

1. Select the word closest in meaning to the given word:

Hermetic

- A. Airtight
- B. Enclosed
- C. Sealed tight
- D. All of these

Right Answer:: D

2. Select the word closest in meaning to the given word:

Enchant

- A. Bore
- B. Enthral
- C. Irk
- D. Weary

Right Answer:: B

3. Select the opposite of the given word:

Sensual

- A. Physical
- B. Worldly
- C. Corporeal
- D. Spiritual

Right Answer:: D

4. Select the opposite of the given word:

Myopic

- A. Narrow minded
- B. Farsighted
- C. Intolerant
- D. Prejudiced

Right Answer:: B

5. Select the opposite of the given word:

Boss

- A. Superior
- B. Employee
- C. Chief
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

6. Pick the word which means differently from the following groups of word:

Acerbity, Asperity; Acrimony, Churlishness, Politeness, Rudeness, Tartness

- A. Acerbity
- B. Churlishness
- C. Politeness
- D. Rudeness

Right Answer:: C

7. Mark the option with the correct spelling of the word:

- A. Flourescent
- B. Fluoroscent
- C. Fluorescent
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: C

8. Mark the most appropriate substitute for the given description:

The owner of a business enterprise who, by risk and initiative, attempts to make profits

- A. Entrepreneur
- B. Capitalist
- C. Bourgeois
- D. None of the above

Right Answer:: A

9. Mark the most appropriate substitute for the given description:

The practice of having more than one husband at same time

- A. Polyandry
- B. Polyphony
- C. Polygamy
- D. Bigamy

Right Answer:: A

10. Mark the most appropriate substitute for the given description:

Giving undue favours to one's own kith and kin

- A. Corruption
- B. Classicism
- C. Favouritism
- D. Nepotism

Right Answer:: D

11. Reorder the given phrases to make meaningful sentence out of them:

Monica

- P. expanded to include international
- Q. in 1993, mainly from
- R. local artists, and has since
- S. started collecting art
- T. artists in her gallery, located in Sydney

- A. S-Q-R-P-T
- B. S-P-T-Q-R
- C. S-Q-P-R-T
- D. S-R-P-Q-T

Right Answer:: A

12. Reorder the given phrases to make meaningful sentence out of them:

- P. the centre
- Q. of Cape Town
- R. is located at
- S. the northern end
- T. of the peninsula

- A. S-T-P-Q-R
- B. T-S-R-Q-P
- C. Q-R-S-T-P
- D. P-Q-R-S-T

Right Answer:: D

13. In the following sentence, choose 'a', 'an' or 'the' and fill in the blank:

You must eat _____ orange. It takes care of your vitamin requirements.

- A. A
- B. An
- C. The
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

14. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate determiner from the options that follow:

Anushka lives in _____ house.

- A. This
- B. There
- C. Those
- D. These

Right Answer:: A

15. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate determiner from the options that follow:

I lent _____ cell phone to Akhilesh.

- A. My
- B. Your
- C. His
- D. Her

Right Answer:: A

16. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from those given:

Now, there _____ many clouds left. It will not rain any more.

- A. Was
- B. Were
- C. Weren't
- D. Wasn't

Right Answer:: C

17. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from those given:

He said that he _____ definitely come home early today. We have to go out for a dinner.

- A. Can
- B. Could
- C. Will
- D. Would

Right Answer:: D

18. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate modal verb:

Where are my glasses? I _____ find them.

- A. Wouldn't
- B. Can't
- C. Shouldn't
- D. Couldn't

Right Answer:: B

19. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate modal verb:

When _____ the polio shots be given to the children?

- A. Can
- B. Should
- C. Would
- D. Could

Right Answer:: B

20. Fill in the blank with the future perfect/future perfect continuous form of the given verb:

By the time my friend gets to my place, I _____ (wait) for her for two hours.

- A. Would have waited
 - B. Will be waiting
 - C. Will have been waiting
 - D. Will be going to wait
- Right Answer:: C**

21. Fill in the blank with the correct simple future / future continuous form of the given verb:

Trishna _____ (wait) for us till we reach the station.

- A. Would wait
 - B. Will be waiting
 - C. Would be waiting
 - D. Will wait
- Right Answer:: B**

22. Change the following active sentence into passive voice:

You should not open medicines about two hours before you use it.

- A. Medicines should not be opened before two hours of use.
 - B. Medicines should not be opened about two hours before they are used.
 - C. Medicines should never be opened before they are being used.
 - D. None of the above.
- Right Answer:: B**

23. Change the following sentence direct to indirect narration:

He said, "I have found the files."

- A. He said I have found the files.
 - B. He said that he had found the files.
 - C. He said that I had found the files.
 - D. None of the above
- Right Answer:: B**

24. Punctuate and capitalize the given sentence as and where necessary:

the tram its metal wheels screeching as they spin along the silver tracks rolls more slowly now

- A. The tram its metal wheels screeching as they spin along the silver tracks rolls more slowly now.
 - B. The tram - its metal wheels screeching as they spin along the silver tracks rolls more slowly now!
 - C. The tram, its metal wheels screeching, as they spin along the silver tracks, rolls more slowly now.
 - D. "The tram its metal wheels screeching as they spin along the silver tracks rolls more slowly now?"
- Right Answer:: C**

25. Punctuate and capitalize the given sentence as and where necessary:

moreover the rent is high the house is small and the location is not perfect

- A. Moreover the rent is high the house is small and the location is not perfect.
 B. Moreover, the rent is high, the house is small and the location is not perfect.
 C. Moreover the rent is high the house is small and the location is not perfect?
 D. Moreover the rent is high the house is small and the location is not perfect!

Right Answer:: B

26. Given below is the format of a poster. Fill the blank with appropriate answer:

Banner - containing the organizers details
Graphic / Photograph /Illustration / Picture / Art work
Headings / Slogan / Event details
Message / Attractions/ Event details

Sponsors / Contact information of organizers

- A. Venue
 B. Date and Time
 C. Both the above
 D. None of the above

Right Answer:: C

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Banner - containing the organizers details
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Headings / Slogan / Event details
Message / Attractions/ Event details
Venue Date and Time.

- A. Sponsors / Contact information of organizers
 B. Heading / Slogan / Event details
 C. Banner - with the event details
 D. Any of the above

Right Answer:: A

28. From the following conversation, mark the correct message that is being conveyed:

Receptionist: Thank you for calling Pioneer Dental Clinic. Mary speaking. How can I help you?
 Sonia: Hi Mary. It's Sonia Jain calling. How are you today?
 Receptionist: I'm fine Mrs. Jain. How are you?
 Sonia: Well actually, I have a bit of a sore tooth. I was wondering if Dr. Khan would have some time to see me this week.
 Receptionist: I'm afraid he's booked this week. I can put you in for 8 pm next Saturday. Is that alright with you?
 Sonia: That would be great

Receptionist: I'll have to give you the address of our new office.
 Sonia: Oh, that's right, you moved.
 Receptionist: Yes, we moved to the suburbs. Do you have a pen handy?
 Sonia: Could you hold on a moment please? Okay, go ahead Mary.
 Receptionist: We are at 201, Silver Mall, M.G. road.
 Sonia: Would you mind spelling that for me?
 Receptionist: Sure. That's two-zero-one, Silver-S as in Shimla, I as in India, L as in Lucknow, V as in Victor, E as in Echo, R as in Romeo. Mall-M as in Mile, A as in Alpha, L as in Lucknow again. M.G. road is Mehrauli Gurgaon road.
 Sonia: Okay great. I'll see you on Saturday then.
 Receptionist: Okay. Thanks for calling. See you then.
 Sonia: Thanks. Bye

Who is calling whom?

- A. Mrs. Sonia Jain is calling Dr. Khan's dental clinic.
- B. Mrs. Sonia Jain is calling her friend Mary.
- C. The receptionist has called Sonia.
- D. Mary has called Dr. Khan.

Right Answer:: A

29. Following is the format of a Notice.

Choose the correct answer and fill the blank from the options that follow:

The Delhi Public School Mathura Road New Delhi	
NOTICE	
Date of Posting	
Heading or Subject	
Message or message contents	

Designation of poster/signatory	

- A. Message or message contents
- B. Date of Posting
- C. Name of the poster/signatory
- D. Heading or Subject

Right Answer:: C

30. You are Shamit Kumar, the proprietor of MIS Anil Sharma and Sons. You plan to buy a car. To buy a car, you want to apply for a car loan. Please write a letter to the Branch Manager of ICICI Bank requesting him to send a marketing executive to complete the formalities of the loan and hence process it.

Help Ramesh to complete the application by using the most appropriate word from the options given below:

From
 M/S Anil Sharma and Sons
 12/24 Karol Bagh
 New Delhi
 Dated: 15th Jun, 20XX

Branch Manager
ICICI Bank - Car Loan Division
Karol Bagh Branch
New Delhi

Subject: Request for grant of car loan

Dear Sir,

MIS Anil Sharma and Sons is more than 50 year old firm in the business of trading and export of food grains. As part of some expansion plans, we want to finance a high end luxury car from your bank and would be requiring a loan of Rs. 50 lakhs or higher which would be around 75% of the car cost.

I am enclosing herewith the bank statement of our firm MIS Anil Sharma and Sons for the last three years for your kind perusal. You are requested to kindly send a Marketing Executive to help process the desired loan at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Shamit Kumar

Proprietor

- A. To
- B. From
- C. Subject
- D. Dated

Right Answer:: A

31. Read the telegram given below and answer the question that follows:

INDIAN POST AND TELEGRAPH	
MESSAGE: GRANDFATHER SERIOUS. COME SOON.	
SENDER'S NAME	SURESH
NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED	SURESH
SENDER'S ADDRESS	BANGALORE
NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ADDRESSEE	NAME: MATHURALAL SHARMA ADDRESS: 13/1 MG ROAD, MG TELEGRAPH OFFICE, NEW DELHI TEL. NO: 21986198

To whom is the telegram being sent?

- A. Suresh
- B. Mathuralal Sharma
- C. Telegram Office
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

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- B. Message or message contents
- C. Name of the poster/signatory
- D. Heading or Subject

Right Answer:: B

33. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Ahmed, a professional, who had worked in an office for many years had a fearful dream one night. In it, he found himself on a land where small slug-like animals with slippery tentacles existed on people's bodies. The people tolerated the loathsome creatures because after many years they would grow into elephants, which then would become the nation's system of transport, carrying everyone wherever they wanted to go. Ahmed all of a sudden, became conscious that he himself was covered with these things. As a result, he woke up in the middle of the night screaming. In a vivid sequence of pictures, this dream indicated to Ahmed what he had never been able to put into words; he saw himself as letting the society feed on his body in his early years so that it would carry him when he retired. He later threw off the 'security blanket' and took up freelance work and became an entrepreneur.

Which one of the following phrases best helps to bring out the precise meaning of 'loathsome creatures'?

- A. Security blanket and slippery tentacles
- B. Fearful dream and slug-like animals
- C. Slippery tentacles and slug-like animals
- D. Slug-like animals and security blanket

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Ahmed's dream was fearful because _____.

- A. It brought him face to face with reality.
- B. It was full of vivid pictures of snakes.
- C. He saw huge elephants in it.
- D. In it he saw slippery creatures feeding on people's bodies.

Right Answer:: A

35. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

We have been brought up to fear insects. We regard them as unnecessary creatures that do more harm than good. Man continually wages war on them, for they contaminate his food, carry diseases or devour his crops. They sting or bite without provocations; they fly uninvited into our room on summer nights or beat against our lighted windows. We live in dread not only of unpleasant insects like spiders and wasps, but of quite harmless ones like moths. Reading about them increases our understanding without dispelling our fears, knowing that they are industrious and live in a highly organized society does nothing to prevent us from being filled with

revulsion when we find hordes of them crawling over a carefully prepared picnic lunch.

No matter how much we like honey, or how much we have read about the uncanny sense of direction which bees possess, we have a horror of being stung. Most of our fears are unreasonable, but are difficult to erase. At the same time, however, insects are strangely fascinating. We enjoy reading about them, especially when we find that, like the praying mantis, they lead perfectly horrible lives. We enjoy staring at them, entranced as they go about their business, unaware (we hope) of our presence. Who has not stood in awe at the sight of a spider pouncing on a fly or a column of ants triumphantly bearing home an enormous dead beetle?

Last summer, I spent days in the garden watching thousands of ants crawling up the trunk of my prized peach tree. The tree has grown against a warm wall on a sheltered side of the house. I am especially proud of it, not only because it has survived several severe winters, but, because it occasionally produces luscious peaches. During the summer, I noticed that the leaves of the tree were beginning to wither. Clusters of tiny insects called aphids were to be found on the underside of leaves. They were visited by a large colony of ants which obtained a sort of honey from them. I immediately embarked on an experiment which, even though it failed to get rid of the ants, kept me fascinated for twenty four hours. I bound the base of the tree with a sticky tape, they did not dare to cross. For a long time, I watched them scurrying around the base of the tree in bewilderment. I even went out at midnight with a torch and noted the satisfaction (and surprise) that the ants were still swarming around the sticky tape without being able to do anything about it. I got up early next morning hoping to find that the ants had given up in despair. Instead, I saw that they had discovered a new route. They were climbing up the wall of the house and then on to the leaves of the tree. I realized sadly that I had been completely defeated by their ingenuity. The ants had been quick to find an answer to my thoroughly unscientific methods!

Why does a man kill insects?

- A. Insects spoil everything around him.
- B. They are not as loyal as dogs.
- C. He does not like the way they look.
- D. They work really hard.

Right Answer:: A

36. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

But I never wanted to shoot the mighty elephant. I watched him ferociously beating his bunch of grass against his knees, swarmed with the *preoccupied grandmotherly* air that the pachyderms have. It seemed to me that it would be a blatant murder to shoot him, especially now. He was looking as harmless as ever. Moreover, I had never shot an elephant and never wanted to (Somehow it always seemed worse to kill large animals). To top this confusion, there was the beast's owner to be considered. But I had got to act quickly. I turned to the experience personified hunting clan of 'Burmans' who had been there when we arrived and asked them how the elephants had been behaving. They all in a chorus said the same thing; which was that he took no notice of you if you left him alone, but he might charge if you went too close to him.

'Pachyderm' is referred to _____.

- A. Elephants
- B. Rhinoceroses
- C. Hippopotamus
- D. All of these

Right Answer:: D

37. Read the following poem and answer the question that follows:

THE NEW JERUSALEM

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?

And was Jerusalem builded here
 Among these dark Satanic Mills?
 Bring me my bow of burning gold!
 Bring me my arrows of desire!
 Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
 Bring me my chariot of fire!
 I will not cease from mental fight,
 Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
 Till we have built Jerusalem
 In England's green and pleasant land.
 (William Blake)

'burning gold, chariot of fire' are _____ figure of speech.

- A. Personification
- B. Hyperbole
- C. Metaphor
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

38. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

An aged hermit resided in the Lun Mountains of Korea. Many people sought his advice for he was a source of wisdom and was conversant in the miraculous arts. One day, a woman came and pleaded with him to help her regain her husband's lost fondness. "He was so loving and caring before he left for the wars," she lamented. "He has returned after three years but now he is indifferent and aloof."

"War does these things to men," said the hermit pensively. "They say you can make a potion that can kindle love in the person who consumes it," said the woman.

"I surely can make that potion, it is true, but I lack one of the main ingredients that go into its making", said the hermit. "Which is that?", asked the woman. "It is a tiger's whisker", replied the patient hermit.

The woman left promising to get what he required. The next day she went in search of a tiger and finally saw one on the banks of a large river. The tiger snarled when he saw her and she retreated. She returned to the spot the next day. Again, the tiger snarled and again she retreated. However, she kept going to the place and gradually the animal got used to her presence and stopped snarling.

She began to bring him food. In course of time, the tiger became so friendly that he would come right up to her to take the food. One day she hesitantly reached out and patted his head. A few days later, she ran her hand down the side of his face. Moreover, while doing so she deftly pulled out one of his whiskers. Thereafter she rushed to the hermit's house with the whisker.

"I've got it!" she said, triumphantly. "Good," said the hermit.

He took the whisker of tiger to the fireplace and dropped it into the fire.

"What have you done!" said the woman, stunned. "You promised to make me a magic potion with this!"

"You don't need one," said the hermit, smiling gently. "Tell me, how did you win the tiger's affection? Naturally, you had to deal with him with gentleness and a great deal of patience. Would a man be less responsive than a savage and blood thirsty beast? Go and win over your husband as you did the tiger."

The woman turned over what the hermit had said, in her mind, as she slowly made her way home. When she saw her husband her first instinct was to turn away, then remembering the tiger and the hermit's words, she checked herself and moved forward with a smile on her face.

A suitable title for the story is _____.

- A. The tiger and the woman
- B. The apathetic husband
- C. A whisker of the Tiger
- D. Woman who knew a wise recluse

Right Answer:: C

39. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

At times, we went off the road and not on the often treaded path through the thick pine forest. The floor of the forest was very soft to walk; it had not been toughened by frost as it had hardened the road. Nevertheless, we did not mind the stiffness of the road as we had nails in the soles and heels nails bit on the frozen ruts and with nailed boots, it was good walking on the road and invigorating. It was lovely walking in the woods.

The author did not mind the hardness of the road because_____.

- A. They had nailed boots on
- B. It was good to walk on the road
- C. The walk was very refreshing
- D. The nails bit on the frozen roads

Right Answer:: A

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What did the writer watch in the garden?

- A. The way the flowers were in full bloom.
- B. The antics of all birds and bees.
- C. A colony of ants climbing up the loved fruit tree.
- D. The way the grass was taking shape.

Right Answer:: C

41. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

For virtue in a being, courage is not only the basis for it but also its manifestation. Faith, hope, charity and all the rest can never become virtues unless they are complemented with courage. There are broadly two types of courage: the former one is an emotional state, which urges a man to risk injury or death, it is called physical courage. The latter, is more reasoning attitude which enables him to take gently, his career, happiness, his whole future or his judgment of what he perceives either right or worthwhile, is moral courage.

I have had the fortune of knowing many men, who had immense physical courage, but were found lacking in moral courage. Some of them occupied high offices, but they failed to be great in themselves as they lacked moral courage. On the other hand, I have observed men who indisputably possess moral courage but were very careful about partaking physical risks. Nevertheless, never have I chanced upon a man with moral scruples, who could not face a situation boldly, when it was really necessary.

A man with moral courage can_____.

- A.** Defy his enemies
- B.** Overcome all difficulties
- C.** Face a situation boldly
- D.** Be very pragmatic

Right Answer:: C

42. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Nationalism, of course, is a curious phenomenon, which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth and unity but, at the same time, it has a tendency to limit one, because one thinks of one's country as something different from the rest of the world. One's perception changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failing to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism, which is the symbol of growth for people, becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in mind.

Nationalism, when it becomes successful, sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found. Otherwise, something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good becomes not only static but also aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How do you find a balance, I don't know.

Apart from the political and economic problems of the age, perhaps, that is the greatest problem today because behind it there is tremendous search for something, which it cannot find. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance. It is folly to talk of culture or even of God. When human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economies come in. Human beings today are not in mood to tolerate this suffering, starvation, and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden.

Suitable title for this passage can be_____.

- A.** Nationalism breeds unity
- B.** Nationalism-a road to world unity
- C.** Just Nationalism is not enough
- D.** Nationalism and national problems

Right Answer:: C

43. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

An irony to boast, is that, Piccadilly Circus is full of loneliness. To inhabit near it and looking down on it is an upsetting exercise. The pulse and vibrancy of London cannot be felt here, though people expect to. It is considered as quiet a landmark.

To Londoners it is maddening obstruction between one place and another and few gladly loiter here. The only locals are those who live off the people lingering around, and the lingerers are mainly sightseers. These sightseers are mostly people hoping to draw attention to their own selves, they are typically from various provinces.

They come to see the nucleus of London and expect to see spectacle, glamour and vice.

For those who live near Piccadilly Circus, it is_____.

- A. A very noisy place
- B. Crowded with people
- C. An obstruction to traffic
- D. An awkward structure

Right Answer:: C

44. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

To avoid the various foolish opinions to which humanity is prone, no super human genius is required. A few simple rules will keep you not from all errors, but from silly errors.

If the matter is one that can be settled by observation, make the observation yourself. Like Aristotle could have avoided the mistake of thinking that women have fewer teeth than men by the simple device of asking Mrs. Aristotle to keep her mouth open while he counted. He did not do so because he thought he knew. Thinking that you know when in fact you don't is a fatal mistake to which we are all prone. Let's say that I believe myself that hedgehogs eat black beetles, because I have been told that they do, but if I were writing a book on the habit of hedgehogs, I should not commit myself until (had seen one relishing this tasteless diet. Ancient and medieval authors knew all about legendary Unicorns and Salamanders, not one of them thought it was necessary to avoid statements about them because they had never seen one of them.

Many matters however are less easily brought to the test of knowledge. If like most of humanity, you have passionate convictions on many such matters, there are ways in which you can make yourself aware of your own preconceived notion.

If someone's opinion contrary to your own makes you angry, then it is a sign that you are subconsciously aware of having no good reason for thinking as you do. If someone maintains that two and two are five, you feel pity rather than anger.

Most controversies are those about matters as to which there is no good evidence either way. Discrimination is used in religious studies, not in arithmetic, because in arithmetic there is knowledge, but in religious studies there is opinion, so be on your guard. You will probably find on examination, that your belief is going beyond what the evidence justifies.

The writer is more careful than Aristotle as_____.

- A. He believes in handling things in a more legal manner.
- B. He is more aware than any other intellectual.
- C. He feels Aristotle to be impulsive.
- D. For him verification is important for conclusion.

Right Answer:: D

45. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Recent archaeological evidence indicates that European man is far older than was previously thought. In addition, the evidence is breaking down a line of thinking called the diffusion theory. This theory suggests that civilization, as we know it, originated in the Middle East and then slowly diffused throughout the world, including Europe. It is a theory that has been generally accepted for years. An example of this change in thinking can be provided on the island of Malta, where stand some ruined stone temples of unknown origin. Although scientists and archaeologists were quite certain that they were built before the ancient Greeks and Romans, the general opinion was that the time gap between these temples and the age of the ancient Greeks and Romans was not great.

Now, through a miraculous new process of establishing the dates of civilization, called radio-carbon dating, we can be certain that these temples were in fact under construction before 3000 BC, that is, before the pyramids of Egypt. In fact, it has now become certain that many of the great stone tombs that are dotted around Europe were built around 4000 BC and are quite old buildings in existence. So, the diffusion theory is being replaced by a revolution in historical thinking, which suggests that the creation of civilized objects, such as stone buildings and metallurgy was not passed on to Europe by superior beings from the East, but in fact occurred spontaneously in different parts of the world.

The author expresses his views_____.

- A. In a matter of fact style.

- B. In a manner full of excitement and delight.
- C. As if he would have preferred to accept the older belief.
- D. As he was addressing a learned audience who opposed his views.

Right Answer:: C

46. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Language is the main **cohesive** force within a given **ethnic** group, but, at the same time it creates barriers and acts as a **repellent** force between different groups. There exist around three thousand human languages and this seems to be one of the main reasons why the **disruptive** forces have always **dominated** the forces of cohesion of our **species** as a whole. The **stammering** barbarian whose foreign tongue sounds like **gibberish** was never considered by the ancient Greeks to be fully human and the same divisive forces are at work to this day.

The word 'ethnic' as used above can be replaced by_____.

- A. Racial
- B. National
- C. Cultural
- D. All of these

Right Answer:: D

47. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

The Indian middle class consists of so many **strata** that it defies categorisation under a single term, class, which would imply a considerable degree of **homogeneity**. Yet two **paradoxical** features characterise it's conduct fairly uniformly; extensive practice and intensive **abhorrence** of corruption. What is fascinating, however, is the intense yearning of this class for a clean corruptionless society, a **yearning** that has again and again surfaced with any figure, public or **obscure**, focus on his mission of **eradicating** corruption.

The word 'obscure' as used in the passage above means_____.

- A. Clear
- B. Incomprehensible
- C. Famous
- D. Obvious

Right Answer:: B

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The word 'yearning' does not mean_____.

- A. Craving
- B. Longing
- C. Desire
- D. Abomination

Right Answer:: D

49. Read the following sentences and answer the question that follows. The leading and the trailing sentences have been provided.

Satyajit Ray made numerous movies for children.....

P. Seeing the extreme popularity of this field of cinema, later filmmakers have followed his lead.

Q. Today other nations are making the children's film in a big way.

R. This was during the time when no cinematographer considered children as a potential audience.

S. Ray was, thus, a pioneer in the field. Ironically, in the current scenario, few think of Ray as a maker of children's films.

The meaning of the word 'pioneer' is_____.

- A.** One who leads the way
- B.** To forge
- C.** One who breaks new ground
- D.** All of the above

Right Answer:: D

50. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

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The word 'strata' means_____.

- A.** Layer
- B.** Level
- C.** Section
- D.** All of the above

Right Answer:: D