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PART-A

1) How quiet it was!
 (Turn into assertive)
 (A) How it was very quiet
 (B) It was very quiet
 (C) It was really a quiet
 (D) It is very quiet

Answer:

The correct answer is:
 (B) It was very quiet

Answer questions 2 to 4 after reading the given paragraph.

I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck and heard them gawn off one of my thick braids. People stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet.

2) The author of this passage is
 (A) Kamla Das
 (B) Zitkala - Sa
 (C) Bama
 (D) Sarojini Naidu

Answer:

(B) Zitkala-Sa.

3) With whom is the bald girl compared in this passage?

Answer
 (A) Puppet
 (B) Wooden Puppet
 (C) Blades of Scissors
 (D) All of the above

4) The passage is from the unit that deals .
 (A) against the evils of oppression
 (B) criticism of the dogmas of society

(C) about the suppression of women in society
 (D) all of the above

Answer:

(D) all of the above.

5) Prussia then consisted of what now are the nations of
 (A) Germany, Poland \& Parts of Austria
 (B) Germany, Poland \& Parts of France
 (C) Poland, Germany \& Parts of Netherlands
 (D) Poland, Germany \& Parts of Scotland

Answer:

(B) Germany, Poland & Parts of France.

6) Among the village people sitting quietly, who had brought an old primer thumbed at the edges?
 (A) Former Postmaster
 (B) Hauser
 (C) Former Mayor
 (D) Franz's Parents

Answer:

(B) Hauser.

7) Those who live in Seemapuri are squatters who came from
 (A) Bangladesh
 (B) Tibet
 (C) Nepal
 (D) Burna

Answer:

(A) Bangladesh.

8) Saheb who now works at tea stall is paid rupees and all his meals.
 (A) 800
 (B) 880
 (C) 808
 (D) None of the above

Answer:

(B) 880

9) The author had an aversion to water \& it started when his father took him to a beach in -
 - (A) California

- (B) Goat Rocks
- (C) Yakima
- (D) New Hampshire

Answer:

(A) California.

10) The fear of water ruined bass fishing trip of William Douglas in

- (A) Cascades at Bumping Lake
- (B) New Hampshire
- (C) Oregon
- (D) Canoes on Maine lakes

Answer:

(A) Cascades at Bumping Lake.

11) The rattrap peddler got hold of the pouch with thirty kroner. Which country does this currency refer to?

- (A) Switzerland
- (B) Slovakia
- (C) Sweden
- (D) Swahili

Answer:

(C) Sweden.

12) The name of iron master's wife is .

- (A) Edla Willmansson
- (B) Elizabeth
- (C) Nils Olof
- (D) Selma Lagerlof

Answer:

(A) Edla Willmansson

13) was waiting at the station of Muzzafarpur to receive Gandhiji.

- (A) Rajendra Prasad <https://www.gujaratboardonline.com>
- (B) Rajkumar Shukla
- (C) Prot. Maikani
- (D) J.B. Kripaiani

Answer:

(B) Rajkumar Shukla

14) Rajendra Prasad, Brij Kishore Babu, Maulana Mazharul Huq were by profession.

- (A) Doctors
- (B) Indian Tenants
- (C) Share Croppers
- (D) Lawyers

Answer:

(D) Lawyers.

15) The make-up department of Gemini studios was first headed by .

- (A) a Madras Indian Christian
- (B) a Maharashtrian
- (C) an Anglo-Burmese
- (D) a Bengali

Answer:

(C) an Anglo-Burmese

16) Subbu, who was No 2 at Gemini studios was born a

- (A) Shudra
- (B) Vaishya
- (C) Brahmin
- (D) Christian

Answer:

(C) Brahmin

17) In 1894 who referred to interview as 'the interviewing ordeal'?

- (A) V.S. Naipaul
- (B) Rudyard Kipling
- (C) Mark Twain
- (D) H. G. Wells

Answer:

(B) Rudyard Kipling

18) Umber to Eco presented his first Doctoral dissertation in

- (A) Germany
- (B) Italy
- (C) Cambridge
- (D) Austria

Answer:

(B) Italy

19) Who among the following ' feel that some people are wounded by interviews \& loose a part of themselves'?

(A) H. G. Wells

(B) V.S. Naipaul

(C) Lewis Carroll

(D) Joseph Stalin

Answer:

(C) Lewis Carroll

20) Who once remarked, 'I can't understand how one man can do all the things Eco does'?

(A) Rudyard Kipling

(B) David Lodge

(C) Denis Brian

(D) John Keats

(B) David Lodge.

21) The author of 'Going Places' lives in

(A) Denmark

(B) Zurich

(C) Berlin

(D) Paris

Answer:

(A) Denmark.

22) Sophie day dreams about

(A) Danny Casey

(B) Jansie

(C) Geoff

(D) Tom Finney

Answer:

(A) Danny Casey

23) Vasan was the editor of popular weekly 'Anand Vikatan' published in _____ language.

- (A) Malayalam
- (B) Tamil
- (C) Telugu
- (D) Kannada

Answer:

(B) Tamil

24) In December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress was held at _____.

- (A) Lucknow
- (B) Champaran
- (C) Bombay
- (D) Jhansi

Answer:

(A) Lucknow

25) Kamala Das was a bilingual writer, writing in _____ and _____ languages.

- (A) Kannada and English
- (B) Telugu and English
- (C) Malayalam and English
- (D) Malayalam and Tamil

Answer:

(C) Malayalam and English.

26) The poem 'My mother at Sixty-Six' is an example of a

- (A) limerick
- (B) sonnet
- (C) haiku
- (D) lyrical idiom

Answer:

(D) lyrical idiom.

27) Pablo Neruda is the pen name of _____.

- (A) Neftali Ricardo Reyes Basoalto
- (B) Robert Frost
- (C) Adrienne Rich
- (D) John Keats

Answer:

(A) Neftali Ricardo Reyes Basoalto.

28) Identify the figure of speech in the line 'everything seems dead and later proves alive'.

- (A) Pun
- (B) Antithesis
- (C) Simile
- (D) Transferred Epithet

Answer:

(B) Antithesis.

29) The poem _____ is based on Greek legend of Endymion and Cynthia.

- (A) A Road Side stand
- (B) A thing of Beauty
- (C) Keeping Quiet
- (D) None of the above

Answer:

(B) A thing of Beauty

30) Fishermen in the Cold Sea would not harm _____.

- (A) Sharks
- (B) Whales
- (C) Dolphins
- (D) None of the above

Answer:

(B) Whales

31) People stop at the Roadside stand to ask _____.

- (A) the prices of the commodities sold there
- (B) about road directions
- (C) whether they sell gas
- (D) all of the above

Answer:

(D) all of the above.

32) The Poem 'A Road Side Stand' presents the lives of _____.

- (A) the mentally ill
- (B) the deprived people
- (C) the wealthy
- (D) all of the above

Answer:

(B) the deprived people

33) 'The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band'. Identify the figure of speech.

- (A) Hyperbole

- (B) Pun
- (C) Climax
- (D) Oxymoron

Answer:

(A) Hyperbola

34) The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' addresses

- (A) Constraints of married life a woman experiences
- (B) Plight of the rural poor
- (C) Grandeur of beautiful things in nature
- (D) All of the above

Answer

(A) Constraints of married life a woman experiences.

35) The first day cover mailed to the author's grandfather had a picture of

- (A) President Garfield
- (B) President Nikson
- (C) President Lincoln
- (D) President Kennedy

Answer:

(C) President Lincoln.

36) Khiledar-Major, Sata Vyaghara Samhari were names used to refer to the Maharaja of

- (A) Pratibandapuram
- (B) Calcutta
- (C) Mysore
- (D) Madras

Answer:

(A) Pratibandapuram.

37) Tishani Doshi had boarded a research vessel of .

- (A) SriLanka
- (B) India
- (C) Russia
- (D) Burma

Answer:

(C) Russia

38) Dr. Sadao was a by nationality.

- (A) Korean
- (B) Japanese

(C) Chinese
 (D) Cambodian

Answer:

(B) Japanese.

39) Some kids used to call Mr. Lamb as .
 (A) Quiet - Lamb
 (B) Lamey - Lamb
 (C) Milky - Lamb
 (D) Talkative-Lamb

Answer:

(B) Lamey-Lamb.

40) It is too early to thank him. (Remove 'too')
 (A) It is so early not to thank him.
 (B) It is so early that you cannot thank him.
 (C) It is so early that you can thank him.
 (D) It is so early to thank him.

Answer:

(B) It is so early that you cannot thank him.

41) I jumped over the bench and sat down at my desk.
 (Turn into Simple Sentence)
 (A) I jumped over the bench so that I can sit down at my desk.
 (B) Sitting down at my desk, I jumped over the bench.
 (C) Jumping over the bench, I sat down at my desk.
 (D) I sat down at my desk so that I can jump over the bench.

Answer:

(C) Jumping over the bench, I sat down at my desk.

42) It is not lack of money but a tradition to stay barefoot.
 (Add question tag)
 (A) Was it?
 (B) Is it?
 (C) Isn't it?
 (D) Wasn't it?

Answer:

(C) Isn't it?

43) It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end.
 (Turn into negative sentence)
 (A) It was not two or three feet deep at the shallow end.

- (B) It was not more than two or three feet deep at the shallow end.
- (C) It was not less than two or three feet deep at the Shallow end.
- (D) It was not very deep at the shallow end.

Answer:

(B) It was not more than two or three feet deep at the shallow end.

- 44) The tramp did not say anything.

(Turn into affirmative sentence)

- (A) The tramp remains silent
- (B) The tramp never said anything.
- (C) The tramp remained silent.
- (D) The tramp said everything.

Answer:

(C) The tramp remained silent.

- 45) The crofter locked the door and put the key in his pocket. (use 'No sooner ... than')

- (A) No sooner the crofter locked the door than he put the key in his pocket
- (B) No sooner the crofter locked the door then he put the key in his pocket
- (C) No sooner he put the key in his pocket than the crofter locked the door
- (D) No sooner the crofter locked the door when he put the key in his pocket

Answer:

(A) No sooner the crofter locked the door than he put the key in his pocket

- 46) You do preach worse than a parson. (change the degree)

- (A) You preach so bad as the parson
- (B) A parson teaches the worst
- (C) A parson does not preach so bad as you do
- (D) A parson preaches so bad as you do

Answer:

(C) A parson does not preach so bad as you do

- 47) It was an extraordinary thing in those days. (Turn into interrogative)

- (A) wasn't it an ordinary thing in those days?
- (B) was it an extraordinary thing in those days?
- (C) wasn't it an extraordinary thing in those days?
- (D) was it an ordinary thing in those days?

Answer:

(B) Was it an extraordinary thing in those days?

- 48) Select the correct synonym for 'solemn'

- (A) Humerous

- (B) Serious
- (C) Sober
- (D) Gentle

Answer:

(B) Serious.

49) Taking the money the tramp ran away.

(Turn into compound sentence)

- (A) The money was taken by the tramp and he ran away
- (B) The tramp ran away and took the money
- (C) The tramp took the money and ran away
- (D) When the tramp ran away he took the money

Answer:

(C) The tramp took the money and ran away.

50) The poet had visited the Gemini Studios.

(Begin sentence with ' it')

- (A) It was the poet visiting the Gemini Studios.
- (B) It was the visit to Gemini Studios.
- (C) It was the poet who had visited the Gemini Studios.
- (D) It was not the poet visiting the Gemini Studios.

Answer:

(C) It was the poet who had visited the Gemini Studios.

SECTION-A

1) How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family?

Answer:

Mukesh's attitude is different because he dreams of becoming a motor mechanic and breaking free from his family's cycle of poverty, while his family has accepted their fate of working in the bangle-making industry without hope for change.

2) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

Answer:

Douglas was determined to overcome his fear of water because it crippled his ability to enjoy swimming, an activity he loved, and he wanted to live freely without the shadow of fear controlling his life.

3) What was the iron master's mistake? When did he realise it?

Answer:

The iron master's mistake was mistaking the peddler for an old regimental comrade. He realized his mistake when his daughter, Edla, pointed out the peddler's true identity after seeing the letter he left.

4) What did Gandhi do to improve the social and cultural backwardness in Champaran Villages?

Answer:

Gandhi improved the social and cultural backwardness in Champaran villages by focusing on education, hygiene, and sanitation, establishing schools, and encouraging self-reliance among the villagers.

5) What did Sophie dream to be? Why did Jansie discourage her from having such dreams?

Answer:

Sophie dreamed of becoming a fashion designer or an actress, but **Jansie discouraged her** because she knew their financial reality and felt Sophie's dreams were unrealistic given their working-class background

SECTION-B

6) What does the poet say about a beautiful object?

Answer:

The poet says that a beautiful object gives eternal joy and happiness. It is a source of comfort and inspiration that never fades, providing solace in times of despair.

7) How is 'Sleep' described by the poet?

Answer:

Sleep' is described as a form of rest and peace, one that comes naturally after hard work or a fulfilling day, allowing people to forget their troubles and find relaxation.

8) Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon'?

Answer:

The mother is compared to the 'late winter's moon' because, like the pale, fading moon, she appears frail, distant, and weak, representing the decline and aging of life.

9) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?

Answer:

Counting up to twelve and keeping still will help us achieve introspection, peace, and a moment of silence to reflect on our actions, leading to unity and a deeper understanding of ourselves and the world.

10) Describe the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand.

Answer:

The plea of the folk who put up the roadside stand is for attention and support from the city people. They feel neglected and seek a better life through the sale of goods, but their hopes are often dashed as travelers show little interest.

11) Why do you think Aunt Jennifer's hands are 'fluttering through her wool'?

Answer:

Aunt Jennifer's hands are 'fluttering through her wool' because they are weak and trembling, symbolizing her nervousness, oppression, and inability to escape the burdens of her marriage.

12) What is the 'Childish longing' that the poet Pablo Neruda refers to? Why is it in Vain?

Answer:

The 'Childish longing' refers to the desire for material possessions and a better life. It is in vain because the people's basic needs are unmet, and the system they rely on does not fulfill their hopes and dreams.

13) What kind of pain and ache is felt by Kamala Das?

Answer:

Kamala Das feels the pain and ache of separation from her mother and the fear of aging and death. It reflects her deep emotional turmoil and anxiety over losing loved ones and the inevitable passage of time.

14) Write a pen picture of the Maharaja of Pratibandhapuram.

Answer:

The Maharaja of Pratibandhapuram, also known as "The Tiger King," was a proud and eccentric ruler obsessed with killing tigers. His main goal in life was to defy a prophecy that foretold his death by a tiger. He was determined, stubborn, and at times irrational in his pursuit to eliminate all tigers in his kingdom. Despite his power and authority, he was also superstitious and feared his fate, which led to his ultimate demise.

15) What was the dilemma of Dr . Sadao? How did he react to this situation?

Answer:

Dr. Sadao's dilemma was whether to save the life of an American soldier, who was his enemy during the war, or turn him in to the authorities. As a doctor, his duty was to save lives, but as a loyal Japanese citizen, he was expected to report the soldier. He ultimately chose to treat the wounded man, showing his humanitarian instincts, but he later struggled with guilt and fear of being punished for his actions.

16) Compare and contrast the Characteristics of Mr. Lamb and Derry.

Answer:

Mr. Lamb is an optimistic and open-minded man who embraces life despite his disability, choosing to live without bitterness. He is warm, welcoming, and encourages others, like Derry, to see the beauty in life. **Derry**, on the other hand, is initially withdrawn, self-conscious, and deeply affected by his facial scars. He sees the world through a lens of rejection and hurt. Over time, through his interaction with Mr. Lamb, Derry begins to change his perspective, learning to overcome his insecurities.

17) What is the central theme of 'We too are human beings'?

Answer:

The central theme of *We Too Are Human Beings* revolves around **the struggles of marginalized communities**, particularly the Dalits, in overcoming societal oppression and prejudice. The story emphasizes the importance of education, self-respect, and fighting for equality, as shown through Bama's experiences and her brother's advice to work hard and rise above the limitations imposed by caste discrimination.

Rectify the Errors and correct it

Original sentence:

"The water was steel and the tiled bottom was a write and clean as an bathtub."

Corrected sentence:

"The water was still, and the tiled bottom was as white and clean as a bathtub."

Corrections:

1. "steel" → "still" (for calm water)
2. "write" → "white" (for color)
3. "an" → "a" (since "bathtub" begins with a consonant sound)

Rewrite the sentences using the correct meanings of the given idioms/phrases.

21) It had never existed for any other purpose than to set baits for people.

(have obstacles, set a goal for, offer temptation)

Answer:

It had never existed for any other purpose than to offer temptation to people.

(Using "offer temptation" as the correct phrase meaning)

22) From the beginning, I had aversion to the water.

(strong dislike, strong desire, strong liking)

Answer:

From the beginning, I had a strong dislike for the water.

(Using "strong dislike" as the correct meaning)

23) He had resorted to both begging and petty thievery to keep body & soul together.

(for his health, for his well-being, for his livelihood)

Answer:

He had resorted to both begging and petty thievery for his livelihood.

(Using "for his livelihood" as the correct phrase meaning)

24) Report the following passage into Indirect form of Narration

Derry : Did you get your leg blown off in the war?

Mr. Lamb: Certainly.

Derry: How will you climb on a ladder and get the crab apples down?

Mr. Lamb: I've learned to do it.

Answer:

Here is the passage rewritten in indirect form of narration:

Derry asked Mr. Lamb if he had gotten his leg blown off in the war. Mr. Lamb replied that he certainly had. Derry then asked how he would climb on a ladder and get the crab apples down. Mr. Lamb responded that he had learned to do it.

SECTION-C

25) Paraphrase the following poem.

Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
 Like ours : the land our brothers walk upon Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie. They, too, aware
 of sun and air and water, Are fed by peaceful harvest, by war's long winter starv'd Their hands are
 ours, and in their lines we read A labour not different from our own. Remember they have eyes like
 ours that wake Or sleep, and strength that can be won By love. In every land is common life
 That all can recognise and understand

Answer:

The poem emphasizes the unity and shared humanity of all people, regardless of nationality or appearance. It reminds us that beneath the differences in uniforms, we are all the same, breathing the same air and walking on the same earth. Just as we do, people in other countries experience the same natural elements—sun, air, and water—and are nourished by peaceful times or suffer during war. Their hands work in the same way ours do, laboring with no real difference. They have eyes that open and close just like ours, and their strength, like ours, can be fostered by love. The poem calls for recognizing the common life and humanity that unites everyone across the world.

26) You are Amit/Amita Patel. Apply in conf. lence stating your credentials in response to this advertisement - 'Wanted experienced Chemical engineer for a chemical unit in GIDC, Vapi'. Interested candidates can send their resume to the manager (HRD). Arti Chemicals Ltd, GIDC, Vapi.

Answer:

Amit Patel

Address: [Your Address]

Phone: [Your Phone Number]

Email: [Your Email]

Date: [Current Date]

Manager (HRD)
Arti Chemicals Ltd
GIDC, Vapi

Subject: Application for the Position of Chemical Engineer

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Chemical Engineer at your esteemed company, as advertised. With [X years] of experience in the chemical engineering field, I believe I possess the skills and qualifications that would be valuable to your unit.

I hold a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from [University Name] and have hands-on experience in process optimization, safety management, and chemical analysis. In my previous role at [Previous Company], I was responsible for overseeing production processes, ensuring quality control, and implementing cost-effective techniques in the chemical unit. I am confident that my technical knowledge, along with my ability to work collaboratively within a team, would contribute positively to your operations at Arti Chemicals Ltd.

I have attached my resume for your consideration, and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how my experience aligns with your company's needs. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Amit Patel

Enclosure: Resume

27) Write an e-mail to the proprietor of a reputed book publishing agency asking for certain books for your school library. You are Cultural Head Boy/Girl of your school.

Answer:

Subject: Request for Books for School Library

Dear [Proprietor's Name],

I hope this email finds you well. I am [Your Name], the Cultural Head [Boy/Girl] of [Your School's Name]. We are currently in the process of expanding and updating our school library to provide our students with access to a wider range of educational resources.

We have identified several books published by your esteemed agency that we would like to acquire for our library. Kindly find below the list of books we are interested in:

1. [Book Title 1] – Author Name
2. [Book Title 2] – Author Name
3. [Book Title 3] – Author Name

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SECTION-A

Write whether the following sentences are true or false :

1) The powerful red ants keep other ants as slaves.

Answer- True

2) Herbert is alive at the end of the story.

Answer- False

3) Sojourner Truth was a black American freedom fighter and orator.

Answer- True

4) Walt was 23 years old when he tried his luck in Hollywood.

Answer- False

Find and write the nearest meanings :

5) linger : remain, hang back, stay behind, leave.

Answer

nearest meaning: **stay behind**

6) humming : rushing, hurling, hammering, buzzing.

Answer

(nearest meaning: **buzzing**)

7) Ornithology : a book on birds, a book on creatures, a book on plants, a book on animals.

Answer

(nearest meaning: **a book on birds**)

Select the most appropriate phrase from the brackets and write them against the given sentences :

(expressing choice, expressing suggestion, showing contrast, expressing result)

8) Mona would rather like a Gujarati thali than a Punjabi dish.

Answer

(expressing choice)

9) In spite of my advice, he started a risky job.

Answer

(showing contrast)

10) You should take a day's leave and take rest at home.

Answer

(expressing suggestion)

Select and write the most appropriate responses :

(Focusing given functions)

(11) Pinku : How is your new bungalow?

Rahul

(Comparing)

- A) It is better than any other bungalow.
- B) It is really very beautiful.
- C) It is convenient than any other bungalow.
- D) Very few bungalows are as beautiful as mine.

Answer:

The most appropriate response for comparing is:

D) Very few bungalows are as beautiful as mine.

12) Hetal : How strangely Mohan talks.

Kanu :

(Making supposition)

- A) He always talks rudely.
- B) He talks as if he were a mad man.
- C) He talks like the manager of the factory.
- D) He talks if he were the prince.

Answer:

The most appropriate response for making supposition is:

B) He talks as if he were a mad man.

13) Sonam : Mira mam is too strict to talk. Don't you think so? Shilpa :

(Indicating contrast)

- A) I don't think, she is very strict.
- B) Though she is strict, she is kind at heart.
- C) In spite of Mira mam is strict, she is soft at heart.
- D) I think, you are quite wrong in your opinion.

Answer:

The most appropriate response for indicating contrast is:

B) Though she is strict, she is kind at heart.

14) Wina: Why did Mina go to the market?

Kavita:

(Showing purpose)

A) She wanted to buying vegetables.
 B) She wanted buy vegetables.
 (9) She went to the market with a view to buying vegetables
 D) She went to the market so that she can buy vegetables

Answer:

C) She went to the market with a view to buying vegetables.

Select and write the most appropriate questions to get the underlined answers :

15) The most ferocious kind of ants are **the driver ants of Africa.**

A) Who are the most ferocious ants?
 B) Which kind of ants are the most ferocious one?
 C) What kind of driver ants of Africa are?
 D) Which are the most ferocious ants of Africa?

Answer:

B) Which kind of ants are the most ferocious once?

16) You should wash your hands once before you take lunch.

A) How often should you wash your hands before you take lunch?
 B) When should you wash your hands?
 C) How should you wash your hands?
 D) What should you do before you take lunch?

Answer:

A) How often should you wash your hands before you take lunch?

17) Hetal is preparing seriously to pass the IAS exam.

A) What does she prepare to pass the IAS exam?
 B) How is she preparing to pass the IAS exam?
 C) Who is preparing to pass the IAS exam?
 D) Why is she preparing seriously?

Answer:

B) How is she preparing to pass the IAS exam?

SECTION-B

Read the extracts and answer the questions :

When we breathe, there is microscopic movement of cranial bones which in turn allows the cerebrospinal fluid to move freely through the spinal column and the skull. When we are tensed or upset and don't breathe deeply enough, this can result in bones in the skull becoming slightly stuck together so that the fluid can't circulate properly.

18) What happens when we breathe?

Answer:

When we breathe, there is a microscopic movement of cranial bones. This movement allows the cerebrospinal fluid to flow freely through the spinal column and the skull, ensuring proper circulation of the fluid within the brain and spinal cord.

19) What happens when we are tensed and don't breathe deeply?

Answer:

When we are tensed and don't breathe deeply, the cranial bones can become slightly stuck together. This prevents the cerebrospinal fluid from circulating properly through the spinal column and the skull, which may affect brain and spinal cord function.

There are ants that keep other ants as slaves. One such type is a powerful red ant which is found in Europe. Their slaves are taken from a type of black ant which is smaller in size.

20) Who keeps the other ants as slaves?

Answer:

The powerful red ants keep other ants as slaves.

21) From where do the red ants take their slaves?

Answer:

The red ants take their slaves from a type of smaller black ant.

The kind of preparedness the workers want is reorganization and reconstruction of their life, such as has never been attempted by statesmen or governments. The Germans found out years ago that they could not raise good soldiers in the slums so they abolished the slums.

22) What do the workers want?

Answer:

The workers want a reorganization and reconstruction of their lives, a level of improvement that has never been attempted by statesmen or governments before.

23) Why did the Germans abolish the slums?

Answer:

The Germans abolished the slums because they realized that they could not raise good soldiers in such poor living conditions.

The clever ones, up in the high places know how childish and silly workers are. They know that if government dresses them up in khaki and gives them a rifle and starts them off with a band and waving banners, they will go forth to fight valiantly for their own enemies. They are taught that brave men die for their country's honour.

24) What do the clever ones know about workers?

Answer:

The clever ones know that the workers are childish and easily influenced. They understand that workers can be manipulated into fighting by appealing to their emotions with things like uniforms, rifles, bands, and banners.

25) Why will the workers go forth to fight valiantly for their own enemies?

Answer:

The workers will go forth to fight valiantly for their own enemies because they are taught and convinced that they are fighting for their country's honor, even though they may actually be serving the interests of those who exploit or oppress them.

Sergeant showed them a dried monkey's paw which had a spell put on it. Morris said, "An old Fakir put a spell on it and now it is a talisman. He was a very holy man and he wanted to show that fate ruled people's lives and that to interfere with fate only caused deep sadness".

26) Who put a spell on the monkey's paw?

Answer:

An old Fakir put a spell on the monkey's paw.

27) What did the Fakir want to show?

Answer:

The Fakir wanted to show that fate ruled people's lives, and interfering with fate would only lead to deep sadness.

Write short notes focusing on the questions (28 and 29) :

28) Journey of Walt Disney's success.

i) Describe Walt's physical look.

Answer:

Walt Disney had a charismatic personality with a slender build. He was often seen with a neat mustache and a pleasant smile, which reflected his creative spirit and enthusiasm for storytelling.

ii) What did he study?

Answer:

Walt Disney developed a strong interest in drawing and art from a young age. He briefly studied at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts, where he enhanced his artistic skills, though most of his success came through self-learning and practical experience in animation.

iii) Which cartoon series did he make?

Answer:

Walt Disney is best known for creating the iconic cartoon series *Mickey Mouse*. This character became a global sensation and marked the beginning of Disney's rise to fame in the animation industry.

iv) How did the New York distributor deal with him?

Answer:

Walt Disney faced challenges early in his career, including betrayal by a New York distributor who took the rights to one of his early characters, *Oswald the Lucky Rabbit*. This was a significant setback for Disney, leaving him without the rights to his creation.

v) Was Walt disappointed after a loss?

Answer:

Yes, Walt Disney was deeply disappointed after losing the rights to *Oswald the Lucky Rabbit*. However, rather than giving up, he saw this as an opportunity to create something new and even more successful.

vi) What did he decide to do?

Answer:

After the loss, Walt Disney decided to create a new character that he would own fully, leading to the birth of *Mickey Mouse*. This decision was a turning point in his career, solidifying his place in animation history.

29) The title 'The Adjustment'.

- How did Nana behave with Nani?

Answer:

Nana had a somewhat stern and reserved behavior towards Nani. He was not overly expressive with his emotions and often appeared strict, although there was an underlying sense of care and responsibility in his actions.

- How did Nani adjust with Nana?

Answer:

Nani, on the other hand, adjusted to Nana's reserved nature with patience and understanding. She accepted his ways and maintained the harmony in their relationship by adapting to his behavior and managing the household calmly.

- How did Nana behave with children?

Answer:

Nana behaved in a similarly strict and authoritative manner with the children. He was not very affectionate and expected discipline and order from them, which made his relationship with the children more formal and distant.

- What adjustment did the children make?

Answer:

The children learned to adjust by respecting Nana's strict demeanor. They followed his rules and learned to communicate with him in a way that wouldn't upset him, while seeking emotional support from Nani, who was more nurturing.

- How did Nana behave after Nani's death?

Answer:

After Nani's death, Nana's behavior changed drastically. He became withdrawn, more reclusive, and emotionally fragile. The loss of Nani deeply affected him, and he struggled to cope with her absence.

- Why did Nana shut himself in the room?

Answer:

Nana shut himself in the room because he was overwhelmed with grief after Nani's death. He found it difficult to face the world without her and retreated into isolation as a way of dealing with his sorrow.

- How did the family adjust with Nana's new form after the doctor's advice?

Answer:

After the doctor advised the family to be patient with Nana, they adjusted by being more understanding and accommodating of his emotional state. They gave him space and supported him through his grief, gradually helping him re-engage with family life while respecting his need for solitude and time to heal.

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the brackets. (Ques. 30 to 32) :

(eventually, tavern, evidence, jargon)

The Neely understood very little of her Dutch (30) and as a result, she was often brutally punished for no real reason. (31) Neely sold her to a fisherman who owned a (32) in Kingston, NY.

Answer :

30- jargon

31-Eventually

32- tavern

- Read the following passages and answer the questions:

Lhatoo was following us and caught up with us when we rested below the south summit. After drinking some tea, we moved on. Lhatoo had brought a nylon rope so Ang Dorjee and I roped up while Lhatoo walked in the middle, holding the rope with one hand, more for balance than security. Lhatoo noticed that I had been climbing with oxygen at about two and a half litres per minute against the normal four for these heights. After he increased the oxygen flow on my regulator, I found even the steeper stretches comparatively easy.

33) When did Lhatoo catch with them?

Answer :

Lhatoo caught up with them when they rested below the south summit.

34) Why did Lhatoo hold the rope with one hand?

Answer :

Lhatoo held the rope with one hand more for balance than for security.

35) What did Lhatoo notice?

Answer :

Lhatoo noticed that the oxygen flow on the narrator's regulator was set at about two and a half litres per minute, which was lower than the normal four litres for those heights.

- The Tobors were strange beings. They came during the War when a lot of people were killed. They built a huge city and became the rulers and they made the Nems their slaves.

The city was like a huge factory with a silver roof. The Nems had to live and work here and they never saw the sun. Most of them didn't care.

36) What did the Tobors build?

Answer :

The Tobors built a huge city that resembled a factory with a silver roof.

37) Where did the Nems live?

Answer :

The Nems lived and worked in the city built by the Tobors, where they never saw the sun.

- Read the following passage, write its summary and suggest a suitable title to it.

38) There is the greatest difference in the world between conquering by power and conquering by kindness. The former is like building a dam across a stream of water. It may stop its flow for a while, but presently the dam will give way, and then the stream will rush on with more force and fury than ever. Conquering by power is like changing a lion; conquering by kindness keeps the lion from doing harm, by changing his nature and turning him into a lamb.

Answer:

The passage contrasts two methods of conquering: by power and by kindness. Conquering by power is temporary, like building a dam to stop water; eventually, the resistance will break through with more force. On the other hand, conquering by kindness brings a lasting change, similar to taming a lion by transforming its nature into that of a lamb. Kindness has the power to bring about genuine, long-term change in behavior, whereas force only creates temporary control.

- Read the news clipping and answer the questions :

"Mission Shakti" : India's first anti-satellite missile system that destroyed a LEO satellite.

NEW DELHI : Giving an "important message" P.M. Narendra Modi on Wednesday announced that India has successfully tested its first anti-satellite missile system, coded-named 'Mission Shakti'. "India has entered its name as an elite space power. An anti-satellite weapon ASAT, successfully targeted a live satellite on a low earth orbit (LEO)" , P.M. Modi said.

The Prime Minister also stated that shooting down an LEO satellite is a rare achievement and was completed successfully within three minutes of the launch. The mission was led by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), aimed at strengthening India's overall security. The LEO satellite was orbiting at an altitude of 300 km , P.M. Modi said. The Prime Minister also said that India's action was not directed against any country and no international laws or treaties were breached. The mission was a highly complex one and was conducted at extremely high speed with remarkable precision, P.M. Modi said. It shows the outstanding scientists and the success of our space programme, he added.

39) What is this news clip about?

Answer:

This news clip is about India's successful testing of its first anti-satellite missile system, "Mission Shakti," which destroyed a low earth orbit (LEO) satellite

40) Which name was given to India's first anti missile system?

Answer:

India's first anti-satellite missile system was named "Mission Shakti."

41) Who led Mission Shakti? Why?

Answer:

Mission Shakti was led by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) to strengthen India's overall security by developing advanced space defense capabilities.

42) At what height was the LEO satellite orbitting?

Answer:

The LEO satellite was orbiting at an altitude of 300 km.

43) How was the mission, according to P.M.?

Answer:

According to P.M. Modi, the mission was highly complex, conducted at extremely high speed, and completed with remarkable precision, showcasing the success of India's space programme and its outstanding scientists.

- Read the stanzas and answer the questions :

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Returns the heaven's greeting -

In robes of white,

Bathed in golden light -

Where earth and sky are meeting

And the morning dews

And mellow hues

Paint her cheeks with fairy fingers.

44) What does the Queen of Himalaya wear?

Answer:

The Queen of the Himalaya, referring to Kangchenjunga, wears robes of white, symbolizing the snow that covers the mountain.

45) How does the nature paint the cheeks of Kangchenjunga?

Answer:

Nature paints the cheeks of Kangchenjunga with morning dews and mellow hues, using "fairy fingers," which poetically describes the soft and delicate light of dawn illuminating the mountain.

46) With whom is Kangchenjunga compared?

Answer:

Kangchenjunga is compared to a queen, specifically the "Queen of Himalaya," highlighting its majestic and regal presence.

In
a dark cave
flows
a dark river,
And on

Its stony bank
 there sits
 a man,
 old
 as the sun.
 ...

47) Where does the dark river flow?

Answer:

The dark river flows in a dark cave.

48) Where does the old man sit?

Answer:

The old man sits on the stony bank of the dark river inside the cave.

Do as directed :

49) We bought tickets of the zoo. We saw many colourful birds there. We gave food to the monkeys.
 Start like this: Tickets of the zoo were bought.

Answer:

Many colourful birds were seen there, and food was given to the monkeys.

50) A national park has a defined boundary and rules. No person can get into it without permission.
 The visitors can observe the park by a vehicle on the defined trails.
 Start like this: A National park had.

Answer:

A National park had a defined boundary and rules. No person could get into it without permission.
 The visitors could observe the park by a vehicle on the defined trails.

51) Render the following dialogue into an indirect speech :

Kalpana Please show me dresses of a new style.

Shopkeeper Which type of dresses do you want to buy?

Kalpana I would like to buy fancy dresses.

Shopkeeper: I have many fancy dresses.

Select the dresses at your leisure.

Kalpana : Ok, I am not in a hurry.

I will choose dresses at my leisure.

Answer:

Kalpana asked the shopkeeper to show her dresses of a new style. The shopkeeper inquired which type of dresses she wanted to buy. Kalpana replied that she would like to buy fancy dresses. The shopkeeper informed her that he had many fancy dresses and told her to select the dresses at her leisure. Kalpana agreed, stating that she was not in a hurry and would choose the dresses at her leisure.

Complete the sentences using the functions given in the brackets :

52) I saw the same policeman (as Talking about in relation to a person)

Answer:

as you were talking about.

53) When Mahatma Gandhiji was young (Used to - Expressing habitual action in the past)

Answer:

he used to walk several miles every day.

54) The king was so pleased (that -Expressing result)

Answer:

that he rewarded the minister with gold.

55) Dharmik neither drinks tea (nor-Expressing alternative choice)

Answer:

nor coffee.

56) Sohrab walks (as if-Making supposition)

Answer:

as if he owns the place.

- Combine the following sentences and make a meaningful sentence :

57) Rabindranath Tagore was a Bengali writer. He wrote the Gitanjali. It is a collection of poems. The Gitanjali got the Nobel Prize.

Answer:

Rabindranath Tagore, a Bengali writer, wrote *The Gitanjali*, a collection of poems that won the Nobel Prize.

Rewrite the paragraph correcting the errors :

58) His presence is always a cause of irritate to her. It is because he has insulted her several times without some reason. She makes herself to take any responsibility without his help. She is now able to handle a worst situation.

Answer:

His presence is always a cause of irritation to her. It is because he has insulted her several times without any reason. She makes sure to take on any responsibility without his help. She is now able to handle the worst situations.

SECTION-C

59) Study the following details of Raj and describe it in about 80 words:

Income

₹20,000/- Salary

Expenses

₹ 4,000/- Rent of house

₹ 6,000/-Food and vegetables

₹ 2,000/-Fees for children

₹ 1,000/- Phone and light bill

₹ 500/-Medicines

₹ 1,000/- Extra expenses

...

Answer:

Raj earns a monthly salary of 20,000. His main expenses include 4,000 for house rent and 6,000 for food and vegetables. He also spends 2,000 on his children's fees, 1,000 on the phone and electricity bills, 500 on medicines, and an additional 1,000 for extra expenses. In total, his monthly expenses amount to 14,500, leaving him with 5,500 from his salary after covering all necessary costs. Raj manages his income and expenses carefully to meet his family's needs.

60) Write a paragraph in about 150 words using the keywords :

- Superstitions:

(Points : Definition of Superstition, different superstitions - Superstitions about birds, trees, animals, colours, numbers, old superstitions still exist, no logic, no scientific proof, influence of superstitions, get rid of them.)

Answer:

Superstitions: A Misguided Belief

Superstitions are irrational beliefs or practices arising from fear, ignorance, or trust in the supernatural, often without logical or scientific basis. Throughout history, people have followed various superstitions related to birds, trees, animals, colors, and numbers. For instance, seeing a black cat is often considered bad luck, while spotting a crow or owl is believed to bring misfortune. Similarly, trees like the peepal are thought to house spirits, and certain numbers, such as 13, are considered unlucky. Despite advancements in education and science, many old superstitions still persist in modern society. People avoid doing important tasks on specific days or wearing certain colors based on these beliefs. Superstitions continue to influence decisions in subtle ways, even though they have no logical or scientific backing. It is essential to recognize the harm superstitions can cause and strive to eliminate them through awareness, education, and reliance on reason and facts rather than irrational fears.

61) You are invited to speak on the occasion of 'Independence Day.' Draft a speech in about 100 words :

(Points : Importance of Independence day, how to celebrate, contribution of freedom fighters, historical value, National Festival, Country's pride.)

Answer:

Independence Day Speech

Good morning everyone,

Today, we gather to celebrate the most significant day in our nation's history—Independence Day. This day reminds us of the countless sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to secure the liberty we enjoy today. It is a day to honor their bravery and dedication. Independence Day holds immense historical value as it marks the end of colonial rule and the beginning of a free India. We celebrate it with pride, hoisting the national flag, singing patriotic songs, and remembering our heroes. Let us carry forward their legacy by working towards a stronger and united nation. Happy Independence Day!

Jai Hind!

62) Rakesh purchased a Mobile phone online. Mobile is delivered to him today, but it does not work well. As Rakesh, send an E-mail to rajlx@gmail.com in about 100 words filing a complaint.

Answer:

Subject: Complaint Regarding Faulty Mobile Phone Received

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you that I recently purchased a mobile phone from your online store, which was delivered to me today. Unfortunately, the phone is not working properly. It has issues with charging and the screen freezes frequently, making it unusable.

As a valued customer, I kindly request either a replacement or a refund for the faulty product. Please let me know the necessary steps for processing this request. I look forward to a prompt resolution of the issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Rakesh