English Core  
(Class XI)  

(Reading Comprehension & Note Making)  
Marks : 14

1) Read the following passage and answer the questions from 1 to 05 :

Edison was born on 11th February, 1847 in America. He was a great scientist. At the age of eighteen he set up his laboratory. He made several experiments and invented how to send more than one message along a wire. He invented talking machine, electric bulb, electric fan, improved telegraphy, telephone and typewriter. He produced the first talking film. He was a good employer and was sympathetic to his employees. He had to leave many jobs because no one except Milliken liked him. With the help of General Lefferts he established a factory. He had helped him with 40,000 dollar for it. There he invented the device that talked. It was most funny.

1. Edison was a .....................  
   (a) teacher     (b) Scientist    (c) Philosopher     (d) Doctor

2. What did he invent?  
   (a) Electric bulb, Electric fan, microscope, telephone  
   (b) Telephone, typewriter, computer, electric fan  
   (c) Electric bulb, electric fan, telephone, typewriter  
   (d) Microwave oven, microscope, telephone, computer

3. With the help of General Lefferts, he .........................  
   (a) Opened a shop     (b) established a factory  
   (c) bought a house     (d) bought a car

4. Give the meaning of 'several'.  
   (a) Few       (b) various     (c) less      (d) Scarce

5. General Lefferts had helped Edison with .................. to set up a factory.  
   (a) Rs. 40,000   (b) 40,000 dollar  
   (c) Rs 1 lakh    (d) 10,000 dollar

6. In note-making, notes are written only in  
   (a) Sentences    (b) Phrases     (c) Noun clauses    (d) Adverbial clauses.

7. Notes should be in ............... form.  
   (a) Narrative    (b) Descriptive  
   (c) Short       (d) Abbreviated
Section – B
(Writing) Marks : 10)

8. A Formal letter starts with
   (a) Date       (b) Sender’s Address   (c) Receiver’s Address   (d) Subject

9. Letters to the Editor are written to
   (a) Newspaper   (b) School       (c) College         (d) Club

10. Reporting of an event is done as-
    (a) First hand information  (b) Third hand information
    (c) Second hand information  (d) None of the above

11. The purpose of Invitation is to-
    (a) invite   (b) Scold       (c) praise         (d) play

12. While writing Articles, where should the writer mention his/her name?
    (a) At the top   (b) At the end   (c) Both (a) and (b)   (d) None

Section – C
(Grammar) Marks : 10)

13. Choose the grammatically correct sentence for the given jumbled words.

   Physical exercise/for/essential /is/ health/ good
   (a) Physical exercise essential is for good health.
   (b) Good health is essential for physical exercise
   (c) Physical exercise is essential for good health.
   (d) Good health essential is for physical exercise.

Fill in the blanks from the given options (Question 14-16)

14. Poritosh is ............ honourable man. (Determiner)
    (a) a      (b) the     (c) an      (d) none

15. I ............ a letter when the bell rang.
    (a) was written    (b) was writing   (c) wrote    (d) is writing

16. ............ you please stop talking?
    (b) will         (b) should       (c) must      (d) shall

17. I am knowing you. (Choose the correct one from the following)
    (c) I knowing you.  (b) I is knowing you.
    (c) I are knowing you. (d) I know you.

Section – D
(Literature) Marks : 56

Read the following extract and answer the questions from 18 to 21.

A sweet face,
My mother’s, that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet.

18. The sweet face the photograph shown was:
    (a) that of narrator’s cousin       (b) narrator’s father
    (c) narrator’s mother        (d) narrator’s brother
19. The photograph was taken when:
   (a) the narrator was about twelve  (b) about twelve years ago
   (c) the narrator was a child      (d) the narrator was not even born.

20. They were standing:
   (a) on the beach           (b) near a river
   (c) near a canal           (d) on a rock

21. The word ‘transient’ shows:
   (b) Changing nature of the sea  (b) Permanent feature of the sea
   (c) their momentary or ephemeral life (d) Changing life of man

22. Which month of the year has been mentioned in the poem “The Laburnum Top”?
   (a) November               (b) October          (c) September  (d) August

23. The poet ‘Walt Whitman’ asks a question, “And who art thou?” who does ‘thou’ refer to?
   (a) the moon light          (b) the sun shine   (c) the earth    (d) the shower

24. Who is the poet of the poem ‘Childhood’?
   (a) Elizabeth Jennings  (b) Shirley Toulson
   (c) Markus Natten        (d) William Wordsworth

25. There was no sign of ............. between the father and the son.
   (a) Understanding         (b) misunderstanding
   (c) both (a) and (b)      (d) None of the above

26. What is the bird’s movement compared to -
   (a) To the movement of a snake  (b) To the movement of a lizard
   (c) To the movement of a Cat    (d) To the movement of a tortoise

27. “I give back life to my origin.” Who is the speaker?
   (a) the earth       (b) the poet       (c) the poem      (d) the shower

28. Why did the grandmother not accompany the author to his school in the city?
   (a) The author now went to school by his bicycle
   (b) The author now went to school in a motor-bus
   (c) The author now went to school in a rickshaw
   (d) None of the above

29. What did the sparrows do when the dead body of the grandmother was carried off?
   (a) They went with the funeral procession
   (b) They chirruped loudly
   (c) They flew away quietly       (d) None of the above.

30. What was the name of the boat which the author had built for his voyage?
   (a) Wavesurfer    (b) WAVewriter     (c) Wavemaker   (d) Wavetalker

31. Who accompanied the writer in his round the world voyage?
   (a) His daughter Sznanne  (b) His wife Mary  (c) His son Jon  (d) All these three.
32. The place where Egyptian kings were buried is known as .................
   (a) Graveyard of pharaohs     (b) Graveyard of Kings
   (c) Valley of Kings           (d) Valley of pharaohs

33. Who created the Rock Garden of Chandigarh?
   (a) Nanak Chand               (b) Kabir Chand
   (c) Nek Chand                 (d) Ashish Chand.

34. Milli sends Taplow to .................
   (a) Confectionary     (b) bakery     (c) laundry     (d) chemist

35. What is Gangadharpan Gaitonde a professor of?
   (a) Hindi          (b) Politics     (c) History     (d) Economics

36. Name the author of the lesson ‘Silk Road’.
   (a) Khushwant Singh      (b) Nick Middleton
   (c) Jayant Narlikar      (d) None of the above

37. The World’s first nationwide Green Party was founded in ..............
   And that has made all the difference.
   (a) USA              (b) Russia
   (c) South Africa     (d) New Zealand

38. Where did Aram and Mourad hide the stolen white horse?
   (a) In Aram’s house     (b) In a deserted vineyard
   (c) In John Byro’s farmhouse (d) None of the above

39. Who wrote the story ‘The Address’?
   (a) Vikram Seth      (b) William Saroyan
   (c) Amitav Ghosh     (d) Marga Minco

40. Ranga Swaraj Ratna for the first time at -
   (a) Gundabhatta’s house (b) narrator’s house
   (c) Shastri’s house    (d) Rama Rao’s house

41. According to Albert Einstein, what was more important in education?
   (a) dates          (b) facts       (c) Ideas       (d) Knowledge

42. In the story Mother’s day, who is the most neglected person in the family?
   (a) grandparents (b) children    (c) Father       (d) mother

43. Shahid was a .................
   (a) Doctor    (b) Painter     (c) dancer     (d) Poet

44. Who did the doctor decide to save first in the story ‘Birth’?
   (a) the mother    (b) the child    (c) both (a) and (b)  (d) none of the above

45. Who was hanged finally in the poem ‘The Tale of Melon City?’
   (a) The noose     (b) the king     (c) the arch     (d) the fool.
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