases  
 C. points D. charges
57. Grouping stars by constellations is **handy** way of mapping the sky.  
 A. nice B. funny  
 C. manual D. convenient
58. It was a **momentous** event in the history of the nation.  
 A. an insignificant B. crucial  
 C. detailed D. adequate
59. The learned professor has written **exhaustive** notes on his book of poems.  
 A. useful B. comprehensive  
 C. detailed D. adequate
60. Gandhi and Nehru considered prisons as places for **recuperation** after public appearances.  
 A. reflection B. rumination  
 C. rejuvenation D. recovery
61. Centuries ago, so goes tradition, a **nomadic** tribe besieged the temple to loot its treasure.  
 A. roving B. barbarous  
 C. brave D. wild
62. **Adequate** precautions against diseases must be taken after the floods.  
 A. Complete B. Substantial  
 C. Early D. Sufficient
63. The teacher felt that the student lacked **discrimination** in the study of his data.  
 A. objectivity B. good judgement  
 C. good taste D. imagination
64. He has **implicated** them in the conspiracy.  
 A. influenced B. affected  
 C. involved D. interested
65. In the murder case, the police found it difficult to identify the **accomplice**.  
 A. companion B. victim  
 C. ringleader D. culprit
66. To his utter surprise, the venture turned out to be highly **lucrative**  
 A. satisfactory B. challenging  
 C. profitable D. frustrating

67. The striking labourers attempted to **intimidate** the loyal and dutiful labourers.

- A. persuade                      B. attack
- C. inform                        D. threaten

68. Sohrab **parried** the blow aimed at him by Rustum.

- A. evaded                        B. opposed
- C. defined                       D. sparred

69. He has been **exonerated** by the court.

- A. forgiven                       B. suspended
- C. declared innocent       D. warned

70. The teacher **reiterated** his statement.

- A. contradicted                B. disputed
- C. repeated                      D. elaborated

71. We agreed to have the Town Hall as the **rendezvous** for all the scout-troops.

- A. assembly                      B. camping ground
- C. picnic spot                    D. meeting place

72. His **judicious** handling of the matter saved the situation from going out of control.

- A. helpful                        B. nervous
- C. cautious                       D. sensible

73. The arguments of the lawyer of the accused were so **persuasive** that the judge acquitted him.

- A. eloquent                       B. relevant
- C. clever                           D. convincing

74. He gave an **expeditious** reply.

- A. prompt                        B. slow
- C. elaborate                      D. exact

- b) Strong
- c) Justified
- d) Impulsive

6. He was the court appointed lawyer for fifty-six INDIGENT defendants.

- a) Indian men
- b) Poor
- c) Guilty
- d) Untried

7. The boy said that pain had ABATED.

- a) Reduced
- b) Vanished
- c) Increased
- d) Stabilized

8. He became known as an IMPLACABLE foe of fundamentalism.

- a) Relentless
- b) Pleasing
- c) Dangerous
- d) Courageous

9. The queen was aware of the INSOLENT behavior of the lords.

- a) Violent
- b) Polite
- c) Insulting
- d) Frivolous

10. Modern man is PRAGMATIC in his dealings.

- a) Practical
- b) Playful
- c) Casual
- d) Clever

11. The vehicle slowed down as they moved up the GRADIENT.

- a) Road with sharp bends
- b) Bumpy, uneven path
- c) Slope or incline
- d) Mountainous area

12. It is DEPLORABLE that millions of people in India are below the poverty line.

- a) Hateful
- b) Regrettable
- c) Undesirable
- d) Unpleasant

13. The government should PROSCRIBE that sort of literature.

- a) Rusticate
- b) Excommunicate
- c) Ban
- d) Outlaw

14. The volcano on the island is DORMANT.

- a) Cold
- b) Inactive
- c) Dangerous

## SYNONYMS PART II

1. The song had a SOPORIFIC effect on the child.

- a) Soothing
- b) Terrific
- c) Supreme
- d) Sleep-inducing

2. His ALLEGIANCE to the party was suspect from the very beginning

- a) Servility
- b) Obedience
- c) Loyalty
- d) Passivity

3. Sympathetic criticism has a SALUTARY effect.

- a) Premature
- b) Terrible
- c) Disastrous
- d) Beneficial

4. His bad behavior EVOKED punishment.

- a) Escaped
- b) called for
- c) produced
- d) summoned

5. Please do not give any more FLIMSY pretexts for not having done the work.

- a) Weak

- d) Old
15. A person who EQUIVOCATE should not be relied upon.
- Deceives others
  - Tells lies
  - Gives misleading statements
  - Flatters
16. The newspaper reports were MENDACIOUS.
- Mischievous
  - Truthful
  - Provocative
  - False
17. The priest pronounced BENEDICTION
- Good wishes
  - Blessings
  - Punishment
  - Appreciation
18. Her habits are INNOCUOUS.
- Useful
  - Injurious
  - Causing no harm
  - Bad
19. I INVEIGHED her for her different outlook.
- Criticized
  - Rebuked
  - Disliked
  - Appreciated
20. The youth was BEFOGGED when he was interrogated loudly by the police inspector.
- Terrified
  - Panicky
  - Surprised
  - Puzzled
21. The convict's INGENUOUS explanation brought tears in every eye.
- Candid
  - Secret
  - Insincere
  - Consistent
22. The ENORMITY of the population problem is irksome.
- Intensity
  - Vastness
  - Cruelty
  - Fragility
23. EXAGGERATION of facts would always lead to confusion.
- Simplification
  - Negation
  - Emancipation
  - Amplification
24. After his father's death, he became INSOLVENT.
- Rich
  - Poor
  - Bankrupt
  - Nonchalant
25. He INDUCES human beings to want things they don't want.
- Influences
  - Dictates
  - Persuades
  - Appreciates
26. His information is not AUTHENTIC.
- Real
  - Reliable
  - Believable
  - Genuine
27. He is not CUT OUT to be a teacher.
- Trained
  - Suited
  - Selected
  - Guided
28. The Chief Minister REPRIMANDED the officers for their methods of handling the public.
- Adulated
  - Scolded severely
  - Disapproved of
  - Suspended
29. Sin is the sole calamity that a wise man should APPREHEND.
- Give up
  - Discourage
  - Comprehend
  - Fear
30. We must be proud of our cultural HERITAGE
- Things we make for ourselves
  - Things we have lost
  - Things we have from the past
  - Things we do for others
31. MOMENTOUS changes are taking place in the social and economic life of India.
- Notorious
  - Momentary
  - Official
  - Enormous
32. His condition DETERIORATED day by day.
- Went bad
  - Grew worse
  - Went down
  - Grew bad
33. She is pretty INSIPID young lady.
- Clever
  - Lazy
  - Dull
  - Lean

34. It is the difficulty or SCARCITY of a thing that it makes it precious.
- Poverty
  - Absence
  - Insufficiency
  - Disappearance
35. We should not allow ADVERSITY to discourage us.
- Poverty
  - Darkness
  - Time of trouble
  - Unfriendly criticism
36. He is very OBLIGING by nature.
- Helpful
  - Nice
  - Thankful
  - Compelling
37. She thought that RUNNING INTO her old friend was a stroke of fate.
- Meeting by chance
  - Colliding
  - Travelling with
  - Quarrelling with
38. He was a CHARISMATIC leader.
- Exceptionally fascinating
  - Particularly popular
  - Compulsively pleasant
  - Strangely haunting
39. She was completely ENGROSSED in her work.
- Disturbed
  - Absorbed
  - Fatigued
  - Successful
40. He is an INDEFATIGABLE worker.
- Tired
  - Tireless
  - Brave
  - Skilful
41. When the police arrived, the thief \_\_\_\_\_ away.
- Strolled
  - Moved
  - Galloped
  - Ran
42. His \_\_\_\_\_ as an officer was quite satisfactory.
- Acting
  - Doing
  - Deed
  - Record
43. The two children stood at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the table.
- Conclusion
  - Terminal
  - End
  - Termination
44. The old man was \_\_\_\_\_ weak to open the door.
- Very
  - Far
  - Much
  - Too
45. We should always try to maintain and promote communal amity.
- Bondage
  - Contention
  - Friendship
  - Understanding
46. Many species of animals have become extinct during the last hundred years.
- Aggressive
  - Non-existent
  - scattered
  - feeble
47. True religion does not require one to proselytize through guile or force.
- Translate
  - Hypnotize
  - Attack
  - Convert
48. That the plan is both inhuman and preposterous needs no further proof.
- Heartless
  - Impractical
  - Absurd
  - Abnormal
49. The attitude of the Western countries towards the third-world countries is rather callous to say the least.
- Passive
  - Unkind
  - Cursed
  - Unfeeling
50. Whatever the verdict of history may be, Chaplin will occupy a unique place in its pages.
- Judgement
  - Voice
  - Outcome
  - Prediction
51. He corroborated the statement of his brother.
- Confirmed
  - Disproved
  - Condemned
  - Seconded
52. Whatever opinion he gives is sane.
- Rational
  - Obscure
  - Wild
  - Arrogant
53. The story is too fantastic to be credible.
- Believable

- b. False  
c. Readable  
d. Praiseworthy
54. Catching snakes can be hazardous for people untrained in the art.  
a. Tricky  
b. Harmful  
c. Difficult  
d. Dangerous
55. He was fired for negligence on duty.  
a. Relieved of his job  
b. Scolded  
c. Rebuked  
d. Attacked
56. Democracy is not the standardizing of everyone so as to obliterate all peculiarity.

- a. Demolish  
b. Extinguish  
c. Erase  
d. Change
57. Divine grace is truly ineffable.  
a. That which cannot be rubbed out  
b. Incapable of being understood  
c. That which is too great to be expressed in words  
d. Too powerful to be defeated
58. The convocation address was very edifying.  
a. Tedious  
b. In need of editing  
c. Instructive  
d. Exciting

<b><u>SYNONYMS</u></b>		22. D	46. D	70. C	18. C	41.D
<b><u>PART I</u></b>		23. A	47. C	71. D	19. A	42.D
1. C	24. D	48. C	72. D	20. D	43.C	
2. B	25. C	49. B	73. D	21. A	44.D	
3. D	26. D	50. B	74. A	22. B	45.C	
4. B	27. C	51. B	<b><u>SYNONYMS</u></b>	23. D	46.B	
5. B	28. B	52. C	<b><u>PART II</u></b>	24. C	47.D	
6. C	29. A	53. A	1. D	25. C	48.C	
7. B	30. D	54. B	2. C	26. D	49.D	
8. B	31. B	55. B	3. D	27. B	50.A	
9. C	32. C	56. D	4. B	28. B	51.A	
10. B	33. B	57. D	5. A	29. C	52.A	
11. B	34. A	58. B	6. B	30. C	53.A	
12. D	35. D	59. B	7. A	31. D	54.D	
13. B	36. B	60. D	8. A	32. B	55.A	
14. C	37. A	61. A	9. C	33. C	56.A	
15. B	38. C	62. D	10. A	34. C	57.C	
16. A	39. C	63. B	11. C	35. C	58.C	
17. C	40. B	64. C	12. B	36. A		
18. C	41. C	65. A	13. C	37.A		
19. B	42. C	66. C	14. B	38.A		
20. A	43. D	67. D	15. C	39.B		
21. B	44. C	68. A	16. D	40.B		
	45. B	69. C	17. B			