

Comprehension: Direction (Q1-Q4) Read the given passage and answer the following questions:-

Biodiversity, also referred to as biological diversity, is the variety of different species of flora and fauna living on Earth. The richer the biodiversity, the more balanced and harmonious would the environment be. Different variety of plants and animals contribute their bit to make the planet worth inhabiting. One of the main reasons for the survival of human species on Earth is biodiversity. This is because various species of organisms help in meeting their basic needs of food, shelter, clothing and other resources. There are around 300,000 species of flora that have been known to date and numerous species of fauna that includes not only animals but also birds, fish, reptiles, mammals, insects, molluscs, crustaceans, etc.

Our planet Earth was formed close to 4.54 billion years ago and there have been evidences of life since around 3.5 billion years ago. A number of species of both flora and fauna have gone extinct over the past centuries and many more are anticipated to go extinct in the times to come, there by disturbing the level of biodiversity. Human beings have become so driven towards technology over the years that they have forgotten its repercussions. Several new inventions have proven to be hazardous to the environment and are having a negative impact on biodiversity. It is high time humans should start taking the environmental issues seriously and contribute their bit towards improving the atmosphere. A healthy environment is essential for developing rich biodiversity which in turn is essential for the human beings to live in a harmonious state on Earth.

Q1. The drive towards technological advancement may lead to .

- (a) extinction of flora and fauna
- (b) endangering the environment
- (c) improving the environment
- (d) surviving in harmony with nature.

Q2. Why is biodiversity important for human survival?

- (a) It creates technological advancements and biological diversity.
- (b) It eliminates environmental issues and genetic diversity.
- (c) It extensively contributes in providing for the basic needs of humans.
- (d) It prevents extinction of species of flora and fauna.

Q3. Find a word from the passage which means the same as the word consequence

- (a) repercussion
- (b) extinct
- (c) anticipated
- (d) hazardous

Q4. What is essential for developing a rich biodiversity?

- (a) A balanced ecosystem
- (b) Economic growth
- (c) A healthy environment
- (d) Urbanization

Comprehension: Direction (Q5-Q8) Read the given passage and answer the following questions:-

If you are struggling to learn a new language, breathe, you're not alone. Adults famously find language learning more difficult than children, whose super-flexible brains actually grow the connections necessary to learn an additional language.

But, why is it so hard to learn a foreign language, anyway? Put simply, it's hard because it challenges both your mind and time. But there's more to it than that.

Have you ever wondered why some people sail through Spanish and others can barely mutter hola'? Well, there is research which suggests that our own brain's unique wiring can pre-determine language success. In a study conducted at McGill University, participants' brains were scanned before and after undergoing an intensive. 12 -week French course. Researchers found that stronger connections between brain centers involved in speaking and reading were seen in the better-performing participants. While this could mean that some people are simply cognitively better equipped for language learning, it doesn't mean that everyone shouldn't try.

After-work classes, study abroad, apps, talking with your foreign partner, working overseas, taking an intensive language course-there are so many ways to learn a language. However, it's clear that because adults have to, you know, be adults, we simply can't learn 'implicitly as young children do, by following around a native speaker all day, Unfortunately, our more sophisticated grown-up brains come in the way of learning.

Q5. The writer says 'breathe' in line 1 to :-

- (a) make people read on
- (b) ease people's pain
- (c) put people's anxiety at rest
- (d) introduce humour

Q6. Identify the statement that is NOT true according to the passage:-

- (a) Learning a new language challenges one's mind and time.
- (b) Learning a new language requires one to be cognitively better equipped.
- (c) Sophistication and maturity are essential to learning a new language easily.
- (d) Ability to learn implicitly is essential to language learning.

Q7. The antonym of 'sophisticated' is:-

- (a) uncouth
- (b) uncreative
- (c) unimaginative
- (d) unsure

Q8. It is easier for children to learn a new language because

- (a) they work much harder
- (b) they use the language while playing
- (c) they need to learn the language
- (d) their brains are more flexible

Comprehension: Direction (Q9-Q12) Read the given passage and answer the following questions:-

As soon as I entered this fascinating world I was looked upon with great expectations. The world was full of racism yet I was held in high esteem. People from the United States of America to Antarctica looked at me as I rolled out from the parentage of Europeans. Since economists, raging bulls and bears did not know much about me, I caught the apprehension of my parents, the share market holders, the financial experts, scholars, students and so on. At my birth. I was placed on the lap of my mother, the Federal Bank

Frankly, my brother Lira, my sister Sterling and my extended family members like the Deutsch Mark and the Yen were quite jealous of me. I knew my worth. I reveal this secret of mine. I am a form of money held or traded outside the country, in whose currency its value is stated. In future I will be globally accepted by the members of all the nations.

I now take pride of place in Euromarket, a financial market which deals with European currencies. I do not want to roll over, but I'd love to be accepted by the developing as well as underdeveloped nations.

Q9. The phrase 'bulls & bears' refer to:-

- (a) Stock exchange market
- (b) Animal farms
- (c) Angry animals ready to fight
- (d) Supermarket

Q10. Identify the statement that is not true according to the passage:

- (a) The European financial markets went into a tizzy at the launch of the Euro.
- (b) The other currencies were envious of the Euro.
- (c) In spite of the biases, nations across the world accepted me with open arms.
- (d) My uniqueness lies in my ability to be valid only in my own country.

Q11. Why are the other currencies jealous of the Euro?

- (a) Euro can be traded outside the country
- (b) Euro is high in demand in United States of America
- (c) Euro is placed in Federal Bank
- (d) Euro has many secrets to reveal

Q12. 'Euro' has originated from-

- (a) United States of America
- (b) Antarctica
- (c) Europe
- (d) Asia

Q13. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to make a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) provides a serene retreat for
- (B) towering trees and vibrant wildlife
- (C) the lush green forest with its
- (D) those seeking peace and solitude

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

Q14. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the appropriate verbs from List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|--|--------------|
| (Sentences) | (Verbs) |
| (A) He got used to ___ on the right side when he was in London. | (I) drives |
| (B) His desire is strongly ___ by his ambition to win the competition. | (II) driving |
| (C) Radha ___ to work everyday though her office is only half a mile away. | (III) drove |
| (D) My boss ___ me home last night. | (IV) driven |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q15. Match the words in List-I with their definitions in List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|-------------------|---|
| (Words) | (Definitions) |
| (A) Actuary | (1) A strong feeling of dislike or fear of people from other countries |
| (B) Ventriloquism | (II) A person whose job involves calculating insurance risks |
| (C) Xenophobia | (III) Connected with the countryside or country life |
| (D) Bucolic | (IV) The art of speaking without moving the lips-throwing the voice into a puppet |

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

Q16. Choose the word that is closest in meaning to the underlined word:-

He clinched the deal with his astute understanding of the business.

- (a) settled
- (b) lost
- (c) abandoned
- (d) comprehended

Q17. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to make a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) attention to positive reviews that supported
- (B) her decision to buy the expensive brand was
- (C) her preference while ignoring any negative feedback
- (D) influenced by 'confirmation bias' as she only paid

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q18. Fill in the the blanks in the given sentences in List-I with the correct idiom in List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|--|---------------------|
| (Sentences) | (Idioms) |
| (A) The Lawn tennis champion ___ a superb performance to retain her title. | (I) turned in |
| (B) He promised to attend the party, but he never . | (II) turned against |
| (C) She relied on her friends, but they her. | (III) turned up |
| (D) The new salesman ___ to be smarter than expected. | (IV) turned out |

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

Q19. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word obtrusive to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-
The design of the new smartphone was sleek and blending seamlessly with the latest gadgets she owned.

- (a) intrusive
- (b) subtle
- (c) transient
- (d) distinguished

Q20. Match the figures of speech in List-I with the appropriate statements from List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|---------------------|---|
| (Figures of Speech) | (Statements) |
| (A) Simile | (1) The loud silence of the forest seemed to envelop the world in a cloak of quiet. |
| (B) Oxymoron | (II) When well-appareled April on the heel of limping winter treads |
| (C) Metaphor | (III) Then, as the sun went down, it seemed to drag the whole sky with it like shreds of a burning curtain. |
| (D) Personification | (V) The carpet of snow relieved the drabness of the depressing building. |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- (a) (A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
- (b) (A) - (II), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)
- (c) (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
- (d) (A) - (III), (B) - (0), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)

Q21. Choose the most appropriate option to complete the following sentence:-

Several people have the task of writing the history of the country, but very few have succeeded.

- (a) taken out
- (b) taken off
- (c) taken up
- (d) taken into

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

- (A) for most, it is really about forming and sticking with certain beneficial habits
- (B) while curtailing actions and routines that are inappropriate and might ill-serve us
- (C) proving to be an excellent vehicle that allows us to achieve the results we want to attain
- (D) although discipline doesn't sound like much fun and carries a negative connotation

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q23. Choose the most appropriate synonym for the underlined word :-

My boss adopted a pragmatic approach to solving the problem as the existing ones were not helping him find the solution.

- (a) practical
- (b) gullible
- (c) serious
- (d) extravagant

Q24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

The contract seemed to the company with too many restrictions.

- (a) tie up
- (b) tie on
- (c) tie down

(d) tie with

Q25. Match the idioms in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|------------------------------|---|
| (Idioms) | (Meanings) |
| (A) Living in an ivory tower | (I) Too young and inexperienced |
| (B) Achilles' heel | (II) A weak spot through which one can be hurt |
| (C) Wet behind the ears | (III) Too weak or unreliable to be depended on |
| (D) A broken reed | (IV) Protected from difficult and unpleasant features of life |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

Weeks of incessant walking in the forest and on uneven terrain, without enough food supplies and water was enough to the group of hikers.

- (a) galvanize
 (b) enervate
 (c) promulgate
 (d) obliterate

Q27. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) that they share their vision confidently that may lead to success
 (B) to convey their message to the audience in such a way
 (C) using persuasive and sensory- specific language
 (D) effective leaders are able to communicate impressively

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q28. From the given options, identify the antonym for the word, VIRTUOSO:-

- (a) Expert
 (b) Amateur
 (c) Adept
 (d) Irreproachable

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

- (A) determined by the fore paws of the animals,
 (B) there are two-toed sloths and there
 (C) since all sloths have three claws on their paws
 (D) are three-toed sloths, the case being

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q30. Choose the correct synonym of the word :- 'Disgruntled'.

- (a) Contented
 (b) Dissatisfied
 (c) Dismayed
 (d) Disgraced

Q31. Choose the correct synonym of the word ALLEGIANCE from the options given below:-

- (a) Association
- (b) Falsehood
- (c) Fidelity
- (d) Alienation

Q32. Identify the word opposite in meaning to the word :- Amnesia.

- (a) Oblivion
- (b) Forgetfulness
- (c) Retention
- (d) Realisation

Q33. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the suitable adjectives given in List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|---|----------------|
| (Sentences) | (Adjectives) |
| (A) At work you need __ allies who won't let you down. | (I) scrupulous |
| (B) His __ honesty is a quality I greatly admire. | (II) deeply |
| (C) I don't know why she was so __ critical of him; it seemed very unfair. | (III) bitter |
| (D) Raj and Sameer were __ rivals at work, but seemed to get on well outside of the office. | (IV) staunch |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q34. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) on the environment, they support brands that align with their values
- (B) demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and a greener future
- (C) as consumers are becoming more aware of the influence of their buying choices
- (D) by keeping energy consumption and waste generation in check thereby

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q35. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:-

Because the orator's speech was high-flown and pretentious, the reporter termed it as .

- (a) untruthful
- (b) vituperative
- (c) austere
- (d) bombastic

Q36. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank and complete the following sentence:-

Do you have a vacation right now?

- (a) money enough to take
- (b) enough money to take
- (c) enough money for take
- (d) money enough for taking

Q35. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List I with the appropriate homophones from List II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|--|--------------|
| (Sentences) | (Homophones) |
| (A) The __ took off an hour late. | (I) plain |
| (B) Poor little cat! She looks so __ and malnourished. | (ii) week |

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| (C) My father will be traveling to London next ____. | (III) plane |
| (D) I want to get a __ dress for my birthday. | (IV) weak |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q38. Identify the word that is opposite in meaning to the word SUCCINCT:

- (a) Concise
- (b) Extravagant
- (c) Verbose
- (d) Abrupt

Q39. Rearrange the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) success increases
- (B) and chances for future success
- (C) a study concludes that
- (D) commitment to future tasks

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q40. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the appropriate phrasal verbs from List-II:-

| List-I | List-II |
|--|--------------------|
| (Sentences) | (Phrasal Verbs) |
| (A) I have complete faith in his ability to __ all his responsibilities successfully. | (I) come about |
| (B) We are united in all our policies and are determined to __ all of them. | (II) come across |
| (C) How did this huge loss__ ? The business was doing well | (III) carry off |
| (D) I am going for the Annual college reunion, and I am likely to __ many old friends. | (IV) carry through |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q41. Choose the alternative that best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom:-

He nailed his colours to the mast by writing a newspaper article attacking government policy.

- (a) showed his true character
- (b) firmly committed himself to his opinion
- (c) exposed himself to punitive action
- (d) brought recognition to himself

Q42. Identify the word that is opposite in meaning to the word DETRACT.

- (a) Contract
- (b) Restrain
- (c) Enhance
- (d) Conform

Q43. Select the most suitable option to replace the underlined phrase in the sentence:-

Sudhir's mother warned him of his friends who come to him only to enjoy themselves.

- (a) fair -weather friends
- (b) party friends
- (c) bad boys who claim to be friends

(d) good natured friends

Q44. Replace the underlined word in the following sentence with a similar meaning word from the options given below:-
The moment anyone comments about Rohit's dressing style, he becomes very truculent and starts to argue angrily.

- (a) fierce
- (b) fickle
- (c) candid
- (d) transient

Q45. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the correct prepositions given in List-II:-

| List-I (Sentences) | List-II (Prepositions) |
|---|---------------------------|
| (A) Did you hear <u> </u> what happened at the party on Saturday? | (I) of |
| (B) Mega was complaining <u> </u> pain in her knee, so she went to see a doctor. | (II) from |
| (C) Are you going to apologize <u> </u> what you did? | (III) about |
| (D) Kamla is often not well. She suffers <u> </u> severe headache. | (IV) for |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q46. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) our lives in response to
- (B) what we see as our wins and losses
- (C) we are constantly
- (D) resetting our goals throughout

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q47. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the correct idioms given in List-II:-

| List-I (Sentences) | List-II (Idioms) |
|--|---------------------|
| (A) By the time he was 34, he had learnt <u> </u> of the jewellery business. | (I) rooted in |
| (B) They've started selling home-made pickles, and the money is just <u> </u> | (II) take root |
| (C) The idea of starting up his own library began to <u> </u> . | (III) the ropes |
| (D) His difficulties are <u> </u> his lack of education. | (IV) rolling in |

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

Q48. Choose the correct synonym of the word :- 'Genteel'.

- (a) Uncouth
- (b) Genial
- (c) Gentle
- (d) Refined

Q49. Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined phrase:-

My mother's dream garden came to life and blossomed with the onset of rains.

- (a) came to sight
- (b) relived

- (c) was invigorated
- (d) appeared

Q50. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-

The theater provides a refreshing break from the _____ of urban living for the theater enthusiasts.

- (a) lethargy
- (b) monotony
- (c) vulnerability
- (d) aggression

