

Previous Years Paper

15th June 2023 (Shift - 3)

Direction for Q1. to Q5. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Your body is almost two-thirds water, so staying hydrated is important. Teenagers should aim to drink six to eight glasses of water per day, according to the British Nutrition Foundation. That number increases for teens who engage in sports or are especially active. Other good sources of fluid include 100 percent fruit juice and low-fat milk. Sugary and caffeinated drinks should be limited or eliminated from the diet completely as they provide excess sugar and empty calories.

According to the Cleveland Clinic, teenagers need at least nine hours of sleep each night to function at their best during the day. It sounds easy enough, but with early school start times, late afternoon practices and hours of homework, getting enough sleep can be a challenge. Set a regular bedtime that allows for nine hours of sleep before you have to get up for school. You should also plan for at least an hour of "quiet time" prior to bedtime. The goal is for all electronics to be turned off for the night so that the brain and body relax. Quiet time may involve listening to soothing music or reading a book.

- Q1.** Sports persons need to stay hydrated. They should drink enough:
(a) water and 100% fruit juices
(b) water, milk, coffee
(c) water, juices, tea and coffee
(d) Sugary and caffeinated drinks as well as enough plain water
- Q2.** Why can't teenagers get enough sleep?
(A) early start at school
(B) lot of work at school
(C) lot of homework everyday
(D) busy with friends
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (A), (B), (C) and (D)
(b) (A) and (C) only
(c) (A), (C) and (D) only
(d) (B), (C) and (D) only
- Q3.** Young people need to do the following in order to get a nine hour sleep:
(A) switch off electronics before bedtime
(B) switch off all electronics for the night
(C) find quiet time before bedtime
(D) find a quiet time & place to sleep
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (B) and (C) only
(b) (A), (B), (C) and (D)

- (c) (B), (C) and (D) only
(d) (A), (B) and (Q) only

- Q4.** Choose the heading that best explains the two sections in the text given:
(A) Watch your beverage intake
(B) Eat right, sleep tight
(C) If you don't snooze, you lose
(D) Making time for friends
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (A) and (C) only
(b) (A) and (B) only
(c) (B) and (C) only
(d) (B) and (D) only
- Q5.** Match List -I with List - II.

	List - I		List - II
(A)	Modal	(I)	to be eliminated completely
(B)	Adjective	(II)	should be eliminated
(C)	Adverb	(III)	sugary, caffeinated drinks
(D)	Passive voice	(IV)	electronics to be turned off

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

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

Direction for Q6. to Q10. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Conducting an interview should be like painting by numbers if you are properly prepared. Consider the various aspects of the interview that benefit from early preparation. Some of these may seem obvious, but if left until the candidates are at the door, they can have a negative effect on the process. A checklist will help to make sure everything is planned and some of the less obvious considerations remembered.

Frequently overlooked is the choice of venue and its layout; this can affect the atmosphere of the interview and how candidates respond. The room can feel forbidding, formal, relaxed or cosy, depending on how the furniture is arranged and how the interviewers behave towards the candidates.

Interviewing can be stressful for candidates and interviewers alike, so take account of this in the timing of the interviews and briefing of the interviewers. Stress levels also influence how interviewers behave towards the candidates; developing skills in how to question and supply information to candidates will smooth the flow and help interviewers improve their performance. Of course, question technique, active listening and observation skills benefit managers in other areas of their work, too. The way in which the

interview is ended also has an effect on the candidates and may well effect whether the desired candidate decides whether to accept the offer of employment or reject it.

- Q6.** Who is the intended audience of the passage?
 (a) Job applicants
 (b) Students
 (c) Teachers
 (d) Interviewers
- Q7.** According to the passage, which of the following DOES NOT help in reducing stress during an interview?
 (a) The behaviour of the interviewer
 (b) Timing of the interview
 (c) The ability of the interviewer to intimidate the candidate
 (d) The ability of the interviewer to convey information to the candidate
- Q8.** Choose a word from the passage that is closest in meaning to the following word "Unwelcome"
 (a) formal
 (b) frequently
 (c) forbidding
 (d) venue
- Q9.** According to the passage which of the following details is often overlooked while conducting interview?
 (a) Age of the candidate
 (b) Candidate's attire
 (c) Choice of venue
 (d) Dietary preference of the candidate
- Q10.** Which of the following could be a suitable title for the passage?
 (a) How to conduct an Interview
 (b) How to give an Interview
 (c) An Introduction to Interviews
 (d) How to get a Job

Direction for Q11. to Q15. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows:

Learning the Queen's English is like scrubbing off the bright red varnish from your toe nails, the morning after a dance. It takes a long time and there is always a little bit left at the end, a stain of red along the growing edges to remind you of the good time you had. So, you can see that learning came slowly to me. On the other hand, I had plenty of time. I learned your language in an immigration detention centre, in Essex, in the southeastern part of the United Kingdom. Two years, they locked me in there. Time was all I had.

But why did I go to all the trouble? It is because of what some of the older girls explained to me: to survive, you must look good or talk even better. The plain ones and the silent ones, it seems their paperwork in never in order. You say, they get repatriated. We say, sent home early.

The Other Hand is the story of a young woman who flees conflict in her home village in the oil-rich region of southern Nigeria. She makes her way to the UK as an illegal immigrant and is detained for a long period of time at an immigrant detention centre near London. When she finally gets out, she seeks out the only two people she knows in England, whom

she met on a Nigerian beach during a life-changing event a few years before. Will she be able to find them, and if so will they help her? And if not, will she survive in her newly adopted country as an immigrant?

- Q11.** What is meant by 'Queen's English' in the text given:
 (A) Good, formal English
 (B) Fluent, vernacular English
 (C) English as spoken in the UK
 (D) Good formal American English
 Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A), (B) and (C) only
 (b) (A), (B) and (D) only
 (c) (A) and (B) only
 (d) (A) and (C) only
- Q12.** 'The Other Hand' is the story of Nigerian woman who:
 (A) lived in a village in Southern Nigeria
 (B) was detained in Southern Nigeria
 (C) learnt English While in detention
 (D) was an illegal immigrant in the UK
 Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A), (B) and (C) only
 (b) (A), (C) and (D) only
 (c) (B) and (C) only
 (d) (A), (B) and (D) only
- Q13.** Match List -I with List - II.

	List -I		List - II
(A)	oil rich region	(I)	to survive in the UK
(B)	immigration detention centre	(II)	Southern Nigeria
(C)	speaking good English	(III)	Southeastern part of the UK
(D)	inability to speak good English	(IV)	to get repatriated

- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
 (a) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(IV), (D)-(I)
 (b) (A)-(II), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
 (c) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
 (d) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
- Q14.** Learning Queen's English is described using a metaphor which is:
 (a) to learn to survive
 (b) a stain of red along the greasing edges
 (c) scrubbing off the bright red varnish from your toenails
 (d) learning comes slowly
- Q15.** What does the author suggest, would have happened if she hadn't learnt the Queen's English?
 (a) She would have survived in England.
 (b) She would have been repatriated.
 (c) She would have stayed longer is detention.
 (d) She couldn't have gone back home easily.

- Q16.** Choose the correct question tag for the following sentence:
You are a real piece of work, _____?
(a) aren't you?
(b) isn't you?
(c) weren't you?
(d) are you?
- Q17.** Chose the correct question tag?
(a) He said that, didn't he?
(b) He said that, did he?
(c) She didn't do that, didn't she?
(d) They will come, will they?
- Q18.** Rearrange the following segments to make a meaningful sentence:
(A) at the progress India has made in the field of nuclear research
(B) the prime minister looked back with satisfaction
(C) will have to accept India as a nuclear power
(D) and asserted that sooner or later the big powers
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (B), (A), (D), (C)
(b) (B), (D), (A), (C)
(c) (B), (C), (D), (A)
(d) (A), (B), (D), (C)
- Q19.** Choose the part of the following sentence that contains an error:
Ranjeeta does not usually prefer staying at cottages, but last winter she spent few days in one.
(a) Ranjeeta does not usually
(b) prefer staying at cottages
(c) But last winters
(d) She spent few days into one
- Q20.** Rearrange the following parts of a sentence to make a meaningful sentence:
(A) can lead to
(B) a moment of fun
(C) life long scar
(D) and merriment
(E) and repentance
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (B), (D), (E), (A), (C)
(b) (B), (A), (C), (D), (E)
(c) (C), (A), (B), (D), (E)
(d) (B), (D), (A), (C), (E)
- Q21.** Choose the part of the following sentence that contains an error:
If a company sends its employees abroad to work for a foreign client, they pays them a daily allowance.
(a) If a company
(b) Sends its employees abroad
(c) To work for a foreign client, they
(d) Pays them a daily allowance
- Q22.** Mark the sentences which have 'adverbs'?
(A) The machine works very well.
(B) She is a skilful worker.

- (C) He seldom visits his parents.
(D) He speaks really well.
Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(a) (B), (C), (D) Only
(b) (A), (D), (D) Only
(c) (C), (D) Only
(d) (A), (D) Only

- Q23.** Pick a word that means the same as 'readable'
(a) Legible
(b) Washable
(c) Praise worthy
(d) Edible
- Q24.** Choose the part of the following sentence that contains an error:
It is the quarter to ten by my watch.
(a) It is the
(b) quarter to ten
(c) by my watch
(d) No error
- Q25.** Rearrange the jumbled phrases to form a meaningful sentence:
(A) devastated the city
(B) and flooded many homes
(C) when the tornado
(D) it was a beautiful day
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) (C), (A), (B), (D)
- Q26.** From the given options, select the word that means the opposite of 'dexterous'?
(a) Simple
(b) Distant
(c) Clumsy
(d) Distant
- Q27.** On the passing _____ of his grandfather, I sent him a bouquet of flowers and a condolence card.
(a) Over
(b) Into
(c) By
(d) Away
- Q28.** Take your gloves _____ before shaking someone's hand.
(a) On
(b) In
(c) Off
(d) With
- Q29.** Match List - I with List - II

	List -I		List - II
(A)	Ad interim	(I)	Meanwhile
(B)	Carte blanche	(II)	According to law
(C)	De jure	(III)	Mixture
(D)	Pot Pourri	(IV)	Full freedom of action

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q30. Choose the sentence that has the correct preposition in it:

- (a) They will return with fifteen minutes.
 (b) The students came onto the classroom.
 (c) Susheel works on the office every weekend.
 (d) Radha will not be able to reach within half an hour.

Q31. Identify the correct ones:

- (A) go-went-gone
 (B) bring-brought-brought
 (C) mistake-mistook- mis took
 (D) steal-stole-stole
 (E) take-taken-taken

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q32. Choose the sentence that has the incorrect preposition in it:

- (a) The train is running off time.
 (b) It has been five years since I have seen my mother.
 (c) Sheela left for the station an hour ago.
 (d) Vineet studied till 1am for his upcoming exam.

Q33. Change the given sentence of active voice into passive voice. Select the appropriate option.

The Prime-minister was giving the speech.

- (a) The speech was given by the Prime-minister.
 (b) The speech was being given the Prime-minister.
 (c) The speech was been given by the Prime-minister.
 (d) The speech had been given by the Prime-minister.

Q34. Which, of the following can be called Gerund:

- (A) Stop playing.
 (B) I love to go hunting.
 (C) Kids are sleeping.
 (D) Seeing is believing.
 (E) They are smoking outside.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q35. Match List -I with List - II

	List -I		List - II
(A)	apple of one's eye	(I)	all of a sudden
(B)	to be all ears	(II)	not able to hear well

(C)	out of the blue	(III)	loved dearly
(D)	hard of hearing	(IV)	to be very attentive

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q36. Match List -1 with List - II.

	List -I		List - II
(A)	Cortege	(I)	a poem of lamentation on the death of someone loved and admired.
(B)	Elegy	(II)	A funeral procession comprising a number of mourning.
(C)	Obituary	(III)	an account in the newspaper about the funeral of a deceased.
(D)	Epitaph	(IV)	words inscribed on the grave/tomb in the memory of the one buried.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q37. Choose the word that denotes one that is in a war - like mood:

- (a) Veteran
 (b) Virtuoso
 (c) Belligerent
 (d) Bohemian

Q38. From the options given below, select the one closest in meaning to 'Agile':

- (a) Needle
 (b) Nimble
 (c) Name sake
 (d) Weak

Q39. Out of given options choose a word that can be used as an adjective as well as an adverb.

- (a) good
 (b) well
 (c) hand
 (d) hardly

Q40. From the given options, select the word that is opposite in meaning to 'Excruciating':

- (a) Sophisticated
 (b) Modern
 (c) Noisy
 (d) Mild

Q41. From the given options, choose the one that rightly explains the following idiom:

to call a spade a spade

- (A) to speak rudely
 (B) to speak directly

(C) to speak diplomatically

(D) to speak frankly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) (B) Only

(b) (B) and (D) Only

(c) (B), (C), (D) Only

(d) (A), (B), (C) Only

Q42. From the given options, select the one which is opposite in meaning to the given word:

empathy

(a) original

(b) insensitivity

(c) kindness

(d) stubbornness

Q43. Fill in the blanks with appropriate Articles:

You are _____ gem of _____ person.

(a) an, the

(b) a, the

(c) a, a

(d) the, the

Q44. Choose the part of the following sentence that contains an error:

The most important feature of our products are that they are all created by hand.

(a) The most important feature

(b) of our products are that

(c) they are all

(d) created by hand

Q45. Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence:

_____ you please show me the way to station?

(A) could

(B) will

(C) should

(D) can

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) (A) and (D) Only

(b) (B) Only

(c) (C) Only

(d) (A) Only

Q46. Choose the incorrect homonym pair:

(a) Bale-Bail

(b) Caste-Cast

(c) Access-Excess

(d) Ail-Ale

Q47. Which of the following sentences uses tin Article INCORRECTLY?

(a) They cannot be trusted even a bit.

(b) What is a time of your arrival?

(c) He is ci strange person.

(d) There are no friends in the room.

Q48. Choose the appropriate word to fill in the blank:

It was a challenge to _____ a response from the prisoner.

(a) illicit

(b) licit

(c) elicit

(d) ellicit

Q49. Identify the sentences that have 'adjectival phrases':

(A) She dance skilfully.

(B) She is a skilful dancer.

(C) That was a thoughtful act.

(D) He acted thoughtfully.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(a) (B), (C) Only

(b) (A), (B), (C) Only

(c) (B), (C), (D) Only

(d) (A), (D) Only

Q50. Choose the correct homonym pair:

(a) Career-Carrier

(b) Birth-Berth

(c) Confident-Confidant

(d) Eligible-Illegible

SOLUTIONS

S1. Ans. (a)

S2. Ans. (b)

S3. Ans. (a)

S4. Ans. (a)

S5. Ans. (b)

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. Interviewers

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. The ability of the Interviewer to intimidate the candidate.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. forbidding

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. Choice of venue

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. How to conduct an interview

S11. Ans. (d)

S12. Ans. (b)

S13. Ans. (d)

S14. Ans. (c)

S15. Ans. (b)

S16. Ans. (d)

Sol. are you?

S17. Ans. (a)

S18. Ans. (a)

S19. Ans. (d)

S20. Ans. (d)

S21. Ans. (d)

S22. Ans. (b)

S23. Ans. (a)

Sol. Readable - Legible

S24. Ans. (a)

Sol. It is the

S25. Ans. (b)

S26. Ans. (c)

Sol. Opposite of Dexterous is Clumsy

S27. Ans. (d)

Sol. Away

S28. Ans. (c)

Sol. Take your gloves off before shaking someone's hand.

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S30. Ans. (d)

Sol. Radha will not be able to reach within half an hour.

S31. Ans. (b)

S32. Ans. (a)

S33. Ans. (b)

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S34. Ans. (b)

S35. Ans. (b)

S36. Ans. (a)

S37. Ans. (c)

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S47. Ans. (b)

S48. Ans. (c)

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S49. Ans. (a)

S50. Ans. (b)

Sol. Birth - Berth