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SECTION—A

Choose the correct option for the following (Q. No. **1** to Q. No. **45**) : 1×45=45

1. Read the following statements with reference to 'A Letter to God' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : The house in which Lencho was living was in the middle of a populous town.

Statement 2 : Lencho was a good farmer.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false



2. "I hope it passes quickly." It did not pass quickly.

What is the 'it' referred to?

(A) A pack of wolves
(B) A swarm of locusts
(C) The hailstorm
(D) The storm of dust

3. What was Lencho's immediate response when he 'received the letter from God'?

(A) He began shouting at the postmaster
(B) He was not surprised but very angry
(C) He began laughing with joy
(D) He was sad and silent

4. On that lovely autumn day, I was accompanied by my _____ Zenani.

(A) aunt
(B) mother
(C) wife
(D) daughter



5. "The day was symbolised for me by the playing of our two national anthems."

What was the occasion when two national anthems were being played?

(A) It was the swearing in ceremony of Mandela
(B) It was the opening of the World Peace Day
(C) It was the International Day of Games
(D) It was South Africa's New Year's Day

6. Read the following statements with reference to 'Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : On the day of the inauguration, Nelson Mandela was overwhelmed with a sense of history.

Statement 2 : Mandela learned that courage is not an absence of fear but triumph over it.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true

7. During September to March, it is the season of _____ in Coorg.

(A) sorrow
(B) lull
(C) joy
(D) pain

8. With reference to 'Coorg', choose the correct option for the given sentence :

The theory of Arab origin in relation to the people of Coorg is based on the

(A) clothes they wear
(B) festivals they celebrate
(C) houses they live in
(D) food they eat

9. Read the following statements with reference to 'Coorg' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Whoever visits Coorg, is fascinated by the adventurous activities that are carried out.

Statement 2 : The people are hostile and cowardly in Coorg.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

10. Pranjol buried his nose in his detective book again.

What does the underlined part mean?

(A) To become deeply engrossed in something
(B) To have cold
(C) To cover the nose with something
(D) To smell the something

11. Read the following statements with reference to 'Tea from Assam' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Bodhidharma was a lazy monk who loved to sleep.

Statement 2 : The legend of Bodhidharma originated in China.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

12. The second-flush or sprouting period is important as it

(A) produces lots of green tea
(B) yields the best tea
(C) requires less work from the labourers
(D) is the time when winter sets in

13. Read the following statements with reference to 'Madam Rides the Bus' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Valli loved standing at the front door.

Statement 2 : Her playmates were of her age.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

14. "On and on went her thoughts as she calculated and recalculated, planned and replanned." [Hint : 'Madam Rides the Bus']

What was the planning about?

(A) It was about a birthday party
(B) It was about a bus ride
(C) It was about a picnic
(D) It was about a school event

15. "He stalks in his vivid stripes."

Choose the word which is same as the underlined word.

(A) Bright
(B) Dull
(C) Faded
(D) Vague

16. In the poem 'Amanda', the mother asks her daughter not to
    (A) eat her food
    (B) wear a red ribbon
    (C) bite her nails
    (D) go out and play

17. In the poem 'Animals', Walt Whitman writes that animals do not discuss their duty to
    (A) parents
    (B) society
    (C) God
    (D) fellow animals

18. In 'The Ball Poem', the boy senses his first responsibility in a world of
    (A) balls
    (B) playthings
    (C) people
    (D) possessions

19. Why does the speaker in 'The Ball Poem' say that he would not intrude on the boy?
    (A) Because he knows that another ball is worthless
    (B) Because he knows that the boy would not listen to him
    (C) Because he does not want to disturb the boy
    (D) Because he does not know how to speak to the boy

20. "He is learning well behind his desperate eyes..." [Hint : 'The Ball Poem']
    What is the opposite of the underlined word?
    (A) Disciplined
    (B) Distressed
    (C) Dolorous
    (D) Cheerful

21. From your reading of 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon', choose the correct option.
    (A) Dog : Black, Kitten : Yellow
    (B) Kitten : Grey, Dog : Black
    (C) Dog : Black, Mouse : Grey
    (D) Kitten : Black, Mouse : Grey

22. Read the following statements with reference to 'Footprints without Feet' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Griffin chose a bad time to be in London.

Statement 2 : It was bad time because all shops in London were closed.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

Or

Read the following statements with reference to 'The Hack Driver' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Oliver Lutkins was wanted to serve as a witness.

Statement 2 : He was an expert in giving witnesses in law cases.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

23. "Griffin the scientist had carried out experiment after experiment..."

What 'experiment' is being referred to here?

(A) How to develop an artificial brain
(B) How to become invisible
(C) How to live without air
(D) How to become immortal

Or

Oliver Lutkins laughed at the young lawyer because

(A) Lutkins found the young lawyer funny
(B) Lutkins understood that the young lawyer did not understand his trick
(C) Lutkins was a humorous fellow
(D) Lutkins found himself in a group of tricksters who were sharing jokes

24. "Shortly afterwards a curious episode occurred."

[Hint : 'Footprints without Feet']

Choose the word which means the same as the underlined word.

(A) Strange
(B) Ordinary
(C) Similar
(D) Jubilant

Or

"As we climbed back to the hack, Bill concluded that since Lutkins had exhausted his credit at Gustaff's..."

Choose the opposite for the underlined word.

(A) Kept unused
(B) Wasted
(C) Distributed
(D) Lost

25. Read the following statements with reference to 'A Question of Trust' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Horace Danby loved to read books.

Statement 2 : Book lovers can be cheated easily by beautiful women.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

Or

Read the following statements with reference to 'The Midnight Visitor' and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Physical appearance has nothing to do with the profession of a detective.

Statement 2 : All detectives must know how to speak French.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false
(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

26. Fifteen years ago Horace Danby had been put to the prison because

(A) he murdered his landlady
(B) he tried to rob an old man
(C) he robbed a safe
(D) he pushed a fellow traveller from the bus he was travelling in

Or

Max wanted the report back from Ausable. It was a report concerning

(A) health
(B) finances
(C) missiles
(D) constructions

27. Horace gets angry when anyone discusses 'honour among _____'.
(A) gentlemen
(B) thieves
(C) shopkeepers
(D) women

Or

The first event of the day that thrilled Fowler was
(A) Ausable's plan regarding the secret report
(B) the appearance of a man with a small automatic pistol
(C) the excellent ambience of the room
(D) the visit of the waiter with food

28. Read the two statements and choose the correct option :
Statement 1 : We have to be careful and alert.
Statement 2 : Is that so, but why?
(A) Statement 1 is imperative and Statement 2 is exclamatory
(B) Statement 1 is assertive and Statement 2 is interrogative
(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are assertive
(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are interrogative

29. Do you have any money?
What is the underlined word known as?
(A) Pronoun
(B) Noun
(C) Adverb
(D) Quantifier

30. I signed my name where father told me to do.
Identify the type of adverb clause represented by the underlined part.
(A) Adverb clause of place
(B) Adverb clause of manner
(C) Adverb clause of condition
(D) Adverb clause of time

31. Identify the correct sentence.
(A) This hotel offer fooding and lodging.
(B) This hotel offer food and lodging.
(C) This hotel offers food and lodge.
(D) This hotel offers food and lodging.

32. I want to be free.

Choose the sentence that replaces the underlined part in the correct form.

(A) I wished for my freedoms.
(B) I want freedom.
(C) I wanted for my freedom.
(D) I wished for being freedom.

33. The train will stop _____ many stations.

Choose the correct preposition.

(A) on
(B) upon
(C) at
(D) by

34. We should speak the truth.

The underlined modal is used to imply

(A) probability
(B) certainty
(C) request
(D) duty

35. "He was writing a letter."

Choose the correct passive voice form for the given sentence.

(A) A letter was being written by him.
(B) A letter was wrote by him.
(C) He wrote a letter.
(D) He was being writing a letter.

36. "Let the door be closed."

Choose the correct active voice form for the given sentence.

(A) You closed the door.
(B) Closed the door.
(C) Door closed please.
(D) Close the door.

37. Raju used to earn by _____.

Choose the correct option to make it a meaningful sentence.

(A) nick of time
(B) fits and starts
(C) ups and downs
(D) in and out

38. In her imaginary world, Amanda plays the role of

(A) a queen and a mermaid

(B) an orphan and a princess

(C) a mermaid and an orphan

(D) a queen and an orphan

39. In the poem 'Animals', the speaker wonders where the animals got the _____ from.

(A) laughter

(B) tokens

(C) food

(D) strength

Directions : Question Nos. **40** and **41** are based on seen comprehension. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

Her first journey—what careful painstaking, elaborate plans she had had to make for it ! She had thriftily saved whatever stray coins came her way, resisting every temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons and the like; and finally she had saved a total of sixty paise. How difficult it had been, particularly that day at the village fair, but she had resolutely stifled a strong desire to ride the merry-go-round, even though she had the money.

[Hint : 'Madam Rides the Bus']

40. With reference to the given passage, choose the word having the same meaning as the word stifled.

(A) Removed

(B) Allowed

(C) Suppressed

(D) Released

41. According to the narrator of the given passage, it was a difficult day on the day of the village fair for the girl because

(A) the girl had no friends to go with to the fair

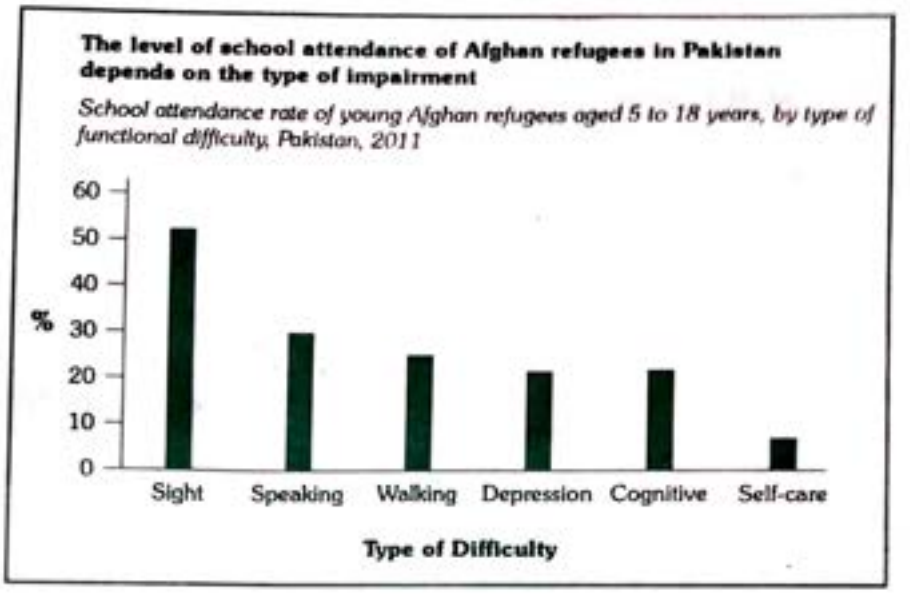
(B) the girl had a strong desire to ride the merry-go-round

(C) the girl could not spend her money

(D) the girl had to resist her temptations to ride the merry-go-round despite having the money to spend

Directions : Question Nos. **42–45** are based on unseen comprehension. *Read the* passage carefully and answer the questions.

Displaced Children with Disabilities Face Overlapping Barriers



Access to education is often difficult for children with disabilities in many low and middle income countries, more so if they are forcibly displaced. Their experience can vary enormously, depending first and foremost on the extent to which their needs are identified and addressed. Refugee children with disabilities stand to benefit from international legal instruments that, among other issues, underscore their right to education, whatever the hardships of their situation. The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted a General Comment dealing specifically with children with disabilities, calling for them to be given high priority for special assistance.

Disability is not a monolithic concept. Experiences can vary widely according to individual impairment and available accommodation. Context, experiences and personal attributes can lead to very different outcomes. A large-scale 2011 survey among 1 million Afghans living in Pakistan asked systematic questions on disability, giving greater insight into variation among people with disabilities, including their access to education. This provides insight into access to education and literacy by type of

functional difficulty. Those with difficulty in seeing were most likely to attend school (52%), while those with self-care difficulties were the least likely (7·5%). In between were those with difficulty in speaking (31%) or walking (27%), trauma-originating depression or confusion (23%) and cognitive difficulties (21%).

42. The experiences of refugee children from Afghanistan vary widely according to individual

(A) needs and wants

(B) impairment and available accommodation

(C) money and shelter

(D) impairment and food habits

43. From the given Bar diagram, arrange the given types of disability in the ascending order.

(A) Self-care, Cognitive, Depression, Walking

(B) Depression, Self-care, Cognitive, Walking

(C) Walking, Depression, Cognitive, Self-care

(D) Depression, Cognitive, Self-care, Walking

44. Read the following statements based on the given passage and choose the correct option :

Statement 1 : Access to education is difficult for children with disabilities.

Statement 2 : Children with disabilities from low and middle income countries suffer more.

(A) Statement 1 is true and Statement 2 is false

(B) Statement 1 is false and Statement 2 is true

(C) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true

(D) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false

45. In the 2011 survey, it was found that children with difficulty in seeing were most likely to have access to

(A) games

(B) music

(C) education

(D) health

SECTION—B

Answer the following briefly (Q. No. **46** to Q. No. **55**) : 2×10=20

46. Write two sentences about the 'magnificent view' that Rajvir saw outside from his train window.

47. "Now we're really going to get some water, woman."

(a) Who is the 'woman' being referred to?

(b) What 'water' does the speaker imply?

48. Give a brief description of the postmaster as represented in 'A Letter from God'.

49. What, according to Mandela, was the greatest wealth of his country?

50. Mention two aspects of Coorgi homes from your reading of 'Coorg'.

51. How did Valli gather information about the bus journey?

52. "He hears the last _____ at night
The patrolling _____."

[Hint : 'A Tiger in the Zoo']

Fill in the blanks.

53. By what names were Belinda's pets known?

Directions : Question Nos. **54** and **55** are based on seen comprehension provided in Page No. **10** with Q. No. **40**.

54. What are the temptations that Valli had to resist to take the first journey by bus?

55. Give the antonym and synonym of the word careful.

SECTION—C

Answer the following :

56. Provide a pen-picture of Ausable. 4

Or

How did the 'charming lady' trap Horace?

57. Show how Griffin was a 'lawless person'. 4

Or

Narrate the young lawyer's experience at Lutkins' mother's farm.

SECTION—D

58. Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics :

(a) Natural Resources

(b) Outdoor Games

(c) Your Favourite Book 5

Or

Write a story on the basis of the following outline. Give a suitable title :

Two cats steal a cake—they quarrel over their share—they ask a monkey for making two equal halves—the cats are deceived

59. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Assam Tribune' regarding the waste of resources during the festivals. You are Radha/Rishav from Panbazar, Guwahati. 3

Or

Use the following information to write a report on the Annual Day Celebrations of your school :

Date : Friday, 20th March
Time : 10:00 a.m. onwards
Place : School playground
Presided over by : Headmaster of your school
Details : Lighting of Lamp by Chief Guest, Singing of National Anthem, Speech by Chief Guest and Headmaster, Prize distribution, Cultural performances by students, Vote of Thanks by the School Monitor

60. Translate the following into the language as per your MIL / IL subject : 1×3=3

(a) We have to learn our lessons regularly.

(b) Students should not be distracted by politics.

(c) Assam is a land of diversity.

Or

Write a substance of the following passage : 3

A great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser does a large amount of hard work before others get up. In the early morning the mind remains fresh, and there are few sounds or other distractions, so that the work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases, the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air, and such exercise supplies him with a lot of energy that lasts till evening. By beginning the day so early, he knows that he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the works he can be expected to do, and he is not tempted to hurry on any part of it. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening before he goes to bed.

SECTION—E

(Grammar)

61. Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of tense for the verb given in the brackets : 1×2=2

(a) Hari _____ to read novels. (love)

(b) We _____ in Guwahati since last January. (live)

62. Change the narration of the following sentences : 1×2=2

(a) The teacher said, "Today we will learn a poem."

(b) Father told me not to waste my time.

63. Rewrite the following as directed : 1×2=2

(a) Though he was old, he was energetic. (Write as a compound sentence)

(b) Social media is deceptive. (Rewrite in interrogative form)

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