

Comprehension:

Directions (1 - 4) Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

More than Skin Deep

Our skin is not just our biggest organ, but also the one we're most familiar with. We look at it constantly, touch it, wash it, inspect it and yet when we consider looking after it, our minds often jump to aesthetics. We are inundated with ads for lotions and potions that promise to enhance our appearance, as if physical appeal is all that matters about this special organ. There are many other reasons to take care of our complexion besides cosmetic concerns. However, its condition can have knock-on effects on the rest of the body due to the dense thicket of blood vessels running under the surface. Inflammation that starts in the skin can easily spread to the heart and the brain, increasing the risk of cardiovascular disease and dementia. Wrinkles are not just a projection of our age; they can drive the aging process. We should think of skin care in the same way as exercise, and do it not just for looks, but for the undeniable health benefits. Ensuring our epidermis is in excellent condition should be a priority for anyone who wants to increase the chances of living a long life.

Research on skin care is shifting from marketing to scientific study. Certain foods can reduce damage from pollution and UV rays, while regular contact with nature may nurture the skin's microbiome. This scientific approach helps assess trends and make informed decisions about using goods and services with proven benefits beyond claims of quick fixes, protecting our bodies from the outside.

Q1. The passage suggests that the skin is more than just the body's largest organ. What is the reason it is described as special?

- (a) It is the most sensitive part of the body.
- (b) It has a high number of nerve endings.
- (c) It is linked to other organs through blood vessels.
- (d) It is constantly regenerating itself.

Q2. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the expressions given in List-II.

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Expressions)
(A) Ideally, skin care should be approached just like a/an -	(I) gravely diseased physical conditions of the heart and brain.
(B) An excellent epidermis is a	(II) exercise with multiple health benefits.
(C) In the conventional approach, the skin is	(III) passport to longevity.
(D) People with deficient skin quality end up with	(IV) associated with aesthetic beauty

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q3. According to the passage, what role does nature play in skin care?

- (a) It shields the skin from exposure to pollutants and harmful UV rays.
- (b) It can strengthen and nurture the skin's microbiome, promoting overall health.
- (c) It has no positive or negative bearing on skin health.
- (d) It heals skin injuries and is a source of immediate skin enhancement.

Q4. According to the passage, why should we care for our skin beyond the aesthetic reasons?

- (a) To maintain a youthful appearance for longer
- (b) To avoid wrinkles and blemishes and improve aesthetic appeal
- (c) To prevent the spread of inflammation from the skin to other vital body organs
- (d) To follow the latest trends in skin care and enhance our social interactions

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Directions (5 - 8) Read the passage given below and answer the four questions that follow:-

Earlier this year, my daughter moved into college, where I noticed her neighbour's vision board filled with quotes and photos of physicians. The neighbour's mother explained it was meant to inspire her daughter, aspiring to be a pediatrician, to "manifest" her goal. Manifestation, popularized by The Secret, suggests desires can become reality through focused thought. Neuroscientists James Doty and Sabina Brennan explore how brain function supports this idea, offering practical approaches to achieving goals.

Doty's Mind Magic dismisses magical thinking, emphasizing a scientific approach to cultivating resilience and focus. His six-week plan teaches readers to embed intentions into their subconscious, rewire brain networks, and improve attention to opportunities. He argues that manifesting clarifies desires and aligns thoughts with purposeful action, transforming goals into reality.

Brennan's *The Neuroscience of Manifesting* also debunks myths around manifestation, explaining how intentional thinking shifts perception and behaviour. She highlights the brain's negativity bias and advocates redirecting attention to positive, goal-oriented thoughts. Brennan introduces the "seven Cs of manifesting" - curiosity, compassion, connection, change, clarity, coherence, and creation - drawing from neuroscience and psychology to explain how intentional focus can lead to success. Both authors argue that tools like vision boards are not about magical outcomes but rather activating brain networks like the reticular activation system to reinforce goals. By stimulating focus and motivation, such tools help translate aspirations into action. Ultimately, Doty and Brennan remind us that achieving our ambitions depends on intention, focus, and actionable change - a "real magic" rooted in our own brains and behaviours.

Q5. What is Doty's primary message about manifestation in *Mind Magic*?

- (a) Manifestation involves making the universe bend to our will.
- (b) Manifesting is a process of clarifying desires and focusing on intentions.
- (c) Positive thinking guarantees success without effort.
- (d) The brain can only achieve success through external help.

Q6. What is the main purpose of tools like vision boards, according to the text?

- (a) To communicate desires to the universe
- (b) To visually remind individuals of their goals
- (c) To enhance creativity and artistic skills
- (d) To provide a shortcut to achieving success

Q7. What is a shared perspective between Doty and Brennan regarding manifestation?

- (a) It is purely a mystical process.
- (b) It is grounded in neuroscience and behaviour change.
- (c) It requires six weeks of guided meditation.
- (d) It depends entirely on external circumstances.

Q8. According to James Doty, what is the key to manifestation?

- (a) Making the universe work in your favour
- (b) Embedding intentions into the subconscious and adjusting thought patterns
- (c) Following a strict six-week meditation guide
- (d) Relying solely on positive thoughts

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Directions (9 - 12) Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

Unless one is wealthy, there is no use in being a charming fellow. Romance is the privilege of the rich, not the profession of the unemployed. The poor should be practical and prosaic. It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating. These are the great truths of modern life which Hughie Erskine never realized. Intellectually, he was not of much importance. He never said a brilliant or even ill-natured thing in his life. But he was wonderfully good-looking, as popular with men as he was with women, and had every accomplishment except making money. His father had bequeathed him a cavalry sword and a History of the Peninsular War in fifteen volumes. Hughie hung the first over his looking-glass, put the second on a shelf between Ruff's Guide and Bailey's Magazine, and lived on two hundred a year from an old aunt. He had tried everything. He had gone on the Stock Exchange for six months; but what was a butterfly to do among bulls and bears? He had been a tea-merchant for a little longer but soon tired of pekoe and souchong. Then he tried selling dry sherry. That did not answer. Ultimately, he became nothing; a delightful, ineffectual young man with a perfect profile and no profession.

To make matters worse, he was in love with Laura Merton, the daughter of a retired Colonel. Laura adored him, and he worshipped her, but neither had a penny to their name. Though the Colonel liked Hughie, he refused to approve their engagement.

Q9. What does the phrase "Romance is the privilege of the rich, not the profession of the unemployed" imply?

- (a) Love requires effort and hard work, regardless of wealth.
- (b) Only the wealthy can afford to engage in romantic pursuits.
- (c) Romantic relationships are often undervalued by the wealthy.
- (d) Financial struggles make love more meaningful and practical.

Q10. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?

- (a) Satirical in its depiction of Hughie's life and circumstances
- (b) Sympathetic towards Hughie's struggles
- (c) Critical of Hughie's lack of intellectual abilities
- (d) Romantic in its portrayal of Hughie's love for Laura

Q11. What can be inferred about Hughie's attempts at various professions?

- (a) He prioritized charm over financial success in his career choices.
- (b) He was overly ambitious and chose risky professions.
- (c) He had a natural talent for business but no financial backing.

(d) He lacked perseverance and quickly gave up on each venture.

Q12. Which statement best reflects Hughie's attitude toward his father's inheritance?

- (a) He considered it a valuable financial resource.
- (b) He used it to create a successful professional career.
- (c) He treated it as decorative and insignificant.
- (d) He sold it to support his income of two hundred a year.

Q13. Select the most appropriate pair of determiners to fill in the blanks in the following sentence:-  
Have you had news from your family in Mumbai? I heard that areas were badly flooded.

- (a) no, both
- (b) much, few
- (c) any, some
- (d) a, much

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

- (A) have advantages but also major disadvantages for it would be
- (B) making us lose a huge amount of diversity and uniqueness in the world
- (C) a world where everyone speaks English and only English would
- (D) a duller, blander world with everyone engaged in the same kind of conversations

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q15. Fill in the blanks in List-I with appropriate homonyms from List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Homonyms)
(A) The pianist struck a discordant that caught everyone's attention.	(I) site
(B) Archaeologists discovered ancient artifacts at the excavation .	(II) chord
(C) The charging ___ of my laptop is too short to reach my study table.	(III) cite
(D) The lecturer asked the students to ___ their sources in their respective research submissions.	(IV) cord

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q16. Select the word closest in meaning to the word:- Jibe

- (a) Agree
- (b) Clash
- (c) Dispute
- (d) Contradict

Q17. Match the words given in List-I with the correct meanings given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Words)	(Meanings)
(A) Obsequious	(I) unpleasant and rude
(B) Obnoxious	(II) too eager to tell others what to do
(C) Ostentatious	(III) too eager to praise or obey people
(D) Officious	(IV) displaying wealth in a vulgar way

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q18. Select the word that is the most appropriate antonym of the word:- Corpulent

- (a) Portly
- (b) Svelte

- (c) Replete
- (d) Ample

Q19. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word infringe to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-  
The company was sued for attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the intellectual property rights of its competitors.

- (a) ignore
- (b) contavene
- (c) overturn
- (d) violate

Q20. Select the word that is the most appropriate antonym of the word:- Raucous

- (a) Flamboyant
- (b) Ludicrous
- (c) Shrill
- (d) Sombre

Q21. Match the definitions in List-I with the words in List-II:-

List-I (Definitions)	List-II (Words)
(A) A fictitious name used when a person performs a particular social role	(I) Malapropism
(B) The unintentional misuse of a word by confusion with one that sounds similar	(II) Pseudonym
(C) A writing system using picture symbols used in Ancient Egypt.	(III) Acronym
(D) A word that is formed from the initial letters of the several words in the name	(IV) Hieroglyphics

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q22. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) to optimize industrial processes for holistic business, social and environmental
- (B) and more importantly, offering us the opportunity to slash waste while boosting efficiency
- (C) AI systems have the potential to help us understand the world in all its complexity by helping
- (D) outcomes and transform the efficiency and performance of companies

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q23. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with appropriate phrasal verbs from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) An understanding person will always ___ the mood swings of a friend who is under stress.	(I) bear down
(B) The armed forces will surely ___ the opposition convincingly.	(II) bear up
(C) He must try to ___ against this temporary hardship.	(III) bear out
(D) Your arguments do not ___ the facts.	(IV) bear with

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q24. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given:-

The painting's intricate details and subtle use of colors were \_\_\_\_\_ by the dim lighting in the gallery.

- (a) enhanced
- (b) obscured
- (c) amplified
- (d) highlighted

Q25. Select the word that is opposite in meaning to the word:- Belittle

- (a) Adore
- (b) Disparage
- (c) Magnify
- (d) Asperse

Q26. Match idioms in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I (Idioms)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) To make a clean breast of	(I) to get rid of everything unnecessary or unwanted.
(B) To be at loggerheads with someone	(II) to hide or ignore a problem or an issue
(C) To sweep something under the carpet	(III) To oppose or resist something firmly
(D) To set one's face against	(IV) To openly confess and admit to something
(E) To make a clean sweep	(V) To quarrel or disagree strongly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q27. Select the word that is the most appropriate antonym of the word:- Retract

- (a) Accept
- (b) Confirm
- (c) Salvage
- (d) Divulge

Q28. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate adverbs given in List-II:-

List-1 (Sentences)	List-II (Adverbs)
(A) Since he got that haircut, I can ___ recognize him.	(I) slowly
(B) On the day of the performance, Sam played the piano more ___ than Thomas.	(II) heavily
(C) How will we reach home on time? The bus is going rather -	(III) barely
(D) It was raining so ___ that many drains started overflowing.	(IV) skillfully

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

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

- (A) and presents them with delightful twists throughout the meal
- (B) in the heart of Antwerp lies The Jane, an architecturally beautiful
- (C) design that seamlessly blends the sacred and the contemporary
- (D) restaurant that greets guest diners with a dramatic interior

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q30. Match the proverbs in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I (Proverbs)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) A nod is as good as a wink to a blind horse	(1) Bad actions have worse consequences.
(B) First catch your hare	(II) No point worrying about something before it actually happens
(C) Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind	(III) A slight hint is enough to make someone understand what you mean
(D) Don't meet trouble halfway	(IV) No point in planning what you are going to do with something until you actually have it

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q31. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below:-  
the rain stops, the concert will have to be postponed.

- (a) unless
- (b) until
- (c) till
- (d) while

Q32. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-  
By the end of next April, you out of school.

- (a) will graduate
- (b) graduate
- (c) will have graduated
- (d) will be graduate

Q33. Choose the correct antonym of the word:- Amateur

- (a) Precocious
- (b) Professional
- (c) Dilettante
- (d) Perfectionist

Q34. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in List-I with appropriate idioms from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Idioms)
(A) You are in a situation where you will need to to stop the rival team from scoring another goal.	(I) work your fingers to the bone
(B) You need to to be able to crack the competitive exam.	(II) have green fingers
(C) Oh, he's . He is anxious for all three schemes to do well.	(III) cling by your fingertips
(D) I am sure you Your garden is beautiful.	(IV) got a finger in every pie

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q35. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) exploitation and cruelty, promoting animal-free alternatives
- (B) for the benefit of animals, humans, and the environment
- (C) to eliminate as far as possible and practicable, animal
- (D) veganism is a philosophy and way of living that seeks

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q36. Identify the word that is closest in meaning to the word:- PROWESS

- (a) Skill
- (b) Weakness
- (c) Ineptitude
- (d) Duality

Q37. Select the most appropriate adverb to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-

The artist stared at the blank canvas, contemplating his next masterpiece.

- (a) intently
- (b) admiringly

- (c) earnestly
- (d) anxiously

Q38. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) shorter than a novel, focusing on a single effect
- (B) scenes, using economy of setting and a simple plot
- (C) a short story is a concise, fictional prose narrative,
- (D) conveyed through a few characters and significant

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q39. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) the blue light emitted thereof increases cortisol levels and reduces melatonin, which is why
- (B) a Harvard research shows that anxiety about staying connected can disrupt sleep, as
- (C) the National Sleep Foundation advises turning off all electronic devices before bed
- (D) people who worry about staying informed use electronic devices right up until bedtime, and

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q40. Rearrange the parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) from green to black and oblong, all derived from the same plant
- (B) in the early 19th century, breaking China's monopoly over the beverage
- (C) tea, the world's most popular beverage is consumed in various styles
- (D) Camellia Sinensis, which was brought to India by the British

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q41. Fill in the blanks in List I with appropriate phrasal verbs from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal verbs)
(A) Everyone ___ when I was in dire need of help and support.	(I) ramped up
(B) The housing society security in the wake of the recent spate of robberies.	(II) railed against
(C) He ___ the doctors for not having given the correct diagnosis.	(III) raked up
(D) It was really irritating when she ___ the unpleasant incident that happened so many years ago.	(IV) rallied around

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q42. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word:-

The Dracula films are full of \_\_\_ scenes which find resonance with the audience who are fond of blood-chilling sequences.

- (a) resplendent
- (b) ostentatious
- (c) macabre
- (d) attractive

Q43. Identify the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentences:-

No amount of assurance from us could assuage her grief.

- (a) Ameliorate
- (b) Conciliate
- (c) Placate

(d) Exacerbate

Q44. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

Please do not call me between 1 to 4 pm today. I a workshop during that time.

- (a) will attend
- (b) am attending
- (c) will have attended
- (d) will be attend

Q45. Select the correct pair of prepositions to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

Although universities often advise them having a job, many students now work term-time due to financial pressures.

- (a) before ; from
- (b) for ; in
- (c) against; during
- (d) over ; at

Q46. Identify the word closest in meaning to the word:- MAUL

- (a) Lacerate
- (b) Shield
- (c) Pummel
- (d) Trample

Q47. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) organizing content into thematic boards for creativity and community-driven
- (B) pinterest is a multifaceted visual discovery and curation platform that empowers users
- (C) sharing, transforming passive browsing into an interactive experience
- (D) to explore a diverse spectrum of ideas across versatile domains

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q48. Select the most appropriate word to complete the following sentence:-

The of the report made it difficult for the committee to reach a clear decision.

- (a) veracity
- (b) verbosity
- (c) ambiguity
- (d) validity

Q49. Choose the correct antonym of the word:- Bolster

- (a) Strengthen
- (b) Weaken
- (c) Reinforce
- (d) Restrain

Q50. Match the examples in List-I with the appropriate figures of speech in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Examples)	(Figures of Speech)
(A) "He moaned to himself like some baffled, prowling beast."	(I) Metaphor
(B) I had to wait in the station for ten days-an eternity.	(II) Personification
(C) The smell of baking muffins welcomed us inside.	(III) Simile
(D) "Life for me ain't been no crystal stair."	(IV) Hyperbole

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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