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**Common Entrance Examination for Admission to Four Year Under  
Graduate Programmes in the Teaching Departments of the  
University of Kerala, 2025**

**CSS  
ENGLISH**

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**General Instructions**

1. The Question Paper is having **40 Objective Questions**, each carrying **Four marks**.
2. The answers are to be (✓) 'tick marked' **only** in the "Response Sheet" provided.
3. **Negative marking : 1 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer .**

**Time : 1 Hour****Max. Marks : 160**

To be filled in by the Candidate

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Choose appropriate answer from the options in the questions.

**(40 × 4 = 160 marks)**

1. Which of the following best reflects the meaning of the phrase "to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield"?
  - A. To obey without question
  - B. To search passively for meaning
  - C. To pursue goals relentlessly
  - D. To rest and reflect

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2. The expression “I wish I had worked harder” implies:
- A. a present intention
  - B. a past regret
  - C. a conditional future
  - D. an apology
3. In the line ‘The crown must tumble down,’ the word ‘crown’ is an example of:
- A. Simile
  - B. Oxymoron
  - C. Metonymy
  - D. Hyperbole

4. The fictional school Hogwarts is located in which book series?
- A. The Chronicles of Narnia
  - B. Percy Jackson
  - C. Lord of the Rings
  - D. Harry Potter
5. Who is the author of *Things Fall Apart*, a novel exploring colonialism in Africa?
- A. Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o
  - B. Chinua Achebe
  - C. Wole Soyinka
  - D. Nadine Gordimer
6. Which character is NOT from a Shakespeare play?
- A. Prospero
  - B. Lady Macbeth
  - C. Pip
  - D. Portia
7. Which novel begins with the line: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...'?
- A. A Tale of Two Cities
  - B. Oliver Twist
  - C. David Copperfield
  - D. Great Expectations
8. Which of the following pairs is correctly matched?
- A. Sonnet – 10 lines
  - B. Tragedy – Happy ending
  - C. Epic – Long narrative poem
  - D. Haiku – 5-line poem
9. Which of the following best defines a metaphor?
- A. A comparison using 'like' or 'as'
  - B. A direct comparison between two unrelated things
  - C. A repetition of consonant sounds
  - D. A figure of speech that exaggerates reality

10. Choose the grammatically correct sentence using an infinitive:
- A. He suggested to go early
  - B. She decided going to college
  - C. They agreed to attend the function
  - D. I enjoy to sing in public
11. Select the correct sentence with subject-verb agreement:
- A. Each of the players have a jersey
  - B. Either my father or my brothers is coming
  - C. Neither the teacher nor the students was absent
  - D. The team of doctors is ready
12. Choose the sentence in passive voice:
- A. The teacher had corrected the papers
  - B. The papers have been corrected by the teacher
  - C. The teacher is correcting the papers
  - D. The teacher will correct the papers
13. Choose the appropriate cohesive device: The team failed to submit the draft on time. \_\_\_\_\_, they were disqualified from the competition.
- A. However
  - B. In addition
  - C. Therefore
  - D. On the contrary
14. Choose the sentence with the correct use of a conditional clause:
- A. If I would have seen him, I would have called.
  - B. If I had seen him, I would have called.
  - C. If I saw him, I would have called.
  - D. If I see him, I would have called.

15. Identify the error in the sentence: Neither the students nor the teacher have brought the books.
- A. Subject-verb agreement error
  - B. Incorrect conjunction
  - C. Tense error
  - D. No error
16. Choose the word that best fits the sentence: Her response was so \_\_\_\_\_ that no one could understand what she meant.
- A. lucid
  - B. ambiguous
  - C. articulate
  - D. eloquent
17. Identify the correct usage of the idiom 'barking up the wrong tree'.
- A. He shouted at the dog instead of the thief.
  - B. She misunderstood the reason for the failure.
  - C. He refused to cut the tree.
  - D. The gardener planted the wrong sapling.
18. Which of the following is the most formal way to begin a letter of application?
- A. Hi, I'm writing for the job.
  - B. Dear Sir/Madam,
  - C. Hey there!
  - D. To whom it may bother.
19. Which one of the following would be most appropriate for a cause-and-effect paragraph?
- A. For instance
  - B. As a result
  - C. In contrast
  - D. In addition
20. Which literary device is used in the phrase "deafening silence"?
- A. Simile
  - B. Hyperbole
  - C. Oxymoron
  - D. Alliteration

21. Who among the following is considered a pioneer of Indian English fiction?  
A. Salman Rushdie  
B. Arundhati Roy  
C. R.K. Narayan  
D. Vikram Seth
22. The repetition of "Good fences make good neighbours" in Frost's Mending Wall functions as:  
A. Satirical humour  
B. A metaphor  
C. A refrain  
D. A contradiction
23. Choose the sentence with correct punctuation:  
A. "Can you believe it?" he asked.  
B. "Can you believe it"? he asked.  
C. "Can you believe it", he asked.  
D. "Can you believe it", he asked?
24. Select the appropriate tag: Let's go for a walk,  
A. will we?  
B. shall we?  
C. won't we?  
D. don't we?
25. A blurb for a book typically includes:  
A. The price of the book  
B. Personal diary entries  
C. A short, dramatic summary with author details  
D. Chapter-by-chapter breakdown
26. Which word is spelled incorrectly?  
A. Accommodate  
B. Definately  
C. Separate  
D. Receive
27. Choose the correct sentence using "would rather":  
A. I would rather to stay home than going out.  
B. I would rather stay home than go out.  
C. I would rather staying home than going out.  
D. I would rather stayed home than go out.

28. Identify the sentence that shows an unreal future wish:
- A. I wish it would stop raining soon.
  - B. I wish it had stopped raining.
  - C. I wish it stops raining now.
  - D. I wish it is not raining.
29. The CEO as well as the board members \_\_\_\_\_ attending the meeting.
- A. is
  - B. are
  - C. have
  - D. has
30. There's no point \_\_\_\_\_ John to come with us. He always says no.
- A. to ask
  - B. in asking
  - C. to asking
  - D. in ask
31. The pain hidden \_\_\_\_\_ the layers of patience burns like a fire.
- A. Under
  - B. Into
  - C. Over
  - D. Beneath
32. Give a synonym for impediment.
- A. Facilitator
  - B. Aid
  - C. Help
  - D. Obstruction
33. Identify the meaning of the phrase 'get by'.
- A. To pass
  - B. To endure or survive
  - C. To impress others
  - D. To progress quickly through an obstacle.
34. Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2024 Crossword Book Awards?
- A. Ankur Warikoo
  - B. Pratibha Ray
  - C. Amitav Ghosh
  - D. Kiran Desa

35. Which 2024 novel by Raj Kamal Jha addresses themes of misinformation and societal unrest during the pandemic?
- A. Welcome to Paradise
  - B. The Patient in Bed No. 12
  - C. Ma is Scared
  - D. Maria, Just Maria
36. In *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Aslan is often seen as an allegorical representation of:
- A. Time
  - B. Death
  - C. Christ
  - D. Nature
37. In *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, what is the name of the goblin who helps Harry at Gringotts?
- A. Griphook
  - B. Kreacher
  - C. Winky
  - D. Dobby
38. What literary movement most influenced the fantasy tradition in children's literature, including works like *The Hobbit* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?
- A. Romanticism
  - B. Realism
  - C. Modernism
  - D. Naturalism
39. Who is the author of *Tomb of Sand*, the first Hindi novel to win the International Booker Prize (2022), translated into English by Daisy Rockwell?
- A. Geetanjali Shree
  - B. Kiran Desai
  - C. Anuk Arudpragasam
  - D. Avni Doshi
40. Which novel by Perumal Murugan was longlisted for the JCB Prize and explores the symbolic tale of a man who stops speaking?
- A. Seasons of the Palm
  - B. Poonachi
  - C. Trial by Silence
  - D. One Part Woman



## RESPONSE SHEET

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