Unit 7: The Alchemist (Paulo Coelho)

41 MCQs. Correct option in bold. 1 mark each.

1. "The Alchemist" was written by
A. Emily Dickinson **B. Paulo Coelho**
C. Robert Frost D. Langston Hughes

2. "The Alchemist" was translated into English by
A. Timothy Yen B. Dave Cormier
C. Paulo Coelho **D. Alan R. Clarke**

3. The main character of the excerpt is a boy named
A. Roger B. Maya **C. Santiago** D. Ali

4. Santiago was a
A. shepherd B. soldier C. priest D. merchant

5. A large tree had grown where the sacristy once stood. It was a
A. oak **B. sycamore** C. palm D. pine

6. Santiago used a book as a
A. pillow B. lamp C. gift D. weapon

7. Santiago had spent _____ years with his sheep.
A. one B. five C. ten **D. two**

8. Santiago woke the sheep by prodding them with his
A. hand B. stick of wood only
C. crook D. whip

9. For the past few days Santiago spoke to his sheep about
A. food B. money
C. wolves **D. the merchant's daughter**

10. The girl Santiago met was the daughter of a
A. merchant B. king C. priest D. shepherd

11. The girl was typical of the region of
A. Morocco B. Madrid **C. Andalusia** D. Barcelona

12. The girl's eyes vaguely recalled the
A. French kings **B. Moorish conquerors**
C. Roman soldiers D. Greek sailors

13. The girl was surprised that Santiago
A. owned sheep B. had a jacket
C. could cook **D. knew how to read**

14. Santiago said he usually learned more from
A. his sheep than from books B. the merchant
C. his father D. books than from sheep

15. Santiago would return to the village in about
A. four months B. one day
C. four days D. four years

16. Santiago felt a desire to
A. become a priest **B. live in one place forever**
C. sell his sheep D. leave the country

17. The sheep were concerned only with
A. food and water B. the shepherd's books
C. wolves D. gold

18. Santiago realised the sheep trusted him because he
A. beat them **B. led them to nourishment**
C. sang to them D. sold them

19. Santiago told his father he did not want to become a
A. doctor B. soldier **C. priest** D. merchant

20. Santiago's father gave him
A. a book B. a farm
C. a horse **D. three ancient Spanish gold coins**

21. Santiago's father showed
A. no feelings B. contempt for shepherds
C. a hidden desire to travel himself D. anger at his son

22. The theme of self-discovery and following one's dreams appears in
A. Blue **B. The Alchemist**
C. The Menace of Drugs D. Mother Nature

23. "Sacristy" means
A. a tower
B. a school
C. a kitchen
D. a room in a church where sacred vessels are kept

24. A "crook" is
A. a long staff with a curved end B. a type of tree
C. a thief only D. a coin

25. "Instincts" are
A. tools B. learned subjects
C. books **D. inherent or intuitive tendencies**

26. "Inheritance" is
A. a gift to a stranger B. a debt
C. property or money passed down to an heir D. a salary

27. The antonym of "abandoned" is
A. occupied B. deserted C. left D. ruined

28. The synonym of "captivating" is
A. boring **B. charming**
C. ordinary D. frightening

29. Which is an indefinite pronoun?
A. She B. He C. They **D. Everyone**

30. Fill in: "_____ is excited about the upcoming event."
A. Those B. Everyone are
C. Everyone D. They is

31. Fill in: "Has _____ seen my keys around here?"
A. anyone B. those
C. everyone's D. none of

32. The present perfect tense is formed with
A. will + base verb **B. has/have + past participle**
C. had + past participle D. was/were + -ing

33. Complete: "We have _____ visited that museum."
A. never B. ever not C. ago D. yesterday

34. Use of "for" and "since" is common with the
A. simple past tense **B. present perfect tense**
C. conditional D. future tense

35. "She has visited Paris several times" uses the
A. simple past tense B. past continuous
C. future tense **D. present perfect tense**

36. The past perfect tense is formed with
A. was + -ing B. has + past participle
C. had + past participle D. will have + past participle

37. Choose the correct form: "By the time I got there, she (has/had) left."
A. having B. have C. has **D. had**

38. In an interview, the interviewer should prepare
A. open-ended questions B. no questions
C. rude questions D. only yes/no questions

39. A travelogue has an introduction, body paragraphs and a
A. index **B. conclusion**
C. glossary D. footnote

40. A travelogue should mention attractions, transportation, cultural background and
A. exam rules B. grammar rules
C. eateries D. bank details

41. A persuasive essay tries to
A. tell a story only B. describe a place only
C. list facts only **D. convince the reader of a point of view**