

Comprehension:

[Q1-Q5] Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:-

Virtues are the result of repeated actions, as habits lay the foundation of moral excellence. Right from the beginning of their lives, children are taught good habits by their parents and teachers. Magnanimity, helpfulness and sacrifice are great virtues which need to be well cultivated in human beings. Trees give shade for the benefit of others, while they themselves stand enduring the scorching heat of the sun. They selflessly bear the fruit which is consumed by birds, animals and human beings. Rivers travel hundreds of kilometers, irrigating the land and providing water for all living beings. Flowers spread their scent to make the environment pleasant. Nature teaches us to tolerate pain for the sake of service to others. Henna yields its reddish hue when ground into a paste. Sugarcane yields sweet juice when it is pressed. Flowers get pierced through with a needle to embellish us with garlands.

The character of virtuous men and women is also like the above things and elements of Nature. What is the use of this perishable and mortal frame if it is not used for the benefit of others? To live our life only for ourselves is to live like cats and dogs. People who are noble at heart do not abandon human virtues even if they have to lose their lives. A Sanskrit couplet says - "Whether men praise them or no, whether they get riches or no, whether they live long or soon die, the virtuous will never waver from the path of righteousness."

Q1. Which of the following does not exemplify 'endurance', according to the passage?

- (a) Trees enduring the scorching heat of the Sun.
- (b) Sugarcane getting pressed to yield juice.
- (c) Trees bearing fruit and flowers spreading fragrance.
- (d) Henna being ground and turned into a paste.

Q2. Which of the following is NOT mentioned in the passage?

- (a) Being truthful is the most important sign of virtuosity.
- (b) Nature teaches us to endure pain and serve others.
- (c) A self-centred existence is a bestial existence.
- (d) Not abandoning the right path even in the face of death.

Q3. In the passage, what is meant by "mortal frame"?

- (a) Nature
- (b) Animals
- (c) Land
- (d) Human body

Q4. According to the passage, which of the following is NOT true?

- (a) Parents and teachers inculcate good habits in children from the early stages.
- (b) There are parallels between the character of virtuous human beings and Nature.
- (c) Ethical behaviour is not dependent upon praise or reward.
- (d) The virtuous deviate from their path, if they aren't duly acknowledged .

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[Q5-Q8] Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:-

Uma could not sing; but since learning to write, she had developed the habit of writing down any song she heard, to lessen the pain of not being able to sing it. Today the beggar woman was singing...

Resentful anguish welled up in Uma's heart. She called the singer secretly to her room, shut the door and began to write down the song in her eccentric spelling.

Tilakmanjari, Kanakmanjari and Anangamanjari observed everything through the crack in the door, and burst out, clapping their hands, "Boudidi, we've seen what you're doing!"

Uma quickly unfastened the door and began to plead with them, "Darling sisters, please don't tell anybody. I beg you, please don't. I'll never do it again. I'll never write again _"

At length, Uma noticed that Tilakmanjari was eyeing her exercise-book. She ran and clutched the book to her chest. Her sisters-in-law tried to take it away from her by force, but when they did not succeed, Anangamanjari went to summon her brother.

Pyarimohan arrived and sat down grimly on the bed. He said in a voice like thunder, "Give me the exercise-book."

The little girl clasped the exercise-book to her chest and directed a glance of utter supplication at her husband's face. But when she saw Pyarimohan was getting up to snatch the book from her, she flung it down, covered her face with her hands and collapsed on the floor.

Q5. Pyarimohan is bound to Uma by _____.

- (a) paternal-ties
- (b) the bond of friendship
- (c) marital- ties
- (d) fraternal- ties

Q6. Why did Uma develop the habit of writing down any song she heard?

- (a) To alleviate her anguish at her lack of skill at singing.
- (b) To work upon and enhance her recently acquired skill at writing.
- (c) To compile all the songs in her exercise book.
- (d) To be able to learn to sing the song later.

Q7. What is meant by "eccentric" in the passage?

- (a) neat and beautiful
- (b) strange and incorrect
- (c) written in the upper case
- (d) written in European languages

Q8. What does the phrase 'a glance of utter supplication' mean in the passage?

- (a) an extremely angry and irritated look
- (b) a look of total excitement
- (c) a look showing celebration
- (d) a look of request and prayer

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[Q9-Q12] Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:-

Solace. He turned the roll of paper between his fingers and wondered if that had not been his error-to search always for solace when there was other game to hunt in the forest. Had he had more spirit, more nerve, more desire and ambition, then perhaps he would have instead hunted for success, distinction, magic. Perhaps he would have followed in pursuit of an art, published a book of poetry, earned a name for himself, a little fame, even gold bangles for Sarla...

But the thought was puerile that it was made him spit out a bitter shred of tobacco. Every effort he had made had ended in defeat: most of the poems he had written and sent to Murad had been rejected, his monograph never published; his wife and son eyed him with blatant disappointment; nor had he won the regard of his colleagues or students. The inherent weakness in his father that had made him an ineffectual, if harmless, teacher and householder, had been passed on to him. He felt it inside him like an empty hole, one he had been staring at all his years, intimidated by its blackness and blankness. Even his attempt to fill it with a genuine and heartfelt homage to a true poet, a man who had distinguished himself as he would have liked to do, had been defeated by all the obstacles that sprang up in his life like shards and pebbles sent up at every step. It was one more blow, and perhaps the bitterest of all.

Q9. On the basis of your reading identify the tone of the passage.

- (a) Contemptuous
- (b) Mournful
- (c) Satarical
- (d) Disillusioned

Q10. Who does Deven blame for his failure in life?

- (a) His wife and son
- (b) His lack of creativity
- (c) His father's submissive and timid nature
- (d) His inherited activism and assertiveness

Q11. What does the word 'game' in the given phrase symbolise, 'other games to hunt in the forest'?

- (a) Wild animals in the forest
- (b) Desires or goals being pursued
- (c) Playful activities
- (d) Rules of a competition.

Q12. Choose a word similar in meaning to the word- Puerile

- (a) Childish
- (b) melancholy
- (c) cosmopolitan
- (d) precocious

Q13. Select the correct antonym for the word: INIQUITOUS

- (a) Unfair
- (b) Wicked
- (c) Virtuous
- (d) Hilarious

Q14. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence :-

- (A) the lives of labourers
- (B) Pahala Pandhavi is
- (C) Shrilal Shukla's
- (D) a realistic portrayal of

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q15. Select the correct synonym for the word: BENEDICTION

- (a) benefit
- (b) forgiveness
- (c) blessing
- (d) calmness

Q16. Select the correct antonym for the word : PLACATE

- (a) Provoke
- (b) Appease
- (c) Hate
- (d) Nullify

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

- (A) producing hormones, proteins lend satiety, prevent
- (B) hunger pangs at bay, managing both weight and calories
- (C) apart from building muscle, repair tissues and
- (D) quick breakdown of sugar in the blood and keep

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q18. Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

_____ they had been waiting in line all night, I was sure they'd get the tickets for the show.

- (a) As though
- (b) Because of
- (c) Since
- (d) Until

Q19. Which of the following words does not refer to one of the movements of a horse?

- (a) Trotting
- (b) Cantering
- (c) Galloping
- (d) Spinning

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Q20. Select the correct expression to complete the sentence :-

It _____ since morning.

- (a) has been raining
- (b) has raining
- (c) will raining
- (d) rain

Q21. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence :-

- (A) culture is a characteristic
- (B) the vision
- (C) way of life inspired by
- (D) and values of life.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

- (A) better known as the shifting cultivation
- (B) garia is a folk dance performed in
- (C) Tripura revolves around the Jhum culture,
- (D) Tripura where the life and culture of the people of

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q23. Complete the idioms given in List-I with their second part given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Idiom's first part)	(Idiom's second part)
(A) To hit the nail--	(I) to injury
(B) To add insult--	(II) before the horse
(C) To put the cart--	(III) in the air
(D) To build castles--	(IV) on the head

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q24. Arrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) the three best hypotheses
- (B) ask them to get together
- (C) the group has come up with
- (D) in fours and decide on

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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Q25. Arrange the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) peeps into the dark abyss of human consciousness,
- (B) Neruda conceives poetry not as something which has
- (C) its deliberate relation with things of beauty, but rather as an art which
- (D) something which has the ability to perceive suffering

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q26. Match the words given in List-I with the appropriate definitions in List-II

List-I	List-II
(Words)	(Definitions)
(A) Aviator	(I) controls and operates the flight of an aircraft
(B) Jurist	(II) knows several languages, mainly foreign
(C) Lexicographer	(III) an expert in the legal field
(D) Linguist	(IV) writer of a dictionary

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q27. Select the correct synonym for the word: DISCONCERTING

- (a) Embarrassing
- (b) Comfortable
- (c) Suave
- (d) Adroit

Q28. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence :-

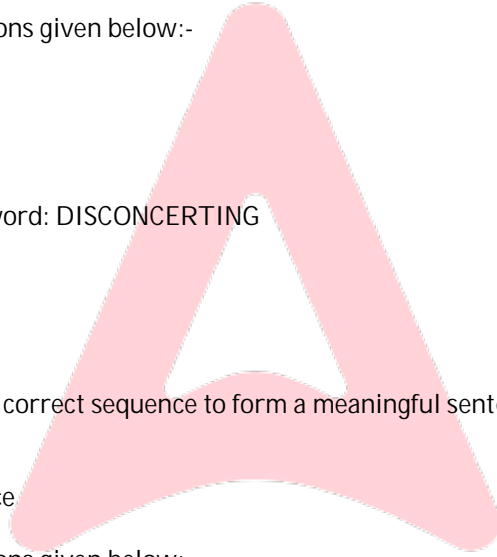
- (A) had left before Namita
- (B) the large group
- (C) reached the venue for her performance
- (D) of Sattriya dancers

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q29. Select the correct antonym for the word: HEGEMONY

- (a) Supremacy
- (b) Leadership
- (c) Prosperity
- (d) Independence



Q30. Match the words given in List-I with their definitions in List-II

List-I (Words)	List-II (Definitions)
(A) Theology	(I) A branch of philosophy that deals with the nature of existence
(B) Epistemology	(II) The study of the origin of the human race, its customs, beliefs and development
(C) Ontology	(III) A part of philosophy that deals with knowledge
(D) Anthropology	(IV) The study of religion and beliefs

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

Q31. Match the idioms given in List-I with their underlined part of the sentences given in List-II.

List-I (Idioms)	List-II (Sentences)
(A) turned over a new leaf	(I) This unexpected new difficulty <u>roused me to do my best.</u>
(B) set his face against	(II) It is a matter of gratification that he <u>changed for the better.</u>
(C) put me on my mettle	(III) It is pointless to <u>worry about</u> the result before it's declared.
(D) to meet trouble half-way	(IV) As a social reformer, he <u>sternly opposed</u> child labour.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q32. Select the correct meaning of the underlined word in the sentence given below:-

His desultory efforts at studying made it clear that he was not serious about passing the exam.

- (a) cautious
- (b) impetuous
- (c) guileful
- (d) unenthusiastic

Q33. Match the words given in List-I with their corresponding definitions in List-II

List-I (Words)	List-II (Definitions)
(A) Meteorologist	(I) One who studies election and trends in voting
(B) Cosmologist	(II) One who studies fossils and the history of life forms on the earth
(C) Psephology	(III) One who studies and predicts atmospheric phenomena
(D) Paleontologist	(IV) One who studies the universe, its origin, expanse etc.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

Q34. Select the correct antonym for the word: Valiant

- (a) Nervous
 (b) Kind
 (c) Coward
 (d) Brave

Q35. Select the word closest in meaning to the word 'ARDUOUS' from the options given below:-

- (a) Mysterious
 (b) Continuous
 (c) Supportive
 (d) Difficult

Q36. Select the correct antonym for the word: Zenith

- (a) Horizon
 (b) Nadir
 (c) Savage
 (d) Sober

Q37. Arrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) tell a lie to the teacher
 (B) he is between the devil
 (C) neither betray his friend nor
 (D) and the deep sea as he can

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q38. Select the correct synonym for the word: EPHEMERAL

- (a) Putrid
 (b) Invisible
 (c) Temporary
 (d) Permanent

Q39. Select the correct antonym for the word: PURGE

- (a) Contaminate
 (b) Truncate
 (c) Conceal
 (d) Complicate

Q40. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate words given in List-II.

List-I	List-II
Sentences	Words
(A) The ___ silence in the courtroom was broken only by the sound of a pen tapping.	(I) eccentric
(B) Her ___ behaviour raised eyebrows at the otherwise formal event.	(II) penetrating
(C) The ___ weather made the trek arduous for the beginners.	(III) oppressive
(D) The professor gave a ___ analysis of the painting, revealing hidden layers of meaning.	(IV) inclement

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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q41. Match the words given in List-I with the appropriate definitions in List-II

List-I	List-II
(Words)	(Definitions)
(A) Neurologist	(I) one who treats heart diseases
(B) Orthodontist	(II) one who studies causes and diagnosis of diseases
(C) Cardiologist	(III) one who corrects and straightens irregular teeth
(D) Pathologist	(IV) one who cures nerve-related diseases

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q42. Choose the correct synonym for the word: DISDAIN

- (a) Astonish
- (b) Contempt
- (c) Destruction
- (d) Exhaustion

Q43. Fill in the blank in the given sentence with the correct option:-

The person who studies the structure and composition of the earth to know about its history and antiquity is called a

- (a) Botanist
- (b) Geologist
- (c) Cartographer
- (d) Geographer

Q44. Arrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) who is a doctor,
- (B) for his higher studies
- (C) has gone to America
- (D) my brother Jagan,

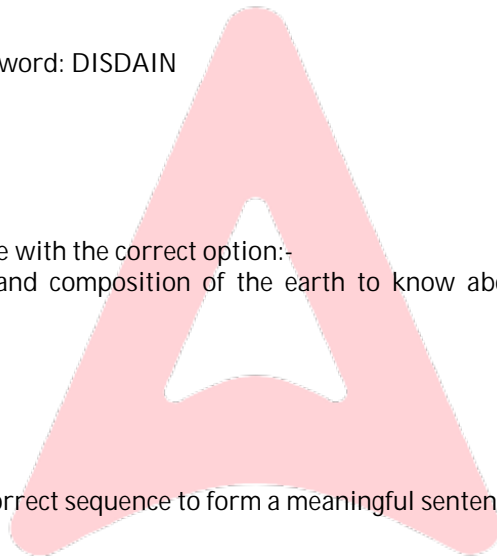
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q45. The little priest was not an interesting man to look at, having stubby brown hair and a round and stolid face which did not give away anything.

The word STOLID in the above sentence means:

- (a) Frowning
- (b) Darkish
- (c) Emotionless
- (d) Hateful



Q46. Match the sentences given in List-I with the correct figures of speech given in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Figures of speech)
(A) The wind whispered through the trees.	(I) Alliteration
(B) A plumber's house always has a leaking tap.	(II) Oxymoron
(C) She opened her eyes to the deafening silence	(III) Irony
(D) The buzzing bees drew attention.	(IV) Personification

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

Q47. Select the correct expression to complete the sentence :-

What is the time _____ ?

- (a) for your watch
- (b) at your watch
- (c) by your watch
- (d) from your watch

Q48. Select the correct antonym for the word: BELLIGERENT

- (a) Brave
- (b) Friendly
- (c) Hostile
- (d) Bemused

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

- (A) technology, political opinions, military capacities, education, lifestyle, inter alia
- (B) there has been growing awareness and rise in urge to be at par with
- (C) with increasing purchasing power and larger disposable incomes
- (D) current trends in different countries across the world in terms of science,

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q50. Choose the correct word from the given options to fill the blank in the sentence given below:-

"Pakhom _____ with him and the deal was closed at one thousand Rupees."

- (a) played
- (b) negotiated
- (c) disagreed
- (d) fought