

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

Ashlyn Greer was on the hunt. This time in the messy back room of a vintage boutique two blocks from An Unlikely Story, the rare bookstore she'd owned and operated for nearly four years. She'd received a call from Kevin Petri, the boutique's owner, about a man from Rye who brought in several cartons of books, one of which contained hardbacks, recent bestsellers by Steel, Chamberlain, and Garret-esteemed authors, but hardly rare. The second carton offered a more eclectic mix, including several health and nutrition books, one guaranteeing a flat tummy in thirty days, another touting the benefits of a macrobiotic diet. She worked quickly, careful not to hold on to any books for too long, but it was hard not to pick up subtle vibrations as she returned them to the carton. They had belonged to someone who was sick, afraid, and worried about running out of time. It was a gift Ashlyn had since she was twelve, like a perfumer's nose-the ability to sense the echoes attached to certain inanimate objects, especially books. She didn't know how it worked. After a fight between her parents, she had pedalled to the cramped bookshop, her safe place. The owner, Frank, greeted her with a taciturn nod. He knew about her troubled home life but never mentioned it, offering her a quiet refuge instead. It was a kindness she'd never forgotten. It was there she first experienced the strange sensation of shock and sadness, when she picked up *The Water-Babies*.

- Q1. What special gift did Ashlyn Greer have since the age of twelve, and where did she first experience it?
- Her gift of identifying rarities from ordinary books; at home during a fight between her parents
 - Her penchant for reading; in the vintage boutique back room
 - Her gift of sensing emotions from books; at a cramped bookshop after a fight between her parents
 - Her ability to experience shock and sadness with a balanced mind; in her own bookstore, An Unlikely Story
- Q2. What did Ashlyn sense about the person who previously owned the books in the second carton?
- The person was excited about new diets.
 - The person was a collector of rare books.
 - The person was ailing, aghast, and worried about elapsing time.
 - The person was indifferent towards his possessions.
- Q3. What does Ashlyn's ability to sense echoes from books resemble, as described in the text?
- A librarian's instinct for organization
 - A perfumer's nose for scents
 - A musician's ear for melodies
 - A historian's memory for details
- Q4. What does the mention of Ashlyn's visit to the cramped bookshop after a fight between her parents signify about her connection to books?
- It shows her preference for solitude during stressful times.
 - It marks the moment when she realized her passion for running a bookstore.
 - It highlights her reliance on the cramped bookshop as a source of discovery.
 - It demonstrates her skill in identifying rare and valuable books.

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

The brain operates in different states, measured in five main categories of brain waves; alpha, beta, gamma, theta and delta. Most of the time, our brains are in a default 'work' state, characterized by beta and gamma waves. This is when we're using our brains to solve problems and focus on tasks which require us to stay in an alert, active state. This is an essential role, for sure, but not one you want to stay in for too long, as it raises cortisol levels in the body, increasing feelings of stress and anxiety.

"Stress, and the effects it has on the body, is one of the main drivers of chronic disease and depression today," says Dr.Vuu. A study published in Future Sciences found that stress caused physiological changes in the brain, increasing the risk of everything from mood disorders to autoimmune disease and dementia.

A 2021 meta-analysis of multiple studies found that engaging in leisure activities can improve health by protecting against coronary heart disease, cognitive decline and dementia. Hobbies not only improve our neuro plasticity but also make us happier. In all, hobbies are a powerful antidote to stress, causing a cascade of positive changes. "Doing a hobby you enjoy puts your brain into a 'flow' state, characterized by alpha and theta waves, which cause you to feel relaxed, less stressed and less anxious," Dr. Vuu says. These brain states are characterized by feelings of deep relaxation, passive focus, creativity, intuition and daydreaming.

- Q5. The levels of people who are always on alert mode are very high.

- (a) alpha
- (b) cortisol
- (c) cognitive
- (d) creativity

Q6. The activities work like medicine to alleviate stress.

- (a) leisure
- (b) passive
- (c) multiple
- (d) antidote

Q7. To achieve a 'flow' state of the brain, one needs to pursue-----which generate a calming effect.

- (a) work
- (b) hobbies
- (c) creativity
- (d) stress

Q8. To solve any kind of problems, and remain focused, the human brain uses waves.

- (a) alpha & gamma
- (b) beta & gamma
- (c) delta & theta
- (d) theta & alpha

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

Till recently, many scholars have worked on collections of folk songs, but their main attention was on their lyrical content. The musical aspect just did not receive so much attention. Hence, the subject remained a closed book. When I ventured to study the subject, I faced the stark fact that the only source available to me was the rustic folk themselves. The difficulties for such a primary worker in any field are very well-known. But the co-operation I had from the simple men and women of the villages made me forget everything. With the deepest love and gratitude to the village folks, I present to you some fragments of my collection and humble observations on them.

Now, who are these folks? I would say that they are the "civilized" people of the villages. They are a group in whom the economic, educational and cultural diversity of the city is much less pronounced. Their modes of life, customs, lore and songs are known and shared by one and all in the group. Their art, particularly their music, is the expression of their thoughts, feelings, hopes and aspirations. Their music is simple, natural and free from any kind of artificial sophistication or inhibition, which is an unavoidable feature of any urban society.

Tamilnad abounds in the beauties of nature in all its vicissitudes, hills and dales, plains and pasturage. Its magnificent temples have fostered arts like architecture, sculpture, music, dance, painting and literature. It is of interest to note that folk arts, culture and tradition had a great part to play in the development of these.

Q9. What are the author's feelings towards the village folk?

- (a) Love & gratitude
- (b) Jealousy & anger
- (c) Sympathy & apathy
- (d) Frustration & indifference

Q10. Select the appropriate option for the underlined phrase given below:-

'The subject remained a closed book.'

- (a) No more in use
- (b) No more to talk about
- (c) Nothing much is known
- (d) A waste of time

Q11. Choose the statement/s which is/are correct according to the passage:-

- (A) The village folk were innocent.

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- (B) The village folk were simple & cooperative.
- (C) Their music was the expression of their hopes and aspirations.
- (D) Their music belonged to urban society only.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (a) (A) only
- (b) (B) and (C) only
- (c) (C) and (D) only
- (d) (A) and (D) only

Q12. One of the factors responsible for Tamilnad's cultural heritage is it's ____

- (a) magnificent temples and natural beauty
- (b) traditions & simplicity of people
- (c) folk art, culture and tradition
- (d) architecture, sculpture and music

Q13. Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) a perfect image often leads to mental health
- (B) challenges and unrealistic expectations
- (C) rise to powerful influencers, the pressure to maintain
- (D) while social media platforms have given

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q14. Identify the word that is closest in meaning to the word Retract:-

- (a) Recover
- (b) Regain
- (c) Recede
- (d) Avenge

Q15. Replace the underlined verbs in List-I with a phrasal verb with the same meaning in List-II :-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences with underlined verbs)	(Phrasal verbs)
(A) I just can't <u>overcome</u> the feeling that someone is watching me.	(I) pick up
(B) All the people I work with seem to have <u>caught</u> the flu.	(II) wear off
(C) Once I'd had the injection, the pain started to <u>gradually disappear</u> .	(III) gone down with
(D) As the breeze started to <u>get stronger</u> , we set off for the cottage.	(IV) shake off

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

A munificent gesture.

- (a) ambiguous
- (b) peevish
- (c) reverent
- (d) liberal

Q17. Fill the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the appropriate prepositions from List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Prepositions)

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(A) The bridge was built __ the river.	(I) against
(B) He is waiting for me __ the road.	(II) over
(C) He is distributing sweets __ his friends.	(III) across
(D) Do not lean __ the wall.	(IV) among

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

Q18. Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blank:-

The _____ weather conditions put a spanner in the onward hike of the mountaineering team.

- (a) pleasant
- (b) feeble
- (c) inclement
- (d) favourable

Q19. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in List-I with the appropriate words from List-II :-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) His _____ efforts to help the community were recognized by everyone.	(I) laudatory
(B) She has a refined _____ for good wine.	(II) palette
(C) The review was full of _____ comments about the author's writing style.	(III) laudable
(D) The artist's _____ was filled with vibrant hues.	(IV) palate

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q20. Fill in the blank in the given sentence with the most appropriate antonym of the word erratic :-

Her _____ behavior during the meeting sprang a surprise on everyone.

- (a) ephemeral
- (b) intermittent
- (c) consistent
- (d) supple

Q21. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the given options:-

Rohit was a _____ opponent, and I respected him for that.

- (a) formidable
- (b) dreadful
- (c) forbidding
- (d) indulgent

Q22. Match the sentences in List-I with the figures of speech in List-II :-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Figures of speech)
(A) The stars danced in the sky	(I) Hyperbole
(B) She sells seashells	(II) Personification
(C) I could eat a horse	(III) Metaphor
(D) Life is a roller coaster	(IV) Alliteration

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

- (A) on a positive purpose, can serve as a powerful driving force,
- (B) to achieve ambitious goals that once seemed unattainable
- (C) aggression, when channelled constructively and focused
- (D) urging us to overcome hurdles, and persist through adversity

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q24. Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) in eclectic mediums reflecting the growing mastery of
- (B) a sense of an invasive and turbulent past
- (C) sculptors who evoked surreal imagery and projected
- (D) displayed at the art gallery were innovative art pieces

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q25. Identify the word closest in meaning to the underlined word:-

An inglorious chapter in human history

- (a) disgraceful
- (b) unforgivable
- (c) mediocre
- (d) provocative

Q26. Fill in the blank with the most suitable word from the given options:-

It would be _____ to refuse such a generous offer.

- (a) chivalrous
- (b) chary
- (c) churlish
- (d) coquettish

Q27. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in List-I with the appropriate adjectives given in List-II :-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Adjectives)
(A) He made use of ___ opportunities he had to prove his talent.	(I) the few
(B) I have ___ friends who can help me with this task.	(II) the little
(C) She drank ___ water to quench her thirst.	(III) a few
(D) I will share ___ knowledge I have with you on this subject.	(IV) a little

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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Q28. Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) practical demonstration clarified their doubts
- (B) in great detail, the students struggled to grasp
- (C) although the professor explained the complex theories
- (D) the underlying concepts until the

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q29. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct word from the given options:-

Some of our cities are full of _____ looking for work and a better life.

- (a) mendicants
- (b) hermits
- (c) migrants
- (d) anarchists

Q30. Choose the word similar in meaning to the word--Recalcitrant

- (a) Amenable
- (b) Compliant
- (c) Defiant
- (d) Rational

Q31. Select the appropriate word to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

The city was under _____ for almost seven months.

- (a) truce
- (b) siege
- (c) ambush
- (d) explosion

Q32. Identify the word that is opposite in meaning to the word Prolix:-

- (a) Defiant
- (b) Silent
- (c) Loquacious
- (d) Succinct

Q33. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the appropriate homonyms from List-II :-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Homonyms)
(A) One should not ___ the orders of one's superiors.	(I) current
(B) During the medieval times, people would often ___ the ruling kings.	(II) currant
(C) The top brass of the company were worried by the _____ antimanagement sentiments of the employees.	(III) deify
(D) I am very fond of ___ buns and desserts.	(IV) defy

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

Q34. Select the most appropriate expression to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-

The vibrant painting _____ in the gallery, captivating all who walked by, with its bold colors and unique style.

- (a) stood off

- (b) stood out
- (c) stood by
- (d) stood over

Q35. Choose the correct antonym of the word Onerous from the options given below:-

- (a) Arduous
- (b) Opulent
- (c) Effortless
- (d) Favourable

Q36. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word-- Acrimious.

- (a) Bitter
- (b) Resolute
- (c) Vague
- (d) Amicable

Q37. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in List-I with the appropriate words from List-II :-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (words)
(A) Gifted in prophecy, he had _____ that wizard who lived in the city of Pylos.	(I) foment
(B) The agitator's fiery speech was seen as an attempt to _____ strife and hatred among the crowd.	(II) forbear
(C) In times of great adversity, it is wise to _____ anger and with patience instead.	(III) ferment
(D) The grape juice was left to _____ for several days to produce a rich and flavorful wine.	(IV)forebear

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q38. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below:

A person who constantly thinks he is sick, is a _____.

- (a) Misogynist
- (b) Misanthrope
- (c) Hyperpituitary
- (d) Hypochondriac

Q39. Fill in the blanks in the sentences in List-I with the Phrasal verbs in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal verbs)
(A) We were all surprised to see Rahul because we had not expected him to _____ at the party.	(I) get across
(B) I am really exhausted, I think I'll _____.	(II) turn up
(C) In spite of being so lucid, sometimes he fails to clearly _____ his ideas.	(III) gets around
(D) Any news of celebrities ___ very fast.	(IV) turn in

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

Q40. Match the Idioms in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I (Idioms)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) wear one's heart on one's sleeve	(I) attack an opponent in a bold and direct fashion

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(B) to sell someone down the river	(II) to talk boastfully or irresponsibly
(C) talk through one's head	(III) be completely frank and hide nothing from others
(D) to take the bull by horns	(IV) to betray someone

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q41. Choose the word opposite in meaning to the word-- Esoteric

- (a) Obscure
- (b) Cryptic
- (c) Reckless
- (d) Straightforward

Q42. Match the words in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I (Words)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) Euphemism	(I) a phrase that combines two words that seem to be the opposite of each other
(B) Oxymoron	(II) a less offensive phrase used to substitute something unpleasant
(C) Epilogue	(III) happening, done or published after a person has died
(D) Posthumous	(IV) the close of a narrative or dramatic poem

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q43. Select the word opposite in meaning to the word:- Innocuous

- (a) Benign
- (b) Offensive
- (c) Protective
- (d) Unconcerned

Q44. Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) detect meals hidden beneath snow or vegetation
 - (B) on the ground or short posts to hunt for prey
 - (C) snowy owls, native to the Arctic tundra, perch
 - (D) and use their excellent eyesight and keen hearing to
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q45. Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) disrupting the natural flow of reading
 - (B) the intended meaning of a given text, thereby
 - (C) ambiguity unintentionally creates confusion
 - (D) for the readers, making it harder for them to follow
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

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

- (A) the central argument or purpose of a piece of writing
 (B) a strong and effective thesis statement is a
 (C) guiding readers and setting the tone for the content
 (D) condensation of one or two sentences that clearly conveys

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q47. Complete the sentences given in List I with the correct option of words given in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (words)
(A) There is a lot of ___ within the employees on the issue.	(I) rift
(B) His opinion ___ the general opinion of the experts.	(II) dissent
(C) The growing ___ in the Family with respect to who will be the next Managing Director is now public	(III) conform to
(D) His ideas do not ___ the general definition of civilization.	(IV) concurs with

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q48. Select the most appropriate words to fill in the blanks in the given sentence:-

By the time we arrived, the concert _____ and the crowd _____ in the parking lot.

- (a) has ended, was gathering
 (b) had already ended, had gathered
 (c) ended, gather
 (d) was ending, gathered

Q49. Choose the correct antonym of the word Prodigal from the options given below:-

- (a) Spendthrift
 (b) Parsimonious
 (c) Extravagant
 (d) Profligate

Q50. Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) a delicate verse in nature's never-ending song
 (B) the wind, like a wandering poet, stirred
 (C) across the cobblestone streets, each one
 (D) the autumn leaves, scattering them

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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