

Comprehension:

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

The digital revolution has re-framed the way Indian students communicate, learn, and connect. Instagram, WhatsApp, and Facebook have entered the daily lives of millions of students. Today, 398 million young people use social media in India. According to a study compiled by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) in 2023, teenagers spend more than 2–3 hours on platforms like Instagram and YouTube. Social media is an important tool for learning and interaction, but unregulated usage can have serious negative impacts on mental health, academic performance, and emotional well-being. The most alarming characteristic observed in a young Indian student is social media addiction. Reports indicate that 27% of teenagers in India develop features of social media dependency, leading to a lack of concentration, bad academic output, and mental illness conditions. Continuous demands of checking notifications, posting updates, and scrolling feeds form a pattern of instant indulgence thereby causing reduced productivity and increased alienation.

Schools can lead in this area by incorporating media literacy and mental health awareness into the curriculum. Equipping Indian students with digital literacy skills will help them have an open conversation and provide emotional support to maintain a balanced relationship between social media and real life. As the worlds collide digitally, Indian youth have to be equipped with overall skills to navigate these electronic spaces thoughtfully and responsibly. Educators, parents, and policymakers can create that generation that works well in digital culture and values the virtual world's humane touch and well-being.

Q1. The most alarming and distinctive trait observed in a young Indian student is _____.

- (a) reduced productivity
- (b) social media addiction
- (c) pattern of instant indulgence
- (d) increased alienation

Q2. Unregulated social media use by teenagers leads to _____.

- (a) increased concentration, focus and productivity
- (b) better communication and social interaction skills
- (c) decline in emotional and mental health and academics
- (d) possibility of improved self-image and confidence

Q3. Which of the following is NOT advised for Indian youth in the passage?

- (a) Abstain from using social media completely
- (b) Navigate electronic spaces thoughtfully and responsibly
- (c) Strike a balance between the digital and virtual world
- (d) Acquire digital literacy skills and mental health awareness

Q4. On the basis of your reading of the passage, identify the INCORRECT statement from the following:

- (a) Social media is an important tool for learning and interaction.
- (b) Communication and learning have acquired a new meaning due to the digital revolution.
- (c) Digital literacy skills can help students establish a balance between social media and real life.

(d) Social media use creates a sense of virtual community, inclusion, and fosters positivity.

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I was completely charmed by Madhava Rao's antiquarian bookshop in Basavanagudi, Bengaluru. The stock was not chock-a-block with rarities, first or expensive editions. Its charm lay in stocking well-preserved old editions, some genuinely antiquarian, many out of print, all gathered fetchingly in one room full of gilt-edged spines, the smell of ageing leather creating an enchanting atmosphere. Rao's meticulous care and presentation made every copy desirable.

When I had finished slaving over the books restored, I insisted upon writing about his book shop. But Rao forbade it, relying solely on word of mouth to attract a select customer base. As I got ready to leave his bookshop, he suspected I might sneak a little piece of him after all. He made me promise that I would not write anything. But then 'When can I write about your bookshop?', I asked. He replied, 'When I finally close the bookshop.'

That moment came in March 2013, when he passed away from cancer at 78. Even on his final day, he completed book transactions before turning to his restoration work. A self-taught bibliophile and a perfectionist, Rao restored broken editions to exceptional condition, ensuring his customers held something truly valuable. Despite his passion, he kept a low profile, preferring solitude to study and restore his "antiquarian loot."

Before his death, he quietly sold his collection to a longstanding customer, ensuring the books were preserved. His legacy lives on in the hands of collectors who cherish his devotion to the art of antiquarian book-selling.

Q5. What is the significance of Rao selling his collection to a longstanding customer before his death?

- (a) True to his secretive character, it was his way of closing the shop to the public forever
- (b) A true bibliophile, Rao ensured that his collection remained in trusted hands
- (c) A shrewd businessman, Rao ensured his shop would continue to make profits
- (d) Through the sale, Rao the mercenary, wanted to raise and utilize money for his medical treatment

Q6. What does the phrase "antiquarian loot" refer to in the text?

- (a) rare and valuable old books meticulously restored by Madhava Rao
- (b) a collection of books pilfered from other outlets selling antique editions
- (c) the unsold old books hidden in the shop, discovered after his death
- (d) a term Rao used for books that had little monetary value

Q7. Which of the following best describes Madhava Rao's personality, as depicted in the text?

- (a) an introvert yet shrewd business manager
- (b) a strict guardian of book restoration secrets
- (c) a reluctant seller of his cherished book collection
- (d) a reclusive yet passionate perfectionist

Q8. What does the phrase "slaving over the books restored" most likely mean in the context of the text?

- (a) carefully going over and examining every book

- (b) being overwhelmed with admiration and desire for books
- (c) disinterestedly riffling through the pages of books
- (d) feeling frustrated about the restoration process of books

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No matter one's nationality, sex, age, or religion, everyone seeks happiness. President Timothy Dwight defined it as: "The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts." This definition places happiness within, not dependent on external circumstances. Like virtue, happiness should come from an inner standard, not exterior factors or material possessions.

Virtue is not situational; it involves resisting all temptations, regardless of size. For example, if a man refuses a Rs. 500 bribe but hesitates at a Rs. 1,000,000 offer, his virtue is questionable. Virtue is consistent, unchanging, and independent of temptation. Similarly, happiness should not rely on circumstances or others' actions. Some people carry their happiness like a purse, easily stolen by ill winds, malicious words, or random accidents. Allowing others to control one's peace of mind gives them undue power over one's emotions. Instead, negativity should be treated with humour, and happiness should remain self-determined.

True happiness, like virtue, is resilient and should come from within. While it is impossible to feel exuberantly happy all the time, a sound philosophy can provide an invincible source of joy. Days of anguish caused by ill health, worry, or grief may come, but these should not permanently destroy happiness. Rising above pain is possible through inner strength and thinking interesting thoughts.

Happiness, like virtue, requires consistency and inner discipline. By maintaining a mindset of resilience, focusing on meaningful thoughts, and refusing to be controlled by external forces, one can rise above life's hardships and maintain lasting peace and joy.

Q9. What does the passage imply about allowing others to control one's peace of mind?

- (a) It is essential for building resilience.
- (b) It helps strengthen virtue and happiness.
- (c) It gives others unreasonable power over one's emotions.
- (d) It is necessary for maintaining relationships.

Q10. Based on your reading of the passage, identify the incorrect statement.

- (a) Steering clear of challenges and grief can help us rise about life's hardships.
- (b) Happiness, like a purse, should be guarded from negative influences.
- (c) Humour helps treat negativity and maintain self-determined happiness.
- (d) Resilience in maintaining happiness is rooted in one's ability to think creatively and interestingly.

Q11. What is suggested as the key to lasting peace and joy in life?

- (a) wealth and independence
- (b) external validation and support

- (c) avoiding all negative experiences
- (d) inner discipline and meaningful thoughts

Q12. In the passage, virtue is described as being _____.

- (a) usually dependent on external factors
- (b) consistent and steady, irrespective of temptation
- (c) circumstantial and influenced by others' opinions
- (d) reliant on material wealth for stability

Q13. Select the word closest in meaning to the word Decipher

- (a) Distort
- (b) Retain
- (c) Interpret
- (d) Devise

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

- (A) will treat with rudeness while there is a probability
- (B) some great truth still below the horizon
- (C) there are errors which no wise man
- (D) that they may be the refractions of

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q15. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

I _____ on Thursday. But on Thursday I had a terrible cold, so I decided to wait till Saturday.

- (a) am to leave
- (b) was to have left
- (c) would leave
- (d) will be leaving

Q16. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) insignificant choices we made
- (B) transformation of our lives and the world around us
- (C) little did we realise that the seemingly
- (D) each and every day would culminate in an unimaginable

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q17. Match the items in List I with relevant items in List II

List I (Terms)		List II (Definitions)
(A) Anarchy	—	(I) A form of religious state government
(B) Oligarchy	—	(II) A state of disorder and chaos in the absence of authority
(C) Autocracy	—	(III) A small group of people having control of a country or organization
(D) Theocracy	—	(IV) A system of government in which one person has absolute power

Options:

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

Q18. Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence with the correct pair of preposition and pronoun:

Erica York was a self-taught mathematician who liked to spend hours _____ in the library.

- (a) about herself
 (b) by herself
 (c) with her
 (d) for herself

Q19. Re-arrange the following phrases in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) who loses her favourite toy when she leaves
 (B) comes back home to find it as an adult after 17 years
 (C) home as a young child and then
 (D) this is a nostalgic story about a girl

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q20. Select the word closest in meaning to the word Equitable

- (a) Impartial
- (b) Regular
- (c) Typical
- (d) Distinctive

Q21. Select the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

How is one expected to deal with a persistent salesmen who won't take no for an answer?

- (a) unscrupulous
- (b) tenacious
- (c) vacillating
- (d) determined

Q22. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

- (A) due to similar "echoes" from their shape, size and weathering,
- (B) harming marine mammals with tissue damage, infection and starvation.
- (C) which may cause them to mistake plastic debris, like shopping bags, for squid
- (D) deep diving whales use sonar to find food

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q23. Choose the most appropriate adjective to complete the sentence.

Veena is such a _____ girl. Her cheerful and free-spirited presence animated the room and charmed everyone.

- (a) Virtuous
- (b) Vivacious
- (c) Verasatile
- (d) Valiant

Q24. Match the figures of speech in List-I with the correct examples from List-II

List-I (Figure of Speech)	List-II (Examples)
(A) Simile	(I) The school bus had thousands of students.
(B) Hyperbole	(II) She is like a beautiful yellow sunflower.
(C) Metaphor	(III) The books danced in the breeze.
(D) Personification	(IV) She is the tiger of her tribe.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q25. Choose the most appropriate pair to fill in the blank.

Though Neetika is known to crack some _____ jokes but Nisha is _____ than Neekita.

- (a) funnier, funniest
 (b) funniest, funny
 (c) funny, funnier
 (d) quite funny, more funnier

Q26. Complete the sentences in List-I with the appropriate Phrasal verbs from List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) He can't _____ the engagement ceremony without giving a valid reason.	(I) call for
(B) All the residents planned to _____ a strict action against his irresponsible behaviour.	(II) call off
(C) Mrs. Knight warned Charlotte not to _____ her or ring her.	(III) call upon
(D) The supervisor will certainly _____ me to explain the matter to him.	(IV) call on

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q27. Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.

He watched the river meander its way slowly to reach the sea.

- (a) revel
 (b) wind
 (c) swing
 (d) wrap

Q28. Match the definitions in List-I with the words in List-II

List-I (Definitions)	List-II (Words)
(A) An ability to stay calm in difficult situations	(I) Fastidious

(B) One who is difficult to please	(II) Convivial
(C) One who is full of life and has a charismatic personality	(III) Ambivalent
(D) One who has mixed feelings	(IV) Sangfroid

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

- (A) completely for many days without
- (B) they find a place to lie down and they rest
- (C) thinking about food or anything else
- (D) when animals in the forest get wounded

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q30. Identify the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

The organizers were banking upon an immaculate performance from the star.

- (a) unsullied
- (b) imperfect
- (c) pristine
- (d) dispassionate

Q31. Select the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

The rampant use of fossil fuels will lead to devastating consequences for the environment.

- (a) unchecked
- (b) restrained
- (c) widespread
- (d) inordinate

Q32. Match the proverbs in List-I with their meanings in List-II

List-I (Proverbs)	List-II (Meanings)
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(A) Desperate diseases must have desperate remedies	(I) One must never try to harm someone in such a way that it harms themselves
(B) Fools rush in where angels fear to tread	(II) In a desperate situation, a person grabs at the slightest possibility of help
(C) Don't cut off your nose to spite your face	(III) Serious situations require serious action
(D) A drowning man will clutch at a straw	(IV) People with little experience often act recklessly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q33. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:

Aman has been spending a lot of money on buying expensive, branded clothes. If he continues with his shopping spree, he _____ all his money by the end of the month.

- (a) will be spending
- (b) will have spent
- (c) shall spend
- (d) will spend

Q34. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

One evening of each week was set apart by him for the reception of _____ chose to visit him.

- (a) whosoever
- (b) whichever
- (c) whom
- (d) who

Q35. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate words given in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) Ever since her grandfather has been hospitalised, the girl has come to visit him in the hospital every _____ day.	(I) Adapt
(B) It took him some time to _____ to the new environment after moving to a different country.	(II) Alternative
(C) The team has to find an _____ approach to solving the problem.	(III) Adopt
(D) The organisation is expected to _____ the new policy at its next meeting, to improve workplace diversity.	(IV) Alternate

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q36. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) a long day of toiling at work
- (B) an inexhaustible supply of energy and enthusiasm
- (C) most people like to have a good rest after
- (D) but John seemed to have

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q37. Select the most appropriate word to complete the following sentence:

The hikers were able to reach the summit without _____ any injuries.

- (a) getting
- (b) sustaining
- (c) possessing
- (d) harboring

Q38. Choose the most appropriate antonym of the underlined word to fill in the blank in the following sentence:

She led a _____ life in the country, away from the hustle bustle of the city life.

- (a) tranquil
- (b) align
- (c) disturbed
- (d) turbulent

Q39. Fill the blanks in List-I with appropriate verbs from List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Verbs)
(A) It _____ since yesterday.	(I) rains
(B) If it _____ today, we would not go for a picnic.	(II) has been raining
(C) It was _____ in the morning.	(III) rain

(D) It will _____ in the evening.	(IV) raining
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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q40. Choose the most appropriate word from the following to fill in the blank:

Mr. Roger is a/an _____ with a die-hard idealism towards life.

- (a) pacifist
- (b) optimist
- (c) skeptic
- (d) pessimist

Q41. Choose the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined word.

They were all flabbergasted when the most introvert member of the group stood up and sang a beautiful song, revealing an unexpected talent they never knew he possessed.

- (a) in belief
- (b) embarrassed
- (c) dumbfounded
- (d) entertained

Q42. Re-arrange the following phrases in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) up and down the road early in the morning and evening
- (B) annoyed everyone in the neighborhood and then
- (C) his boisterous habit of riding a motorcycle
- (D) they eventually took him to the court

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q43. Fill in the blanks given in List-I with the appropriate expressions from List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Verbs/phrases)
(A) At the memorial service I _____ his kindness.	(I) gave a standing ovation to
(B) The exhibition _____ from all major reviewers.	(II) paid tribute to

(C) At the end of the concert, the audience _____ the young pianist.	(III) lauded
(D) The Prime Minister has _____ the new peace initiative.	(IV) earned plaudits

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q44. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate phrasal verbs given in List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) After years of being together, the couple decided to _____ due to irreconcilable differences.	(I) break through
(B) Despite facing numerous obstacles, the dedicated scientists managed to _____ the barriers and make a groundbreaking discovery.	(II) broke down
(C) The news of the escaped prisoner caused panic to _____ in the small town.	(III) break up
(D) The old car finally _____ on the deserted highway, leaving the travellers stranded.	(IV) break out

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q45. Choose the correct antonym for Loquacious from the options given below.

- (a) taciturn
- (b) moody
- (c) garrulous
- (d) eloquent

Q46. Fill in the blank with the correct option.

The judge gave the ruling in their favour because the evidence was _____ by two independent witnesses.

- (a) corroborated
- (b) collaborated
- (c) colluded

(d) coagulated

Q47. Replace the underlined word with the most appropriate synonym from the given options.

The tranquil atmosphere of the ancient temple serves as a source of repose for many weary travellers.

- (a) rest
- (b) prayer
- (c) chanting
- (d) meditation

Q48. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:

- (A) reached the examination hall
- (B) no sooner had the student
- (C) shutting out all the late comers
- (D) than the gate was closed

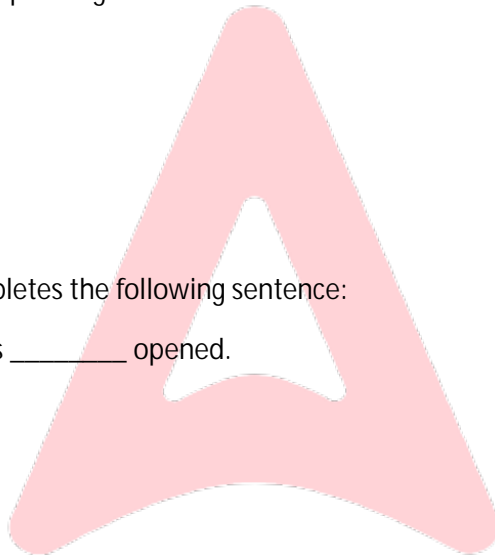
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q49. Select the phrase that best completes the following sentence:

They recommended that the windows _____ opened.

- (a) had to
- (b) not be
- (c) ought not to
- (d) should not



Q50. Complete the sentences in List-I with the appropriate idioms from List-II

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Idioms)
(A) I _____ when they rang up out of the blue and offered me a job.	(I) was dead on my feet
(B) After a whole day of sightseeing in London, I _____.	(II) was at the end of my tether
(C) I _____ when the children's mother arrived home. I would have lost my temper if it had been on my own any longer.	(III) was at a complete loss for words
(D) I'll just have to _____ and hope no one sees I am upset.	(IV) put a brave face to it

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(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) - (II), (D) - (IV)

