

Comprehension:

[Q1-Q4] Read the given passage and answer the four questions that follow:-

I still remember the summers of my childhood, when the air in our ancestral village carried the scent of ripening mangoes. Our orchard, an expanse of towering trees with branches heavy with fruit, was my sanctuary. The afternoons were spent sprawled on a charpoy under the largest tree, listening to my grandmother's tales of kings and sages, while the cicadas hummed a lazy tune.

One evening, when the sky blushed orange, my cousin Rohan and I dared each other to climb the ancient mango tree-the one, no one had scaled in years. "It's cursed," the elders warned, "a snake guards its highest branches." But we were twelve, and fear was something we laughed at. With scraped knees and racing hearts, we ascended, our fingers sticky with the sweetness of halfeaten mangoes.

Then, suddenly, I froze. Just inches from my hand, nestled between two branches, lay a coiled serpent, its beady eyes fixed upon me. Panic gripped my chest, my breath shallow. "Don't move," Rohan whispered. Trembling, I heeded his words, inching backward ever so slowly. As soon as my feet hit the ground, I bolted, my heart pounding louder than the temple bells at dusk.

We never climbed that tree again. But to this day, whenever I taste a mango, I remember that evening-the thrill, the terror, and the inexplicable joy of childhood.

Q1. How does the narrator describe his encounter with the snake?

- (a) with amusement and detachment
- (b) with poetic admiration for nature
- (c) with intense fear and sensory detail
- (d) with anger at himself for being reckless

Q2. The narrator never climbed the tree again because he _____.

- (a) was not skilled at climbing trees
- (b) was afraid of taking on a challenge again
- (c) never got over the fright of seeing the snake on the tree
- (d) became too old for such games

Q3. Which literary device is used in "the sky blushed orange"?

- (a) Allegory
- (b) Simile
- (c) Alliteration
- (d) Personification

Q4. What role does the mango orchard play in the narrator's childhood?

- (a) It represents a challenge to be conquered.
- (b) It is a place of refuge and delight.
- (c) It serves as a setting for a family dispute.
- (d) It symbolises lost traditions.

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

[Q5-Q8] Every time a child takes a soft drink, is he laying the groundwork for a dangerous bone disease? Fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause osteoporosis but, because they are often a substitute for a glass of milk, children miss out on taking in the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also lead a sedentary lifestyle, so they aren't getting the bonebuilding benefits of vigorous exercise either. These children tend to suffer from brittle bones and fractures later on in life. In addition, they could be at a risk of being diagnosed with osteoporosis at an earlier age than most others.

Osteoporosis starts in childhood, but its consequences are apparent at a later stage in life. This condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the framework of a house that's has been attacked by termites. This can lead to broken bones, which in turn, can cause deformity, chronic pain, and disability. Osteoporosis can be fatal: up to 25 percent of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year. Osteoporosis isn't just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million men.

It is important to save millions of people from the risk of suffering from osteoporosis by adopting preventive measures like walking, jogging or skipping. Getting enough sunlight, and adequate calcium, especially through fruits, vegetables and fermented dairy products also helps.

Q5. According to the passage: _____ percent of elderly people who suffer from hip fracture do not survive.

- (a) 50
- (b) 12
- (c) 25
- (d) 52

Q6. According to the passage which of the following statement is correct.

- (a) Consumption of fizzy drinks leads to strong bone density.
- (b) Sedentary lifestyle leads to strong bones.
- (c) Osteoporosis affects elderly people only.
- (d) Osteoporosis can be life-threatening.

Q7. Which of the following is NOT a good preventive measure for osteoporosis?

- (a) Consumption of vitamin E adequately
- (b) Consuming fruits, vegetables & dairy products
- (c) Maintaining active life style
- (d) Ensuring enough dose of sunlight

Q8. According to the passage:

People who _____ suffer from osteoporosis.

- (a) substitute a sedentary lifestyle with an active lifestyle
- (b) substitute milk with soft drinks
- (c) substitute fruits with vegetables
- (d) substitute sunlight with calcium

Comprehension:

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

Swaminathan stretched lazily under the banyan tree, watching a slow trickle of afternoon sunlight filter through its dense leaves. The marketplace across the street hummed with life-vendors shouting over one another, bullock carts trundling along the dusty roads, and the occasional cycle bell ringing in protest. The smell of roasting peanuts drifted through the air, mingling with the earthy scent of Malgudi after a light drizzle.

But Swami wasn't thinking about the town's lively bustle. He had arithmetic homework waiting at home, and his father's stern voice still echoed in his mind: "No excuses, Swami. I expect it done before dinner." He sighed, kicking a small stone into the road. He could hear his friends laughing somewhere behind him, playing cricket in the narrow lanes. The thought of numbers and sums weighed heavy on his mind, making the world outside seem even more tempting.

The street dog, Tiger, sauntered toward him, tail wagging. "You have no homework to do, do you?" Swami muttered, scratching its ears. Tiger responded with an enthusiastic bark, making a passing shopkeeper chuckle.

"Swaminathan! Come home at once," his father's voice boomed from the verandah. Swami winced. He stood up reluctantly, giving Tiger one last pat before trudging home, where ink-stained notebooks and difficult numbers awaited him.

Q9. According to the excerpt, what is Swami's primary internal conflict?

- (a) deliberating on how to run away from home
- (b) choosing between playing outside or completing his homework
- (c) bargaining with the street vendors about prices
- (d) wondering how to keep Tiger as his pet

Q10. What does Swami's interaction with the street dog symbolise?

- (a) His desire to escape homework and enjoy simple pleasures.
- (b) His irresponsible and evasive nature.
- (c) His habit of procrastination and disobeying his father.
- (d) His attempt to find comfort in his pet.

Q11. According to the passage, which option best describes Swami's father?

- (a) An easy-going parent
- (b) A strict disciplinarian
- (c) An uncaring parent
- (d) An irresponsible parent

Q12. What does the word 'trudging' indicate in the given passage?

- (a) He raced back home.
- (b) He headed home with heavy steps, unhappily.
- (c) He hopped and skipped back home.
- (d) He lazily walked back home.

Q13. Choose the correct antonym for the underlined word from the options given below:-

She was so piqued by the trite remarks by a colleague that she could not continue the presentation.

- (a) exasperated
- (b) isolated
- (c) delighted
- (d) ravaged

Q14. Choose the correct synonym for the word VERSATILE from the options given below:-

- (a) Corroborative
- (b) Adaptable
- (c) Amateur
- (d) Colloquial

Q15. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) it is mainly worn during festivals and ceremonial events
- (B) fibers from sun-drying plants to the final spinning of
- (C) the processing method of extracting hemp
- (D) yarn is a long and tedious manual process; hence

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q16. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks in the sentence:-

Flights kept _____ because of bad weather.

- (a) delay
- (b) being delayed
- (c) having delayed
- (d) having been delayed

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

- (A) provides valuable insights into ancient civilisations
- (B) the study of archaeological artifacts
- (C) helping historians reconstruct events of the past
- (D) and comprehend the cultural evolution

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q18. Match the words given in List-I with their meanings given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Word)	(Meanings)
(A) Neologism	(I) Lasting for a short period of time
(B) Loquacious	(II) A newly coined word or expression
(C) Isthmus	(III) A person who talks continuously
(D) Ephemeral	(IV) A narrow strip of land connecting two larger masses

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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

- (A) is one of the most popularly spoken languages in the world
- (B) for millions of speakers across the globe
- (C) english, a global language
- (D) and serves as a common medium of expression and communication

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q20. Complete the following sentences with the correct option given below:-

Rohit used to live in Chennai at the same time when I was there too. I am sure that was where our _____ .

- (a) minds had crossed
- (b) footpaths had crossed
- (c) paths had crossed
- (d) cars had crossed

Q21. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence given below:-

I am sure that Pooja will participate and win the annual debate as she has _____ .

- (a) the first leg
- (b) the gift of the gab
- (c) the going rate
- (d) the golden rule

Q22. Choose the correct synonym for the word NEBULOUS from the options given below:-

- (a) Tiny
- (b) Vague
- (c) Insignificant
- (d) Dead

Q23. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the suitable connectors given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Connectors)
(A) He can drive a car, _____, he can fix it if there is a problem.	(I) therefore
(B) Rohit went to the mall for shopping, _____, he did not buy anything.	(II) furthermore
(C) I had to sit down alongside Rita to boost her morale, _____, she sang.	(III) however
(D) Vinod enjoys tinkling with computers, _____ he is called a tech wizard.	(IV) henceforth

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

Q24. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate Homonyms given in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Homonyms)
(A) As the letter was addressed '_____', the secretary did not open it.	(I) personnel
(B) I was asked to fetch a _____ of water during my first year as an intern.	(II) personal
(C) The _____ working for that company seemed to be satisfied.	(III) pale
(D) His face turned _____ when he was caught stealing red-handed.	(IV) pail

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)

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

- (A) are intended to create better
- (B) pipeline of high caliber talent
- (C) investments in leadership development
- (D) managers and build an internal

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q26. Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate prepositions given in List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Prepositions)
(A) We were faced ___ a difficult choice.	(I) near
(B) The rest house is ___ the river.	(II) of
(C) I saw Rohit sitting ___ the new student in the class.	(III) with
(D) The report was full ___ mistakes.	(IV) beside

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

Q27. Match the proverbs given in List-I with their meanings given in List-II:-

List-I (Proverbs)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) No pain, no gains	(I) no single person can do anything
(B) One flower makes no garland	(II) a bad experience makes you wary
(C) Birds of a feather flock together	(III) without putting in effort, one doesn't achieve anything
(D) Once bitten, twice shy	(IV) people with the same intentions stay together

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) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

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

- (A) by automating repetitive tasks while also
- (B) artificial intelligence is transforming industries
- (C) efficiency, productivity and performance
- (D) enabling advanced decision-making improving

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q29. Choose the correct meaning of the following idiom from the options given below:-

'To meet one's Waterloo'

- (a) To fall into a well
- (b) Have a watery grave
- (c) To experience a decisive or final defeat
- (d) To have an important meeting

Q30. Choose the correct synonym for the word DESULTORY from the options given below:-

- (a) Rambling
- (b) Fertile
- (c) Imperfect
- (d) Regular

Q31. Choose the correct antonym for the word OBSCURE from the options given below:-

- (a) Obvious
- (b) Ambiguous
- (c) Murky
- (d) Obsolete

Q32. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:-

A person who believes in social welfare through charity is known as _____ .

- (a) physiotherapist
- (b) psychologist
- (c) philanthropist
- (d) psychiatrist

Q33. Complete the sentences given in List II with the correct Phrasal verbs given in List I:-

List-I	List-II
(Phrasal verbs)	(Sentences)
(A) come up with	(I) Ravi knew that I would have to ____ to his way of thinking in the end.
(B) come down	(II) Ravi has to ____ the money to pay off his loan by the end of the week.
(C) come around	(III) The Union President ____ a lot of criticism from the workers.
(D) come under	(IV) Social workers ____ harder on parents than on their children.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q34. Choose the correct synonym for the word INNOCUOUS from the options given below:-

- (a) Harmless
- (b) Dangerous
- (c) Poisonous

(d) Soft

Q35. Choose the correct antonym for the word FASTIDIOUS from the options given below:-

- (a) Strong
- (b) Meticulous
- (c) Unfussy
- (d) Finicky

Q36. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks in the sentence:-

I promise that I will prepare tea for you _____ we reach our place.

- (a) before
- (b) as soon as
- (c) while
- (d) on

Q37. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:-

_____ for the physically challenged are concentrating around major cities.

- (a) Facilities
- (b) Hospitality
- (c) Envy
- (d) Faculties

Q38. Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks in the sentence:-

I warned him not to meddle _____ my papers lest I lose important documents.

- (a) to
- (b) about
- (c) by
- (d) with

Q39. Match the idioms given in List-I with their meanings given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Idioms)	(Meanings)
(A) At the eleventh hour	(I) to ingratiate oneself with someone by obedient behaviour
(B) To burn one's boats	(II) contribute one's share in a joint activity
(C) To curry favours	(III) work at the last minute
(D) Chip in	(IV) point of no return

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q40. Complete the sentences given in List-I with the correct verb forms given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Verb Forms)
(A) As a ritual, Mona _____ every day for two hours to perfect her skill.	(I) singing
(B) I don't want to miss the concert as Mona will be _____ my favourite songs.	(II) had sung
(C) Mona _____ since she was five years old.	(III) sings
(D) Mona _____ the old numbers so many times that she knew the songs by heart.	(IV) has been singing

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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q41. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:-

Yesterday he _____ to drop his uncle off at the railway station.

- (a) went
- (b) has gone
- (c) is going
- (d) had been going

Q42. Choose the correct synonym for the word IMPROMPTU from the options given below:-

- (a) Scripted
- (b) Prepared
- (c) Unrehearsed
- (d) Unprofessional

Q43. Choose the correct option to complete the sentence:-

Consideration of others' needs and happiness as the basis for any action is called _____ .

- (a) altruism
- (b) scepticism
- (c) nepotism
- (d) cynicism

Q44. Choose the correct antonym for the word VERACITY from the options given below:-

- (a) Imperfection
- (b) Gospel
- (c) Deceitfulness
- (d) Mendicant

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

- (A) and ultra-processed food exposes an individual to
- (B) dietary practices from unprocessed food to semi-processed
- (C) a wide range of adverse health outcomes
- (D) there is enough research to show that the shift in

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

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

- (A) allows users to reshape photos and videos
- (B) easier to add personal text while still crediting the content creator
- (C) threads has introduced a new feature that
- (D) without including the original post, making it

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q47. Choose the correct antonym for the word IMPLAUSIBLE from the options given below:-

- (a) improbable
- (b) doubtful

- (c) farfetching
- (d) convincing

Q48. Fill in the blanks given in List-I with the correct pair given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Sentences)	(Pairs of words)
(A) _____ marriages were arranged, but that has _____ changed now.	(I) carelessly/even
(B) He did the test so _____, that he didn't _____ finish a part of it.	(II) individually/enough
(C) Although he was dressed _____, he wan't _____ relaxed.	(III) traditionally/somewhat
(D) _____, each player is good, but they don't play well----as a team.	(IV) casually/very

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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

Q49. Use the phrasal verbs given in List I to complete the sentences given in List-II:-

List-I	List-II
(Phrasal verbs)	(Sentences)
(A) held in	(I) The police were trying to _____ the crowd.
(B) held over	(II) She wanted to cry but _____ the tears.
(C) hold back	(III) Could you _____ making your decision for a few days?
(D) hold off	(IV) The proposal should be _____ until everyone has had time to think about it.

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

Q50. Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) skills like adaptability and emotional intelligence
- (B) with the workforce demographics changing
- (C) will be increasingly determined by
- (D) each year, leadership effectiveness

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

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