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Note to the candidates appeared for Examination of Manager/Dy.Chief Accountant (Jr.) (20%) held on 27.10.2026

The answer key of the Written Qualification Examination conducted on 27.10.2026 for filling up the post of Manager/Dy.Chief Accountant (Jr.) is enclosed herewith.

All the candidates who appeared for the examination are requested to verify the answer key and submit their representations, if any, in this regard,to the email ID asection@cochinport.gov.in on or before 5.30 p.m. on 04.11.2026.

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COCHIN PORT AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION

QUESTION PAPER

ANSWER KEY

Duration: 90 Mins

For every correct answer 2 (Two) marks will be awarded. 1/2 marks shall be deducted for incorrect answers. No negative mark for unattended questions.

1. What is the full name of the Act enacted in 2021 related to ports in India?

A) The Indian Shipping and Port Act, 2021

B) The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021

C) The National Harbours Act, 2021

D) None of the above

2. Which of the following is not a major port as per the Major Port Act 2021

A) Chennai Port

B) Mumbai Port

C) Cochin Port

D) Kollam Port

3. Who among the following appoints the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of a Major Port Authority Board under the 2021 Act?

A) State Government concerned

B) Central Government

C) Tariff Authority for Major Ports

D) Elected Board Members

4. Who is empowered to determine the scale of rates (tariff) for port services and asset leases as per Major Port Authority Act 2021?

A) Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP)

B) Board of the Major Port Authority

C) Union Ministry of Finance

D) State Maritime Board

5. What body replaced the Tariff Authority for Major Ports (TAMP) to resolve disputes between Major Ports and PPP operators under the 2021 Act?

A) National Maritime Commission

B) Adjudicatory Board

C) Port Appellate Tribunal

D) Maritime Dispute Board

6. According to the Major Port Authorities Act, 2021, who audits the annual accounts of a Major Port Authority Board?

A) Internal Auditor appointed by Chairperson

B) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)

C) Chartered Accountant appointed by State Government

D) Reserve Bank of India

7. "Presiding Officer" means the Presiding Officer of the Adjudicatory Board appointed by

A) Central Government

B) The local village panchayat

C) Private shipping companies

D) Foreign trade partners

8. Every Board of Major Port Authority constituted as per Major Port Act 2021 is a Body Corporate having:

A) Temporary existence based on Government notifications

B) No power to acquire property

C) **Perpetual succession and a common seal**

D) Limited operational autonomy

9. The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021 repealed which legacy maritime statute?

A) Indian Ports Act, 1908

B) Major Port Trusts Act, 1963

C) Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

D) Dock Workers Act, 1948

10. Under Section 6(3), what is the fixed term of office for an Independent Member of the Board?

A) One year

B) Two years

C) Three years

D) None of the above

11. The container vessel MV Malabar Express is scheduled to dock at Berth 4 by 14:00 hours. _____ the cargo handlers received their shift assignments yet?

A) Has

B) Have

C) Is

D) Was

12. Why are those contractors working near the gantry crane without high-visibility jackets? Supervisor: 'I will prevent them _____ entering the active terminal until they put on safety gear.'

A) to

B) from

C) by

D) against

13. 'Scarcely had the vessel berthed _____ the quarantine team arrived to inspect the perishable cargo.'

A) than

B) when

C) then

D) that

14. That hydraulic dredging pump on Dredger 2 has been giving us trouble _____ last Monday.

A) for

B) from

C) since

D) during

15. Neither the shipping agent nor the terminal supervisors _____ submitted the hard copies of the manifest yet.

A) has

B) have

C) was

D) is

16. Your shipping manifest contains several discrepancies. You need to _____ those errors before gate-out permission is granted.

A) rectify

B) ratify

C) falsify

D) simplify

17. The vessel operator must adhere _____ the newly allocated bunkering slot.

A) with

B) to

C) on

D) at

18. The board approved the hazardous cargo storage tariff yesterday and the decision is completely _____ now; it cannot be reversed.

A) revocable

B) tentative

C) irrevocable

D) ambiguous

19. If we had expanded the container yard last year, we _____ this severe congestion today.

A) will not face

B) would not have faced

C) had not faced

D) do not face

20. Choose the correct alternative for the bold phrase:
'He is speaking rudely; **he is enough arrogant to ignore** port security directives.'

A) arrogant enough to ignore

B) arrogantly enough to ignore

C) enough arrogance to ignore

D) No improvement needed

21. The Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, along with his senior technicians, _____ responsible for fleet maintenance.

A) are

B) is

C) were

D) have been

22. Choose the word most similar in meaning to IMMINENT in: 'That hull corrosion poses an imminent threat to seaworthiness.'

A) Distant

B) Impending

C) Minor

D) Unlikely

23. What does the idiom 'at the eleventh hour' mean in: 'The Chairman will discuss the matter at the eleventh hour'?

A) At 11:00 AM sharp

B) At the last possible moment

C) Early in the shift

D) After working hours

24. Identify the grammatical error part: 'One of the main reasons (A) / for processing delays (B) / were missing approvals (C) / No error (D)'

A) One of the main reasons

B) for processing delays

C) were missing approvals

D) No error

25. Choose the word most similar in meaning to METICULOUS in: 'Our compliance team is meticulous in auditing waste disposal.'

A) Thorough

B) Careless

C) Rapid

D) Indifferent

26. Convert to Indirect Speech:
Port Control said, 'The tugboats are pulling the barge toward Ernakulam Wharf.'

A) Port Control stated that the tugboats are pulling the barge toward Ernakulam Wharf.

B) Port Control stated that the tugboats have been pulling the barge toward Ernakulam Wharf.

C) Port Control stated that the tugboats had pulled the barge toward Ernakulam Wharf.

D) Port Control stated that the tugboats were pulling the barge toward Ernakulam Wharf

27. Convert to Passive Voice:
'The Port Chairman will inaugurate the new international cruise terminal tomorrow.'

A) The new international cruise terminal is inaugurated by the Port Chairman tomorrow.

B) The new international cruise terminal shall inaugurate by the Port Chairman tomorrow.

C) The new international cruise terminal will be inaugurated by the Port Chairman tomorrow.

D) The new international cruise terminal would be inaugurated by the Port Chairman tomorrow.

28. Rearrange the jumbled parts into a coherent instruction:
P: to prevent collision risks | Q: must maintain a safe distance | R: all incoming vessels | S: while navigating the channel

A) R – Q – P – S

B) R – Q – S – P

C) P – S – R – Q

D) S – R – Q – P

29. What is the primary maritime definition of a 'Bollard' on a quay?

A) A short, sturdy post on a wharf used to secure a ship's mooring lines

B) A crane used to lift ISO containers

C) A floating boom used to contain oil spills

D) A channel lighthouse navigation buoy

30. Select the correctly spelled word used in official port administrative correspondence:

A) Maintenance

B) Maintainance

C) Maintenence

D) Mentenance

31. A salary is first increased by 25% and subsequently reduced by 20%. What is the overall percentage change in the salary?

A) 5% increase

B) 5% decrease

C) 0%

D) 10% increase

32. A clerk at Cochin Port counts 12 boxes in 3 rows. If each row has the same number of boxes, how many boxes are in each row?

A) 3

B) 4

C) 5

D) 6

Q33. Find the quotient when 1,440 is divided by 12.

A) 110

B) 120

C) 130

D) 140

34. A port equipment item was sold for ₹18,400 at a loss of 8%. At what price should it be sold to earn a profit of 15%?

A) ₹20,000

B) ₹22,000

C) ₹23,000

D) ₹24,150

35. The average age of 24 employees in an administrative section is 35 years. When the manager's age is included, the average increases by 1 year. What is the age of the manager?

A) 50 years

B) 55 years

C) 60 years

D) 65 years

36. A can complete a maintenance task in 12 days, and B can complete it in 18 days. They worked together for 4 days, after which A left. How many days will B take alone to complete the remaining work?

A) 6 days

B) 8 days

C) 10 days

D) 12 days

37. Express 0.25 as a fraction in its simplest form.

A) 1/2

B) 1/4

C) 1/5

D) 2/5

38. What is the compound interest on ₹10,000 for 2 years at 10% per annum, compounded annually?

A) ₹2,000

B) ₹2,100

C) ₹2,200

D) ₹2,400

39. Out of 200 cargo containers inspected at Willingdon Island, 10% were flagged for secondary physical check. How many containers were flagged?

A) 10

B) 15

C) 20

D) 25

40. The ratio of male to female administrative staff in a port department is 5 : 4. If there are 20 female staff members, how many male staff members are there?

A) 20

B) 25

C) 30

D) 35

41. Who was the legendary British harbor engineer responsible for designing and transforming Cochin into a modern all-weather port in the 1920s?

A) Lord Curzon

B) Sir Robert Bristow

C) James Rennell

D) Arthur Cotton

42. India's first dedicated International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT) under Cochin Port Authority is located at which island?

A) Willingdon Island

B) Bolgatty Island

C) Vallarpadam Island

D) Vypeen Island

43. Which Strait separates India from Sri Lanka?

A) Palk Strait

B) Malacca Strait

C) Sunda Strait

D) Hormuz Strait

44. What standard unit in maritime transport represents a standard 20-foot shipping container?

A) Total Export Unit

B) Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit (TEU)

C) Terminal Engine Unit

D) Tonnage Entry Unit

45. Which flagship programme was launched by the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for comprehensive port-led development across India's coastline?

A) Bharatmala Project

B) Sagarmala Programme

C) Setu Bharatam

D) PM Awas Yojana

46. Which port project in Maharashtra was approved by the Union Cabinet as India's newest greenfield, all-weather deep-draft major port?

A) Vizhinjam Port

B) Vadhavan Port

C) Galathea Bay Port

D) Tuna Tekra Port

47. India's first indigenous hydrogen fuel-cell ferry vessel was constructed by which public sector shipyard?

A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders

C) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

D) Goa Shipyard

48. The 'Sagar-Setu' (National Logistics Portal-Marine) mobile app was launched primarily to:

A) Track naval security vessels

B) Digitize and streamline port clearances through a single-window portal

C) Monitor deep-sea fishing trawlers

D) Issue mariner passports online

49. Under the Green Hybrid Tug Transition Programme (GTTP), the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways aims to convert all port tugboats into green hybrid tugs by which target year?

A) 2028

B) 2030

C) 2035

D) 2040

50. Who is the present Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways in India?

A) Shri. Sarbananda Sonowal

B) Shri. Nitin Gadkari

C) Shri. Piyush Goyal

D) Shri. Jyotiraditya Scindia