

# Previous Years Paper

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**Direction for Q1. to Q5.** Read the passage and answer the questions given below selecting the appropriate option:

While conservation efforts are associated with conflicts between villagers and Forest Officials in most Protected areas across the country, the Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary in Rajasthan has involved local community initiatives for conservation and regeneration. The Sanctuary was initiated in 1983, over 674 sq km forming a part of the 1334 sq km Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. It is located within the Karauli and Sopatra blocks of Sawai Madhopur district.

The primary occupation of the predominant Meena and Gujar communities is pastoralism and subsistence agriculture.

Pressures on the sanctuary included migrant grazers known as the Rabaris, who came from the Mewar region of Rajasthan with herds of over 150,000 sheep. Other pressures were from exploitation of timber and fuelwood and mining. The threat posed by the migrant grazers spurred the formation of the "Baragaon ki Panchayat" in 1990, which in turn initiated a 'Bhed Bhagao Andolan'.

The Forest Department supported the villagers in the formation of Forest Protection Committees and Van Suraksha Samitis. The benefits of involving local people in protection of their resources were obvious. Illegal felling was checked. The use of forest resources for local use was monitored. The Forest Protection Committees (FPCs) were also successful in stopping the mining in the Sanctuary. The people not only protect their forests but also use their resources judiciously.

- Q1.** The problem of conservation regeneration of Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary was solved with the initiative of:  
(a) Meenas and Gujjars  
(b) Local Communities  
(c) Forest Officials  
(d) State government
- Q2.** Rabaris were:  
(a) local villagers  
(b) migrant grazers  
(c) farmers  
(d) timber merchants
- Q3.** The threat set by the migrant grazers helped in the formation of:  
(a) Bhed bhagao Andolan  
(b) Baragaon ki Panchayat  
(c) Van Suraksha Samiti  
(d) Forest protection Committee
- Q4.** The involvement of local people supported the forest department to stop:  
(a) illegal felling and mining  
(b) mining only  
(c) illegal felling  
(d) use of resources

- Q5.** We can save our forests by using our resources  
(a) recklessly  
(b) excessively  
(c) carelessly  
(d) wisely

**Direction for Q6 to Q10.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the next 5 questions by choosing the correct option:

No one could understand where he got his money from. But the person who marvelled most at the dashing and luxurious life led by Alphonse was his friend and partner.

After they dissolved their partnership, most of the custom and the best connection passed by degrees into Charles's hands. This was not because he in any way sought to run counter to his former partner: on the contrary, it arose simply from the fact that Charles was the more capable man of the two. And as Alphonse had now to work on his own account, it was soon clear to any one who observed him closely, that in spite of his promptitude, his amiability, and his prepossessing appearance, he was not fit to be at the head of an independent business.

And there was one person who did observe him closely. Charles followed him step by step with his sharp eyes; every blunder, every extravagance, every loss - he knew all to a nicety, and he wondered how Alphonse could keep going so long.

They had as good as grown up together. Their mothers were cousins; the families had lived near each other in the same street; and in a city like Paris: proximity is as important as relationship in promoting closeness. Moreover, the boys went to same school.

- Q6.** Who was living a luxurious life? Choose the correct option:  
(a) Alphonse  
(b) Charles  
(c) Alphonse's friend  
(d) The partner
- Q7.** Arrange the following sentences / portion of sentences as per their order of occurrence in the passage:  
(A) he knew all to a nicety, and he wondered how Alphonse could keep going so long.  
(B) After they dissolved their partnership, most of the custom and the best connection passed by degrees into Charles's hands.  
(C) And there was one person who did observe him closely. Charles followed him step by step...  
(D) But the person who marvelled most at the dashing and luxurious life led by Alphonse was his friend...  
(E) ...it arose simply from the fact that Charles was the more capable man of the two

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q8.** Based on your reading of the passage, identify the sentence/sentences which are CORRECT:

- (A) Alphonse and Charles had grown up together
- (B) Alphonse's and Charles's mothers were friends
- (C) Alphonse and Charles never dissolved their partnership
- (D) Alphonse was fit for being the head of an independent business
- (E) Alphonse and Charles went to the same school

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q9.** Who was more capable between Alphonse and Charles?

- (a) Alphonse
- (b) Charles
- (c) We cannot decide
- (d) Sometimes Alphonse, at other times Charles

**Q10.** The passage is about:

- (a) two friends
- (b) two friends who turned rivals
- (c) two enemies
- (d) two strangers

**Direction for Q11 to Q15.** In stark contrast to where I grew up-in warm, lush green Trivandrum, Kerala, filled with rich sights, sounds and people-life at the Poles is quiet. The harshness of winter brings along with it an eerie desolation and near-total silence. Survival in this frigid, dark and windy terrain is only for the fittest. A misstep can mean anything from an icy injury to a bitter, benumbed death.

But while it is tenuous, life here is also humbling-physically, mentally, and even spiritually. The experience has allowed me to witness the wondrous dualities of nature: raw, brutal and unforgiving but nurturing and awe-inspiring at the same time.

As the days shorten, almost all life starts to depart seeking warmer lands. But those who stay are surrounded by glacial beauty and an otherworldly stillness that stands unmatched. In peak winter months, the sun seems to live only in memory. Its absence however, is only an illusion: shimmering displays of blue, red, yellow, green, and orange auroras shifting and snaking like billowing curtains across the pitch black sky remind me that the light shall one day return.

Even the emptiness of the land is deceptive. Look closely and out waddles a flock of penguins from behind an ice shelf on the Antarctic peninsula

**Q11.** The writer indicates that only those who are fit can survive at the poles. For the others it can lead to:-

- (A) death

(B) bitterness

(C) icy-injury

(D) loneliness

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q12.** Identify the correct synonyms of the two words given below:

Waddle; eerie

- (a) Walk with effort; dark
- (b) Walk with short steps; causing a feeling of mystery
- (c) hobble around; Scary
- (d) Trudge; ludicrous

**Q13.** Identify the literary device in the sentence given below:

"shimmering displays of blue, red, yellow, green, and orange auroras shifting and snaking like billowing curtains across the pitch black sky..."

Choose the correct options:-

- (a) metaphor
- (b) alliteration
- (c) simile
- (d) assonance

**Q14.** Identify how life at the Poles is in stark contrast to the writer's native Kerala.

- (A) warm and lush green vs frigid and dark
- (B) death vs life
- (C) humorous vs harsh
- (D) rich sights & sounds vs eerie desolation & silence
- (a) (A) and (D)
- (b) (B) and (C)
- (c) (A) Only
- (d) (C) Only

**Q15.** Match the words in List I with their meanings in List II

| List - I |            | List - II |                                 |
|----------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| (A)      | frigid     | (I)       | weak and slight                 |
| (B)      | tenuous    | (II)      | shining with soft, steady light |
| (C)      | billowing  | (III)     | very cold                       |
| (D)      | Shimmering | (IV)      | to rise & roll like waves       |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q16.** Fill in the blank with the appropriate preposition:

The assignment must be submitted \_\_\_\_\_ next Monday.

- (a) for
- (b) in
- (c) to
- (d) by

**Q17.** Choose the correct option to change the following question into indirect Speech.

Julia said that she could not attend our wedding.

- (a) Julia said, "I could not attend your wedding."
- (b) Julia said, "I will not attend your wedding."
- (c) Julia said, "I am not attending your wedding."
- (d) Julia said, "I cannot attend your wedding."

**Q18.** Choose the suitable part of speech for the underlined word in the given sentence:

He knows me better than you.

- (a) Adjective
- (b) Preposition
- (c) Adverb
- (d) Conjunction

**Q19.** From the options below, choose the correct preposition to fill in the blank:

After the party, Sumit returned home \_\_\_\_\_ car.

- (a) from
- (b) by
- (c) to
- (d) into

**Q20.** Choose the part of a sentence that is grammatically incorrect

- (a) What has excited many
- (b) in India is how AI can be a
- (c) powerful change agent by
- (d) bridge the digital divide

**Q21.** Choose the synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence: The showroom has been refurbished recently.

- (A) sold
- (B) renovated
- (C) cleaned
- (D) shifted

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q22.** Match the words given in List I with the meanings given in List II:

| List - I<br>Foreign words |                | List - II<br>Meaning |                  |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| (A)                       | exempli gratia | (I)                  | Connection       |
| (B)                       | nexus          | (II)                 | Shortcoming      |
| (C)                       | Literati       | (III)                | for example      |
| (D)                       | Lacuna         | (IV)                 | Literary persons |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q23.** Fill in the blank with an appropriate Modal from the options:

One \_\_\_\_\_ abide by the laws.

- (a) must
- (b) should

- (c) may
- (d) could

**Q24.** Fill in the blank with a suitable Modal. Choose the correct option from the option given below: \_\_\_\_\_ I have another cup of tea? It is very chilly outside.

- (a) will
- (b) can
- (c) must
- (d) could

**Q25.** Choose the correct option from the words given below: \_\_\_\_\_ child has to bring Rs. 500/- for the trip

- (a) Every
- (b) Each
- (c) Both
- (d) All

**Q26.** Rearrange the sentences to make a paragraph -

- (A) Now divided into two separate states of India and Pakistan,
- (B) The population of India as a single geographical and cultural unit,
- (C) which have come to India throughout the fifty to sixty centuries of her long history.
- (D) forms one fifth of the entire population of the world, and presents at first sight, a bewildering variety of cultures,

Choose the correct answer from the option given below:

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

**Q27.** From the options below, choose the correct Antonym of the word - 'INSIPID':

- (a) Prosaic
- (b) Lackluster
- (c) Tasteless
- (d) Delicious

**Q28.** Match the words in List I with their Antonyms in List II:

| List - I |         | List - II |            |
|----------|---------|-----------|------------|
| (A)      | Cherish | (I)       | disgrace   |
| (B)      | Exalt   | (II)      | discard    |
| (C)      | Ecstasy | (III)     | attractive |
| (D)      | Grisly  | (IV)      | despair    |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q29.** Choose the correct conversion of the following Assertive sentence to Exclamatory sentence:

It is sad, we have lost the match.

- (a) Alas! we lost the match.
- (b) Alas! we have lost the match.
- (c) Alas! we had lost the match.
- (d) Alas! the match had been lost.

- Q30.** Choose the correct salutation writing a personal letter:  
 (a) Dear sir  
 (b) My dear Sheela  
 (c) Dear Mr. Nayak  
 (d) Sir
- Q31.** Choose the part of the sentence that has an error:  
 (a) No sooner she had realized  
 (b) her blunder than  
 (c) she began  
 (d) to take corrective measures
- Q32.** Mark the correct Active Voice of the following:  
 "The wall is being built by the mason."  
 (a) The mason has built this wall.  
 (b) The mason is building the wall.  
 (c) The mason was building the wall.  
 (d) The mason built this wall.
- Q33.** Choose the sentence containing Adverb of Reason from the following options:  
 (a) He therefore left the school.  
 (b) He certainly went.  
 (c) I am rather busy.  
 (d) You are quite wrong.
- Q34.** Choose the best option to complete the following sentence:  
 The fear that COVID has broken \_\_\_\_\_ in our city is not unfounded.  
 (a) up  
 (b) about  
 (c) down  
 (d) out
- Q35.** Rearrange the phrases to make a meaningful sentence.  
 A. As I had agreed to keep quiet  
 B. I did not like his  
 C. But I had no alternative  
 D. Comments on my paper  
 Choose the correct answer from the options given below:  
 (a) B, D, C, A  
 (b) D, B, C, A  
 (c) A, C, D, B  
 (d) C, B, A, D
- Q36.** From the options below choose the synonym for the word "INSOLENCE":  
 (a) Audacity  
 (b) Impart  
 (c) Demonstration  
 (d) Stimulate
- Q37.** Choose the sentence containing Adverb of Affirmation from the following options:  
 (a) He is far better now.  
 (b) This story is well written.  
 (c) Surely you are mistaken.  
 (d) He therefore left school.
- Q38.** Choose the option which gives the correct meaning of the foreign word:  
 "GRATIS"  
 (a) free of charge

- (b) joy of living  
 (c) really  
 (d) in a mass

- Q39.** Choose the correct form of the Assertive sentence for the following Exclamatory sentence:  
 If only I were young again!  
 (a) I were young again.  
 (b) I wished I were young again.  
 (c) I wish I were young again.  
 (d) I had wished I were young again.
- Q40.** Fill in the blank with a suitable 'Question Tag' for the given sentence:  
 The scuba divers need air cylinders, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (a) do they?  
 (b) don't they?  
 (c) need they?  
 (d) needn't they?
- Q41.** Change the following to Direct Speech by choosing the correct answer from the options given:  
 The judge asked the thief what he had been doing with his hand in the gentleman's pocket.  
 (a) The judge said to the thief, "What were you doing with your hand in the gentleman's pocket?"  
 (b) The judge said to the gentleman, "What was the thief doing in your pocket with his hand?"  
 (c) The judge said to the thief, "What are you doing with your hand in the gentleman's pocket?"  
 (d) The judge asked the thief, "Why are you putting your hand in the gentleman's pocket?"
- Q42.** Choose the sentence that has an Adjective Clause.  
 (a) I expect to get a prize.  
 (b) He laughs best who laughs last.  
 (c) He confessed to his guilt.  
 (d) You may sit wherever you like.
- Q43.** Match the following Idioms in List I with their meanings in List II:

| List - I<br>Idioms |                            | List - II<br>Meaning |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| (A)                | Hit the nail on the head   | (I)                  | Make peach                 |
| (B)                | Smell a rat                | (II)                 | Hypocrite                  |
| (C)                | Bury the hatchet           | (III)                | Do exactly the right thing |
| (D)                | A wolf in sheep's clothing | (IV)                 | Suspect something          |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

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

- Q44.** Match List I with list II

| List - I |          | List - II |                |
|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| (A)      | Call on  | (I)       | Suspend        |
| (B)      | Call off | (II)      | Demand         |
| (C)      | Cast off | (III)     | Remove         |
| (D)      | Call for | (IV)      | Visit a person |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

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

**Q45.** Choose the correct option to make the following sentence grammatically correct.

The people are trying \_\_\_\_\_ many of our old traditions and opting for modern interpretations.

- (a) to get rid of
- (b) to getting rid off
- (c) forgot rid off
- (d) to be having rid off

**Q46.** The idiom 'To be thick in the head' means:

- (a) To be clever
- (b) To be irrational
- (c) To be stupid
- (d) To be angry

**Q47.** Fill in the blank with the appropriate pair of articles from the options given below.

"He would make \_\_\_\_\_ better statesman than \_\_\_\_\_ University Professor."

- (a) a, an
- (b) the, an
- (c) a, the
- (d) a, a

**Q48.** Rearrange the sentences to make a paragraph -

A. containing the original texts of the Vedas

B. each of the four Vedas is divided into the Samhita portion

C. and the Brahmana portion, containing interpretations of the contents of the original texts

D. The Vedic literature consists of the four Vedas and several auxiliary works

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

**Q49.** Choose the option which best expresses the same sentence in Passive Voice.

Somebody cleans the room every day.

- (a) The room is cleaned every day.
- (b) The room is being cleaned every day.
- (c) The room has been cleaned every day.
- (d) The room is being cleaned every day by somebody.

**Q50.** Fill in the blanks with the correct pair of homonyms from the options given below:

In spite of the \_\_\_\_\_ paw, the bird struggled to \_\_\_\_\_ high in the sky.

- (a) sore, soar
- (b) sour, soar
- (c) soar, sore
- (d) sore, sour

## SOLUTIONS

- S1. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** Local communities
- S2. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** migrant grazers
- S3. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** Baragaon ki panchayat
- S4. Ans. (a)**
- S5. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** wisely
- S6. Ans. (a)**  
**Sol.** Alphonse
- S7. Ans. (c)**
- S8. Ans. (c)**
- S9. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** Charles
- S10. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** two friends who turned rivals
- S11. Ans. (c)**
- S12. Ans. (b)**
- S13. Ans. (c)**  
**Sol.** Simile
- S14. Ans. (a)**
- S15. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** Frigid – Very cold  
 Tenuous – Weak and slight  
 Billowing – to rise and roll like waves  
 Shimmering – Shining with soft steady light
- S16. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** The assignment must be submitted by next Monday.
- S17. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** Julia said, "I cannot attend your wedding".
- S18. Ans. (c)**  
**Sol.** Adverb
- S19. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** After the party, Sumit returned home by car.
- S20. Ans. (d)**
- S21. Ans. (c)**  
**Sol.** Refurbished - Renovated
- S22. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** Exempli gratia – for example  
 Nexus – Connection  
 Literati – Literary persons  
 Lacuna - Shortcomings
- S23. Ans. (a)**
- Sol.** One must abide by the laws.
- S24. Ans. (b)**
- S25. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** Each child has to bring Rs 500/- for trip.
- S26. Ans. (b)**
- S27. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** Delicious
- S28. Ans. (d)**
- S29. Ans. (b)**
- S30. Ans. (b)**
- S31. Ans. (a)**
- S32. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** The mason is building the wall.
- S33. Ans. (a)**
- S34. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** The fear that COVID has broken out in our city is not unfounded.
- S35. Ans. (a)**
- S36. Ans. (c)**  
**Sol.** Synonym of Insolence is Audacity
- S37. Ans. (c)**
- S38. Ans. (a)**  
**Sol.** Gratis – free of charge
- S39. Ans. (c)**
- S40. Ans. (b)**
- S41. Ans. (a)**
- S42. Ans. (b)**  
**Sol.** He laughs best who laughs last.
- S43. Ans. (c)**
- S44. Ans. (d)**  
**Sol.** Call on – Visit a person  
 Call off – Suspend  
 Cast of – Remove  
 Call for -- Demand
- S45. Ans. (a)**  
**Sol.** to get rid of
- S46. Ans. (c)**  
**Sol.** To be Stupid
- S47. Ans. (d)**
- S48. Ans. (b)**
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