

Comprehension: Direction (Q1-Q4) Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

It's a tough time to be a glacier. Scientists expected Venezuela's Humboldt Glacier to last another decade, but in 2024 it melted into an ice field, shrinking to under two hectares. This marks the loss of the country's last glacier and signals a grim future for others. Scientists warn that glaciers in countries like Germany and Mexico will also disappear as fossil fuel consumption accelerates global warming. Communities depending on glaciers for fresh water face challenges, as glaciers in mountain ranges like the Andes provide vital drinking and irrigation water for millions of people.

However, about 80% of global glaciers, excluding polar ice sheets, could survive if countries rapidly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Tropical glaciers in regions such as the Andes, East Africa, and Indonesia, however, are unlikely to recover due to higher temperatures. Despite pledges in the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, current projections suggest a rise of 3°C, potentially raising sea levels by nearly 10 feet by 2100, threatening island nations like Fiji and the Maldives with destruction.

A proposal to protect ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland involves a 62-mile-long removable underwater curtain, but experts like James Kirkham from the International Cryosphere Initiative caution that such measures are distractions from the real issue: halting global heating. Without decisive action, glaciers will continue to melt, and more countries will lose their ice. The urgency of addressing climate change has never been clearer, and the world's glaciers can't afford any more delays.

Q1. Current projections of global warming at 3°C above pre-industrial levels suggest that the human race -

- (a) is on the brink of disaster and self-destruction
- (b) has effectively stopped the rise in global temperatures
- (c) is conscious of the climate threat and has reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- (d) is strictly adhering to the pledges in the 2015 Paris Agreement

Q2. There is hope of survival for a significant number of global glaciers in case .

- (a) large-scale geoengineering projects are implemented the world over
- (b) communities depending on glaciers for fresh water and irrigation would wean off their dependency
- (c) innovative proposals like the 62-mile-long removable underwater curtain are not nipped in the bud
- (d) collective responsibility is undertaken to rapidly reduce green house emissions globally

Q3. Why might the proposal to build a removable underwater curtain be viewed with skepticism by experts like James Kirkham?

- (a) The curtain is considered only one of the viable solutions to preserve glaciers.
- (b) The underwater curtain may not significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- (c) It diverts attention from urgently addressing the root cause of glacier melting.
- (d) It is an irreversible and irrational solution that does not guarantee glacier survival.

Q4. What does the writer mean by the statement-- 'It's a tough time to be a glacier'?

- (a) Glaciers are now fast losing their status of fresh water sources.
- (b) Only 50% of glaciers are likely to survive with the threat of climate change looming large.
- (c) Glaciers have to bear the brunt of climate change and face an appalling future.
- (d) Glaciers are unable to help humanity survive and sustain their needs.

Comprehension: Direction (Q5-Q8) Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

At length the Parsonage was discernible. The garden sloping to the road, the house in it, the green pales, and the laurel hedge all declared their arrival. Mr. Collins and Charlotte appeared at the door as the carriage stopped at the small gate leading to the house.

In a moment they were all out of the chaise, rejoicing at the sight of each other. Mrs. Collins welcomed her friend with the liveliest pleasure, and Elizabeth was entirely satisfied on being so affectionately received. She saw instantly that her cousin's manners were not altered by his marriage; his formal civility was just what it had been, and he detained her some minutes at the gate to hear and satisfy his inquiries after all her family. They were then, with no other delay than his pointing out the neatness of the entrance, taken into the house; and as soon as they were in the parlour, he welcomed them, with ostentatious formality, to his humble abode, and punctually repeated all his wife's offers of refreshment. Elizabeth was prepared to see him in his glory; and she could not help in fancying that in displaying the good proportion of the room, its aspect and its furniture, he addressed himself particularly to her, as if wishing to make her feel what she had lost in refusing him. But though everything seemed neat and comfortable, she was not able to gratify him by any sigh of repentance, and wondered how her friend could have so cheerful an air with such a companion.

Q5. Elizabeth wonders about Charlotte's cheerful demeanour despite her marriage to Mr. Collins as she .

- (a) believes Charlotte regrets her decision but hides it well
- (b) thinks Charlotte's happiness is superficial and meant to impress others
- (c) finds it difficult to reconcile to Charlotte's contentment with Mr. Collins' personality
- (d) assumes Charlotte has no expectations of happiness in marriage

Q6. Which of the following best describes Mr. Collins' character in these lines?

- (a) courteous and kind
- (b) conceited and pretentious
- (c) humble and tactless
- (d) comical and dimwit

Q7. Elizabeth's lack of repentance suggests that she is .

- (a) confident about her judgment of Collins' character and her decision
- (b) stubborn and too arrogant to admit her flaws and weaknesses
- (c) regretful of her decision, but hides it to protect her pride
- (d) envious of Charlotte's fate and is content in not having compromised

Q8. How does Elizabeth perceive Mr. Collins' attempts to display his home?

- (a) As a genuine desire to impress her
- (b) As a subtle reproach for rejecting him
- (c) As an effort to make her envious of Charlotte
- (d) As a sign of his gratitude for her visit

Comprehension: Direction (Q9-Q12) Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

In July 1973, Amitav Ghosh joined St. Stephen's College in Delhi. Like every other freshman, he was nervous about the first few weeks, when one was 'ragged' - shorthand for being verbally harassed, harangued, interrogated, and intimidated - by seniors. Twenty-five years later, by now an established novelist, Amitav Ghosh wrote: The year I joined College, the word among us freshers was that the most terrifying ragger in College lived in Rudra Court, in L5. Terrifying because he wasn't the usual kind of bullying, bellowing senior. No, he was to them as the panther is to the elephant. He was bearded, and soft-spoken, so stealthy that you never sensed his presence until he had you square in his sights. Young Amitav was able to escape the clutches of this fearful senior for a fortnight. But then he "was nabbed while attempting to abscond" as the Indian Express used to say'. The 'legend of L5' caught hold of the fresher, and quizzed him about his interests. 'I like classical music,' answered Ghosh, nervously. 'You do?' said the legend and walked him into his room in Rudra North. The legend put a record on the turntable and began to play it. He asked Ghosh to identify the composer and composition. Beethoven's Emperor Concerto answered the fresher, correctly. Three or four more records were played and all except one accurately identified. At this, The legend stuck out his hand. 'I'm Rukun Advani,' he said. "Let's go down to Maurice Nagar and have a cup of tea."

Q9. What set the 'legend of L5' apart from typical ragers in St. Stephen's College?

- (a) He subjected freshers to rigorous academic quizzes instead of physical harassment.
- (b) He was known for psychological manipulation rather than open intimidation.
- (c) He relied on quiet precision rather than overt aggression to unsettle freshers.
- (d) He maintained an air of mystery, rarely interacting directly with freshers.

Q10. What was the outcome of Amitav Ghosh's interaction with the "legend of L5" ?

- (a) He was intimidated into learning about classical music.
- (b) He impressed the senior with his knowledge of classical music.
- (c) He was unable to answer any of the music-related questions.
- (d) He was forced to listen to classical music as a punishment.

Q11. Why does the passage mention Beethoven's Emperor Concerto?

- (a) To illustrate that the senior used music to humiliate freshers.
- (b) To show that Amitav Ghosh had a background in Western classical music.
- (c) To emphasize that intellect and culture, rather than fear, shaped this form of ragging.
- (d) To demonstrate that the 'legend of L5', preferred classical music as a means of intimidation.

Q12. What aspect of ragging does the phrase "nabbed while attempting to abscond" humorously highlight?

English Previous Year Paper

- (a) It likens ragging to a criminal pursuit which freshers tried to avoid but were inevitably caught.
- (b) Ragging in elite institutions was so relentless that escape was futile.
- (c) The seniors used strategic timing to capture freshers when they least expected it.
- (d) The tendency of newspapers to exaggerate minor events.

Q13. Select the verb to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

It wasn't the first time they had been how it worked.

- (a) reported
- (b) exclaimed
- (c) taught
- (d) inferred

Q14. Select the correct idiom to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

We were talking I was talking about the exams, and you thought I meant the course as a whole.

- (a) at cross purposes
- (b) to some purpose
- (c) in the dark
- (d) through our hat

Q15. Identify the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:-

The situation in the city became tense as fighting continued sporadically for two months.

- (a) frequently
- (b) continuously
- (c) unpredictably
- (d) occasionally

Q16. From the given options, select the word which is opposite in meaning to the underlined word: India's top star was in the news for churlishly refusing a generous film deal.

- (a) sullenly
- (b) unpleasantly
- (c) rudely
- (d) politely

Q17. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) assault due to exhaust fumes, smoke, particulate pollution and ozone
- (B) carotenoids, vitamin C and E and minerals such as selenium are
- (C) known to attack DNA, rupture cell membranes and unravel life's essential proteins
- (D) nutrients that slow down the damage to the skin which is under constant

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q18. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the appropriate Phrasal Verbs from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) They gave me a form to _____.	(I) cross out
(B) I will ___ the mistake that I made in the form.	(II) fill out
(C) I didn't expect her to ___ the job offered to her.	(III) get away
(D) The robbers will ___ with the loot if the police do not arrive on time.	(IV) turn down

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

Q19. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) sundial, designed for precise observations of celestial positions and determining
- (B) its 19 astronomical instruments, including the world's largest stone
- (C) the Jantar Mantar in Jaipur, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is renowned for
- (D) key events like solstices and equinoxes, and other astronomical phenomena

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q20. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) coffee factory owner who packaged brewed coffee beans as powder,
- (B) to create a creamier and better tasting version called Nescafe
- (C) was later improved in 1938 by Nestle, which used spray drying
- (D) instant coffee, originally patented in the late 1800s by a New Zealand

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q21. Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word:-

Enervate

- (a) Petrify
- (b) Vitalise
- (c) Gratify
- (d) Debilitate

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

- (A) Murugan noticed that both the women
- (B) as he made his way across the hall
- (C) over their neatly worn silk sarees
- (D) had press tags pinned to their shoulders

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q23. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) which is made to play a key role in the war
- (B) of intellectual property rights
- (C) centres on the figure of Aryabhata's zero
- (D) this amusing and well constructed satire

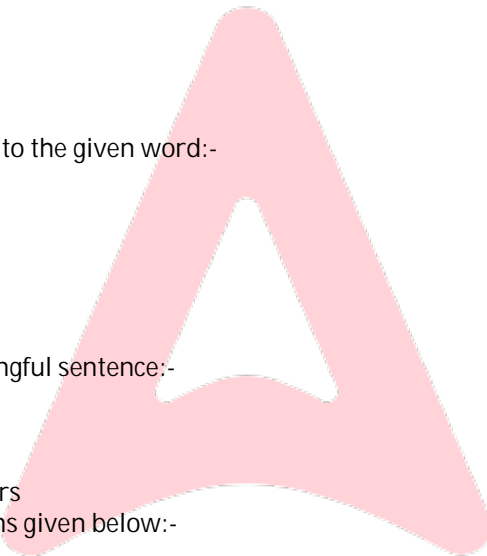
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q24. Choose the correct synonym of the given word:-

Satiate

- (a) Mollify
- (b) Perpetuate



- (c) Gratify
- (d) Vanquish

Q25. Replace the underlined word with the most appropriate synonym:-
John found himself frequently stumped by the kind of questions his 3-year-old son asked.

- (a) aghast
- (b) horrified
- (c) baffled
- (d) irritated

Q26. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the appropriate words from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) Ancient manuscripts ___ from that period provide valuable historical insights.	(i) exalt
(B) The community gathered to ___ their leader for his dedication and hard work.	(ii) extant
(C) The ___ of the damage caused by the flood was shocking.	(III) exult
(D) She couldn't help but ___ when her team won the championship.	(IV) extent

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

Q27. Identify the most appropriate antonym for the word ---Servility, from the options given below:-

- (a) Obsequiousness
- (b) Flippancy
- (c) Ingratiation
- (d) Liberty

Q28. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word:-

Nitika is a child. Although she is just seven, she understands her mother's pain and comforts her like a grown up.

- (a) precocious
- (b) pernicious
- (c) amiable
- (d) conscientious

Q29. Fill in the blank with the correct option:-

The film star was immediately spotted and recognized; thanks to her red hair.

- (a) obvious
- (b) apparent
- (c) evident
- (d) conspicuous

Q.30. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) emotional and mental well-being, thereby highlighting the
- (B) bullying is a form of discriminatory harassment that exploits
- (C) need for empathy, inclusivity, and eradication of prejudice
- (D) power to intimidate others, causing lasting harm to their

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q31. Match the proverbs in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Proverbs)	(Meanings)
(A) Discretion is better than valour	(i) Large and successful things begin in a small, insignificant way.
(B) Don't change horses midstream	(ii) It is best to be cautious and not take unnecessary risks.
(C) Great oaks from little acorns grow	(iii) Friendly and flattering language can persuade people better than sharp, angry language
(D) Honey catches more flies than vinegar	(IV) Avoid making changes once you have started a project.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q32. Match the idioms in List-I with the meanings in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Idioms)	(Meanings)
(A) Bite the bullet	(I) The next move or decision is yours
(B) Fly off the handle	(II) A very small amount compared to the need
(C) The ball is in your court	(III) To take on a difficult challenge
(D) A drop in the ocean	(IV) To lose one's temper suddenly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q33. Match the words in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Words)	(Meanings)
(A) Calumny	(I) abate
(B) Alleviate	(II) bitterness
(C) Abject	(III) defamation
(D) Acrimony	(IV) despicable

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q34. Identify the word closest in meaning to the underlined word:-

An obdurate mindset

- (a) committed
- (b) stubborn
- (c) obedient
- (d) subservient

Q35. Select the most appropriate figure of speech used in the following line:-

"On the seashore of endless worlds, thousand children meet"

- (a) Hyperbole
- (b) Personification
- (c) Metaphor
- (d) Pun

Q36. Fill in the blank and complete the sentence with the synonym of the underlined word:-

The team felt immense satisfaction after completing the challenging project, experiencing a deep sense of

- (a) abdication
- (b) authentication
- (c) gratification
- (d) altercation

Q37. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank:-
An imaginary place where everything is perfect is called a world.

- (a) dystopian
- (b) utopian
- (c) illusory
- (d) desultory

Q38. Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word:-
Ignominious

- (a) Sagacious
- (b) Obtuse
- (c) Estimable
- (d) Disreputable

Q39. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-
(A) to a wide variety of species is shrinking due to deforestation and
(B) rising seas, posing a threat to the 7.5 million people who
(C) the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest and home
(D) rely on it as a natural barrier against tides and cyclones
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q40. Match the expressions given in List-I with the correct figures of speech mentioned in List-II:-

List-I (Expressions)	List-II (Figures of Speech)
(A) How like a winter hath my absence been from thee.'	(I) Alliteration
(B) The rain poured down the wedding guests, indifferent to their plans.	(II) Metaphor
(C) Crooks conspire with the crooked king.	(III) Personification
(D) But soft what light through yonder window breaks, it is east and Juliet is the sun.	(IV) Simile

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q41. Choose the most appropriate adverb to complete the sentence:-

Although she had initial doubts about the success of the project, it eventually turned out to be successful.

- (a) barely
- (b) merely
- (c) hardly
- (d) highly

Q42. Match the statements in List-I with the right words from List-II:-

List-I (Statements)	List-II (Words)
(A) A private inner room in a religious place	(I) Planetarium

English Previous Year Paper

(B) An area where birds and animals are kept safe	(II) Aquarium
(C) A container in which fish and water creatures are kept safe	(III) Sanctum
(D) A building where movements of stars and planets are seen	(IV) Sanctuary

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) - (II), (D) - (I)

Q43. Select the most appropriate pair of prepositions to fill in the blanks and complete the following sentence:-
We weren't aware of any problems until we started getting complaints from people who clearly weren't satisfied with the way their computers were working.

- (a) for, from
- (b) of, with
- (c) from, by
- (d) with, for

Q44. Choose the most appropriate antonym for Languor from the given options:-

- (a) Opulence
- (b) Robustness
- (c) Indolence
- (d) Apathy

Q45. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the phrases in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrases)
(A) There was a	(I) a flicker of emotion
(B) The company's figures are beginning to offer a	(II) touch of sadness
(C) I didn't detect even a	(III) glimmer of hope
(D) There was a	(IV) flurry of activity

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q46. Fill in the blank and complete the sentence with the synonym of the underlined word:-

The research focused on improving cognitive abilities, which are essential for processes such as learning, memory, and decision-making, aiming to enhance one's faculties.

- (a) intellectual
- (b) physical
- (c) mechanical
- (d) emotional

Q47. Match the definitions in List-I with the words in List-II:-

List-I (Definitions)	List-II (Words)
(A) A style full of words	(I) Masque
(B) A dramatic performance	(II) Epicurean
(C) Formal praise or eulogy	(III) Verbose
(D) Taking pleasure in things	(IV) Panegyric

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

Q48. Select the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:-
She read out aloud to all of us the lurid headlines about the incident.

- (a) glittering
- (b) frigid
- (c) shocking
- (d) austere

Q49. Rearrange the following parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) functional craft into a dynamic art form that
- (B) rooted in India's regional traditions
- (C) quilting has transformed overtime from a
- (D) has an extraordinary innovative and narrative power

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q50. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the appropriate Prepositions from List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Prepositions)
(A) If you are worried about the problem you should do something ___ it.	(I) from
(B) The mother parted ___ her married daughter in sorrow.	(II) about
(C) Tables are usually made ___ wood.	(III) at
(D) All of them are surprised ___ her rudeness.	(IV) of

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

