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**Entrance Examination for Admission to the P.G. Courses in the  
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**General Instructions**

1. The Question Paper is having 100 Objective Questions, each carrying one mark.
2. The answers are to be (✓) ‘tick marked’ **only** in the “**Response Sheet**” provided.
3. **Negative marking : 0.25 marks** will be deducted for each wrong answer .

**Time : 2 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 100**

To be filled in by the Candidate

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Choose appropriate answer from the options in the questions.

**(100 × 1 = 100 marks)**

1. The cosmic sound
  - A. Ahata
  - B. Anahata
  - C. Vaikhari
  - D. Pasyanthi

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2. Which one of the following is not a seat of music?  
A. Mysore    B. Trivandrum  
C. Thirupathy                                      D. Tnagar
  
3. Lord Nandikeswara is associated with which one of the following instruments?  
A. Mridangam                                      B. Pakhwaj  
C. Veena    D. Flute
  
4. Anandabhairavi is the janya of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 28<sup>th</sup>    B. 20<sup>th</sup>  
C. 56<sup>th</sup>    D. 23<sup>rd</sup>

5. The dhaivata taken by the raga Ranjini is
  - A. Sudha dhaivatha
  - B. chatussruti dhaivatha
  - C. Shadsruthi dhaivatha
  - D. None of the above
6. An obsolete musical form
  - A. Dhruva
  - B. Ragamala
  - C. Pada
  - D. Gita
7. Sangitha Saramritha was written by
  - A. Shahaji Maharaja
  - B. Govinda Dikshitar
  - C. Tulaja Maharaja
  - D. None
8. Ganakalaniyamam is prevailed in
  - A. Ghazals
  - B. Carnatic Music
  - C. Bhajans
  - D. Hindusthani Music
9. Gathraveena means
  - A. 24 fretted veena
  - B. Sarangi
  - C. Human voice
  - D. Music of Yazh
10. Vadyatrayas are
  - A. veena-venu-Mridangam
  - B. Ghatom- Ganjira-Morsing
  - C. Nagaswaram-flute-Magudi
  - D. None of the above
11. The title “nissanka” was conferred upon
  - A. Dr Balamuralikrishna
  - B. Muthayya Bhagavatar
  - C. Sarangadeva
  - D. Tulajaji

12. Which one of the following is gamaka?
- A. Vali
  - B. Ida
  - C. Para
  - D. Kural
13. The raga in which Dikshitar composed his first kriti
- A. Natta
  - B. Mayamalavagoula
  - C. Kannada
  - D. Keeravani
14. Which one is not invented by Muthayya Bhagavtar?
- A. Pasupathipriya
  - B. Budhamanohari
  - C. Niroshtha
  - D. Navarasakannada
15. Humpi is a place famous for
- A. Musical inscriptions
  - B. Stone pillars
  - C. Manuscripts
  - D. None
16. Navagraha kriti pertaining to the graha Jupiter (Vyazha) is
- A. Brihaspathe
  - B. Angarakam
  - C. Mahasuram
  - D. Sreesukrabhagavantham
17. Kalahastheesapancharatnam has been composed by
- A. Mahavaidyanatha Iyer
  - B. Kotteeswara Iyer
  - C. Veenakuppaiyer
  - D. Sreenivasa Iyer
18. Tha vaggeyakara mudra “Varadadasa” belongs to
- A. Pattanamsubramanya Iyer
  - B. Mahavaidyanatha Sivan
  - C. M.D. Ramanathan
  - D. Koteeswara Iyer

19. “Om Namo Narayana”... in Karnaranjini raga is a compilation of
- A. Gopalakrisna Bharathi
  - B. Ambujam Krishna
  - C. Papanasam Sivan
  - D. Maharajapuram Santhanam
20. Which one is included in the panchamukhas of Lord Siva?
- A. Vamadevam
  - B. Swadhishtanam
  - C. Pingala
  - D. Madhyama
21. Which one is not a stringed instrument?
- A. Thudi
  - B. Sitar
  - C. Sarod
  - D. Sarangi
22. In which of the following ragas Dikshitar has not composed compositions?
- A. Mayamalavagoula
  - B. Kalyani
  - C. Keeravani
  - D. Kharaharapriya
23. Which one of the following is not included in the Dasavidha gamakas?
- A. Kampitha
  - B. Ahata
  - C. Tripuchha
  - D. Mudritha
24. The value of poornasruthi is
- A. 81/80
  - B. 25/24
  - C. 242/253
  - D. 256/243
25. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Melakarta raga is
- A. Chalanatta
  - B. Gamanasrama
  - C. Hemavathi
  - D. Neetimati

26. Find the odd one out
- A. Shodasa Ganapati Kritis
  - B. Navagraha Kritis
  - C. Ghanaragapanchatatna kritis
  - D. Abhayamba kritis
27. In which raga Syamasastri has not composed Swarajathis?
- A. Yadukulakambhoji
  - B. Thodi
  - C. Kalyani
  - D. Bhairavi
28. The varna in which all the Dasavidhagamakas are portrayed
- A. Viriboni
  - B. Saraseejanabha
  - C. Samininne
  - D. Eranapai
29. Who among the following is a Malayalam composer?
- A. Kuttikunji Thankachi
  - B. Balamuralikrishna
  - C. Papanasam Sivan
  - D. GNB
30. Pick out the ghanaraga from the list
- A. Mandu
  - B. Goula
  - C. Malahari
  - D. Ghanta
31. Find the odd one out
- A. Pallavi
  - B. Charanam
  - C. Madhyamakala sahityam
  - D. Sangati
32. Who among the following is “Thallapakam composer”?
- A. Purandaradasa
  - B. Kanakadasa
  - C. Annamacharya
  - D. Govindacharya

33. “Syamakrishna” is the mudra of  
A. Venkadakavi  
B. Kunnakkudi Krishna Iyer  
C. Gopalakrishna Bharathy  
D. Syamasastri
34. The kriti “Mokshamugalada” is set in  
A. Brindavanasaranga                            B. Madhyamavathy  
C. Saramathy                                      D. Bahudhari
35. Natabhairavi takes  
A. Suddhadhaivatha  
B. Chatussrutidhaivatha  
C. Shadruthi dhaivatha  
D. Dhaivata absent in the raga
36. A kriti having chittaswaram  
A. Himagiritanaye                              B. Eranapai  
C. Devadeva kalayami                         D. None
37. “Karnataka sangita pitamaha” is  
A. Muthayya bhagavatar                        B. Tyagaraja  
C. Purandaradasa                                D. Anamayya
38. Whose name is prefixed with the word “pallavi”?  
A. Gopala Iyer                                    B. Ponnayya pillai  
C. Annamacharya                                 D. Chowdayya
39. The raga which portrays the feeling of patriotism  
A. Sahana                                         B. Dvijavanthi  
C. Desh    D. Kapi

40. Hindustani equivalent of Harikambhoji raga  
 A. Yaman    B. Kamaj  
 C. Bhairav                                        D. Aahirbhairav
41. Find out the odd one  
 A. Drupad    B. Khayal  
 C. Thumri    D. Pakhwaj
42. A swanama mudrakara  
 A. swathi thirunal                              B. dikshitar  
 C. tyagaraja                                      D. subramanyaiyer
43. An instrument with 100 strings  
 A. Sitar     B. Santoor  
 C. Sarangi                                        D. Harmonium
44. Which raga was prefixed to the name of Patnam Subramanya Iyer?  
 A. Sahana                                        B. Thodi  
 C. Begada                                        D. Kalgada
45. The simplest songs are called  
 A. Geethas                                        B. Swarajathis  
 C. Jathiswarams                                D. Nottuswaras
46. The basic scale of Hindustani music is  
 A. Sankarabharana  
 B. Mayamalavagoula  
 C. Keeravani  
 D. Thodi
47. Which one is not a panchama varjya raga?  
 A. Sivasakthi                                     B. Hindolam  
 C. Hamsanandi                                    D. Jayantaseee

48. A swarantara raga  
A. Lavangi    B. Lathangi  
C. Abhogi    D. Sreeranjini
49. Tanjore veena took its present shape during the reign of  
A. Mahendravarman    B. Raghunatha Naik  
C. Tulajaji    D. Shahaji Maharaja
50. The author of “Swaramelekalanidhi” is  
A. Narada    B. Bharata  
C. Ramamatya    D. Matanga
51. Which among the following is a shadava raga?  
A. Hamsadhwani    B. Madhyamavathi  
C. Hindolam    D. Sreeranjini
52. Thiruvottiyur Pancharatnam was composed by  
A. Muthuswami Dikshitar  
B. Swathithirunal  
C. Tyagaraja  
D. Syamasastri
53. The famous lullaby “omanathingalkidavo” was written by  
A. Bhadrachalam Ramdas  
B. Kuttikkunjithankachy  
C. Thulaseevanam  
D. Irayimman Thampi
54. Who is not a vocalist?  
A. Dr. Balamuralikrishna  
B. Bhimsen Joshi  
C. Pt. Ravisankar  
D. Ramnad Krishnan

55. What is the term for the ascending scale of a raga?
- A. Sanchara                                    B. Bahudhari
- C. Arohana                                    D. None of the above
56. What is meant by a Kriti in Carnatic music?
- A. A musical phrase                            B. Manodharna
- C. A type of raga                              D. A musical composition
57. What is the role of Tampura in Carnatic Music?
- A. Drone accompaniment
- B. Tala accompaniment
- C. Musical accompaniment
- D. Providing Percussion accompaniment
58. Which note is known as the tonic note?
- A. madhyasthayi panchama
- B. tharasthayi madhyama
- C. madhyasthayi shadja
- D. none
59. What is the term denoting the ornamentation of notes in Carnatic music?
- A. Sthayi                                        B. Pallavi
- C. Gamaka                                        D. Virama
60. The term “laya” denotes
- A. the speed of the composition
- B. the pallavi of the composition
- C. the raga of the composition
- D. the melodic beauty of the composition
61. Which of the following denotes a type of laya?
- A. Druta                                        B. Vilambita
- C. Madhya                                        D. All the above

62. The first sung musical form in a concert
- A. Kriti
  - B. Viruttam
  - C. Varnam
  - D. Ragamalika
63. The composition “Nagumomu” is composed by
- A. Muthuswami Dikshitar
  - B. Tyagaraja
  - C. Syamasastri
  - D. Seshanna
64. Which is the percussion instrument commonly used in Carnatic Music?
- A. Mridangam
  - B. Ganjira
  - C. Ghatom
  - D. All of the above
65. What is raga alapana?
- A. improvisation based on raga
  - B. rendering a kriti in conformation with the raga
  - C. a type of swara
  - D. explaining the notes of the raga
66. Which one is not a part of manodharma sangita?
- A. raga Alapana
  - B. tana
  - C. anupallavi
  - D. kalpanaswara
67. Tyagaraja composed kritis in
- A. Tamil
  - B. Telugu
  - C. Malayalam
  - D. Urudu
68. Madhyamakala sahithya is usually found in the compositions of
- A. Tyagaraja
  - B. Venkitamakhi
  - C. Muttuswami diskhitar
  - D. None of the above

69. Who is not a Carnatic vocalist?

- A. M.S. Subbalakshmi
- B. D.K. Pattamal
- C. M.I. Vasanthakumari
- D. Narmada Gopalakrishnan

70. Who is not a violinist?

- A. M.S. Gopalakrishnan
- B. K.S. Gopalakrishnan
- C. Lalgudi Jayaraman
- D. Gopalakrishnabharathy

71. “ennathavamseithane” is composed by

- A. Periyaswami Thooran
- B. Ambujan Krishna
- C. Papanasam Sivan
- D. Neelakanta Sivan

72. Who among the following does not belong to the Tanjore quartette?

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| A. Ponnayya | B. Chinnayya |
| C. Vadivelu | D. Anayya    |

73. The raga which makes rain

- |                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| A. Neelambari     | B. Amruthavahini   |
| C. Anandabhairavi | D. Amrithavarshini |

74. What will be the concluding piece in a concert?

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|------------|---------------|
| A. Varnam  | B. ragamalika |
| C. tillana | D. Mangalam   |

75. Sound vibrations per second is

- |            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| A. Sruthis | B. Frequency |
| C. Laya    | D. Gamaka    |

76. Which one is not a musical form?

- A. Gamaka
- B. Kriti
- C. Varna
- D. Tillana

77. Total number of melakarta ragas is

- A. 76
- B. 78
- C. 72
- D. 73

78. Who composed compositions in Goddess Meenakshi?

- A. Dikshitar
- B. Tyagaraja
- C. Syamasastri
- D. Ghanam Krishna Iyer

79. Who composed compositions based on the theme of Madhurabhakti?

- A. Tyagaraja
- B. Meerabai
- C. Muthuswami Dikshitar
- D. None

80. Another name for Eduppu

- A. Graham
- B. Ratnam
- C. Ghanam
- D. Sthayi

81. Complicated rhythmic patterns come in

- A. Padam
- B. Jawali
- C. Keertanam
- D. Tillana

82. A mangala raga

- A. Surutti
- B. Kannada
- C. Kambhoji
- D. Bilahari

83. What is designated as a skeleton of a raga?

- A. Arohana and avarohana
- B. Swarasthanas
- C. Dasavidhagamakas
- D. None of the above

84. The favourite deity of Tyagaraja

- A. Lord Vishnu
- B. Goddess Kamakshi
- C. Lord Sreerama
- D. Lord Anjaneya

85. Varnas are

- A. Musical forms meant for dance
- B. Musical forms meant for singing
- C. Both for dance and music
- D. None

86. What is termed for exposition of raga?

- A. Kalpanaswara
- B. Pallavi exposition
- C. Alapana
- D. Tana

87. Niraval can be attempted for

- A. a meaningful pada of any section of a kriti which provides scope for elaboration
- B. pallavi of kriti only
- C. charana of kriti only
- D. none

88. Who composed mostly in Sanskrit?

- A. Muthuswami Dikshitar
- B. Tyagaraja
- C. Ambujam Krishna
- D. Periyaswami Thooran

89. A decorative anga found in kritis

- A. Chittaswara
- B. Sangati
- C. Solkattu
- D. All of the above

90. Carnatic music is based on
- A. Melody
  - B. Harmony
  - C. Symphony
  - D. Polyphony
91. Who composed swarajathis?
- A. Tyagaraja
  - B. Dikshitar
  - C. Annamacharya
  - D. Syamasasthri
92. Which one is an upapakkavadya?
- A. Mridangam
  - B. Violin
  - C. Ghatom
  - D. None
93. Which one is a long musical form?
- A. Padam
  - B. Thillana
  - C. Varnam
  - D. Mangalam
94. What is the lower variety of nishadam called?
- A. kaisikinishadam
  - B. kakali nishadam
  - C. tharansishadam
  - D. chyutha shadja nishadam
95. Compositions on shodasaganapati are composed by
- A. Muthuswami Dikhsitar
  - B. Muthayya Bhagavatar
  - C. Syamasasthri
  - D. None
96. Sudha Raghunathan is a
- A. carnatic violinist
  - B. carnatic vocalist
  - C. playback singer
  - D. nagaswaram player

97. A mnemonic phrase related to the concept of grahabheda in music

- A. srutimatha laya pitha
- B. mathapitha guru daivam
- C. sankharathodikalyaniharinata
- D. none

98. Lakshana gita explains

- A. the lakshana of a gita
- B. the lakshana of a raga
- C. the lakshana of a musical form
- D. all of the above

99. A distinctive feature of Carnatic music is

- A. raga system
- B. gamaka
- C. tala system
- D. all of the above

100. The gita “varaveena” in mohana raga is composed on

- A. Goddess Meenakshi
  - B. Goddess Tripura sundari
  - C. Goddess Saraswathy
  - D. Goddess Chamundi
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### RESPONSE SHEET

1	A    B    C    D    E	26	A    B    C    D    E	51	A    B    C    D    E	76	A    B    C    D    E
2	A    B    C    D    E	27	A    B    C    D    E	52	A    B    C    D    E	77	A    B    C    D    E
3	A    B    C    D    E	28	A    B    C    D    E	53	A    B    C    D    E	78	A    B    C    D    E
4	A    B    C    D    E	29	A    B    C    D    E	54	A    B    C    D    E	79	A    B    C    D    E
5	A    B    C    D    E	30	A    B    C    D    E	55	A    B    C    D    E	80	A    B    C    D    E
6	A    B    C    D    E	31	A    B    C    D    E	56	A    B    C    D    E	81	A    B    C    D    E
7	A    B    C    D    E	32	A    B    C    D    E	57	A    B    C    D    E	82	A    B    C    D    E
8	A    B    C    D    E	33	A    B    C    D    E	58	A    B    C    D    E	83	A    B    C    D    E
9	A    B    C    D    E	34	A    B    C    D    E	59	A    B    C    D    E	84	A    B    C    D    E
10	A    B    C    D    E	35	A    B    C    D    E	60	A    B    C    D    E	85	A    B    C    D    E
11	A    B    C    D    E	36	A    B    C    D    E	61	A    B    C    D    E	86	A    B    C    D    E
12	A    B    C    D    E	37	A    B    C    D    E	62	A    B    C    D    E	87	A    B    C    D    E
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16	A    B    C    D    E	41	A    B    C    D    E	66	A    B    C    D    E	91	A    B    C    D    E
17	A    B    C    D    E	42	A    B    C    D    E	67	A    B    C    D    E	92	A    B    C    D    E
18	A    B    C    D    E	43	A    B    C    D    E	68	A    B    C    D    E	93	A    B    C    D    E
19	A    B    C    D    E	44	A    B    C    D    E	69	A    B    C    D    E	94	A    B    C    D    E
20	A    B    C    D    E	45	A    B    C    D    E	70	A    B    C    D    E	95	A    B    C    D    E
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23	A    B    C    D    E	48	A    B    C    D    E	73	A    B    C    D    E	98	A    B    C    D    E
24	A    B    C    D    E	49	A    B    C    D    E	74	A    B    C    D    E	99	A    B    C    D    E
25	A    B    C    D    E	50	A    B    C    D    E	75	A    B    C    D    E	100	A    B    C    D    E

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