

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

Presumptuous

- A. Arrogant
- B. Modest
- C. Reticent
- D. Unpretentious

Right Answer:: A

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

Enchant

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

Right Answer:: B

3. Select the opposite of the given word:

Lucrative

- A. Bequest
- B. Unprofitable
- C. Profitable
- D. Productive

Right Answer:: B

4. Select the opposite of the given word:

Notorious

- A. Angelic
- B. Celebrated
- C. Infamous
- D. Legendary

Right Answer:: A

5. Select the opposite of the given word:

Stark

- A. Partial
- B. Plain
- C. Bleak
- D. Austere

Right Answer:: A

6. Mark the word with the incorrect spelling:

- A. Loathe
- B. Loath
- C. Lothe
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: C

7. Mark the word with the incorrect spelling:

- A. Summary
- B. Summery
- C. Summation
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: D

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

That which cannot be read

- A. Illegible
- B. Illiterate
- C. Incorrigible
- D. Illegitimate

Right Answer:: A

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

A person who brings goods illegally into the country

- A. Importer
- B. Loader
- C. Smuggler
- D. Slumber

Right Answer:: C

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

Medical study of skin and its diseases

- A. Dermatology
- B. Gynaecology
- C. Endocrinology
- D. Oncology

Right Answer:: A

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

P. I would not

Q. have accepted it
R. had I known
S. the job earlier,
T. the nature of

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

Right Answer:: B

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

another

P. a great escape in the rain
Q. a greenhouse like
R. indoor space that is
S. is Sony Plaza,
T. good spot

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

Right Answer:: A

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

_____ footprints are these?

- A. Which
- B. What
- C. Whose
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: C

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

_____ of the verbs are irregular.

- A. Many
- B. Both
- C. Fewer
- D. Enough

Right Answer:: A

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

_____ time is it?

- A. Which

- B. What
- C. Whose
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

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

We _____ remember to bring our photo identity cards.

- A. Don't
- B. Didn't
- C. Doesn't
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

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

He was sitting on a chair _____ for his exams.

- A. Study
- B. Studying
- C. Having studied
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B

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

I knew you _____ enjoy this trip to Sri Lanka.

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

Right Answer:: D

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 correct present continuous or present perfect continuous form of the given verb:

It _____ (rain) all through the week.

- A. Has been raining
- B. Rained
- C. Will be raining
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: A

21. Fill in the blank with the correct simple present form of the given verb

Everybody he _____ so loudly. (talk)

- A. Is talking
- B. Talks
- C. Talked
- D. Are talking

Right Answer:: A

22. Change the following active sentence into passive voice:

The waves are washing away the sandcastle.

- A. The waves washed away the sandcastle.
- B. The sand castle is being washed away by the waves.
- C. The sand castle was washed away by the waves.
- D. None of the above.

Right Answer:: B

23. Change the following active sentence into passive voice:

After driving professor Kaul to the college, he dropped him at his home.

- A. After driving professor Kaul, he was dropped home from college.
- B. From the college, professor Kaul was dropped home after being driven.
- C. After being driven to the college, Professor Kaul was dropped at his home.
- D. None of the above.

Right Answer:: C

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

monica let me show you how to do it

- A. Monica let me show you how to do it?
- B. "Monica, let me show you how to do it."
- C. Monica let me show you how to do it.
- D. Monica, let me show you how to do it!

Right Answer:: B

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

while my brother shyam was eating my mother was drinking her tea

- A. While my brother Shyam was eating; my mother was drinking her tea?
- B. While my brother Shyam was eating my mother was drinking her tea!
- C. While my brother Shyam was eating, my mother was drinking her tea.
- D. While my brother shyam was eating my mother was drinking her tea.

Right Answer:: C

26. 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

To
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 _____ to help process the desired loan at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Shamit Kumar

Proprietor

- A. Manager
- B. Proprietor
- C. Marketing Executive
- D. None of the above

Right Answer:: C

27. Answer the following question on formal and informal letters:

Where is the subject line placed in a formal letter?

- A. After the recipients address and before the salutation
- B. After the salutation and the first line of the body of the letter
- C. Should be the first line in the letter
- D. Should never be put in a formal letter

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- B. Proprietor
- C. Any one of the above
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: A

29. Given below is a layout of a postcard. View the layout and Answer the question:

Place where the Postcard Is being written	Date of writing the card
Salutation	
Content	
• Greeting	
• Reason	
• And other Content	
Brief closing	☐
Subscription	_____
Signatory	_____
(Sender's name)	_____

If the sender has to write “Dear Friend” on this postcard, where will he write it?

- A. The salutation area
- B. The subscription area

- C. The Message
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: A

30. Given below are a few notes:

Forest resources destroyed - hill slopes eroded - floods more frequent and more severe - efforts to conserve resources - reduce deforestation

Now read the passage below and complete the passage with the most suitable phrase from those given below:

The continued _____ of our forest resources has led to a large scale erosion of our hill slopes. As a result, there has been a significant increase in the number and severity of floods and rains

- A. Erosion
- B. Severity
- C. Destruction
- D. Introduction

Right Answer:: C

31. Rearrange the following extracts from a letter body in the correct sequence:

The following is an extract from a letter from the Managing Director of a company confirming the promotion of an employee. The parts of the letter have been jumbled. Rearrange the parts to form a meaningful message:

- P. I hope that this recognition of your performance will motivate you onto greater achievements and laurels in the service of the company.
- Q. Your promotion was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors based on a review of your performance.
- R. Well done my boy! Wishing you the very best in times to come.
- S. I have great pleasure to congratulate you on your well deserved promotion to the position of Senior Manager, Finance.

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

Right Answer:: D

32. Answer the following question on formal and informal letters:

In the body of a business letter, what should be content of the first few lines?

- A. Summary of the letter
- B. Introduction and reason for writing
- C. Detailed explanation
- D. None of the above

Right Answer:: B

33. 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.

The hermit asked the woman to get a whisker of the tiger as_____.

- A. He wanted her to be a good huntress.
- B. He was sure of the tiger eating her.
- C. If she could find way in the beast’s heart, she could do so with anyone.
- D. None of the above.

Right Answer:: C

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

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A ‘clan’ is_____.

- A. A Group of people united by actual or perceived association and ancestry.
- B. A family unit found in selected parts of the world.
- C. A group of hunters who help novice hunters in getting a good shot.
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‘Savage and blood thirsty beast’ means_____.

- A. Hungry
- B. Flesh eating
- C. Grass eating
- D. War like

Right Answer:: B

36. 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.

The statement that ‘he later threw off the ‘security blanket’ means that_____.

- A. Ahmed succeeded in overcoming the need for security.
- B. Ahmed stopped giving much importance to dreams.
- C. Ahmed started tolerating social victimization.
- D. Ahmed removed all the quilts that covered him.

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In his dream Ahmed found the loathsome creatures_____.

- A. In his village
- B. In his own house
- C. In a different land
- D. In his office

Right Answer:: C

38. 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)

'And was Jerusalem builded here Among these dark Satanic Mills?' The above lines are used by the poet to show_____.

- A. How our dirty and oppressive culture has taken over the purity of nature.
- B. The tussle between mill owners and workers.
- C. The way the architecture of Jerusalem has come about.
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The author did not want to shoot the elephant as he_____.

- A. Was scared of its anger.
- B. Did not have the experience of shooting a huge animal.
- C. Never wanted to kill a giant animal that has caused no one any harm.
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'Bow of burning gold, arrows of desire' reflect_____.

- A. Human's love for wealth
- B. How cheap gold was
- C. The way wars were fought in ancient times
- D. The physical strength of the poet

Right Answer:: A

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.

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People with physical courage often lack_____.

- A. Mental balance
- B. Capacity for reasoning
- C. Emotional stability
- D. Will to fight

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A man of courage is_____.

- A. Cunning
- B. Intelligent
- C. Curious
- D. Careful

Right Answer:: D

43. 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.

Aggressive nationalism _____.

- A. Breeds threat to international relations.
- B. Leads to stunted growth.
- C. Endangers national unity.
- D. Isolates a country.

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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

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

The Eiffel Tower was built for the International Exhibition of Paris of 1889, commemorating the centenary of the French Revolution. The Prince of Wales, later, King Edward VII of England, opened the tower. Of the 700 proposals submitted in a design competition, Gustave Eiffel's was unanimously chosen. However, it was not accepted by all at first and a petition of 300 names including those of Maupassant, Charles Gamier protested its construction. At 300 meters, it was the world's tallest building until 1930.

In the year 1889, Gustave Eiffel began to fit the peak of the tower as an observation station to measure the speed of the wind. He also encouraged several scientific experiments including Foucault's giant pendulum, a mercury barometer and the first experiment of radio transmission. In 1898, the signals were received from the tower.

After Gustave Eiffel's experiments in the field of meteorology, he had begun to look, at the effects of wind and air resistance, the science that would later be termed aerodynamics, which has become a large part of both military and commercial aviation as well as rocket technology. The tower was almost torn down in 1909, but was saved because of its antenna used both for military and other purposes and the city let it stand after the permit expired.

The tower played an important role in capturing the infamous spy 'Mata Han' during World War I. From 1910 and on, the Eiffel Tower became a part of the International Time Service. French Radio and French television have also made use of its stature.

'Royalty' is also known as _____.

- A. Blue blood
- B. Nobility
- C. Aristocracy
- D. All of these

Right Answer:: D

46. 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.

Which of the following word can be replaced by the word 'hatred' without changing the meaning of the passage?

- A. Homogeneity
- B. Obscure
- C. Abhorrence
- D. Eradicating

Right Answer:: C

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

Laws of nature are not commands but statements of acts. The use of the word 'law' in this **context** is rather unfortunate. It would be better to speak of **uniformities** in nature. This would do away with the elementary **fallacy** that a law implies a law giver, If a piece of matter does not obey a law of nature, it is punished. On the **contrary**, we say that the law has been incorrectly started.

The word 'fallacy' as used above means_____.

- A. Fact
- B. Myth
- C. Actuality
- D. Detail

Right Answer:: B

48. 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 'gibberish' as used above can be replaced by_____.

- A. Nonsense
- B. Meaningful
- C. Consequential
- D. Momentous

Right Answer:: A

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

Nehru's was a many sided **personality**. He enjoyed reading and writing books as much as he enjoyed fighting political and social evils or residing **tyranny**. In him, the scientist and the **humanist** were held in perfect balance. While he kept looking at special problems from a scientific standpoint he never forgot that we should **nourish** the total man. As a scientist, he refused to believe in a **benevolent** power interested in men's affairs. However, as a self **proclaimed** non-believer, he loved **affirming** his faith in life and the beauty of nature. He adored children. Unlike Wordsworth, he did not see them as trailing clouds of glory from the recent **sojourn** in heaven. He saw them as **blossoms** of promise and **renewal**, the only hope for mankind.

The word 'proclaim' derived from the word 'proclaimed' as used above means_____.

- A. Mumble or murmur
- B. Inarticulate or incoherent
- C. Pronounce or state publicly
- D. None of the above

Right Answer:: C

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

Nehru's was a many sided **personality**. He enjoyed reading and writing books as much as he enjoyed fighting political and social evils or residing **tyranny**. In him, the scientist and the **humanist** were held in perfect balance. While he kept looking at special problems from a scientific standpoint he never forgot that we should **nourish** the total man. As a scientist, he refused to believe in a **benevolent** power interested in men's affairs. However, as a self **proclaimed** non-believer, he loved **affirming** his faith in life and the beauty of nature. He adored children. Unlike Wordsworth, he did not see them as trailing clouds of glory from the recent **sojourn** in heaven. He saw them as **blossoms** of promise and **renewal**, the only hope for mankind.

The word 'benevolent' as used above means_____.

- A. Malicious
- B. Compassionate
- C. Spiteful
- D. None of these

Right Answer:: B