

Previous Years Paper

9th June 2023 (Shift - 2)

Direction (Q1. to Q5.) Read the following passage and answer the next five questions by choosing the correct options:

"The evening there is going to be a ball at the Embassy. The Countess will be there. We shall remain until two o'clock. You now have an opportunity of seeing me alone. As soon as the Countess is gone, the servants will very probably go out, and there will be nobody left but Swiss, but he usually goes to sleep in his lodge. Come about half-past eleven. Walk straight upstairs. If you meet anybody in the ante-room, ask if the Countess is at home. You will be told 'No', in which case there will be nothing left for you to do but to go away again. But it is most probable that you will meet nobody. The maidservants will all be together in one room. On leaving the ante-room, turn to the left, and walk straight on until you reach the Countess' bedroom. In the bedroom, behind a screen, you will find two doors: the one on the right leads to a cabinet, which the Countess never enters; the one on the left leads to a corridor, at the end of which is a little winding staircase; this leads to my room."

Hermann trembled like a leaf, as he waited for the appointed time to arrive. At ten o'clock in the evening he was already in front of the Countess's house. The weather was terrible; the wind below with great violence; the sleety snow fell in large flakes; the lamps emitted a feeble light, the streets were deserted; from time to time a sledge, drawn by a sorry-looking hack, passed by, on the look-out for a belated passenger. Hermann was enveloped in a thick overcoat, and felt neither wind nor snow.

At last the Countess's carriage drew up. Hermann saw two footmen carry out in their arms the bent form of the old lady, wrapped in sable fur, and immediately behind her clad in a warm mantle, and with her head ornamented with a wreath of fresh flowers, followed Lizaveta. The door was closed. The carriage rolled away heavily through the yielding snow. The porter shut the street-door; the windows became dark.

Q1. Who shut the street door?

- (a) Lizaveta
- (b) The porter
- (c) Hermann
- (d) Countess

Q2. Arrange the following sentences as per their order of occurrence in the passage.

- (A) The carriage rolled away heavily through the yielding snow.
- (B) If you meet anybody in the ante-room, ask if the Countess is at home.
- (C) We shall remain until two o'clock.
- (D) Herman trembled like a leaf, as he waited for the appointed time to arrive.
- (E) In the bedroom, behind a screen, you will find two doors.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

(d) (B), (A), (E), (D), (E)

Q3. Which event was the Countess going to in the evening?

- (a) a birthday party
- (b) a funeral
- (c) a ball at the Embassy
- (d) a festival

Q4. As per the passage, which of the following are TRUE

- (A) In Countess's bedroom, there are three doors.
- (B) If the Countess is gone, the servants will probably go out.
- (C) Hermann trembled like a leaf.
- (D) Hermann saw two old ladies on his way to the Countess's room.
- (E) Hermann was in front of the Countess's house at ten o'clock in the evening.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q5. According to the passage by which means does the countess travel?

- (a) a horse
- (b) a car
- (c) a ship
- (d) a carriage

Direction (Q6. to Q7.) Read the following passage and answer the next five questions by choosing the correct options:

When a subject was accused of a crime of sufficient importance to interest the king, a public notice was given that on an appointed day the fate of the accused person would be decided in the king's arena, a structure which well deserved its name, for, although its form and plan were borrowed from afar, its purpose emanated solely from the brain of this man.

When, all the people had assembled in the galleries, and the king, surrounded by his court, sat high up on his throne of royal state on one side of the arena, he gave a signal, a door beneath him opened, and the accused subject stepped out into the amphitheater. Directly opposite him, on the other side of the enclosed space, were two doors, exactly alike and side by side. It was the duty and the privilege of the person on trial to walk directly to these doors and open one of them. He could open either of the doors he pleased; he was subject to no guidance or influence but that of the aforementioned impartial and incorruptible chance. If he opened the one, there came out of it a hungry tiger, the fiercest and most cruel that could be procured, which immediately sprang upon him and tore him to pieces as a punishment for his guilt. The moment that the case of the criminal was thus decided, doleful iron bells were clanged, great wails went up from the hired mourners posted on the outer rim of the arena, and the vast audience, with bowed heads and downcast hearts, wended slowly their homeward way,

mourning greatly that one so young and fair, or old and respected, should have merited so dire a fate.

But, if the accused person opened the other door, there came forth from it a lady, the most suitable to his years and station that his majesty could select among his fair subjects, and to this lady he was immediately married, as a reward of his innocence. It mattered not that he might already possess a wife and family, or that his affections might be engaged upon an object of his own selection; the king allowed no such subordinate arrangements to interfere with his great scheme of retribution and reward. The exercises, as in the other instance, took place immediately, and in the arena. Another door opened beneath the king, and a priest, followed by a band of choristers.....

Q6. Choose the word(s) which correctly describe(s) the king's way of dispensing justice.

- (A) fair
- (B) arbitrary
- (C) thoughtful
- (D) barbaric

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

- (a) (B) and (C) Only
- (b) (B) Only
- (c) (B) and (D) Only
- (d) (D) and (E) Only

Q7. Choose the word which means the same as 'incorruptible'.

- (a) favourable
- (b) unchangeable
- (c) everlasting
- (d) sudden

Q8. The word 'accuse' is a verb. Which one of the following words is the noun form of "ACCUSE"?

- (a) accusatory
- (b) accusation
- (c) accusational
- (d) accused

Q9. Arrange the following sentences as per their order of occurrence in the passage:

- (A) He made the accused person walk towards the two doors and open one of them.
- (B) On opening another, a fair lady would come towards him.
- (C) The king had a very strange idea for dispensing judgement.
- (D) He was torn to pieces when he opened one of the doors.
- (E) The accused opened either as he pleased without knowing what lay inside.

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q10. Which literary device is the word "WAIL" an example of:

- (a) Simile
- (b) Onomatopoeia

- (c) Metaphor
- (d) Personification

Direction (Q11. to Q16.) Read the passage given below to answer the next five questions by choosing the correct option:

Maggie soon thought she had been hours in the attic, and it must be tea-time, and they were all having their tea, and not thinking of her. Well, then, she would stay up there and starve herself – hide herself behind the tub, and stay there all night; and then they would all be frightened, and Tom would be sorry. Thus Maggie thought in the pride on her heart, as she crept behind the tub; but presently she began to cry again at the idea that they didn't mind her being there. If she went down again to Tom now – would he forgive her? Perhaps her father would be there and he would take her part. But, then, she wanted Tom to forgive her because he loved her, not because his father told him. No, she would never go down if Tom didn't come to fetch her. This resolution lasted in great intensity for five dark minutes behind the tub; but then the need of being loved, the strongest need in poor Maggie's nature, began to wrestle with her pride, and soon overthrew it. She crept from behind her tub into the twilight of the long attic, but just then she heard a quick footstep on the stairs.

Q11. Maggie was upset because _____.

- (a) she was hungry
- (b) no one was thinking of her
- (c) she was angry with her father
- (d) her mother had scolded her

Q12. Maggie was hiding herself and not going down because she wanted her _____.

- (a) father to come and fetch her
- (b) mother to come and fetch her
- (c) brother Tom to come and fetch her
- (d) father to forgive her

Q13. Maggie's greatest need was _____.

- (a) her desire to go down and have tea
- (b) her love for her father
- (c) her desire to be loved
- (d) her desire to starve herself

Q14. In the end Maggie decided to _____.

- (a) keep hiding herself
- (b) stay behind the tub
- (c) stay in the attic
- (d) give up her pride and go down

Q15. An 'attic' is _____.

- (a) a Parlour to entertain visitors
- (b) an out-house just outside the main house
- (c) a room or space just below the roof of a house
- (d) a room or space just above the roof of a house

Q16. Choose the correct word from the options given below, to fill in the blank. The bowler cried _____ when the batsman stepped into the pitch.

- (a) foul
- (b) fowl
- (c) foil
- (d) foal

Q17. Fill in the blank with the appropriate Article out of the options given below:

_____ breakfast I ordered still hasn't arrived.

- (a) A
- (b) An
- (c) The
- (d) No article

Q18. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate Adverb.

I _____ forgot her birthday, and I just don't know how to make it up to her.

- (a) completely
- (b) always
- (c) never
- (d) frequently

Q19. Match the words in **List - I** with their Antonyms in **List - II**.

List - I (Words)		List - II (Antonyms)	
(A)	consent	(I)	Rugged
(B)	restraint	(II)	Activity
(C)	Smooth	(III)	Refusal
(D)	repose	(IV)	liberation

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q20. Select the most appropriate option to change the following sentence into an Exclamatory sentence. It is contemptible that you are a cheat:

- (a) How can you cheat!
- (b) Certainly, bad that you cheat!
- (c) Fie, fie! You are a cheat!
- (d) Bad is the idea of you as a cheat!

Q21. Given below are four jumbled segments of a sentence. Select the option that gives the correct order.

- (A) meaning of a poem
- (B) before considering anything else about it
- (C) as to what a poem's subject matter is
- (D) when considering the overall
- (E) it is very helpful to have an idea

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q22. From the options given, select the word that is most similar in meaning to "ALLAY"

- (a) assuage
- (b) aggravate
- (c) heighten
- (d) agitate

Q23. Match the words in **List - I** with their Antonyms in **List - II**.

List - I		List - II	
(A)	quarantine	(I)	Invalid

(B)	remote	(II)	Integrate
(C)	spurious	(III)	Close
(D)	Valid	(IV)	Authentic

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q24. Select the most appropriate synonym for the word - "CARNAGE"

- (a) mesmerize
- (b) meteor
- (c) massacre
- (d) meridian

Q25. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined phrasal verbs:

My cousins called me up to with me on my birthday.

- (A) summoned me
- (B) telephoned me
- (C) visited me
- (D) complimented me

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q26. Choose the correct Exclamatory sentence for the following sentence:

He was shocked to see me.

- (a) How shock he was to see me!
- (b) How shocked was he see me!
- (c) How shocked was he with seeing me!
- (d) How shocked was he seeing me!

Q27. Select the most appropriate Direct form of the sentence-

"Meetu suggested to her friend that they should go for a picnic".

- (A) Meetu said to her friend, "I shall go for a picnic".
- (B) Meetu says to her friend, "Let us go for a picnic".
- (C) Meetu suggested to her friend, "We should go for a picnic".
- (D) Meetu said to her friend, "Let us go for a picnic".
- (E) Meetu says to her friend, "We have to go for a picnic".

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q28. Replace the underlined word with the correct foreign word from the options given below:

It was the promise of better job opportunities against the inconvenience of moving away and leaving friends.

- (a) vice versa
- (b) vendetta
- (c) viz
- (d) versus

- Q29.** Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom:
"Flog a dead horse"
(A) to revive interest in the dead
(B) to be cruel towards the weak
(C) to beat up an emaciated animal
(D) to waste one's efforts on the unachievable
Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
(a) (A) Only
(b) (B) Only
(c) (C) Only
(d) (D) Only
- Q30.** Choose the word that has been wrongly spelt:
(a) Inferiority
(b) Prospericity
(c) Perpetuity
(d) Nobility
- Q31.** Which of the following options correctly fits the blank space in the given sentence?
She advised that I _____ curtail my expenditure.
(a) should have
(b) shall
(c) should
(d) should be
- Q32.** Select the sentence that is grammatically correct.
(a) The Shakespeare was a greatest dramatist of all.
(b) Shakespeare was the greatest of all dramatists.
(c) The Shakespeare was the greatest dramatist of all.
(d) The Shakespeare was greatest dramatist of all.
- Q33.** From the given options, fill in the blank with the most suitable preposition:
Seema has been visiting the bank daily _____ last Monday.
(a) for
(b) by
(c) since
(d) through
- Q34.** Identify the wrongly spelt word:
(a) Perseverance
(b) Intelligence
(c) Obsolescence
(d) Impotence
- Q35.** Identify the grammatically correct sentences:
(A) Desire is never satisfied by objects of desirous enjoyment.
(B) Desires grows more and more as do the fire to what fuel is added.
(C) All men possessing wisdom and virtue are of the same school of thought.
(D) Alexander looked upon the whole inhabited world as his fatherland.
(E) Sir William Jones, Supreme Court Judge at Calcutta in 1784, started a revolution in the study of oriental civilizations.
Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
(a) (A), (B) and (C) Only
(b) (A), (B), (D) and (E) Only
(c) (C), (D) and (E) Only
(d) (B), (D) and (E) Only

- Q36.** Select the suitable option to convert the following into Direct Speech:
Philip said to me, "When did you give the parcel to John?"
(a) Philip asked me when had I given the parcel to John.
(b) Philip ordered me when I give the parcel to John.
(c) Philip told me to gave the parcel to John.
(d) Philip enquired me when I gave John the parcel.
- Q37.** Rearrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph:
(A) was woven around the revolt
(B) The national movement in twentieth century drew
(C) A whole world of nationalist imagination
(D) its inspiration from the events of 1857
Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:
(a) (B), (D), (C), (A)
(b) (B), (C), (D), (A)
(c) (C), (D), (A), (B)
(d) (B), (A), (D), (C)
- Q38.** Select the segment of the sentence which has an Adjective clause:
(a) I had just gone a short distance
(b) when I came on the tracks and
(c) had no difficulty in finding the spot
(d) where the car had met with an accident
- Q39.** Select the appropriate option to convert the given statement into Passive Voice – "He handed her a cheque".
(a) A cheque was handed to her.
(b) A cheque has been handed to her.
(c) A cheque is being handed to her.
(d) She has been handed a cheque.
- Q40.** Choose the correct meaning of the foreign word: "VIS-À-VIS"
(a) on one's own
(b) an oral test
(c) in opposite ways
(d) in relation to
- Q41.** Choose the suitable Preposition to fill in the blank in the given sentence:
It is ten o'clock _____ my watch.
(a) by
(b) in
(c) on
(d) for
- Q42.** Give the correct sequence of the following for writing a formal letter.
(A) Date
(B) Sender's address
(C) Subject
(D) Receiver's address
(E) Salutation
Choose the **correct** answer from the options give below:
(a) (A), (B), (C), (D), (E)
(b) (B), (A), (D), (C), (E)
(c) (E), (D), (C), (B), (A)
(d) (D), (C), (B), (A), (E)

Q43. Arrange the following phrases to make a meaningful paragraph.

- (A) led to the establishment of
- (B) beginning in Great Britain
- (C) the widespread acceptance of DNA fingerprinting
- (D) DNA data bases
- (E) where DNA evidence had been widely embraced

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q44. Choose the correct option to change the given sentence into Passive Voice:

"Some boys were helping the wounded lady".

- (a) The wounded lady was helped by some boys.
- (b) The wounded lady was being helped by some boys.
- (c) The wounded lady were being helped by some boys.
- (d) The wounded lady has been being helped by some boys.

Q45. Add a suitable **Question Tag** to the following sentence by choosing the correct option:

He did not paint that beautiful picture, _____?

- (a) did he
- (b) had he
- (c) does he
- (d) didn't he

Q46. Match the phrasal verbs in **List - I** with their meanings in **List - II**.

List - I		List - II	
(A)	ask for	(I)	start something
(B)	take up	(II)	Summon
(C)	get at	(III)	Reach

(D)	send for	(IV)	request for
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Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below:

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

Q47. Fill in the blank with the correct Modal verb out of the options given below:

Visitors _____ come one hour before the commencement of the show.

- (a) would
- (b) might
- (c) could
- (d) should

Q48. I will phone Sushma before she starts her onward journey. Which category does the underlined word belong to?

- (a) Noun
- (b) Verb
- (c) Preposition
- (d) Adjective

Q49. Choose the correct meaning for the underlined Idiom in the following sentence:

Teaching in nursery classes is not my cup of tea.

- (a) not very easy to do
- (b) not my liking
- (c) not a great idea
- (d) not a good career choice

Q50. Fill in the blank with a suitable Adverb of frequency by choosing the correct option:

I have _____ told him to improve his handwriting.

- (a) really
- (b) calmly
- (c) often
- (d) yesterday

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- S1. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. The porter
- S2. **Ans. (c)**
- S3. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. a ball at the Embassy
- S4. **Ans. (c)**
- S5. **Ans. (d)**
Sol. a carriage
- S6. **Ans. (c)**
- S7. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. Unchangeable
- S8. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. Accusation
- S9. **Ans. (b)**
- S10. **Ans. (b)**
- S11. **Ans. (b)**
- S12. **Ans. (c)**
- S13. **Ans. (c)**
- S14. **Ans. (d)**
- S15. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. A room or space just below the roof of a house
- S16. **Ans. (a)**
Sol. foul
- S17. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. The
- S18. **Ans. (a)**
Sol. Completely
- S19. **Ans. (a)**
- S20. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. Fie, fie! You are a cheat!
- S21. **Ans. (a)**
- S22. **Ans. (a)**
Sol. Assuage
- S23. **Ans. (d)**
- S24. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. Massacre
- S25. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. telephoned me
- S26. **Ans. (b)**
- Sol. How shocked was he see me!
- S27. **Ans. (d)**
- S28. **Ans. (d)**
Sol. versus
- S29. **Ans. (d)**
Sol. to waste one's effort on unachievable
- S30. **Ans. (b)**
- S31. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. Should
- S32. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. Shakespeare was greatest of all the dramatists.
- S33. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. Since
- S34. **Ans. (c)**
- S35. **Ans. (c)**
- S36. **Ans. (a)**
- S37. **Ans. (a)**
- S38. **Ans. (d)**
- S39. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. A check has been handed to her.
- S40. **Ans. (d)**
Sol. in relation to
- S41. **Ans. (a)**
Sol. It is ten o' clock by my watch.
- S42. **Ans. (b)**
- S43. **Ans. (b)**
- S44. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. The wounded lady was being helped by some boys.
- S45. **Ans. (a)**
Sol. did he
- S46. **Ans. (d)**
- S47. **Ans. (d)**
Sol. Visitors should come one hour before the commencement of the show.
- S48. **Ans. (b)**
- S49. **Ans. (b)**
Sol. not to my liking
- S50. **Ans. (c)**
Sol. I have often told him to improve his handwriting.