

Previous Years Paper

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Direction for Q1 to Q5. Read the following passage and answer the question by choosing the correct options:

Since the last few decades, growth in human population has increased the rate of consumption of natural resources. It has accelerated the loss of species and habitation in different parts of the world. Tropical regions which occupy only about one-fourth of the total area of the world, contain about three-fourth of the world human population. Over-exploitation of resources and deforestation have become rampant to fulfil the needs of large population. As these tropical rain forests contain 50 per cent of the species on the earth, destruction of natural habitats have proved disastrous for the entire biosphere.

Natural calamities such as earthquakes, floods, volcanic eruptions, forest fires, droughts, etc. cause damage to the flora and fauna of the earth, bringing change to the biodiversity of respective affected regions. Pesticides and other pollutants such as hydrocarbons and toxic heavy metals destroy the weak and sensitive species. Species which are not the natural inhabitants of the local habitat but are introduced into the system, are called exotic species. There are many examples when a natural biotic community of the ecosystem suffered extensive damage because of the introduction of exotic species. During the last few decades, some animals like tigers, elephants, rhinoceros, crocodiles, minks and birds were hunted down mercilessly by poachers for their horn, tusks, hides, etc. It has resulted in the rendering of certain types of organisms as endangered category.

Q1. Match List - I with List - II to correctly complete the information given in the table:

	List - I		List - II
(A)	Increase in human population	(I)	contain about three-fourth of population
(B)	Tropical regions	(II)	proved disastrous for biosphere
(C)	Tropical rain forests	(III)	accelerated the loss of species
(D)	Destruction of natural habitats	(IV)	contain 50% of the species

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q2. It can be inferred from the passage that:

- (a) Tropical regions occupy only three-fourth of the area of the world.
- (b) Natural calamities do not change the biodiversity.
- (c) Exotic species are useful for the environment.

- (d) Human beings are responsible for the change in biosphere.

Q3. Which of the following statements is not true according to the passage :

- (a) Natural calamities damage the flora.
- (b) Animals like tigers hunt other species.
- (c) Over population has endangered many species.
- (d) Tropical rain forests contain 50% of the species.

Q4. Match the words in List - I with their meaning in List - II.

	List - I		List - II
(A)	accelerated	(I)	unusual/ from a different place
(B)	calamities	(II)	a person who hunts animals
(C)	exotic	(III)	disaster
(D)	poacher	(IV)	to make something go faster

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q5. Flora and fauna means_____.

- (a) flowers and young ones
- (b) floors and carpets
- (c) plant and animal life
- (d) floors and buildings

Direction for Q6 to Q10. Read the following passage and answer the question by choosing the correct options:

On hearing the news of the massacre at Jalianwala Bagh, Udham Singh did not attend his school but took a train to Amritsar and visited the spot. There he stood for several minutes in a trance, picked up the soil, rubbed it on his forehead and put some in a phial. He fasted that night. According to his family members, he placed fresh flowers on the holy dust every morning drawing inspiration from it. One early morning he went to the river Ravi and pledged that he would colour its waters with the colour of his blood, to create what he called the freedom's flood. With this aim in view in 1921, he first landed in Africa. From there he went to America to meet the Indian revolutionaries working for the liberation of the motherland.

In 1923, he landed in England. In 1928 he returned to India in response to an urgent call from Bhagat Singh. When he reached Lahore, he was detained for violation of the Arms Act. He was released after four years rigorous imprisonment. In 1935, he escaped to Germany by giving a slip to the police. From Berlin, he reached Paris and purchased a revolver. He kept it ready for action and managed to reach London again. The opportunity came on March 13, 1940 when Sir Michael

O'Dwyer was to speak at a seminar in Caxton Hall. As Sir Michael turned to resume his seat after his speech, Udham Singh pulled out his revolver and fired at him. Sir Michael died without a shriek. Udham Singh was arrested and produced before the court on April 2, 1940. The court passed death sentence on him and he was hanged at Pentonville Prison, London on July 31, 1940.

Q6. Where did Udham Singh buy the weapon which was used for killing Sir Michael ?

- (A) Lahore
- (B) London
- (C) Paris
- (D) Berlin

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q7. Udham Singh shot Sir Michael O'Dwyer in:

- (A) Jallianwala Bagh
- (B) Paris
- (C) London
- (D) Amritsar

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q8. Udham Singh returned to India in 1928 mainly because he was:

- (A) called by Bhagat Singh to India
- (B) short of funds to meet his expenses
- (C) to procure some arms from Lahore
- (D) to escape from the British Police

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q9. When Udham Singh was arrested in Lahore, he was charged for:

- (A) his links with anti-British forces
- (B) possessing unlicensed arms and ammunition
- (C) concealing his identity
- (D) instigating his countrymen against the Britishers

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q10. Udham Singh went to America where he:

- (A) mobilised the Indian citizens for the liberation of the motherland

(B) met his fellow citizens working for the same cause

(C) visited the United States for sightseeing

(D) mobilised like-minded Americans against the Britishers

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Direction for Q11 to Q15. Read the following poem and answer the next five questions by choosing the correct options:

Winter is cold, with gusts of tumbling snow,
When rain falls down and nothing ever grows.
For children, it's the snow that they desire
And cups of cocoa in front of the fire.

When winter s gone, the grass grows green again.
Roses and tulips sprout with bright green stems.
The bees are buzzing, the birds are singing.
Sheep are grazing and cow bells are ringing.

And then the sun starts to shine too brightly.
It's so hot that fans are put on nightly,
And so then it's off to the beach or pools
Where people swim about just to keep cool.

All the leaves on the trees turn golden-brown,
And when on the ground make a crackly sound.
In autumn a lot of money you make
From clearing backyards of leaves with a rake.

Each season has its own goods and its bads,
But since they are all different I am glad!

Q11. According to the poem, which is the season in which one can make a lot of money?

- (a) Winter
- (b) Autumn
- (c) Rainy
- (d) Summer

Q12. What does the poet mean in the line 'clearing backyards of leaves with a rake :

- (a) dirtying the backyard
- (b) cleaning the backyard
- (c) looking at the backyard
- (d) designing the backyard

Q13. What is the rhyme scheme of the second stanza of the poem ?

- (a) abcc
- (b) aabc
- (c) acbd
- (d) acab

Q14. Identify the poetic device in :

"The bees are buzzing....."

Choose the correct option:

- (a) Onomatopoeia
- (b) Simile
- (c) Metaphor
- (d) Synecdoche

Q15. In which season do the leaves turn golden brown?

- (a) Summer
- (b) Winter
- (c) Autumn
- (d) Spring

Q16. Choose the appropriate articles out of the following options to fill in the blanks in the given sentence:

_____ Lion is _____ King of beasts.

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

Q17. Identify the correct sequence of the parts of a formal letter :

- (P) Signature and name
- (Q) Salutation
- (R) Sender's address
- (S) Date
- (T) Receiver's post and address

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (a) (P), (Q), (T), (S), (R)
- (b) (T), (S), (R), (Q), (P)
- (c) (R), (T), (P), (Q), (S)
- (d) (R), (S), (T), (Q), (P)

Q18. Fill in the blank with the appropriate adverb out of the options given below:

I have never heard of this _____.

- (A) forward
- (B) backward
- (C) yesterday
- (D) before

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q19. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank with the appropriate modal in the following sentence:

If I were a cosmonaut, I _____ have taken you to the moon :

- (a) must
- (b) would
- (c) may
- (d) might

Q20. Identify the exclamatory sentence:

- (A) To err is human.
- (B) Talking much is a sign of vanity.
- (C) What a beautiful dress she is wearing.
- (D) My views do not appeal to him.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q21. Rearrange the following phrases to make a meaningful sentence:

- (A) to sing in the bus
- (B) when Gwen started
- (C) to button her lips
- (D) everyone told her

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q22. Match the blanks in List - I with suitable articles in List - II

List - I

(A) Yesterday _____ European

called at my office.

(B) _____ sun shines bright.

(C) Haven't you had _____

dinner yet ?

(D) I had _____ unexpected

encounter.

List - II

(I) an

(II) a

(III) the

(IV) No article

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q23. Identify the correct sentence out of the following :

- (A) The latter part of the book is not interesting.
- (B) The later part of the book is not interesting.
- (C) The after part of the book is not interesting.
- (D) The before part of the book is not interesting.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q24. Choose the alternative that best expresses the meaning of the following idiom:

Bury your head in the sand

- (a) deliberately refuse to accept the truth about something unpleasant.
- (b) be really determined to find a solution.
- (c) be greatly irritated by people.
- (d) be physically exhausted.

Q25. Choose the sentence with tin adjective clause :

- (A) The sum is so difficult that I cannot do it.
- (B) He ran away because he was afraid.
- (C) I shall help him for I like him.
- (D) The dog that barks does not bite.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q26. Match the phrasal verbs in List - I with their meanings in List - II.

List - I	List - II
(A) Break in	(I) continue with something difficult
(B) Phase out	(II) eat unwillingly
(C) Pick at	(III) remove gradually
(D) Keep at	(IV) enter by force

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q27. Choose the suitable option from the given alternatives to represent the subject for a letter placing an order with M/S ABC Musical Instruments:

- (a) Seeking information for variety of musical instruments
 (b) Enquiring for musical instruments
 (c) Placing order for musical instruments
 (d) Giving delivery of musical instruments

Q28. Choose the appropriate passive voice form of the sentence given below:

This pot contains ink

- (A) Ink has been contained in this pot.
 (B) Ink contains this pot.
 (C) Ink is contained in this pot.
 (D) This pot is containing ink.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q29. Fill in the blank with an appropriate preposition. Calcutta is _____ the banks of river Hooghly.

- (A) above
 (B) at
 (C) over
 (D) on

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q30. Match the phrasal verbs in List - I with their meanings in List - II.

	List - I		List - II
	Phrasal verb		Meaning
(A)	Look forward to	(I)	start living in a house
(B)	Hang on	(II)	get so emotional that you lose control

(C)	Move in	(III)	be excited about future
(D)	Carried away	(IV)	wait for a short time

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q31. Rearrange the sentences to form a meaningful paragraph :

- (A) There I was put in a primary school
 (B) But just as at Porbandar, so, here, there is hardly any thing to note about my studies.
 (C) I can well recollect those days at Rajkot, including the names and other particulars of the teachers who taught me.
 (D) I must have been about seven when my father left Porbandar for Rajkot.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q32. Choose the sentence that uses the preposition incorrectly :

- (a) Read the poem on page 50.
 (b) I live on street 10.
 (c) The kite is flying on the sky.
 (d) Put on your new clothes.

Q33. Choose the appropriate passive voice form of the sentence given below:

The masons are building the house.

- (A) The house is building by the masons.
 (B) The masons have built the house.
 (C) The masons had built the house.
 (D) The house is being built by the masons.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

Q34. Fill in the blank with the appropriate modal: Till 1990, I _____ read without glasses.

- (A) should
 (B) shall
 (C) could
 (D) will

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

- Q35.** Choose the appropriate indirect form of speech of the sentence given below :
He said, "I intend to leave for Delhi tonight".
(A) He said I intend to leave for Delhi tonight.
(B) He said that he intends to leave for Delhi tonight.
(C) He said that he intended to leave for Delhi that night.
(D) He said that he was intending to leave for Delhi that night.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

- Q36.** Which of the following expressions means the same as "DENOUEMENT"?

- (a) the conclusion of a play
(b) a political representation
(c) an accomplished fact
(d) a tragedy

- Q37.** Fill in the blank with the appropriate adverb out of the options given below:

He works _____ quickly than I do.

- (A) much
(B) very
(C) more
(D) quite

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

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

- Q38.** Choose the MISSPELT word out of the following options:

- (a) Botanist
(b) Entomologist
(c) Zoologist
(d) Astronomer

- Q39.** Choose the meaning of the expression "Alma mater":

- (A) The house that you live in
(B) Family living together in a rented house
(C) Friends going on a trip
(D) The school, college or university that somebody attended

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

- Q40.** Choose the correct option to change the following assertive sentence into an exclamatory sentence:

It is a matter of great happiness that we have won the trophy.

- (a) Hurrah! we have won the trophy.

- (b) Alas! we have won the trophy.
(c) Hurrah! we won the trophy!
(d) Hay! we had won the trophy!

- Q41.** Rearrange the following phrases to make a meaningful sentence:

- (A) it has been raining
(B) continuously for the last three days
(C) with water because
(D) the pond is flooded

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

- Q42.** Match the words in List - I with their synonyms in List - II.

	List - I		List - II
(A)	defer	(I)	cause to acquire
(B)	convert	(II)	hasty movement
(C)	instil	(III)	to delay until later
(D)	bustle	(IV)	to transform

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

- Q43.** Choose the appropriate direct form of speech of the sentence given below:

He said that his master was writing letters:

- (A) He said, "My master was writing letters".
(B) He said, "My master has been writing letters".
(C) He said, "My master had been writing letters".
(D) He said, "My master is writing letters".

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

- Q44.** Which among the following pair of words carry the same relationship as:

ANTIQUE : MODERN

- (a) ETERNAL : IMMORTAL
(b) MAMMOTH : ENORMOUS
(c) DEFICIENT : AMPLE
(d) GLOOM : DARKNESS

- Q45.** Choose the grammatically correct sentence from the options given below:

- (A) He has been sleeping since 3 pm.
(B) He has been sleeping for 3 pm.
(C) He has been sleeping on 3 pm.
(D) He has been sleeping at 3 pm.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q46. Choose the appropriate question tag for the following sentence out of the options given below: Let's have a game of cricket.

- (a) don't we?
- (b) did we?
- (c) shall we?
- (d) when?

Q47. Fill in the blanks in List - I with the suitable homonyms from List - II.

List - I

- (A) The car hit into the _____ vehicle.
- (B) She received many _____ for her melodious voice.
- (C) Please get me a pen from the _____ shop.
- (D) A good secretary _____ the work of a chairman.

List - II

- (I) Complements
- (II) Stationery
- (III) Stationary
- (IV) Compliments

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

Q48. Complete the sentence by using the suitable idiom/phrase from the following options:

Harry boasted about scoring the highest marks in his class but when he saw the results, he had to _____.

- (a) cut the mustard
- (b) eat the humble pie
- (c) full of beans
- (d) finger in every pie

Q49. Select the appropriate antonym for the word CONTEMPT:

- (a) disdain
- (b) despise
- (c) respect
- (d) disrespect

Q50. Choose the meaning of the Latin expression - "et al":

- (A) and you
- (B) and others
- (C) and he
- (D) and she

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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| <p>S1. Ans. (a)</p> <p>S2. Ans. (d)</p> <p>S3. Ans. (b)</p> <p>S4. Ans. (a)</p> <p>S5. Ans. (c)</p> <p>S6. Ans. (c)
Sol. Paris</p> <p>S7. Ans. (c)
Sol. London</p> <p>S8. Ans. (b)
Sol. Called by Bhagat Singh to India</p> <p>S9. Ans. (c)
Sol. Possessing Unlicensed arms and ammunition</p> <p>S10. Ans. (a)</p> <p>S11. Ans. (a)
Sol. Autumn</p> <p>S12. Ans. (b)
Sol. Cleaning the backyard</p> <p>S13. Ans. (a)
Sol. abcc</p> <p>S14. Ans. (a)
Sol. Onomatopoeia</p> <p>S15. Ans. (c)
Sol. Autumn</p> <p>S16. Ans. (b)
Sol. The lion is the king of beasts.</p> <p>S17. Ans. (b)</p> <p>S18. Ans. (b)
Sol. before</p> <p>S19. Ans. (b)
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Sol. He said that he intended to leave for Delhi that night.</p> <p>S36. Ans. (a)
Sol. the conclusion of the play.</p> <p>S37. Ans. (c)</p> <p>S38. Ans. (b)</p> <p>S39. Ans. (c)</p> <p>S40. Ans. (c)
Sol. Hurrah! We have won the trophy!</p> <p>S41. Ans. (b)</p> <p>S42. Ans. (c)</p> <p>S43. Ans. (d)</p> <p>S44. Ans. (c)
Sol. Deficient: Ample</p> <p>S45. Ans. (a)</p> <p>S46. Ans. (c)</p> <p>S47. Ans. (c)</p> <p>S48. Ans. (b)
Sol. eat the humble pie</p> <p>S49. Ans. (c)
Sol. Antonym of Contempt is Respect</p> <p>S50. Ans. (b)
Sol. and others</p> |
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