

Dhaka School of Economics
(Constituent Institution of the University of Dhaka)
Master's Program Admission Test Question
Session: 2025-26

Time: 90 Minutes

Total Marks: 90

PART-1
(MCQ -70 Marks)

Questions for General English

Section A: Vocabulary (10 Questions)

10 × 1 = 10

1. Choose the antonym of “**Ameliorate**”:
a) Worsen b) Improve
c) Support d) Help
2. Choose the synonym of “**Opulent**”:
a) Poor b) Wealthy
c) Meager d) Frugal
3. Choose the synonym of “**Ephemeral**”:
a) Lasting b) Temporary
c) Endless d) Delayed
4. Choose the antonym of “**Vigorous**”:
a) Active b) Energetic
c) Weak d) Powerful
5. Choose the synonym of “**Pragmatic**”:
a) Idealistic b) Realistic
c) Emotional d) Naïve
6. Choose the synonym of “**Candid**”:
a) Dishonest b) Frank
c) Silent d) Clever
7. Choose the synonym of “**Eminent**”:
a) Unknown b) Famous
c) Hidden d) Poor
8. “He delivered a succinct lecture.” — *Succinct* means:
a) Concise b) Lengthy
c) Vague d) Detailed
9. Choose the antonym of “**Altruistic**”:
a) Generous b) Benevolent
c) Selfish d) Charitable
10. Choose the antonym of “**Sanguine**”:
a) Hopeful b) Cheerful
c) Pessimistic d) Confident

Section B: Grammar & Structure (20 Questions)

20 × 1 = 20

11. They ____ in Dhaka for over a decade, adapting seamlessly to the local culture.
a) live b) have lived
c) are living d) lived
12. I am looking forward to ____ your presentation on sustainable finance.
a) meet b) meeting
c) met d) meets
13. I prefer corporate training sessions ____ conventional lectures for practical learning.
a) than b) over c) to d) instead
14. The professor instructed the students ____ refrain from submitting plagiarized content.
a) not make b) not to make
c) to not make d) not making
15. No sooner had we arrived ____ it started raining.
a) than b) when
c) then d) that
16. He was accused ____ theft.
a) for b) of
c) with d) from

17. I wish I ____ fluent in Mandarin to communicate better during the conference.
a) have b) has c) will have d) had
18. The project will be completed before the deadline, ____?
a) won't it b) will it
c) isn't it d) was it
19. He talks as if he ____ everything.
a) knows b) knew
c) know d) knowing
20. If I ____ known, I would have come earlier.
a) have b) had
c) was d) would have
21. It's time you ____ more responsible.
a) become b) became
c) have become d) will become
22. He has been working here ____ five years.
a) since b) from
c) for d) during
23. You had better ____ your homework now.
a) to do b) doing
c) do d) did
24. The more diligently you prepare, ____ your performance in the examination.
a) good b) better c) best d) the best
25. He consistently ____ meticulous records of all transactions for audit purposes.
a) go b) going
c) keeps d) gone
26. The recent developments in the stock market ____ highly encouraging.
a) are b) were
c) is d) have been
27. You ____ refrain from disclosing confidential information under any circumstances.
a) should b) must c) may d) ought to
28. Neither of the executives ____ prepared for the unexpected questions from the board.
a) is b) are c) were d) have
29. The proposal was accepted ____ its flaws.
a) because b) although
c) despite d) even
30. The boy was punished for ____ late.
a) come b) coming
c) came d) comes

Section C: Error Detection (5 Questions)

5 × 1 = 5

31. Each of the students in the class have submitted their research papers on time.
a) have b) Each of the students
c) submitted d) on time
32. The committee, along with its advisors, are planning the annual budget carefully.
a) The committee
b) along with its advisors
c) planning
d) are
33. She has went to London to finalize the contract negotiations.
a) has went
b) to London
c) finalize
d) She
34. The head of the department, as well as the faculty members, are preparing for the accreditation review.
a) The head of the department b) as well as
c) faculty members d) are
35. One of the employees in the office has been asked to submit their reports before Friday.
a) One of the employees
b) has
c) been asked
d) to submit their reports before Friday

Section D: Cloze Test / Sentence Completion (5 Questions)

5 × 1 = 5

36. The professor is well-versed ____ advanced econometric techniques and data modelling.
a) in b) with c) at d) on
37. Integrity is widely regarded as the best professional ____ in corporate governance.
a) idea b) value c) policy d) principle
38. She has always been passionate ____ learning multiple foreign languages.
a) in b) on c) about d) of
39. The construction project was successfully completed ____ schedule despite numerous delays.
a) at b) on c) in d) to
40. His contribution to the project was extremely ____, earning appreciation from all stakeholders.
a) insignificant b) noteworthy
c) trivial d) negligible

Section E: Reading Comprehension (10 Questions)

10 × 1 = 10

Passage:

Over the past few decades, globalization has profoundly transformed the way nations interact, trade, and develop. The rapid advancement of technology has reduced geographical barriers, enabling instant communication and cross-border transactions. However, globalization is a double-edged sword: while it has opened new opportunities for economic growth, it has also widened inequalities between developed and developing nations. Many argue that globalization promotes cultural exchange and mutual understanding. Through media, travel, and international education, people are more connected than ever before. Yet critics claim that globalization leads to the erosion of local cultures and traditions, as global media often promotes a uniform lifestyle dominated by Western values.

Economically, globalization has increased productivity and efficiency through global competition, but it has also led to job displacement in industries unable to compete with cheaper foreign labor. Thus, while globalization has accelerated progress, it demands policies that ensure inclusiveness and protect cultural identity.

Questions:

41. The main theme of the passage is —
a) The role of technology in development
b) The effects of globalization
c) The decline of local culture
d) International education
42. The phrase “double-edged sword” refers to —
a) Something dangerous
b) Something with both advantages and disadvantages
c) A weapon
d) A cultural tool
43. According to the passage, globalization has —
a) Reduced inequalities
b) Widened inequalities
c) Eliminated poverty
d) Had no effect
44. One positive aspect of globalization is —
a) Job displacement
b) Economic growth
c) Cultural erosion
d) Income gap

45. Critics of globalization believe it —
 a) Promotes diversity
 b) Strengthens local culture
 c) Harms cultural identity
 d) Improves tradition
46. “Cross-border transactions” means —
 a) Trade within a country
 b) Trade between countries
 c) Illegal trade
 d) Border disputes
47. The tone of the passage is —
 a) Negative
 b) Neutral
 c) Emotional
 d) Supportive
48. The passage implies that governments should —
 a) Stop globalization
 b) Promote only Western culture
 c) Create inclusive policies
 d) Ignore global issues
49. One result of global competition is —
 a) Reduced productivity
 b) Job loss in weak industries
 c) Cultural harmony
 d) Fewer innovations
50. The word “eroded” most nearly means —
 a) Strengthened
 b) Weakened
 c) Preserved
 d) Expanded

Questions for Basic Mathematics

$10 \times 2 = 20$

51. $5^3 + 5^3 + 5^3 + 5^3 + 5^3 = 5^x$, what is the value of x ?
 (a) 10; (b) 4; (c) 8. (d) 6.
52. If the formula for converting degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius is $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$, what is the value of F when C is 30 ?
 (a) 86; (b) 87; (c) 97. (d) 96
53. If 35% of x equals 140, what is 20% of x ?
 (a) 100; (b) 60 (c) 80 (d) 170
54. The sum of the interior angles of a triangle is _____
 (a) 90° (b) 180° (c) 360° (d) 120°
55. The radius of a circle is 7cm, find the area of the circle?
 (a) $14\pi cm$ (b) $49\pi cm$ (c) $42\pi cm$ (d) $28\pi cm$
56. Simplify: $(a^2 - b^2) \div (a - b)$
 (a) $a - b$ (b) $a^2 - b^2$ (c) $a + b$ (d) $2a$
57. If $X = 4$, find the value of the inverse of X^{-2}
 (a) 4 (b) 12 (c) 16 (d) 64
58. Find the mean value of 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14
 (a) 15 (b) 10 (c) 8 (d) 14

59. If $(x + \frac{1}{x}) = \sqrt{4}$, find the value of $(x - \frac{1}{x})^2$
 (a) 4 (b) 8 (c) 12 (d) 0
60. If $x^2 + 4x + 4 = 0$, then find the value of x ?
 (a) -2 (b) -4 (c) 2 (d) 4

PART-2

(Written: 20 Marks)

1 × 20 = 20

1. Write an essay on '*Digital Transformation and Economic Growth in Bangladesh*'.