

At 50 and on the cusp of celebrating 25 years in the fashion industry with a grand show in Mumbai, the couturier Sabyasachi Mukherjee is refreshingly unromantic about his achievements. "A lot of people think I'm a big deal, but for me, it's like running any other business. I'm not an engineer nor a doctor. I don't save lives or build bridges. I make clothes and get undue amount of attention for that."

His modesty is engaging. At heart, Mukherjee is still the boy who, back in the day as a 20-something designer, had famously said, 'Want to make it big? Be in Bengal.' While many thought the idea was bonkers, he stayed put in Kolkata unlike many of its youth who continued to move out for better opportunities. City-proud and stubbornly resistant to all advice to shift base, Mukherjee turned the narrative on its head. From his workshop in Topsia, a suburb on the eastern fringe of Kolkata dotted with tanneries, he built collections steeped in the city with a roaring Royal Bengal tiger as his logo. "Everyone told me staying in Kolkata was suicidal, but I persevered. Now, I'm bringing the whole world to Kolkata," he says, adding that his 25th anniversary show is a homage to the city that has been the core of who he is or what he creates.

Q1. Mukherjee 'turned the narrative on its head' means he:-

- (a) began to design clothes for locals
- (b) continued to salute Kolkata with more fervour.
- (c) became a huge success without leaving Kolkata.
- (d) was too confident about his designs.

Q2. The passage is primarily concerned with:-

- (a) Sabyasachi's perseverance
- (b) The city of Kolkata
- (c) The Royal Bengal tiger
- (d) Mukherjee's childhood as a Bengali boy

Q3. Choose a word from the passage to fill in the blank.

With the advent of AI, the world of innovation and technology is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of astounding progress.

- (a) suburb
- (b) care
- (c) cusp
- (d) rolling stones

Q4. As per the passage Sabyasachi Mukherjee is:-

- (a) A show-off
- (b) A vain man
- (c) A braggart
- (d) An unassuming man

Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:--

Renewable energy is becoming an increasingly important part of the global effort to combat climate change. Unlike fossil fuels, which are finite and release harmful greenhouse gases when burned, renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydropower are sustainable and environmentally friendly. Countries around the world are investing in these technologies to reduce their carbon footprints and secure a cleaner future.

One of the most significant advantages of renewable energy is its ability to provide energy security. Since these resources are naturally replenished, they do not run out. Solar panels, for example, can harness the energy of the sun indefinitely, while wind turbines generate power using the natural movement of air. Similarly, hydropower systems use the flow of water to produce electricity.

However, the adoption of renewable energy is not without challenges. The initial cost of setting up a renewable energy infrastructure is high, and some technologies, like solar and wind, depend on weather conditions. Despite these hurdles, advancements in technology are making renewable energy more affordable and efficient.

India, for example, is rapidly expanding its renewable energy capacity. With initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, the country is leading global efforts to harness the power of the sun. By investing in renewables, nations do not only address environmental concerns but also create jobs and drive economic growth.

People must embrace sustainable practices, such as using energy-efficient appliances and conserving resources. Such collective efforts, paired with technological innovation, can pave the way for a brighter and cleaner future for generations to come.

Q5. Renewable energy sources are considered environmentally friendly because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) they produce comparatively higher quality energy
- (b) they are inexpensive to set up
- (c) they have minimal harmful emissions
- (d) they are unaffected by weather conditions

Q6. India is leading the global renewable energy efforts through \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) the International Solar Alliance
- (b) hydropower exports to neighboring countries
- (c) investments in fossil fuel alternatives
- (d) advancements in wind turbine design

Q7. The shift towards renewable energy is essential for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) replacing all forms of energy storage
- (b) ending global industrial activities
- (c) maintaining reliance on fossil fuels
- (d) ensuring energy security and sustainability

Q8. Renewable energy contributes to economic growth by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) creating jobs and new industries

- (b) increasing fossil fuel exports
- (c) reducing investment in technology
- (d) decreasing the need for energy conservation

Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:--

### The Echoes of the Forgotten Violin

In a quiet town nestled between rolling hills, an old violin shop stood at the edge of the bustling marketplace. It belonged to Mr. Mehra, a craftsman whose hands once shaped melodies from wood and string. Age had slowed him, but his heart still resonated with the music of forgotten times.

One evening, as the golden sunset bathed the town in amber light, a young boy named Karan wandered into the shop. His eyes lingered on a dusty violin resting in the corner. "Does it still sing?" he asked, his voice filled with curiosity.

Mr. Mehra smiled, lifting the violin with care. "Only if the right hands awaken it," he said, placing it in Karan's eager grasp. The boy, uncertain yet hopeful, ran his fingers across the strings. A hesitant note filled the air, trembling yet alive.

For weeks, Karan returned, learning under Mr. Mehra's watchful eye. With each lesson, the violin shed its silence, whispering forgotten tunes into the wind. The town, once indifferent, paused to listen as music danced through its streets.

One day, Karan arrived to find the shop empty, save for a single note: Keep the melody alive. Mr. Mehra had left, his purpose fulfilled.

Years later, Karan, now a musician, played that same violin in the heart of the town. Its echoes carried not just sound, but the story of a boy, an old craftsman, and a melody that refused to be forgotten.

Q9. Identify the figure of speech in the given sentence:-  
"The golden sunset bathed the town in amber light".

- (a) Simile
- (b) Alliteration
- (c) Pun
- (d) Metaphor

Q10. Evaluate the role of music in Karan's transformation:-

- (a) It helped him discover his purpose and connect with the town.
- (b) It distracted him from his true calling in life trying to bring about a change.

(c) It was just a temporary hobby that he soon had to abandon silently.

(d) It created distance between him and Mr. Mehra and led to a lot of misconceptions.

Q11. Examine the deeper meaning of, 'the violin's echoes in the town':-

(a) They prove that music has no real impact on people's lives.

(b) They represent the return of a long-lost musical tradition.

(c) They show that only trained musicians can bring joy through music.

(d) They signify that the violin had magical powers which failed to enamour people.

Q12. The transformation that occurred in the town as Karan learned the violin:-

(a) The town ignored his music, finding it ordinary and unremarkable.

(b) The townspeople disapproved of music and asked him to stop.

(c) The melodies flowing through the streets brought warmth and appreciation.

(d) The violin's sound was too weak and unimpressive to make an impact on anyone.

Q13. Match the items in List-I with relevant items in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) Arti spoke so _____ that the audience was mesmerized.	(I) vaguely
(B) Akash _____ agreed to apologize after much persuasion.	(II) briskly
(C) My parents _____ remembered meeting Shyam years ago.	(III) eloquently
(D) The officer walked _____ towards the crime scene lest the clues get compromised.	(IV) reluctantly

Options:

(a) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)

(b) (A)-(I), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)

(c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)

(d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q14. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

(A) practices to protect the natural and historical heritage

(B) transformed economies, boosted cultural exchange across

(C) the rapid expansion of travel and tourism has

(D) nations, and emphasised the need for sustainable

Choose the correct answer from the given options:-

(a) (C), (B), (D), (A)

(b) (A), (D), (B), (C)

(c) (B), (A), (D), (C)

(d) (D), (C), (A), (B)

Q15. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) the skies, experiencing breathtaking views of vast  
 (B) paragliding allows adventure seekers to soar through  
 (C) favourable weather conditions to ensure a safe flight  
 (D) landscapes, while requiring proper training and

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- (a) (B), (D), (C), (A)  
 (b) (C), (B), (A), (D)  
 (c) (B), (A), (D), (C)  
 (d) (A), (C), (B), (D)

Q16. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the sentence:-

Alice \_\_\_\_\_ "How blessed I'm to be here today!"

- (a) addressed  
 (b) exclaimed  
 (c) imagined  
 (d) described

Q17. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the sentence:-

\_\_\_\_\_ they are poor, they are honest.

- (a) Despite  
 (b) Thorough  
 (c) Though  
 (d) While

Q18. Match the items in List-I with relevant items in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) Akash hesitated to _____ the topic of salary during the interview.	(I) turn down
(B) Asha decided to _____ the job offer due to its low salary.	(II) iron out
(C) The leaders of the commonwealth countries met to _____ their differences and reach an agreement.	(III) get away
(D) The burglar tried to _____ with shoplifting but was caught on camera.	(IV) bring up

Options:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)  
 (b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(I)  
 (c) (A)-(IV), (B)-(I), (C)-(II), (D)-(III)

(d) (A)-(I), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(III)

Q19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank:-

Ashu completed the project \_\_\_\_, ensuring that every detail was perfect.

- (a) lethargically
- (b) abruptly
- (c) recklessly
- (d) meticulously

Q20. Match the items in List-I with relevant items in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) We took a _____ across the river to reach the island.	(I) furry
(B) Cinderella's _____ godmother helped her transform into a beautiful princess.	(II) fury
(C) The moss was soft and _____ to touch.	(III) ferry
(D) The raft could not withstand the _____ of the storm.	(IV) fairy

Options:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(I)
- (c) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q21. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word: Belligerence.

- (a) Argument
- (b) Quarrel
- (c) Pacifism
- (d) Contention

Q22. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word from the options given below:-

The lavish lifestyle of the minister took the public by surprise.

- (a) elaborate
- (b) excessive
- (c) hectic
- (d) frugal

Q23. Match the items in List-I with relevant items in List-II

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List-I (Phrases)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) Bad mouth	(I) Softening the expression
(B) In the soup	(II) Straight forward talking
(C) Call a spade a spade	(III) In trouble
(D) Sugar coating	(IV) Insult and criticise

Options:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (c) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q24. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) opportunities for young players to showcase their skills
- (B) modern cricket, attracting global talent, generating
- (C) the Indian Premier League has revolutionised
- (D) massive fan engagement, and creating new

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- (a) (A), (C), (B), (D)
- (b) (C), (B), (D), (A)
- (c) (D), (B), (C), (A)
- (d) (A), (D), (C), (B)

Q25. Match the items in List-I with relevant items in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) A separate introductory section of a literary or musical work.	(I) Soliloquy
(B) An act of speaking aloud, especially by a character in a play.	(II) Epitome
(C) A speech delivered without preparation	(III) Prologue
(D) A summary of a written work	(IV) Extempore

Options:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)
- (b) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
- (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)

Q26. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) determination as climbers must endure harsh weather
- (B) and push their physical limits to reach the summit
- (C) conditions to navigate steep and unpredictable terrains
- (D) mountaineering requires patience, skill, and

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- (a) (A), (B), (C), (D)
- (b) (A), (C), (D), (B)
- (c) (B), (D), (C), (A)
- (d) (D), (A), (C), (B)

Q27. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word in the following sentence:

Nature provides us with moments of sublime pleasures.

- (a) lofty
- (b) exalted
- (c) mundane
- (d) fleeting

Q28. Choose the correct preposition from the given options:-

Saaya's Institute is situated \_\_\_\_ the junction near the city hall.

- (a) on
- (b) at
- (c) over
- (d) in

Q29. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) endurance requiring participants to develop skills and
- (B) adventure sports provide an adrenaline rush and
- (C) confidence while ensuring safety through proper guidelines
- (D) excitement as they challenge both mental and physical

Options:

- (a) (A), (B), (C), (D)
- (b) (A), (B), (D), (C)
- (c) (B), (A), (C), (D)
- (d) (B), (D), (A), (C)

Q30. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) communication while exposing individuals to diverse cultures
- (B) learning new languages enhances cognitive abilities and

- (C) and expanding career opportunities in global markets  
 (D) worldwide helping them connect with people more effectively

Options:

- (a) (A), (C), (B), (D)  
 (b) (A), (B), (C), (D)  
 (c) (B), (A), (D), (C)  
 (d) (C), (B), (D), (A)

Q31. Select the correct synonym for the word: Temerity

- (a) Caution  
 (b) Audacity  
 (c) Circumspection  
 (d) Fulfillment

Q32. Match the phrasal verbs in List-I with their appropriate meanings in List-II

List-I (Phrasal Verbs)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) Turn Down	(I) Tolerate
(B) Put Up With	(II) Reject
(C) Burn out	(III) Become Unconscious
(D) Pass Out	(IV) Exhausted

Options:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)  
 (b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(I)  
 (c) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)  
 (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q33. Select the correct synonym for the word: Sanguinity.

- (a) Optimism  
 (b) Skepticism  
 (c) Pragmatism  
 (d) Opulence

Q34. Identify the correct meaning of the given idiom from the given options:-

'Mind your Ps & Qs'

- (a) To be afraid of doing wrong.  
 (b) To be very careful with our actions and expressions.

(c) To finish or complete a project.

(d) To love our neighbours.

Q35. Match the figures of speech in List-I with their definitions in List-II

List-I (Figures of speech)	List-II (Definitions)
(A) Metaphor	(I) Giving human qualities to non-human objects or ideas
(B) Personification	(II) A phrase that combines contradictory or opposite words
(C) Hyperbole	(III) An imaginative comparison between two unrelated things without using "like" or "as."
(D) Oxymoron	(IV) An exaggerated statement not meant to be taken literally

Options:

- (a) (A)-(I), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)
- (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(III)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q36. Choose the word that is the closest antonym of the underlined word:

Considering how terrible the situation was, her levity was appalling.

- (a) frivolity
- (b) witticism
- (c) criticism
- (d) gravity

Q37. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the sentence given below:

His irascible behaviour did not win him any favours.

- (a) honest
- (b) upright
- (c) controlling
- (d) ill-tempered

Q38. Select the correct synonym for the word: Mediocrity

- (a) Brilliant
- (b) Average
- (c) Middle
- (d) Very poor

Q39. Choose the correct antonym for the word: Obsolete.

- (a) Antiquated
- (b) Archaic
- (c) Current
- (d) Absolute

Q40. Choose the best option that explains the given statement in one word:

The study of human race especially of its origins, development, customs and beliefs.

- (a) Anthropology
- (b) Anthropomorphic
- (c) Anthology
- (d) Anthropoid

Q41. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option:-

The new law was introduced \_\_\_ increasing concerns about public safety.

- (a) by way of
- (b) in accordance with
- (c) in the light of
- (d) on behalf of

Q42. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) expansion, putting sensitive data at significant risk
- (B) cyber threats have increased due to digital
- (C) to protect individuals and organizations worldwide
- (D) requiring stronger security measures and protocols

Options:

- (a) (B), (A), (C), (D)
- (b) (A), (B), (C), (D)
- (c) (B), (A), (D), (C)
- (d) (C), (B), (D), (A)

Q43. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) popular providing access to learning across the
- (B) revolutionising traditional teaching methods globally
- (C) online education has become increasingly
- (D) world through digital platforms and virtual classrooms

Options:

- (a) (B), (C), (A), (D)

(b) (D), (C), (B), (A)

(c) (B), (A), (D), (C)

(d) (C), (A), (D), (B)

Q44. Choose the correct idiom to fill in the blank:-

Despite losing the match, he told himself to \_\_\_\_\_ and try again next time.

(a) break the ice

(b) keep a stiff upper lip

(c) turn a blind eye

(d) spill the beans

Q45. Select the correct synonym for the word: Procrastinate.

(a) Expedite

(b) Discuss

(c) Defer

(d) Elevate

Q46. Fill in the Blanks in List-I with relevant items in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) Asha was caught trying to _____ evidence to support her false claim.	(I) obliterated
(B) The professor _____ every detail of the research paper before approval.	(II) fabricate
(C) The storm was so powerful that it _____ entire villages.	(III) repeal
(D) The government decided to _____ the outdated law after much debate.	(IV) scrutinised

Options:

(a) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)

(b) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)

(c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)

(d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Q47. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank:-

The teacher will \_\_\_\_\_ the student's performance before giving the final grades.

(a) approx.

(b) Appraise

(c) Apprise

(d) Praise

Q48. Choose the appropriate proverb to complete the sentence:-

Aruna refused to rush into a decision, believing in the saying, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) A leopard never changes its spots
- (b) Too many cooks spoil the broth
- (c) The early bird catches the worm
- (d) Look before you leap

Q49. Match the words given in List-I with their meanings given in List-II

List-I (Words)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) Exaltation	(I) Related to meaning in language
(B) Resurrection	(II) Lack of energy
(C) Semantic	(III) Great Joy
(D) Lassitude	(IV) A new beginning once again

Options:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (b) (A)-(IV), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(I)
- (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)

Q50. Fill in the phrases given in List-I in the blanks given in the List-II

List-I (Phrases)	List-II (Sentences)
(A) by dint of	(I) _____ avoid litigation, he accepted the settlement money offered to him.
(B) In order to	(II) Fighting _____ his country in the war, he achieved martyrdom.
(C) On behalf of	(III) Radha succeeded _____ perseverance and hard work.
(D) In lieu of	(IV) Sameer accepted the car _____ his claimed money.

Options:

- (a) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
- (b) (A)-(I), (B)-(IV), (C)-(III), (D)-(II)
- (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (d) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)