SYNERGY QUESTIONS

1. ‘It’s a country waiting to explode.’ Which country is being mentioned here?
   a) South Africa     b) Congo
   c) South Rhodesia   d) Zimbabwe

2. While travelling to Rhodesia songs rose from which compartment?
   a) Asian           b) White
   c) Native          d) American

3. Why were the natives singing on the journey, according to Pottekkat?
   a) They were amusing themselves  b) they were a jolly good crowd
   c) They were being paid for it    d) To vent out and relieve themselves from the oppressive journey

4. Which is the gateway city to South Rhodesia?
   a) Umtali          b) Harare
   c) Salisbury       d) Bulawayo

5. South Rhodesia has a ______ government
   a) Monarchical     b) Self
   c) Dictatorial    d) Oligarchical

6. Which is the capital of South Rhodesia?
   a) Umtali           b) Salisbury
   c) Harare           d) Bulawayo

7. At Umtali, Pottekkatt met an Indian porter, who was a
   a) Gujarati        b) Tamilian
   c) Marathi         d) Malayali

8. The Great Zimbabwe Ruins show the might of ______ tribe
   a) Bushmen         b) Sabeans
   c) Gonds           d) Bhils

9. The original inhabitants of Rhodesia were _______
   a) Bushmen         b) Sabeans
   c) Gonds           d) Bhils

10. The Portuguese reached South Rhodesia through the ______ river
    a) Nile            b) Limpopo
     c) Zambesi        d) Niger

11. South Rhodesia is sandwiched between River Zambesi and River ______
    a) Nile            b) Limpopo
     c) Zambesi        d) Niger
12. The modern day equivalent of South Rhodesia is _______
   a) South Africa    b) D.R Congo
   c) Mozambique        d) Zimbabwe

13. The modern day equivalent of Salisbury is _______
   a) Harare    b) Capetown
   c) Cairo        d) Tripoli

14. David Livingstone is famous for _______
   a) the discovery of Niagra falls    b) The discovery of Victoria falls
   c) the discovery of Angels falls       d) the discovery of J og falls

15. Zambesi River originates in _____ country
   a) South Rhodesia    b) Zimabawe
   c) Angola        d) Namibia

16. Victoria falls is in the _____ river
   a) Nile     b) Niger
   c) parana        d) Zambesi

17. Who made the statue of David Livingstone?
   a) William Reid Dick    b) Louis Mayweather
   c) John Hooper        d) David Benedict

18. There is mention of a “Great Tree” indegenosly called the ______
   a) Bebbob     b) Baobab
   c) Belzebub        d) Blublbub

19. Which is the highest waterfall?
   a) Niagra    b) Victoria
   c) Angels        d) None of these

20. Any remote village in Africa will have the presence of _____
   a) Gujarati    b) Punjabi
   c) Keralite        d) Tamilian

21. PeedhaPanjara means _______
   a) A little less please    b) A little more please
   c) Enough of it            d) A little please

22. Baniyasentered as a term in an English dictionary as _______
   a) A wealthy young man    b) An Indian citizen
   c) An Indian traveler        d) An Indian heathen

23. The post office of which places became a ‘search and find’ post office?
   a) Rhodesia    b) South Africa
   c) Nyasaland    d) Mozambique

24. What is the name of Pottekkatt’s Malayali friend at Blantyre?
   a) Raman    b) Menon
   c) Gokhale    d) Dharab

25. What is the other name for Dar-es-Salam?
   a) Tanganyika    b) Beira
   c) Blatyre        d) Dodoma

26. Expand NTC
   a) Nyasaland Travel Company    b) Nyasaland Transport Company
   c) Nyasaland Travel Corporation    d) Nyasaland Transport Corporation

27. At Lilongwe, Pottekkat was received by _______
   a) Raman    b) Menon
   c) Gokhale    d) Dharab

28. Moyindianmareganimeans
   a) My Indian margherita    b) An Indian marshmallow
   c) An Indian guest        d) An Indian gun
29. Pottekkatt compared the kappiris of Nysaland to _____
   a) Trees  b) Keralites
   c) Sabarimala pilgrims  d) Fishermen
30. Mr. Thathe was a _____
   a) Keralite  b) Tamilian
   c) Marathi  d) Kashmiri
31. When Pottekkatt reached Lojuwa, The gujaratis were celebrating
   a) Holi  b) Independence Day
   c) Republic Day  d) Diwali
32. The officially acknowledged language of Nyasaland is ______
   a) Swahili  b) Maori
   c) Chinyanja  d) Nigerian
33. Nyasaland is _____
   a) Dictatorial  b) Protectorate
   c) Monarchical  d) Democratic
34. Nyasaland is blessed with _____
   a) Rivers  b) Mineral wealth
   c) Forest wealth  d) Cattle wealth
35. Capital of Nyasaland is ______
   a) Blantyre  b) Dodoma
   c) Pretoria  d) Cairo
36. Which tribe has a custom called Unyongo?
   a) Yao  b) Nguri
   c) Tumbuka  d) Ngode
37. Which tribe is cannibalistic?
   a) Yao  b) Nguri
   c) Tumbuka  d) Ngode
38. Which tribe worships salt as a sacred thing?
   a) Yao  b) Nguri
   c) Tumbuka  d) Ngonis
39. Who wrote Nampally Road?
   a) Meena Alexander  b) Mina Alexander
   c) Mona Alexander  d) Mini Alexander
40. Nampally road is in
   a) New Delhi  b) Vishakappattanam
   c) Hyderabad  d) Lucknow
41. The name of the narrator’s friend in Nampally Road is______
   a. Raj  b) Ram
   c. Rajan  d) Ramu
42. The narrator and friend were sitting in ______ café when the orange sellers staged a
   protest.
   a) Indian Coffee House  b) New Hyderabad Café
   c) New Mysore Café  d) Café Coffee Day
43. The goons of LimcaGowda is called ______
   a) Everyday  b) Ready for ever
   c) Mercs  d) Ever Ready
44. Ramu turned down _____ scholarship
   a) Commonwealth  b) Rhodes
   c) Fulbright  d) Erasmus Mundus
45. The novel is set in the times of_____
   a) Independence  b) Emergency
   c) Indo China war  d) None of these
46. What is Siddharth’s mother’s name?  
   a) Durgabai  
   b) Sita  
   c) Ramadevi  
   d) Sreedevi

47. Siddharth’s girlfriend’s name is  
   a) Victoria  
   b) Vanessa  
   c) Valentina  
   d) Valyra

48. Mira calls Durgabai  
   a) Little Mother  
   b) Maa  
   c) Mai  
   d) Durga kaki

49. Durgabai’s maid’s name is  
   a) Rajjo  
   b) Rasiya  
   c) Rani  
   d) Revati

50. Durgabai is not a  
   a) pediatrician  
   b) Gynecologist  
   c) Obstetrician  
   d) Ophthalmologist

51. Durgabai’s husband passes away in a/an  
   a) Ship havoc  
   b) Road accident  
   c) Air crash  
   d) None of these

52. Which is referred to as the premier theatre in Hyderabad?  
   a) Salam Talkies  
   b) Samudra Talkies  
   c) Sagar Talkies  
   d) None of these

53. Who tries to make a come back through the movie Issac Katha?  
   a) Mani  
   b) Mary  
   c) Mumu  
   d) Murphy

54. Who was the dancer in “typewriter tick tick?”  
   a) Ma  
   b) Mary  
   c) Mumu  
   d) Murphy

55. Who is Durgabai Gokhale’s friend?  
   a) Swami Ahnivesh  
   b) Swami Vivekanand  
   c) Sanyasi Maheshji  
   d) Swami Chari

56. “I used to hope that Siddharth would wear those spectacles one day” Whose spectacles are being referred to here?  
   a) Mira’s  
   b) Durgabai’s  
   c) Siddharth’s father’s  
   d) Siddharth’s girlfriend Vanessa’s

57. Siddharth’s father travelled on a ship named  
   a) Tipu Sultan  
   b) Minicoy  
   c) Trafalgar  
   d) Tiramisu

58. What is the name of the girl who is locked up in the smallest cellar of Gowliguda police station?  
   a) Reshma  
   b) Rashiba  
   c) Reshmi  
   d) Rameeza

59. Which bottles were broken to show protest against the Chief Minister’s ways?  
   a) Pepsi  
   b) Limca  
   c) Coca cola  
   d) Mirinda

60. Mira compares herself with which poet?  
   a) Wordsworth  
   b) Sri Sri  
   c) Jayanta Mahapatra  
   d) Shelley

61. Ramu is appreciative of the poet,  
   a) Wordsworth  
   b) Sri Sri  
   c) Jayanta Mahapatra  
   d) Shelley
62. Where is Basilica of Bom Jesus
   a) Bihar  b) Assam
   c) Kerala  d) Goa

63. Durgabai send Mirs to Laura’s house to get a katori (bowl) full of _____
   a) Dal  b) Sugar
   c) Dahi  d) Chaaval

64. What is the name of Gavaskar’s kaka who detected a hole on his left ear lobe?
   a) Ritesh Deshmukh  b) Narendra Dabholkar
   c) Mahendra Fardnaivis  d) Narayan Masurekar

65. At his birth, Gavaskar was accidentally put near a _____
   a) Shepherdess  b) Fisherwoman
   c) Salesgirl  d) Female Model

66. Gavaskar broke his mother’s nose by hitting a ______
   a) Cricket ball  b) Baseball
   c) Shuttle  d) Tennis ball

67. Which school did Gavaskar go to?
   a) St. Albert’s  b) St. Stephen’s
   c) St. Xaviers  d) St. Teresa’s

68. Port of Spain is in ______
   a) Trinidad  b) Guinea
   c) Fiji  d) French Guyana

69. Gavaskar was suffering from a pain in his ___
   a) Feet  b) Stomach
   c) Head  d) Teeth

70. Name Sunil Gavaskar’s wife
   a) Marshniel Malhotra  b) Sunila Malhotra
   c) Shaana Singhal  d) Sonali Sehgal

71. Due to his wedding Gavaskar was unable to play the quarterfinals of _____
   a) Ranji Trophy  b) India Pak friendship match
   c) Duleep Trophy  d) None of these

72. The captaincy for Duleep trophy during Gavaskar’s marriage year went to _____
   a) Ajit Wadekar  b) Gavaskar himself
   c) Ashok Mankad  d) None of these

73. Which side won the Duleep trophy that year when Gavaskar got married
   a) North Zone  b) West zone
   c) South zone  d) East zone

74. Whom did Gavaskar term as the fastest bowler then?
   a) Andy Roberts  b) Clive Lloyd
   c) Vivian Richards  d) None of these

75. Who was banned from the first test against West Indies for disciplinary reasons?
   a) Vinu Mankad  b) Ajit Wadekar
   c) Ashok Mankad  d) Bishen Singh Bedi

76. Gavaskar’s debut as a substitute test skipper started with a ______
   a) century  b) double century
   c) duck  d) hat trick

77. Gavaskar’s finger got hurt at
   a) Bombay  b) Madras
   c) Bangalore  d) Nasik

78. Which was the new stadium built in Bombay then?
   a) Eden Gardens  b) Wankhade
   c) Chinnaswamy  d) Ferozshah Kotla
79. Which was the stadium where matches were played before Wankhade?
   a) Eden Gardens    b) Braboume
   c) Chinnaswamy      d) Ferozshah Kotla

80. S.K Pottekkatt was awarded Kendra - Kerala Sahitya awards and J nanapith award for
    a) oruTheru vinteKatha    b) Malayanadukalil
    c)Orudesathinte Katha     d) All the above

81. S.K pottekkat won a ticket to the Loksabha winning the _____ constituency
    a) Kozhikode    b) Kannur
    c) Thalassery    d) Wayanan

82. In the election to LokSabha, Pottekkatt defeated _____
    a) M.T Vasudevan Nair    b) Sukumar Azhikode
    c) G. Sankarakurupu      d) Thakazhi

83. Who broke Gavaskar’s 34 test centuries record?
    a) Kohli    b) Dravid
    c) Ponting    d) Tendulkar

84. The _____ Gavaskar trophy is instated between matches played by India and Australia
    a) Bradman    b) Warne
    c) Border      d) Ponting

85. The NorderGavaskar trophy is played between India and _____
    a) Australia    b) South Africa
    c) New Zealand   d) England

86. Meena Alexander’s autobiographical memoir is _____
    a) Shadow Lines    b) Tauma Lines
    c) Seismic Lines   d) Fault Lines

87. Which are the brand names used in Nampally Road?
    a) Ever Ready    b) limca
    c) All the above   d) None of these

88. Ramu and Mira stayed at Hotel _____
    a) Vatika    b) Bagicha
    c) brindavan    d) Baranasi

89. Who is the visitor who comes to Mira when the novel Nampally Road ends?
    a) rami    b) Siddharth
    c) Little Mother    d) Rameez

90. Whose statue does Ramu look at while drinking with Mira?
    a.) Limca    b) Gandhi
    c) Nehru     d) Hitler

91. Laura’s sisters are in _____
    a) America    b) Pakistan
    c) Canada      d) Africa

92. Rameeza was raped by _____
    a) Limca    b) Mira
    c) Policemen   d) None of these

93. Who is the witness to Rameeza’s rape?
    a) Maitreyi    b) Mira
    c) Durgabhai Gokhale   d) Laura

94. Maitreyi keeps _____ as pets
    a) Lion    b) Dogs
    c) Snakes    d) Cats

95. Tanaganyika is in present day _____
    a) Tanzania    b) South Africa
    c) Congo      d) Egypt
96. Rameeza’s drawing resembled Mira’s ____
   a) Drawing                b) poem
   c) Dream                  d) None of these

97. The cardboard city is built by ____
   a) Mira                    b) Limca
   c) Indira Gandhi           d) None of these

98. Sunil Gavaskar’s debut in ODI was against
   a) England                b) Australia
   c) South Africa           d) Pakistan

99. Present day Zambia and Zimbabwe together comprised __
    a) Nyasaland              b) Beira
    c) Tanganyika            d) Rhodesia

100. The border of Nyasaland is at ____
    a) Tunduma                b) Beira
    c) Tanganyika            d) Rhodesia
# ANSWER KEY

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