

Comprehension:

Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

[Q1-Q4] Rainwater harvesting is an innovative method to conserve water by collecting and storing rainwater for future use. This practice has been an integral part of Indian culture for centuries, especially in arid and semi-arid regions. It is a simple, eco-friendly technique to address the growing water crisis caused by over extraction of groundwater, climate change, and increasing demand for freshwater resources.

The process involves collecting rainwater from rooftops, roads or open spaces and directing it to storage tanks or underground reservoirs. This water can be used for domestic purposes like drinking, cooking and gardening as well as for recharging groundwater. Several states have made rainwater harvesting mandatory for buildings, significantly improving water availability and management.

One major advantage of rainwater harvesting is that it reduces dependence on municipal water supplies, particularly during droughts. It also helps prevent flooding and soil erosion by capturing rainwater before it runs off into rivers or drains. Moreover, it is cost-effective, environmentally sustainable, and relatively easy to implement even on a small scale.

However, challenges such as lack of awareness, poor maintenance and improper design of harvesting systems hinder its widespread adoption. With proper education, public participation and government support, rainwater harvesting can play a crucial role in water management.

As the world faces increasing scarcity of water resources, rainwater harvesting offers a sustainable solution. By integrating this ancient practice into modern urban planning, we can secure water for future generations while preserving our environment and ecosystems.

Q1. Rainwater harvesting contributes in reducing _____ .

- (a) groundwater levels in urban areas
- (b) dependence on renewable water sources
- (c) soil erosion and urban flooding
- (d) the need for domestic water storage

Q2. A challenge to the widespread adoption of rainwater harvesting is _____ .

- (a) lack of awareness and poorly designed systems
- (b) surplus water availability in cities
- (c) high dependence on advanced technology
- (d) mandatory government regulations

Q3. Rainwater harvesting helps in _____ .

- (a) increasing urban water runoff in reservoirs
- (b) reducing the need for groundwater extraction
- (c) sensitizing people about water wastage
- (d) delaying urban development projects

Q4. Incorporating rainwater harvesting into urban planning _____ .

- (a) delays modern infrastructure development
- (b) increases municipal water supply costs
- (c) disrupts traditional water conservation methods
- (d) helps in ensuring sustainable water management

Comprehension:

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

A Day That Changed My Perspective

It was a sweltering summer afternoon when I found myself stuck in the crowded lanes of Old Delhi. My purpose was simple: to buy a unique gift for a friend. As I meandered through the labyrinth of shops, the chaos of the market, the cacophony of honking rickshaws, vendors shouting their best prices, and the aroma of street food mingling with the scent of spices overwhelmed me. Frustrated and tired, I considered giving up.

Just then, I noticed a young boy, no older than ten, sitting beside a small wooden cart. He was meticulously polishing a pair of dusty shoes with a focus that seemed far beyond his years. His shirt was torn, and his face glistened with sweat, yet his determination was unwavering. Intrigued, I approached him. "How long have you been working here?" I asked.

"Since I was six," he replied without looking up. "I want to save enough money to go to school one day."

His words struck me like a thunderbolt. Here was a child who, despite his hardships, nurtured a dream and was working tirelessly to achieve it. It was a stark reminder of the privileges I often took for granted.

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I left the market that day, not just with a gift, but with a renewed sense of gratitude and purpose. The boy's resilience reminded me that every challenge is an opportunity to grow, and every small step brings us closer to our dreams. That day, Old Delhi wasn't just a market-it was a lesson in life.

- Q5. The young boy in the story worked tirelessly to save money because he _____ .
- (a) dreamt of attending school one day
 - (b) wanted to buy a bicycle for himself
 - (c) needed to support his family
 - (d) was saving for a trip

Q6. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the expressions from the text given in List-II on the basis of your understanding of the passage:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(expressions)
(A) The news of my friend's tragic accident _____ and left me at a loss of words.	(I) lesson in life
(B) During our reunion after 11 years, it was natural that our conversation _____ a range of diverse subjects.	(II) took for granted
(C) My visit to an orphanage in the neighborhood turned out to be a _____ .	(III) meandered through
(D) Mohan always _____ all the efforts his mother made to give him a decent upbringing.	(IV) struck me like a thunderbolt.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

- Q7. The tone of the passage shifts from frustration to _____ .
- (a) indifference
 - (b) anger
 - (c) despair
 - (d) hopefulness

- Q8. What lesson did the narrator learn from the young boy?
- (a) Privileges are earned, not given by anyone in the world.
 - (b) Gratitude and determination can reshape perspective.
 - (c) Education is unnecessary for personal growth.
 - (d) Success comes easily to those who work hard.

Comprehension:

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

It was a chilly evening in November when Arjun stood on the deserted platform of the old railway station. The clock read 10:15 PM, and the last train was expected soon. He had missed the earlier ones due to an unexpected delay at work. The platform was eerily quiet, the only sound being the distant hum of the city. A cold breeze swept through, making him pull his coat tighter. Arjun felt physically and emotionally drained. His life had been consumed by work and responsibilities, leaving little time for reflection and joy. Recently, a personal setback had left him questioning his choices. He wondered; What was the point of all the struggles if they didn't lead to fulfillment? The train, in some way, symbolised an escape, a way to leave behind everything that weighted on him and start afresh. As he stood there, the train's headlights appeared in the distance, cutting the mist like a beacon. The rumbling sound grew louder, and as it approached, Arjun's heart raced, unsure whether he was avoiding his reality. He stepped onto the train, the doors closing behind him with a soft hiss.

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Lost in thought, he gazed out of the window at the passing landscape, a mix of darkness and scattered lights. The journey ahead was uncertain, but for the first time in a long while, he felt a sense of possibility. Arjun realised that he wasn't running away; he was heading toward finding a chance to rediscover himself. Change wasn't the end-it was the beginning.

Q9. The passage primarily emphasises _____ .

- (a) the importance of hard work over reflection
- (b) the futility of running away from problems
- (c) the challenges of urban life
- (d) the need to embrace change for personal growth

Q10. In the last paragraph -- 'The passing landscape, a mix of darkness and scattered lights' truly reflects Arjun's state of mind, which is a mix of _____ and _____ .

- (a) confusion: joy at clarity
- (b) conflict : struggle for resolution
- (c) uncertainty : hope for rediscovery
- (d) escape: effort for retention

Q11. Complete the given statement:-

For Arjun, the train approaching through the mist symbolised _____.

- (a) an encumbrance and challenge
- (b) liberation and renewal
- (c) apprehension and anxiety
- (d) conflict and struggle

Q12. The literary device used in the expression -- 'the doors closing behind him with a soft hiss' is _____.

- (a) Alliteration and Metaphor
- (b) Transferred epithet
- (c) Metaphor and Personification
- (d) Onomatopoeia and Alliteration

Q13. Fill in the blank with the antonym of the underlined word in the given sentence:-

Our Mathematics teacher was known for her _____ attitude, always losing her calm under pressure.

- (a) serene
- (b) patient
- (c) agitated
- (d) embellished

Q14. Match the idioms in list-I with their meanings in list II:-

List-I	List-II
(Idioms)	(Meanings)
(A) To face the music	(I) to incite people
(B) To fan the flames	(II) To accept the consequences
(C) In the doldrums	(III) To take seriously
(D) To take to heart	(IV) In trouble

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q15. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the most appropriate adjectives in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Adjectives)
(A) The weather in Mumbai is _____.	(I) innovative
(B) The teacher gave a _____ explanation of the topic.	(II) humid
(C) The artist's work was incredibly _____ and inspiring.	(III) stunning
(D) The view of the sunset over the ocean was _____.	(IV) comprehensive

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q16. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences in List-I with the appropriate adjectives in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Adjectives)
(A) We enjoyed our vacation. It was so _____.	(I) sumptuous
(B) Since I had a really _____ breakfast, I can easily skip lunch.	(II) unwavering
(C) I want to go to a retreat for a while. The music at the wedding was so _____.	(III) relaxing
(D) I am very grateful to them for their _____ support.	(IV) cacophonous

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q17. Fill in the blanks in the given sentences of List-I with the correct prepositions given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Prepositions)
(A) The book is lying __ the table.	(I) at
(B) The team arrived ___ the airport where they received a warm welcome.	(II) behind
(C) The boy hid _____ the tree during a hide-and-seek game.	(III) along
(D) Ankush walked _____ the hallway, humming a tune.	(IV) on

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q18. Rearrange the given parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

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- (A) due to the economic and strategic reasons
 (B) satellite communication very vital for the country
 (C) synoptic view of larger areas has made
 (D) the use of satellite in getting continuous and

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q19. Choose the correct synonym for the word: Perspicacious

- (a) Confused
 (b) Insightful
 (c) Forgetful
 (d) Naive

Q20. Match the sentences in List-I with the proverbs given in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Proverbs)
(A) Sameer got up and started getting ready for work, not realising that he had retired.	(I) Procrastination is the thief of time.
(B) Aruna got her hair cut very badly at the local hairdresser and vowed never to go there again.	(II) Silence means consent
(C) It is better to complete your assignment today than to keep putting it off and spend time worrying about it.	(III) Once bitten, twice shy
(D) You should have denied the whole thing; now they will think you are guilty.	(IV) Old habits die hard

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q21. Choose the most appropriate synonym for the word: Bellicose

- (a) Peaceful
 (b) Laudative
 (c) Aggressive
 (d) Evasive

Q22. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the suitable phrasal verbs from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences with blanks)	List-II (Phrasal verbs)
(A) I wanted to go alone but Arjun _____ coming with me.	(I) drove into
(B) He was successful because he _____ one thing at a time.	(II) insisted on
(C) The car in front of me stopped suddenly. Since I couldn't stop in time, I _____ it.	(III) took over
(D) He _____ his father's business without any problems as he had been interning with the company for four years.	(IV) focused on

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

Q23. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word from the options given below:-
 The _____ of the story is to always tell the truth.

- (a) morale
 (b) amoral
 (c) moral
 (d) iniquitous

Q24. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the appropriate adverbs in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Adverbs)
(A) She danced _____ during the competition.	(I) stealthily
(B) The thief moved _____, through the house trying not to make noise.	(II) promptly
(C) He completed the assignment _____ and submitted it on time.	(III) casually
(D) They walked _____ through the crowded streets.	(IV) beautifully

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

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

- (A) providing a platform for scientific experiments
 (B) the International Space Station orbits Earth
 (C) and fostering international space cooperation efforts
 (D) at an altitude of about 400 kilometers

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q26. Fill in the blank with the correct verb form from the options given below:-

As the world is _____ from the evil clutches of climate change, the role of society is to preserve the environment for future generations.

- (a) suffer
 (b) suffers
 (c) suffered
 (d) suffering

Q27. Choose the most appropriate synonym for the word: Supercilious

- (a) Humble
 (b) Cheerful
 (c) Arrogant
 (d) Compassionate

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

- (A) hot desert in the entire world

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- (B) covering approximately 9.2 million square kilometers
 (C) the Sahara Desert is the largest
 (D) across northern Africa's vast arid regions

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q29. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word: Repulsive

- (a) Suitable
 (b) Disgusting
 (c) Critical
 (d) Appealing

Q30. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the appropriate phrasal verbs from List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Phrasal Verbs)
(A) Asawari decided to _____ dancing after her accident.	(I) roll out
(B) Ramesh is very particular that his brother _____ their pet dog.	(II) ran out of
(C) The company plans to _____ the new product next month.	(III) give up
(D) On their long drive to Jaipur, the Kumars _____ fuel.	(IV) looks after

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q31. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word: Inundate.

- (a) Overwhelm
 (b) Drain
 (c) Flood
 (d) Unyielding

Q32. Choose the phrase that completes the given idiom:-

It is wisely said, " _____ gathers no moss."

- (a) A sleeping dog
 (b) A rolling stone
 (c) A flying bird
 (d) An empty vessel

Q33. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word: Ephemeral

- (a) Eternal
 (b) Transient
 (c) Indifferent
 (d) Insightful

Q34. Fill in the blank with the correct phrasal verb from the options given below:-

The manager asked the employees to _____ the new project as a challenge.

- (a) blow up

- (b) take on
- (c) call out
- (d) put in

Q35. Rearrange the given parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) not only keeps you full but also supports muscle mass
- (B) a nutrient-dense diet with adequate protein, fibre
- (C) hormonal balance and a healthier metabolism
- (D) healthy fats and complex carbohydrates

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q36. Choose the most appropriate synonym for the word: Frugal

- (a) Thrifty
- (b) Prodigal
- (c) Extravagant
- (d) Affluent

Q37. Rearrange the given parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) water body covering about 20% of Earth's
- (B) connecting Asia, Africa, and Australia.
- (C) the Indian Ocean is the third-largest
- (D) surface and serves as a major trade route

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q38. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the most appropriate phrases from List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Phrases)
(A) He always _____ at the time of need.	(I) up in
(B) Their idea is still _____ the air.	(II) nail on the head
(C) The team worked _____ to finish the project.	(III) backs out
(D) She hit the _____ with her observation.	(IV) round the clock

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q39. Fill in the blank with the correct preposition from the options given below:-

India experienced a 46 percent year-on-year increase in cyberattacks _____ the second quarter of 2024.

- (a) among
- (b) on
- (c) above
- (d) during

Q40. Fill in the blank with the correct adverb from the options given below:-

Arjun works _____ to achieve his goals, and never succumbs to adverse challenges.

- (a) raspingly
- (b) diligently
- (c) languidly
- (d) sleekly

Q41. Rearrange the given parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) thoughts, emotions, and bodily functions
- (B) making it the body's control centre
- (C) neurons that communicate constantly enabling
- (D) the human brain contains around 86 billion

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q42. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:-

One genuine friend is better than a hundred _____ friends.

- (a) fair-deal
- (b) fair-weather
- (c) far cry
- (d) see through

Q43. Rearrange the given parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) diabetes can cause the blood vessels
- (B) impairment and potential blindness
- (C) high blood sugar levels associated with
- (D) to leak or swell, leading to vision

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q44. Fill in the blank with the correct idiom from the options given below:-

Ravi is _____ on getting the much coveted job.

- (a) on the fence
- (b) under the weather
- (c) over the moon
- (d) barking up the wrong tree

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

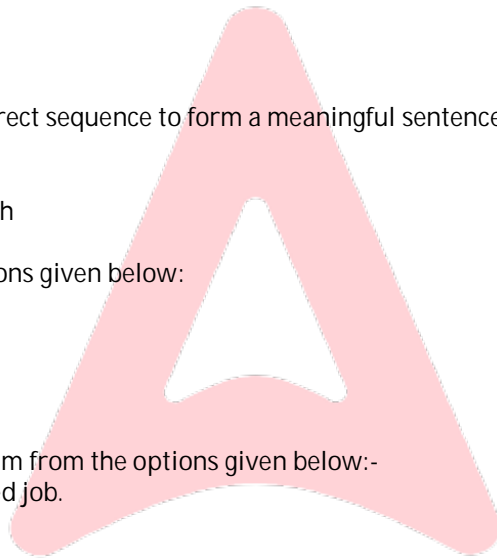
- (A) literacy, thus marking a turning point in history
- (B) Johannes Gutenberg in 1440 brought about
- (C) a revolution in accession to knowledge and spreading
- (D) the invention of the printing press by

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q46. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word: Impudent

- (a) Knowledgeable
- (b) Caring
- (c) Respectful
- (d) Insensitive



Q47. Fill in the blanks in List-I with the appropriate homophones given in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Homophones)
(A) Despite his initial success, Ajay became _____ and stopped putting in effort, which eventually led to his downfall.	(I) coarse
(B) Vasudha's _____ nature made her well-liked, as she was always willing to help others without hesitation.	(II) complacent
(C) The _____ texture of the fabric made it uncomfortable to wear for a long duration.	(III) course
(D) Anuja got enrolled in a challenging _____ in economics to prepare for her future career in finance.	(IV) complaisant

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q48. Choose the most appropriate synonym for the word: Evanescent

- (a) Eternal
- (b) Resilient
- (c) Fleeting
- (d) Practical

Q49. Fill in the blank with the correct adjective from the options given below:

The _____ sunrise painted the sky in hues of bright red and orange.

- (a) radiant
- (b) ragged
- (c) lavish
- (d) extravagant

Q50. Choose the most appropriate antonym for the word: Resurrect

- (a) Survive
- (b) Revive
- (c) Expose
- (d) Suppress

