

TNPSC - Group IV - General English Key



. Match the words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.

Column A	Column B	Codes:						
(Words)	(Phrases)	a	b c	d				
a) Mark	1. misleading	A) 2 B) 1	4 2	3				
b) Seer	2. Listen to	c) 2	4 1	3				
c) Delusive	3. silenced	D) 3	2 1	4				
d) Squashed	4. visionary							

- 2. Choose the accurate antonym for the word 'Inquisitive':
 - A) Curious
 - B) Incurious
 - C) Notorious
 - D) Eager

3.	Match the correct	t prefix with the root words:	Cod	es:			
	a) Operate	1. Ig		а	b	c	đ
	b) Clear	2. Co	A)	2	3	4	1
	c) National	3. un	B)	2	3	1	4
	,		C)	3	2	4	1
	d) Noble	4. multi	D)	4	1	3	2

4. Match the following phrases:

A	В	Cod	es:			
(Phrases)	(Meaning)		\boldsymbol{a}	b	C	d
a) to take a new turn	1. in the middle of	A)	1	4	2	3
b) bereft of	2. to get used to	B)	3 3	4	2 4	1 4
c) to be accustomed to	3. to beging something	D)	1	2	4	3
d) in the midst of	4. deprived of	,				

5. Complete the sentence:

No other girl in the class is ____ Kamala.

- A) most clever as
- B) more clever as
- C) as clever as
- D) most cleverest



6. Match the following blending words in Column A with their meaning in Column B. Codes: Column A Column B d h \boldsymbol{c} a) Electro + execute 1. Medicare 3 4 1 A) 2 b) Breakfast + lunch 2. Mobike 2 B) 3 1 c) Motor + bike 3. Brunch 2 C) 4 1 d) Medical + care 4. Electrocute D) 3 1 7. Select correct Tense'. Gayathri ____ (work) in this school since 2001. A) is working B) works C) has been working D) had been working 8. Choose the correct conjunction from the options given below: He is old _____ he walks quickly. A) because B) or C) but D) so Codes: 9. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition: đ a) I agree ___ your proposal. 1. behind 3 2 1 A) b) Rani is worried ___ his health. 2. in 3 B) 4 2 1 c) My uncle will visit me ___ May. 3. about 2 3 4 C) 1 d) The cat hid ___ the door. 4. to D) 2 3 10. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence: Vani is going to school now, A) S V C B) S V O C) S V A A D) S V IO DO 11. Form a compound word using Noun + Adjective. A) Sun rise B) Post man C) Sky blue D) Down fall 12. Give the meaning of the idiom 'a bolt from the blue'. A) Extremely happy B) Have no patience

13. The Selfish Giant is a famous short story written by :

A) R.K. Narayanan

D) Put on airs

C) Unexpected surprize



	B) Khushwant Singh
	C) Ruskia Bound
	D) Oscar Wilde
14	built the palace.
14.	•
	A) The Pandiya
	B) The Chola
	C) The Pallava
	D) The Nayaks
15.	Gangadhar Rao married
	A) Manikarnika
	B) Mala
	C) Mathi
	D) Madhavi
	D) Madria 1
16.	"Kingdoms may forget their kings
	And dogs forget their bites
	But not till man forgets his wings
	Will men forget the wrights".
	Identify the poet:
	A) F. Joanna
	B) Jack Prelutsky
	C) Stephen Vincent Benet
	D) Paul Holmes
17.	"There is no power in the Tongue of Man
	To alter me I stay here on my Bond"
	utters these words.
	A) Portia
	B) Antony
	C) Shylock
	D) Bassanio
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18.	"Most heartily I do beseech the court to give judgement"
	These are the words of
	A) Antonio
•	B) Shylock
	C) Nerissa
	D) Bassanio
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10	In the line, "Harmonic cacophony to oblivious ears", 'Harmonic cacophony' is an example
1 Э.	of:
	A) Onomatopoeia
	B) Anaphora

C) Apostrophe



D) Oxymoron

21. Choose the correct answer and complete the following sentence: The twelve peach trees broke out into delicate blossoms of A) blue and pearl B) pink and pearl C) pink and white D) black and blue 22. It is twice blessed It blesseth him that gives and him that takes There are the words of A) Portia B) Shylock C) Antony D) Bassanio 23. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Prize for peace in: A) 1799 B) 1899 C) 1979 D) 1976 24. "Yes; quaint and curious war is! You shoot a fellow down" What is the meaning of the phrase "quaint and curious war" is: A) war is strange and old - fashioned B) war is praise worthy C) war is condemnable D) war is essential 25. In "The Model Millionaire' the servant brought Hughie a card when he was at A) lunch B) breakfast C) dinner D) tea	20.	"The globe's my world. The cloud's my kin?" Identify the figure of speech employed in the above line. A) Simile B) Metaphor C) Apostrophe D) Ellipsis
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	25.	A) lunch B) breakfast C) dinner

26. If you can force your heart and nerve and $\underline{\text{Sinew}}$

To serve your turn long after they are gone.

Find out the meaning for a underlined word from the options given below:



- A) limbs
- B) bone
- C) tendon
- D) Organs
- 27. He did not hate the ____ now, for he knew that it was merely the spring as sleep.
 - In 'The Selfish Giant' which season is considered by the giant as "spring asleep".
 - A) Autumn
 - B) Spring
 - C) Monsoon
 - D) Winter
- 28. Till the gossamer thread you Fling Catch somewhere, O my soul,

What Figure of speech can you find in the underlined part of the above line?

- A) Onomatopoeia
- B) Anaphora
- C) Oxymoron
- D) Apostrophe
- 29. In which poem do you find the following line?

"It isn't by size that you win or you Fail"

- A) O Captain! My Captain
- B) The Solitary Reaper
- C) Sonnet No 116
- D) Be the Best
- 30. Identify the statement which is not expressed by Dr. Karl Paulnack in his essay "Music The Hope Raiser".
 - A) Music is part of arts and entertainment.
 - B) Music is a basic need of human survival.
 - C) Music makes sense of our lives.
 - D) Music is a way for us to understand things with our hearts.
- 31. According to the Gokhale what requires whole-hearted devotion?
 - A) Acquiring knowledge
 - B) Spirit
 - C) Instances
 - D) Observation
- 32. Which of the following is not included as the main goals by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in his vision to achieve developed nation status in terms of the common people?
 - A) Transformation of our national economy.
 - B) Bringing all-round prosperity for the people of the country.
 - C) Empowering the nation by enhancing our military power.
 - D) Providing high standard education and health facilities to people.
- 33. The poem "You can't be that No You can't be that by Brain Patten is about



- A) The importance of education to children.
- B) The role of teachers in shaping the lives of students.
- C) Trusting, respecting and valuing our children as individuals.
- D) The need to appreciate nature for a happy life.

The appropriate answer may be (C) or (D)

34.	"You can't rob us of the rights we cherish"
	The above line is from the poem
	A) Cry of the Children
	B) The Man he killed
	C) Women's Rights
	D) O Captain! My Captain!
35.	When was Rabindranath Tagore born?
	A) 18 May 1861
	B) 17 May 1861
	C) 17 May 1816
	D) 17 June 1861
	The correct answer is 7 May 1861.
36.	A coarse cloak was flung over the shoulders of the old beggar at Alan Trevor's
	studio.
	A) Grey
	B) Black
	C) Blue
	D) Brown
37.	Crocodiles are more than years old.
	A) 300 million
	B) 400 million
	C) 200 million
	D) 100 million
38.	"On such an earth my footprints
	But I cannot reason why
	All human roads are dark and dry
	And all the other creatures die".
	Identify the author:
	A) David Roth
	B) Brian Patten

39. In which poem, do you find the following line?

C) AnonymousD) Leslie Norris



'Go over the recipe, step-by-step'.

- A) A Tiger in the Zoo
- B) The Apology
- C) To cook and eat
- D) No men are foreign
- 40. In which poem, do you find the following line?

The Splendid joy of the stars: the joy of the earth.

- A) My Native Land
- B) The Flying Wonder
- C) Laugh and be Merry
- D) To India
- 41. Identify the work which is written by William Wordsworth.

A) The Lyrical Ballads

- B) Hamlet
- C) The Good Earth
- D) Gitanjali
- 42. Match the characters in Column A with the story titles in Column B.

Column A	Column B	Cod	es:			
a) Sue	1. The Open Window	۸)	a	b	C	d
b) Ivan Dmitritch	2. The Last Leaf	A) B)	3	3 1	4	2
c) Monsieur Sauvage	3. Lottery Ticket	C)	2	1	4	3
d) Vera	4. Two Friends	D)	2	3	4	1

43. Match the characters in Column A with the story titles in Column B.

Column A Column B		Codes:					
a) Gomathi	1. Every living thing	A \	a	b	C	d	
b) Mr. Dick	2. Holiday	A) B)	3	4	4 1	4 2	
c) Mme Loisel	3. Reflowering	C)	3	2	4	1	
d) Bagha Bagdi	4. The Necklace	Ď)	3	2	1	4	

- 44. Choose the odd pair from these given below:
 - A) Bishrambar Holiday
 - B) Della The gift of Magi
 - C) Frisk Kaanchanai
 - D) Rowther Reflowering
- 45. The Poet Jack Prelutsky was born in:
 - A) New York
 - B) Brooklyn



- C) Lebanon
- D) United States

Jack Prelutsky was born in Brooklyn, New York (Either A or B)

46.	Match the name of the author with	the s'story:	Code	es:			
	a) The selfish Giant	1. Pearl S Buck		а	b	c	đ
	b) Out in the fields with God	2. Oscar Wilde	A)	2	4	1	3
	c) The Refugee	3. Anton Chekhov	B)	1		4	3
	d) The Lottery Ticket	4. Elizabeth	C)	3	2	1	4
	,	Barrett Browning	D)	4	2	1	3
47.	Choose the appropriate antonym of	the underlined word	from	the op	tions g	iven b	elow:
	"Her face had an expression of abso	olute <u>serenity</u> ".					
	A) Tranquility				X		
	B) Calmness						
	C) Peacefulness						
	D) Unquietness						
48.	Which nation does Stephen Vincent	t Benet belong to?					
	A) England	S					
	B) America						
	C) Russia						
	D) Africa	6					

49. Walt Whitman's, O Captain! My Captain!' is a _____ written for the death of Abraham Lincoln.

A) Dirge

- B) Sonnet
- C) Ballad
- D) Epic
- 50. Identify the poet who is not an Indian.
 - A) Famida Y. Basheer
 - B) Kamala Surayya
 - C) V.K. Gokak
 - D) James Kirkup
- 51. Which Nationality does the poet Famida Y Basheer belong to?
 - A) Lebanese
 - B) American
 - C) British
 - D) Indian
- 52. 'Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks'

Choose the poem where you find the above lines:

- A) A Sonnet for my incomparable Mother
- B) My Grand-Mother's House
- C) Sonnet No 116



- D) Nine Gold Medals
- 53. Identify the correct degree:

Very few cities in India are ____ (populous) Mumbai.

- A) as populous as
- B) more populous than
- C) the most populous
- D) populous as
- 54. In which year Einstein was given the Nobel Prize?
 - A) 1920
 - B) 1921
 - C) 1934
 - D) 1945
- 55. Match Column A with Column B to form gerunds in sentences:

A	В	Codes			
 \ D :	1 : 6 1:11	_ (ı b	C	đ
a) Earing too much	1. is forbidden	A) 4	3	1	2
b) Swimming	2. is dangerous	B) 3	3 4	2	1
c) Playing on the street	3. is bad for health	C) 2	2 3	4	1
d) Walking on the roof	4. is a pleasant hobby	D) 1	. 4	3	2

56. Rewrite the sentence in the passive voice:

The man completed his work. His master paid him.

- A) His work is completed by the man and he is paid by his master.
- B) His work was completed by the man and he was paid by his master.
- C) His work had completed by the man and he was paid by his master.
- D) His work has completed by the man and he has been paid by his master.
- 57. Identify the simple sentence from the following sentences:
 - A) I am sure that I will succeed
 - B) The boy saw the snake at once he ran
 - C) We reached station in time but the train had left
 - D) On waving the flag, the train started
- 58. Choose the sentence with has no error:
 - A) He is one of the talkative boys in the class.
 - B) He is one of the talkative boy in the class.
 - C) He is the talkative boys in the class.
 - D) He is one of the most talkative boy in the class.

The appropriate answer may be "He is one of the most talkative boys in the class".

59. Identify the sentence pattern:

One of the boys must go



	A) A S
	B) A S V
	C) S V
	D) S V A
60.	Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word from the options given: She is known for her humane attitude, <u>indomitable</u> will and fearless spirit. A) Weak B) Coward C) Strong D) Bold
<i>c</i> 1	
61.	The leader craved for the power to <u>redress</u> the grievances of the citizens under the care.
	Choose the correct meaning for the underlined word from the options given below:
	A) examine
	B) access C) introduct
	C) introspect
	D) remedy
62.	Select the correct question tag for the given sentence :
	Don't leave the fridge door open?
	A) Do you?
	B) Don't you?
	C) Will you?
	D) Won't you?
63.	What is Euphemism?
	A) In offensive word
	B) In the point of monotony
	C) Individual's name
	D) French word
<i>c</i> 1	
04.	Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word.
	Endowed as you are with a unique personality.
	A) cursed B) denied
	C) blessed
	D) abide
	D) ablac
65.	Read the sentence to identity grammatical error. If there is any error. Mark the part ///
	A, B, C or D as the case may be.
	Since you run fast you will not win the race
	A B C D
	A) D
	B) A



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C)	D

D	(C

66. "Democracy is for the people by the people and of people". Who said this?

A) Abraham Lincoln

- B) William Wordsworth
- C) Gandhiji
- D) Nehru
- 67. "The manager will cancel the meeting".

Find the correct 'phrasal verb' to the above underlined word.

- A) call on
- B) call out
- C) call in
- D) call off
- 68. Find the odd one out:
 - A) gradually
 - B) slowly
 - C) well
 - D) beautiful
- 69. "The reddest flower would look as pale as snow"

What is the figure of speech employed in his line?

- A) Metaphor
- B) Personification
- C) Simile
- D) Oxymoron
- 70. Which will take place of fears when some one keeps trying in the poem "keep on keeping on"?
 - A) worries
 - B) joy
 - C) motivation
 - D) success
- 71. ".... I'm not going to be an airport pilot, a dancer, a lawyer, or an MC". MC means _____.
 - A) Municipal Councilor
 - B) Municipal Contractor
 - C) Master of Ceremonies
 - D) Master of Chemistry
- 72. Match the following words from Shakespeare's English in Column A with their modern English equivalents in Column B.

 Codes:

Column A	Column B		а	b	c	đ
a) doth	1. you	A)	4	3	1	2
b) thy	2. do	B)	2	1	3	4
c) thou	3. your	C)	2	1	4	3
c) tilou	o. your	D)	4	3	2	1



d) dost	4. Does
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The appropriate answer may be (A).

73. '	'Ambition"	, according to _.	in <u>Julius</u>	Caesar	should	be	made	of	sterner	stuff.
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- A) Caesar
- B) Brutus
- C) First citizen
- D) Antony

74. The book "Ignited Minda" talks about

- A) Pranab Muharjee
- B) Abdul Kalam
- C) Chidambaram
- D) Narendra Modi
- 75. Dale Carnegie in his 'The Road to success' insists on saying 'no' generally because
 - A) you can stay away from working hard.
 - B) you can make others think high of yourself.
 - C) it is incompatible with the necessary work you must do to reach you main goal.
 - D) it is stressful to get involved in many activities.
- 76. The selfish giant loved the little boy the best because _____
 - A) he had understood him.
 - B) he had been kind to him.
 - C) he had given him food.
 - D) he had kissed him.

77. Match the titles of the poem 'A' with lines of the poem 'B'.

A	В	Coa				
	_		а	b	C	đ
a) Art is long and time is fleeting	1. English words	A)	4	2	3	1
b) Love's not time's fool	2. A Psalm of life	B)	3	2	4	1
c) Pinning for new agony	3. The man he killed	C)	2	4	1	3
d) Right many a ninner kin	4 Sonnet – 116	Dί	4	1	3	2

78. Success is not something to wait for; it is something to work for

Whose words are these?

- A) Jessica Cox
- B) Anne Sullivan
- C) Hellen Keller
- D) Ruskin Bond
- 79. "I'm sick of hearing them cheep-cheep"

What is the figure of speech employed here?

A) Metaphor



B) Onamatopoeia

- C) Personification
- D) Oxymoron
- 80. What does 'Hope Spencer' ask us to do when "Good luck is round the corner"?
 - A) To walk away from the place
 - B) To ignore it
 - C) To show a smiling face
 - D) To laugh at it
- 81. According to Karl Paulnack the first organised public expression of grief after the attack in 2011 of September 11th was
 - A) Public meeting
 - B) Prayer meeting
 - C) Concert
 - D) Peace rally
- 82. Match the following by understanding the meaning:

Word	Meaning	Cod	Codes:						
	· ·		а	b	C	đ			
a) Xenophobia	1. Fear of water	A)	4	2	3	1			
b) Bydrophobia	2. Fear of enclosed space		4	1	2	3			
c) Claustrophobia	3. Fear of heights	C)	2	1	4	3			
d) Acrophobia	4. Fear of strangers	Ď)	2	3	4	1			

83. Here comes our batting hero;

Salutes the crowd,

Takes guard.

Who is the author of this poem?

A) Ruskin Bond

- B) Douglas Malloch
- C) Hope Spencer
- D) Kamala Das
- 84. Who is the headman in the Lesson "After The Storm" by Deepa Agarwal?
 - A) Saruli

B) Diwan Singh

- C) Lal Singh
- D) Radha
- 85. The Pillared <u>Cloisters</u> beside the main structure have a series of deities and shivalingas worthy to be admired.

What is the meaning of underlined word Cloisters in the passage?

A) Art Gallery

B) Covered passages

- C) Beautiful carvings
- D) Monolithic statues
- 86. Which among the following is a story by O'Henry?



- A) The Tears of the Desert
- B) The Wooden Bown
- C) The Face of Judas Iscariot
- D) The Last Leaf
- 87. "The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,

From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won";

What does Walt Whitman refer by 'object won'?

- A) the end of voyage
- B) the end of the trip
- C) the end of a battle
- D) the end of the civil war
- 88. Which Nationality does the Poet Khalil Gibran belong to?
 - A) American
 - B) Lebanese
 - C) Canadian
 - D) British
- 89. Who among the following is not a British poet?
 - A) John Masfield
 - **B) Robert Frost**
 - C) D.H. Lawrence
 - D) Elizabeth Barret Browning
- 90. Match the following:

Title (story)	Author	Code				
a) Kaanchanai	1. Sundara Ramasamy	• •	a	b	c	d
b) Reflowering	2. Pudumalppittan	A) B)	4 2	3 1	2 4	1 3
c) The Necklace	3. Rabindranath Tagore	C)	1	3	2	4
d) Holiday	4. Guyde Mauppassant	D)	4	2	3	1

91. 'Mark'd how to explore the vacant vast surrounding'

What figure of speech can be identified in the above line from the poem, "The Nation United"?

- A) Oxymoron
- B) Assonance
- C) Synecdoche
- D) Alliteration
- 92. "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested;" Identify the author.
 - A) E.M. Forster
 - B) Francis Bacon
 - C) Ben Johnson
 - D) Jane Austine



93.	Annie Louisa Walker was ed	ucated in					
	A) Delhi B) Moscow						
	C) London						
	D) Ontario						
94.	"Ah darling, it's Behrman's	masterpiece – he painted	it ther	e the 1	night	that the	e last leaf
	fell".	1			J		
	Who said these words to who	om?					
	A) Behrman to doctor						7
	B) Sue to Johnsy						
	C) Johnsy to Sue D) Behrman to Sue						
	b) Belli lilali to Sue						
95.	"Why don't you join the othe	rs? What A peculiar child	vou ar	e?"			
, ,	Who said these words to Kar	-					
	A) Grandmother			X			
	B) Mother)			
	C) Teacher						
	D) Father	V					
96	'Here 'tis, most reverened Do	vetor'					
90.	Who is the 'doctor' here?	octor.					
	A) Shylock						
	B) Portia						
	C) Bassanio						
	D) Duke						
0.7							
97.	Who says this?						
	"My heart is in the coffin the And I must pause till it come						
	A) Calphurnia	Dack to IIIC.					
	B) Marcus Brutus						
	C) Octavius Caesar						
	D) Mark Antony						
	Match the names of the poe	ets under Column A with	Colun	nn B a	nd ch	oose th	ne correct
-	code:	0.1 5	Code	s:			_
	Column A	Column B	Δ)	a 4	b 2	c 3	d 1
	a) H.W. Long Fellow b) Annie Louisa Walker	 English Words A Noiseless 	A) B)	1	3	3 4	$\stackrel{1}{2}$
	oj Alline Louisa Walkel	Patient Spider	C)	3	4	2	1
	c) Walt Whitman	3. A Psalm of life	D)	2	3	1	4
	d) V.K. Gokak	4. Women's rights					

99. Identify the poem which is wrongly matched with its poet :

A) Piano

– D.H. Lawrence



B) Manliness — Rudyard Kipling

C) The Cry of the children — Robert Browning

D) The Man he killed — Thomas Hardy

100. Choose the impersonal passive voice statement :

A) His request had been rejected by Raja.

- B) Lots of things can be done on the internet.
- C) The nets are carried in boats by fishermen.
- D) The captain was scolded by George Washington.

