

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with blue hair, wearing a blue shirt, and holding a book. He is positioned behind the text.

**WBCS PRELIMS
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FILL IN THE BLANKS

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1. He spends hours _____ the phone everyday. (2022)

- a) At b) on c) with d) in

2. Ram and his brothers were four in _____.

- a) Quantity b) number c) numbers d) totality

3. What are you worrying _____?

- a) To b) with c) for d) about

4. He works _____ an insurance company.

- a) For b) at c) in d) with

5. He died _____ dengue.

- a) With b) from c) of d) by

6. She had no control _____ her temper.

- a) On b) with c) over d) after

7. I like _____ pictures. (correct gerund)

- a) Painting b) painted
c) To paint d) paint

8. He presided _____ the meeting. (2021)

- a) Over b) At c) In d) For

9. She _____ from the bus and walked to the back-gate.

- a) Boarded b) Stepped c) Moved d) Alighted

10. While I _____ in the library, someone threw a ball through the window.

- a) Was sitting b) Was seated
c) Had been sitting d) Am sitting

11. He is taller than you _____ two inches.

- a) With b) Of c) In d) by

12. The ship, with its crew, _____ lost.

- a) Were b) Was c) Were getting d) Was being

13. He was offended _____ me unjustly.

- a) At b) For c) With d) Towards

14. 'La Gioconda' (Mona Lisa) is _____ unique work of art.

- a) The b) An c) A d) This

15. He solved the _____ problem. (2020)

- a) Hardly b) Hard c) Hardlier d) Hardliest

16. He deals _____ cosmetic goods.

- A) Of (B) with (C) in (D) on

17. He can not cope _____ this pressure.

- (A) Up (B) with (C) in (D) for

18. What is the time _____ your watch?

- (A) By (B) in (C) with (D) on

19. He will reach home _____ at night.

- (A) Lately b) Late c) Later d) Latest

20. We sat _____ the shade of the tree.

- (A) Under (B) Below (C) in (D) through

21. Babies _____ when they are hungry.

- (A) Cries (B) cried (C) are crying (D) cry

22. I need a _____ note.

- (A) Five hundred rupees (B) Five hundred rupee
(C) Five hundreds rupees (D) Five hundreds rupee.

23. We _____ our dinner last night.

- (A) Have taken (B) Took (C) Had taken (D) take

24. I _____ the patient will die.

- (A) Hope (B) Think (C) See (D) Am afraid

25. Never _____ upon the marginalized. (phrasal verb)

- (A) Look over (B) Look down (C) Look through (D) Look into

26. _____ are still tortured in remote villages.

- (A) Daughter-in-laws (B) Daughters-in-laws
(C) Daughters-in-law (D) Daughter-in-law

27. I was sure I _____ meet him.

- (A) Would (B) Will (C) Shall (D) Should

28. The detective suddenly _____ a useful clue. (2019)

- (A) gave in (B) came across
(C) fill up (D) fell down

29. My watch is five minutes _____.

- (A) slow (B) lately (C) past (D) late

30. He advanced _____ he could.

- (A) until (B) while (C) as far as (D) as

31. I am sure I _____ him before.

- (A) have met (B) met
(C) had met (D) will meet

32. I _____ him for a long time.

- (A) have known (B) knew
(C) had known (D) should have known

33. Ram made the most ____ his resources.

- (A) At (B) of (C) from (D) with

34. The jury — divided in their opinion.

- (A) were (B) was (C) have been (D) have

35. Let's meet — next week.

- (A) Sometimes (B) sometime (C) some time (D) some times

36. No sooner — the sun risen than the fog disappeared.

- (A) did (B) has (C) had (D) was

37. He entered the hall in the — part of the show.

- (A) Latter (B) Later (C) Late (D) Lately

38. He preferred classical music — popular numbers.

- (A) from (B) of (C) over (D) to

39. ____ his humiliation, he attended the function. (2018)

- (A) In spite (B) Notwithstanding
(C) Nevertheless (D) As of

40. In all probability it ____ rain tonight

- (A) will (B) can (C) may (D) ought

41. She had better ____ the room

- (A) entered (B) requested (C) Moved (D) called

42. The girl ____ her mother.

- (A) takes after (B) call in (C) puts off (D) puts by

43. She liked the ____ plan better.

- (A) latter (B) later (C) fast (D) early

44. A ____ bow was seen in the sky.

- (A) Multicoloured (B) shooting (C) staring (D) melodious

45. ____ about dinner, John ran the whole way home.

- (A) Having finished (B) Excited
(C) Had been excited (D) Hungry

46. The teacher will ____ a new chapter tomorrow.

- (A) take over (B) take up (C) take down (D) take off

47. Only ____ is there a rumble in the sky.

- (A) occasionally (B) swiftly
(C) quite (D) merrily

48. He has a preference ____ tea ____ coffee.

- (A) over, for (B) for, to
(C) for, over (D) to, over

49. It is 9'o clock ____ my watch.

- (A) by (B) in (C) at (D) into

50. ____ is human.

- (A) To laugh (B) To err (C) To read (D) To save

51. An Ophthalmologist is a person who deals with ____.

- (A) heart (B) eyes (C) glands (D) lungs

52. She was running short _____ time.

- (A) at (B) of (C) with (D) for

53. There was no _____ in the rain. (2017)

- (A) let up (B) let in (C) let off (D) let go

54. Finish your task in a _____ manner.

- (A) swift (B) competent (C) silent (D) lazy

55. He was waiting _____ the train.

- (A) in (B) at (C) for (D) with

56. You _____ catch the train at once.

- (A) will (B) can (C) shall (D) must

57. It is easy _____ but hard to finish.

- (A) to end (B) to fall (C) to lose (D) to begin

58. _____ he was late, he came home by nine.

- (A) Even (B) Although (C) Because (D) Despite

59. The river was _____ the bank.

- (A) overflowing (B) dry (C) full (D) deep

60. A _____ jewel was in the locker.

- (A) browning (B) filling (C) shining (D) moving

61. He wanted to _____ out.

- (A) want (B) ask (C) call (D) order

62. He saved her _____ certain death.

- (A) from (B) with (C) of (D) in

63. The man _____ briefcase was lost, reported to the police.

- (A) that (B) whose (C) which (D) whom

64. Here is the man _____ you asked _____ .

- (A) whom, about (B) that, for
(C) for, from (D) this, for

65. The car was _____ down the slope.
(A) rolling (B) breaking (C) lost (D) having arrived
66. This is the _____ Post Office to my house. (2016)
(A) Farthest (B) Next (C) Nearest (D) further
67. The sea _____, we went for sail.
(A) Being rough (B) Disturbed
(C) Being kind (D) Being smooth
68. He is here, _____ is fortunate.
(A) Who (B) Whose (C) Which (D) That
69. In a moment of hurry, the files have been _____ by Hamilton.
(A) Cast about (B) Cast out (C) Cast up (D) Cast aside
70. Weather _____, there will be a garden party at Government House tomorrow.
(A) Allowing (B) Permitting (C) Happening (D) Favourable
71. I can't walk any _____
A) Farther (B) Further (C) Distance (D) Far
72. The _____ door awakened the dog.
(A) Creaking (B) Old (C) New (D) Waving
73. I prevailed _____ him to join our group.
(A) On (B) Upon (C) Beside (D) Along with
74. She _____ sit for hours listening to the wireless.
(A) Will (B) Would (C) Can (D) Could
75. The crew were _____ the ship for a month.
(A) On board (B) Aboard (C) On (D) Off

76. _____ is worth ambition.

- (A) To borrow (B) To reign (C) To repent (D) To cry

77. He talked to his horse _____ the horse could understand his grief.

- (A) As though (B) With a feeling that
(C) Feeling that (D) Assuming

78. There was a _____ on the midnight train. (2015)

- (A) Hold up (B) Hold in (C) Hold (D) Hold out

79. Do this in a short time, in a _____ manner.

- (A) Former (B) Swift (C) Brave (D) Unwise

80. He hinted _____ some loss treasure.

- (A) of (B) for (C) with (D) at

81. Mother says you _____ to go to the market at once.

- (A) have (B) are (C) shall (D) will

82. _____ fault is easy.

- (A) to begin (B) to bury (C) to read (D) to find

83. _____ his illness, he attended the function.

- (A) In spite (B) Due (C) as of (D) despite

84. The stream was _____ by the waterfall.

- (A) fed (B) Fed up (C) Filled (D) Fulled

85. A _____ star was seen in the sky.

- (A) Strengthening (B) Shooting (C) Shunting (D) Staring

86. You had better _____ permission.

- (A) Want (B) Ask (C) Call (D) Order

87. Who _____ saw her did not pity her ?

- (A) What (B) Which (C) That (D) Such

88. The sun, _____ rays give life to the earth, was regarded by the ancients as a god.

- (A) That (B) Whose (C) Which (D) Whom

89. Here is the watch _____ you asked _____ .

- (A) which, for (B) that, for
(C) for, from (D) this, for

90. Mary _____ , we were freed from anxiety.

- (A) Having arrived (B) Rolling
(C) Tattered (D) Being arrived

91. They decided to _____ his number in the yellow pages. (2014)

- (A) Look into (B) Look at (C) Look up (D) Look onto

92. The last _____ will be performed by members of the family only.

- (A) Wright (B) Right (C) Rite (D) Write

93. A person of outgoing nature is known as a/an _____.

- (A) Stoic (B) Extrovert
(C) Megalomaniac (D) Philanthropist

94. He would always _____ the police.

- (A) Elude (B) Illude (C) Allude (D) Delude

95. I will _____ to my job until May.

- (A) hold up (B) hold on (C) hold in (D) hold

96. You should _____ her case as a precedent.

- (A) Site (B) Cite (C) Sight (D) Side

97. He is _____ the phone right now.

- (A) At (B) In (C) On (D) To

98. The boss simply could not _____ his inefficiency any more.

- (A) Put off (B) Put up with
(C) Put down (D) Put across

99. He held his breath _____ several minutes.

- (A) On (B) Of (C) For (D) From

100. I was alarmed _____ the news of my brother's illness. (2013)

- (A) In (B) At (C) Or (D) On

101. The street is not properly _____.

- (A) Illumed (B) Illumined
(C) Illuminated (D) Enlightened

102. The _____ structure of Taj Mahal makes it one of the wonders of the world.

- (A) Magnanimous (B) Mediocre
(C) Mighty (D) Majestic

103. He was penniless when the bank failed and declared himself _____.

- (A) Insipid (B) Insolent (C) Innocent (D) Insolvent

104. The child proved himself _____ by his behaviour and was expelled from the school.

- (A) Ill-bred (B) Ill-advised
(G) Ill-treated (D) Illogical

105. A _____ makes no difference between man and man in spreading his love.

- (A) Philander (B) Philistine
(C) Philosopher (D) Philanthropist

106. They 'laughed down' the man means that they _____ the man.

- (A) Confined (B) Laughed with
(C) Ridiculed and belittled (D) Punished

107. The banquet-hall _____ decorated to celebrate the occasion.

- (A) Slovenly (B) Simply
(C) Lavishly (D) Poorly

108. He came of his own _____.

- (A) Impulse (B) Instinct
(C) Accord (D) indifference

109. His friend _____ his word much to his despair.

- (A) Went back on (B) Went away from
(C) Went with (D) Went in

110. I have no desire _____ fame. (2012)

- (A) Of (B) For (C) In (D) To

111. There is an exception _____ every rule.

- (A) To (B) For (C) In (D) Up

112. I am going to Chennai _____ Monday _____ tour.

- (A) On, of (B) On, with
(C) In, with (D) Of, on

113. He sympathised — him in his bereavement.

- (A) In (B) For (C) With (D) By

114. He succeeded by dint — his hard labour.

- (A) Of (B) By (C) For (D) Because

115. He 'made light, of his friend's warning' means he _____. (2011)

- A. Lit a fire B. Showed the light
C. Took seriously D. Treated lightly

116. The boys were 'kept in' after school means that the boys were ———

- A. Caned B. Punished
C. Confined D. Rewarded.

117. His observation were 'beside the point' means that his observations were ---- .

- A. Written in point form
- C. Not relevant

- B. Written beside his points
- D. Not heard by others.

118. In spite of all his brag he had 'to eat humble pie' means that he had to ----

- A. Apologize
- B. Surrender
- C. Leave
- D. Eat his food.

119. The ---- fumes of vehicles pollute the air.

- A. Noxious
- B. Nutritious
- C. Nourishing
- D. Notorious.

120. The ---- structure dwarfed all the surrounding buildings.

- A. Impossible
- B. Imposing
- C. Implacable
- D. Important.

121. The ---- of the farmland was enough to sustain the small family

- A. Yoke
- B. Yeast
- C. Yard
- D. Yield .

122. Her ---- ways captivated many young men.

- A. Wintry
- B. Weird
- C. Wean-some
- D. Winsome.

123. The thieves ---- through the cupboards searching for valuable articles.

- A. Ran
- B. Ruptured
- C. Rummaged
- D. Rustled

124. We should ---- for a rainy day.

- A. Put down
- C. Put something by
- B. Put into
- D. Put things off

125. The thief ---- with the ornaments.

- A. Made away
- B. Made out
- C. Made off
- D. Made up

137. A lame duck organization is one which needs _____.

- (A) authority (B) staff (C) power (D) support

138. This evidence ----- with what one already knows.

- (A) ties in (B) sets in (C) gives in (D) goes down

139. A gentleman should be true _____ his words. (2009)

- (A) from (B) to (C) in (D) on

140. The father was vexed _____ the son.

- (A) with (B) about (C) to (D) in

141. The mother _____ the child.

- (A) Deserted (B) Hated (C) Ran away (D) Abandoned

142. Tagore's birthday was _____ with songs and recitation

- (A) completed (B) maintained (C) celebrated (D) enjoyed

143. I had _____ something wrong as soon as I reached the spot.

- (A) understood (B) realized (C) guessed (D) smelt

144. 'To come to the fore' means to become _____. (2008)

- (A) prominent (B) aggressive (C) weak (D) aware

145. 'On one's toes' signifies _____

- (A) Concentration (B) courtesy (C) Punctuality (D) alertness

146. 'To make headway' is to _____.

- (A) Make progress (B) make little progress
(C) to progress towards collision (D) to proceed to travel

147. The young politician's speech was full of blood and -----

- (A) Sweat (B) Blade (C) Dagger (D) Thunder

148. He held out an olive branch to his -----

- (A) Enemy (B) Friend (C) Pet (D) Forefathers

149. 'waiting with bated breath' is to ____

- a. Feel very excited
- b. feel breathlessness
- c. Waiting for the dentist with the complaint of bad breath
- d. Waiting to take revenge

150. A barber shaves _____ a gardener .

- (A) Binds
- (B) Reaps
- (C) Gleans
- (D) Prunes

151. The beautiful lady compared ----- the moon by the poet. (2007)

- (A) with
- (B) to
- (C) of
- (D) like

152. Competitors ----- the globe took part in the game.

- (A) from
- (B) over
- (C) around
- (D) across

153. The senior officer was angry ----- the sob-ordinates.

- (A) upon
- (B) on
- (C) with
- (D) against

154. Shylock nurtured a deep-rooted hatred --- Antonio.

- (A) for
- (B) to
- (C) against
- (D) about

155. We all ----- an unknown danger before us.

- (A) Foresaw
- (B) predicted
- (C) anticipated
- (D) apprehended

156. After one week's continuous fever, the relatives of the patient became-----about the mode of treatment.

- (A) Suspicious
- (B) doubtful
- (C) apprehensive
- (D) inquisitive

157. This method is not wrong ; but there may be a more -----method than this.

- (A) suitable
- (B) effective
- (C) effectual
- (D) working

158. The Republic Day was _____ with due solemnity.

- (A) observed
- (B) enjoyed
- (C) celebrated
- (D) performed

159. To regret is to be ----- . (2006)

- (a) Sad
- (b) Sorrowful
- (c) Tragic
- (d) Sorry

160. To bungle is to ----- .

- (a) Confuse
- (b) Blunder
- (c) Mistake
- (d) Erase

161. A piece of writing done by hand is called a ----- .

- a) Script (b) Copy (c) Manuscript (d) Essay

162. When an animal sleeps through the winter it is----- .

- (a) Ruminating (b) Hibernating
(c) Gravitating (d) Radiating

163. don't judge a book by its ----- . (2005)

- a) Contents b) Cover c) Words d) Story

164. Deeds are better than -----.

- a) Actions b) Appearances c) Words d) Hopes

165. The road was completely ----- by a fallen tree.

- a) Closed b) Hindered c) Stopped d) Blocked

166. A hostile crowd tried to ----- the chairman from delivering his speech.

- a) Prevent b) Obstruct c) Impede d) Hinder

167. The administrator could not make up his mind about this ----- point.

- a) Indecisive b) Vague c) Debatable d) Pointless

168. The woman is standing ----- the door.

- a) By b) on c) at d) in

169. The train was passing ----- a dark tunnel.

- a) Through b) under c) in d) by

170. The building does not ----- to satisfy regulations. (2004)

- a) Follow b) Agree c) Comply d) Conform

171. He made a ----- promise in front of the temple.

- a) Grave b) Sober c) Solemn d) Serious

172. We do not have words strong enough to condemn such foul and ----- act of murder.

- a) Dastardly b) Timid c) Hateful d) Timorous

173. In company we must always be _____

- a) Social b) Friendly c) Sociable d) Courteous

174. A _____ of savages attack the explorer.

- a) Gang b) Horde c) Crowd d) band

175. Hard work is indispensable _____ success.

- a) For b) at c) to d) in

176. Fortune smiled _____ his efforts.

- a) At b) over c) for d) on

177. Your conduct is subversive _____ all discipline.

- a) Of b) to c) with d) for

178. He is a man in whom you can confide _____.

- a) On b) in c) upon d) with

179. His _____ attitude when we are on a holiday is very annoying to me. (2003)

- a) Pretentious b) Obtuse c) Turbulent d) Parsimonious

180. The _____ are not always cowards.

- a) Timid b) Cautious c) Discreet d) Righteous

181. He agreed _____ my proposal.

- a) With b) to c) at d) for

182. My friend is proficient _____ the art of cooking.

- a) In b) for c) at d) with

183. The writer is enamoured _____ the subject.

- a) With b) by c) for d) of

184. The ancient people used to _____ their ancestors.

- a) Dislike b) Venerate c) Worship d) Exonerate

185. The thief disappeared in a _____. (2002)

- a) Day b) Run c) Trice d) Hurry

186. The odds against us were indeed _____.

- a) Light b) Colourful c) Cheerful d) Heavy

187. They celebrated grammarian Patanjali was a contemporary _____ Pushyamitra Sunga.

- a) To b) with c) Of d) In

188. The income derived _____ the ownership of land is commonly called rent.

- a) With b) for c) from d) under

189. The goat subsists _____ the coarsest of foods.

- a) In b) on c) Upon d) because of

190. He dared not look me _____ the face. (2001)

- a) At b) in c) to d) on

191. He was too late, as _____ would have it.

- a) Fate b) luck c) Fortune d) god

192. I _____ my letter last evening.

- a) Finished b) Have finished
c) Had finished d) Had been finished

193. The teacher is popular _____ his pupils.

- a) Among b) To c) With d) For

194. You may safely use _____ drug.

- a) Innocent b) Beneficent c) Innocuous d) Useful

195. That he should disappear like this seems hardly _____ (2000)

- a) Credulous b) Credible c) Compatible d) Permissible

196. The two boys fell ____ but soon became friends again.

- (A) away (B) Down (C) In (D) Out

197. I asked the slow worker to get a move ____.

- (A) Out (B) Forward (C) On (D) Full

198. He put_____ some savings to support him in his Old age.

- (A) In (B) Back (C) Under (D) By

199. The storm began ____

- a. At the drop of a hat b. on the quick
c. In the sudden d. all of a sudden

200. Many changes of climate are the result of ____

- a. Global heating b. universal warming
c. Global warming d. universal heating

201. don't count your chickens before they are _____. (2005)

- a. Hatched b. eaten c. cooked d. ready

202. Judgement was passed on the murderer and he was duly __

- a. Assassinated b. strangled c. killed d. executed

203. The money a man receives during the year is considered his

- ____.
a. Revenue b. salary c. income d. fee

204. Jesus of Nazareth illustrated religious concepts by means of

- ____.
a. Stories b. legends c. fables d. parables

205. Doctors of medicines are among the most ____ members of American society. (2003)

- a. Affluent b. aristocratic c. indolent d. carping



THANK YOU

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