

CUET English Solved Paper-2023

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DIRECTIONS (1-5): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choose the correct options.

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit or the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servants: yet he has grown to dependent on them that they are in a fair way to become his masters. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal, and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with, and they must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work, or burst with rage, and blow up, and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines, and the time may come when they will rule us altogether, just as we rule the animals.

1. Choose the correct word to explain 'defect' as stated in the passage-
(a) Shortcoming (b) Skill
(c) Indifference (d) Blessing
2. What should be the expected behavior to keep machines in good temper?
(a) Leave them alone
(b) Let them work on their own
(c) Allow them human company
(d) Wait upon them attentively
3. What according to the writer has become the agony of man?
(a) Machines have become their slaves
(b) Machines are being controlled by them
(c) Machines are their master
(d) Machines are dependent on them
4. Which of the following has been personified as the master of mankind?
(a) Science (b) Machines
(c) Civilization (d) Knowledge
5. Which of the following adjectives have been used in the passage to explain the temperamental nature of machines?
(a) Rigid (b) Timid
(c) Stern (d) Stupid

DIRECTIONS (6-10): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choose the correct options.

Ancient Egypt was the birthplace of one of the world's first civilizations. This advanced culture arose about 5,000 years ago in the Nile River Valley in north-eastern Africa. It thrived for over 2,000 years and so became one of the longest lasting civilizations in History.

The mighty Nile River was the lifeblood of ancient Egypt. Every year, it overflowed and deposited a strip of rich, black soil along each bank. The fertile soil enabled farmers to raise a huge supply of food. The ancient Egyptians called their country *Kemet*, meaning 'bank land', after the dark soil. The Nile also provided water for irrigation and was Egypt's main transportation route. For all these reasons, the ancient Greek historian Herodotus called Egypt "the gift of the Nile."

The ancient Egyptians made outstanding contributions to the development of civilization. They created the world's first national government, basic forms of arithmetic, and a 365-day calendar. They invented a form of picture writing called *hieroglyphics*. They also invented *papyrus*, a paper like writing material made from the stems of *papyrus* plants. The Egyptians developed one of the first religions to emphasize life after death. They built great cities in which many skilled architects, doctors, engineers, painters, and sculptors worked.

The best known achievements of the ancient Egyptians, however, are the pyramids they built as tombs for their rulers. The most famous pyramids stand at Giza. These gigantic stone structures-marvels of architectural and engineering skills have been preserved by the dry climate for about 4,500 years. They serve as spectacular reminders of the glory of ancient Egypt.

6. The Egyptian Civilization lasted for
(a) Over 5000 years
(b) Over 365 days
(c) Over 4,500 years
(d) Over 2000 years
7. The Nile River was considered "the life blood of ancient Egypt" because
(a) It was the main transportation route
(b) It was black land
(c) It caused havoc when it overflowed
(d) It provided fertile soil and water for irrigation
8. In the passage the word 'gigantic' means:-
(a) Small (b) Gorgeous
(c) Huge (d) Ancient

9. The best known achievement of the ancient Egyptians is:-
 (a) The creation of the world's first national government
 (b) The building of great cities
 (c) The building of the pyramids
 (d) The contribution to the development of civilization

10. Match List-I with List-II

List-I**List-II**

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Hieroglyphics | I. Paper like writing material |
| B. Papyrus | II. A form of picture writing |
| C. Kemet | III. Tombs built for rulers |
| D. Pyramids | IV. Black land |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

DIRECTIONS (1-5): Read the passage given below to answer the questions by choosing the correct options.

If we ask, 'Why did such-and-such a group or organization, which was perfectly ordinary, become a high-performance team or an excellent organization?', the answer is often that they were inspired to raise their sights and standards by the vision, enthusiasm and drive of a particular leader. Therefore it is impossible to divorce effective team building from effective leadership.

The ability to inspire others is a general characteristic of good leaders. It is essentially important if the group or organization is working in difficult conditions or adverse circumstances, where morale can easily fall.

To achieve excellence in results over a period of time in an organization, as in a football team, is not accidental. The various properties of groups identified in Part One-communication, decisions making, cohesiveness, morale, atmosphere, standards, procedures- are all found again in high-performance teams but to different degrees. The average work group and the exceptional team can be compared to two three times winner of the Grand National. Why is one different from the other?

In the transformations of a work group into a team, and an ordinary team into a high-performance team, attention must be given to three crucially important elements; leadership, membership and common methods of working together.

11. The vision, zeal and drive of a good leader turns an organisation into:

- (a) an ordinary organisation
 (b) a high performance organisation
 (c) a low performance organisation
 (d) an underperforming organisation

12. Effective team building can't be separated from:

- (a) membership
 (b) an ordinary organisation
 (c) effective leadership
 (d) an excellent organisation

13. What helps to boost morale of the team in a difficult situation is:

- (a) hard work by the team
 (b) being inspired by the leader
 (c) demotivation by the leader
 (d) criticism by the leader

14. The qualities found in a high performing team are:

- (a) Communication, decision making
 (b) Cohesiveness and moral boosting
 (c) Work atmosphere
 (d) All of the above

15. The vital element that transforms an ordinary team into a high performing team is:

- (a) Team membership
 (b) Effective leadership
 (c) Strategies of working together
 (d) All of the above

16. Choose the correct antonym of MALEVOLENCE

- (a) Virulence (b) Enmity
 (c) Benevolence (d) Obduracy

17. Match List-I with List-II

List-I**List-II**

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|---------|--------------------|
| A. Pain | I. Loud sound |
| B. Pane | II. Suffering |
| C. Peel | III. Window glass |
| D. Peal | IV. To remove skin |

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

18. Choose the correct form/forms of the article that need to be inserted in the sentence given below:

I bought ___ book and ___ umbrella

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

19. Match List-I with List-II for phrasal verbs:

List-I**List-II**

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|----------------|--|
| A. See off | I. Take care of |
| B. Look after | II. Solve a problem |
| C. Work out | III. To escort a guest for his departure |
| D. Cut out for | IV. Suitable |

- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV
(b) A-III, B-II, C-IV, D-I
(c) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
(d) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
20. Select the most appropriate meaning for the phrase 'Modus operandi'
- (a) Way of living
(b) Method of working
(c) Thoughtful planning
(d) Soulful singing
21. Choose the sentence with the correct preposition:-
- (a) I have not met Rita since last year.
(b) I have not met Rita for last year.
(c) I have not met Rita in last year.
(d) I have not met Rita to last year.
22. Select the most suitable synonym of **SYNDROME**
- (a) Cosmetic (b) Characteristics
(c) Cosmic (d) Coquette
23. Rearrange the following phrases to make a meaningful sentence:-
- A. lacking strength to get into bed
B. huddled on a chair
C. she remained in her evening dress
D. without volition
E. or power of thought
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) C, B, A, D, E (b) C, D, E, A, B
(c) B, C, D, A, E (d) B, D, E, A, C
24. Identify the Adjective Clause in the following sentence:
We visited my grandmother who had returned from a world tour last week.
- (a) we visited my grandmother
(b) who had returned
(c) from a world tour
(d) last week
25. Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idiom underlined.
The lockdown due to Covid has financially put many multinational companies on the ropes.
- (a) Bright hope
(b) Growth and success
(c) Close to defeat or giving up
(d) New opportunities
26. The idiom 'At the drop of a hat means':
- (a) To do something willingly and instantly
(b) To be reluctant to do something
(c) To refuse to do something
(d) To decline to do something
27. The following sentence has been divided into four parts (A), (B), (C) and (D); one of which has an error. Choose the part which contains the error.
- A. "Gitanjali Shree's 'Tomb of Sand' is
B. one of the few novels in English Translation
C. that has received
D. International recognition
- (a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
28. Fill in the blank with appropriate adverb from the list below:-
Nothing _____ happens by chance.
- (a) sometimes (b) often
(c) ever (d) seldom
29. Fill in the following sentence with suitable preposition:-
"Abhishek lives _____ 45, Dhauladhar Street."
- (a) in (b) over
(c) at (d) on
30. Fill in the blank with the correct modal:-
This venture _____ go out business soon if it doesn't work towards increasing its competitiveness in the market.
- (a) should (b) won't
(c) might (d) will
31. Choose the option which best expresses the same sentence in reported speech:-
Kavita said, "I'll tell Rahini I met you."
- (a) Kavita said that she will tell Rahini she met me.
(b) Kavita said that she would tell Rahini she had met me.
(c) Kavita said that she would tell Rahini she had met me.
(d) Kavita told that she would tell Rahini she had met me.
32. Change the following sentence into Active Voice:
You are ordered not to make a noise
- (a) You please do not make a noise
(b) Don't make a noise
(c) You are making a noise
(d) You make a noise
33. Match List-I with List-II
- | List-I | List-II |
|------------|---------------|
| A. Consent | I. Comfort |
| B. Elevate | II. Dubious |
| C. Provoke | III. Disagree |
| D. Valid | IV. Lower |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
(b) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
(c) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
(d) A-I, B-IV, C-II, D-III
34. Choose the mis-spelt word out of the following:
- (a) Forgery (b) Luminary
(c) Emissary (d) Consarvatory

35. Identify the nearest meaning of 'de facto'
- (a) Ineffective (b) Unrealistic
(c) Imperfect (d) Actual
36. Fill in the blank with appropriate adverb :-
"Ghanshyam can run _____ better than I do. He is a professional runner".
(a) more (b) far
(c) very (d) more
37. Match List-I with List-II
- | List-I | List-II |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| A. Caricature | I. Humorous drawing |
| B. Animation | II. Drawing of a person |
| C. Cartoon | III. Funny picture of a person |
| D. Portrait | IV. Moving image |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
(b) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
(c) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
(d) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
38. Match List-I with List-II
- | List-I | List-II |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. All the rules of synthesis are | I. but he himself is a bad egg |
| B. He is up to all the tricks | II. in the final of the world cup |
| C. Australia had to bite the dust | III. at his fingertips |
| D. He comes from a noble family | IV. of the trade to grind his own axe |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III
(b) A-II, B-I, C-III, D-IV
(c) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
(d) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I
39. Change the following sentence into Direct Speech:-
Ravi's mother said that a solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth.
- (a) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurred when the Moon came between the Sun and Earth."
(b) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth".
(c) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse will occur when Moon came between the Sun and Earth".
(d) Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurs when Moon have come between Sun and Earth".
40. Select the most appropriate option as the interchange of the following sentence to exclamatory:
"It is sad that a friend should be false."
- (a) Alas! A friend like you should be false
(b) Alas! That ever a friend should be false
(c) Alas! Indeed a friend of you is false
(d) Alas! A friend in need is false
41. Match List-I with List-II
- | List-I | List-II |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. Our car came to a stand still | I. cut a sorry figure in the meeting |
| B. People often get angry | II. when one calls a spade a spade |
| C. The speaker | III. my honesty |
| D. You shouldn't call in question | IV. right in the middle of the road |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV
(b) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
(c) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III
(d) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
42. Choose the correct option for the subject of a letter or complaint to the sales manager of a publishing house for the delivery of faulty or damaged books.
- (a) To complain about delivery of damaged books
(b) To aware the sales manger for delivery of goods.
(c) To complain for misconduct of delivery man
(d) To caution the publisher for the delay in delivery
43. Choose the correct option for the subject of a letter placing order to M/S SYMPHONY PVT.LTD. for musical instruments.
- (a) To apply for delivery of music system
(b) To require some musical instruments
(c) To place order for musical instruments
(d) To obtain delivery of surgical instruments
44. Match List-I with List-II for phrasal verbs:-
- | List-I | List-II |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A. You have got to | I. cut down on sugar |
| B. I am trying to | II. face the music |
| C. We need heroes | III. took no notice of the situation |
| D. The speaker | IV. to look up to |
- Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
- (a) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
(b) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
(c) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I
(d) A-IV, B-I, C-III, D-II
45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank:-
You will pass me the newspaper, _____?
- (a) Will you, please?
(b) Won't you?
(c) Would you?
(d) Won't they

46. Choose the correct exclamatory sentence:-

- A. Today, we will be going out for dinner!
- B. Please help me lift the heavy bag!
- C. Ah! It is a beautiful day!
- D. Do you like to watch plays?

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

47. Choose the sentence in the Active Voice:

- (a) The film was directed by Satyajit Ray.
- (b) The door was opened by the owner of the house.
- (c) We are taught English by Mrs. Mithai.
- (d) The wind blew down the trees.

48. Which amongst the options makes correct use of a modal?

- A. He might speaking three languages.
- B. He can speak three languages.
- C. He can spoke three languages.
- D. He can speaking three languages.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

49. Pick out the correct sentence:

- A. Nobody had no idea who invented the circle
- B. Nobody has a idea who invented the circle
- C. Nobody has an idea who invented the circle
- D. Nobody have the idea who invented the circle

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

50. Choose the option which is an incorrect part of a meaningful sentence.

- A. Because to read nothing but books of fiction
- B. As we need wholesome food for the body
- C. Seriously reading for the mind
- D. is like eating nothing but cakes and sweetmeats
- E. so we must have

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Hints & Explanations

1. (a)
 - **Shortcoming:** A shortcoming refers to a fault or deficiency in something or someone, indicating a failure or limitation in achieving a particular objective or standard.
 - **Skills:** Skills are abilities or expertise acquired through training and practice that allow individuals to perform specific tasks effectively.
 - **Indifference:** Indifference is a lack of interest, concern, or sympathy towards something or someone, showing a state of being uncaring or uninvolved.
 - **Blessing:** A blessing is a favour or gift from a higher power or a source of happiness, prosperity, or well-being.

In the given passage, the correct word is "shortcoming" because it best describes the idea that our civilization lacks the ability to handle its knowledge properly, leading to the mismanagement of machines and potential negative consequences. The other options, while relevant in other contexts, do not accurately convey the central theme of the passage.
2. (d) Wait upon them attentively.
 The passage metaphorically describes machines as stern masters that need constant care and attention. The machines must be provided with fuel like coal and petrol, oil for maintenance, and proper temperature control. If they are not treated properly, they can malfunction and cause havoc.
 By "waiting upon them attentively," the author suggests that humans must take diligent care of the machines, ensuring they are well-fed with the required resources and maintained appropriately. This means regularly checking and servicing the machines, providing them with what they need, and preventing them from breaking down.
 The other options are not suitable:
3. (c) It becomes evident from the passage that option c, "Machines are their masters,". It highlights the main concern that machines, originally designed to be tools for humans, have now become more dominant and are exerting control over human lives, which is the defect or shortcoming of our civilization.
4. (d)
5. (c) Stern
 The adjective "stern" is used to convey that machines are strict, demanding, and have specific requirements for their proper functioning, as described in the passage. They can grow "sulky" or "burst with rage" if not handled properly, emphasizing their temperamental nature.
6. (d) Over 2000 years: This option aligns with the information given in the passage. The passage explicitly states that the ancient Egyptian civilization thrived for over 2000 years, making it one of the longest-lasting civilizations in history.
 The complete sentence would be: "The Egyptian Civilization lasted for over 2000 years."
7. (c) The Nile River played a vital role in ancient Egypt's prosperity, and it was considered the lifeblood of the civilization. It provided fertile soil through its annual overflow, enabled agriculture, and served as a crucial transportation route. Option (c) incorrectly suggests that the Nile caused havoc when it overflowed, which is not supported by the information provided in the passage. The Nile's overflow was a beneficial event for Egyptian farmers.
 The correct answer is: It caused havoc when it overflowed.
8. (c) **Huge:**
 The word 'huge' accurately captures the meaning of 'gigantic.' It refers to something of immense size, vast proportions, or great magnitude. In the passage, the pyramids are described as "gigantic stone structures," highlighting their huge and colossal nature.
9. (c) In the passage, it is mentioned that the best known achievements of the ancient Egyptians are the pyramids they built as tombs for their rulers. The pyramids are described as gigantic stone structures and marvels of architectural and engineering skills. The most famous pyramids stand at Giza and have been preserved for about 4500 years, serving as spectacular reminders of the glory of ancient Egypt.
 While all these options highlight the remarkable achievements of the ancient Egyptians, the best known and most iconic accomplishment remains the building of the pyramids. The pyramids represent a lasting testament to their engineering and architectural prowess, and they continue to captivate the world with their grandeur and historical significance.
10. (a) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
 Detailed matching:
 - A. **Hieroglyphics** - A form of picture writing.
 Hieroglyphics were a system of writing used by the ancient Egyptians. They were a combination of pictures and symbols that represented words and sounds. This form of writing was commonly used in religious texts, inscriptions on monuments, and various other written documents.
 - B. **Papyrus** - Paper-like writing material
 Papyrus was a writing material made from the stems of the papyrus plant. The ancient Egyptians would slice

the stems into thin strips, arrange them in two layers, and press them together to form a sheet. These sheets were then used for writing, creating an early form of paper.

C. Kemet - Black land.

Kemet was the ancient Egyptian name for their country, which meant "black land." It referred to the fertile soil along the banks of the Nile River, which was deposited by the annual flooding of the river. The black soil was rich in nutrients, making it ideal for agriculture and enabling the ancient Egyptians to grow abundant crops.

D. Pyramids - Tombs built for rulers.

The pyramids were monumental structures built as tombs for the pharaohs and other high-ranking officials in ancient Egypt. They were designed to protect the remains of the deceased rulers and provide them with everything they needed in the afterlife. The most famous pyramids, such as those at Giza, are marvels of architectural and engineering skill.

So, the correct matching is:

A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III

11. (b) The passage highlights the significance of effective leadership in transforming an organization. It mentions that the vision, enthusiasm, and drive of a good leader can inspire a group or organization to raise their standards and become a high-performance team or an excellent organization.
12. (c) **Effective leadership:**
The passage explicitly states that effective team building cannot be separated from effective leadership. It highlights how leaders inspire and drive groups to raise their standards and achieve excellence. This option captures the central theme of the passage.
13. (b) The passage discusses the importance of effective leadership and its impact on teams, particularly in difficult situations or adverse circumstances where morale can easily fall. It states that the ability to inspire others is a general characteristic of good leaders, and this inspiration is crucial for boosting morale in such challenging conditions. Therefore, the correct option is:
Being inspired by the leader.
The passage emphasizes that the vision, enthusiasm, and drive of a particular leader can inspire a group or organization to raise their sights and standards, especially in difficult situations. This inspiration helps in boosting the morale of the team, enabling them to perform better and become a high-performance team or an excellent organization.
14. (d) Considering the passage and the options, the most comprehensive and accurate answer is likely Option (d): All of the above. Effective communication, decision-making, cohesiveness, and morale boosting

collectively contribute to the qualities of a high-performance team, and these qualities align with the themes discussed in the passage.

15. (b) Considering the emphasis on effective leadership throughout the passage, the correct answer is b. **Effective Leadership.** The passage consistently stresses that a good leader's vision, inspiration, and ability to raise the team's standards are crucial in achieving excellence. While membership and working strategies play roles, it is effective leadership that stands out as the vital element in this context.
16. (c) **Benevolence:** Benevolence is the correct antonym of malevolence. It refers to goodwill, kindness, and a desire to do good for others. It represents the opposite of malevolent intentions.
17. (c) Option (c) shows the correct match between List I and List II, between words and their meanings.
18. (d) a/an
This option suggests using the indefinite article "a" before "book" and the indefinite article "an" before "umbrella." This is the correct choice because "a" is used before consonant sounds, and "an" is used before vowel sounds.
Correct Answer: d. a/an
The correct sentence is: "I bought a book and an umbrella."
19. (d)
20. (b) **Method of working:**
"**Modus operandi**" refers to the specific way or method by which something is done or accomplished. It is often used to describe a particular approach, procedure, or technique in various fields, such as law enforcement, science, or business.
21. (a) I have not met Rita since last year.
In this sentence, the preposition "since" is correctly used to indicate the starting point of the period during which the speaker has not met Rita. "Since" is used to refer to a specific point in time (last year) as the starting point of the action (not meeting Rita).
22. (b) The word with the closest meaning to 'syndrome' is characteristics. A syndrome is a recognizable complex of symptoms and physical findings which indicate a specific condition for which a direct cause is not necessarily understood.
23. (a) A meaningful sentence would be formed if the phrases are put in C-B-A-D-E order.
24. (b) The correct adjective clause is option b: "who had returned." This clause modifies the noun "my grandmother" by providing additional information about her (the fact that she had returned from a world tour).
25. (c) Close to defeat or giving up:
This option accurately captures the meaning of the idiom. "On the ropes" is a boxing idiom that refers to a boxer who is in a weakened or disadvantaged position, often close to defeat or giving up. When

- applied metaphorically to companies, it signifies a state of vulnerability or being severely challenged, often close to failure.
26. (a) The correct meaning of the idiom "At the drop of a hat" is Option a: To do something willingly and instantly.
- B. Here is the meaning of other options to be noted for greater understanding:
- ❖ **To be reluctant to do something:**
"To be reluctant to do something" means to feel unwilling or hesitant to perform a task or action. It is the opposite of the correct meaning of the idiom "At the drop of a hat," which conveys eagerness and readiness.
 - ❖ **To refuse to do something:**
"To refuse to do something" means to decline or say no to performing a task or action. It indicates a clear rejection of the task, which is not the meaning of the idiom "At the drop of a hat."
 - ❖ **To decline to do something:**
"To decline to do something" means to politely turn down or reject an offer or request. It is not the correct meaning of the idiom "At the drop of a hat," which implies immediate willingness to act.
27. (c) There is an error in part (c) of the sentence. When the subject of a verb is a relative pronoun, thus, the correct sentence will be 'This is one of the most interesting novels that have (not has) appeared this year.'
28. (c) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
- **Sometimes:** This adverb indicates occurrences that happen occasionally or at irregular intervals. Using "sometimes" in the sentence would imply that there are cases where things do happen by chance, which contradicts the statement that "nothing happens by chance."
 - **Often:** This adverb indicates frequent occurrences. Similar to the previous explanation, using "often" in the sentence would suggest that events do occur by chance frequently, which goes against the intended meaning.
 - **Ever:** This adverb is the correct choice for this sentence. "Nothing ever happens by chance" conveys the idea that events never occur by chance, emphasizing that there are always reasons or causes behind them.
 - **Seldom:** This adverb means rarely or infrequently. Using "seldom" in the sentence would again create a contradiction, implying that things do happen by chance, but not very often.
- Given the sentence "Nothing happens by chance," the most appropriate adverb to fill in the blank is "ever". It reinforces the idea that events do not occur by chance at any time.
29. (c) The most appropriate prepositions to use in the given sentence "is" or "at," as they accurately convey the idea of Abhishek's residence at the specified address. Option c ("at") effectively used in this context.
30. (c) There is a conditional clause in the sentence, thus 'might' which signifies possibility and uncertainty is the most appropriate answer here.
31. (c) Kavita said that she would tell Rahini she had met me. This option is correct. It accurately conveys the reported speech by using the past tense "would" and the past perfect "had met" to indicate that the meeting occurred before the reporting verb.
32. (b) Don't make a noise.
This option is a simple and direct transformation from passive to active voice. The command "Don't make a noise" puts the subject ("you") directly as the doer of the action, which is the desired change.
The correct transformation of the sentence into active voice is Option (b): Don't make a noise. This option maintains the intended meaning and changes the sentence into a clear and direct command.
33. (b) It's important to note that context and usage play a significant role in understanding the meanings of words and their potential antonyms. In the context of the original matching exercise, the accurate matches are in Option b: A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II.
34. (d) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
The correctly spelled word among the options is:
- Forgery
 - Luminary
 - Emissary
- The misspelled word in the given options is:
Consarvatory (correct spelling: Conservatory)
35. (d) **Actual:** This is the nearest meaning to "de facto." "De facto" is a Latin term that means "in fact" or "in reality." It refers to a situation or condition that exists in practice or reality, even if it is not officially recognized or legally established. Therefore, "actual" is the closest synonym to convey the concept of "de facto."
36. (b) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
- "Ghanshyam can run more better than I do. He is a professional runner."
This option is not correct. Using both "more" and "better" together is redundant. "Better" already implies a higher degree, so adding "more" before it is unnecessary.
 - "Ghanshyam can run far better than I do. He is a professional runner."
This option is correct. "Far better" is an idiomatic expression that indicates a significantly higher degree of proficiency or skill. It effectively conveys the idea that Ghanshyam's running ability surpasses the speaker's.
 - "Ghanshyam can run very better than I do. He is a professional runner."

- This option is not correct. While "very" is an adverb that intensifies the degree of an adjective or adverb, it is not used with "better" in this manner. "Very better" is not idiomatic; "far better" is the appropriate expression.
- "Ghanshyam can run more better than I do. He is a professional runner."
This option is the same as Option 1 and is incorrect for the same reason – using both "more" and "better" together is redundant.
The correct adverb to fill in the blank is Option b: "far."
This choice accurately conveys that Ghanshyam's running ability is significantly superior to the speaker's.
37. (d) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II:
- A. Caricature matches with III. Funny picture of a person: This is a mismatch, as explained earlier.
 - B. Animation matches with IV. Moving image: Animation involves creating moving images through a sequence of frames or drawings.
 - C. Cartoon matches with I. Humorous drawing: Cartoons are often humorous drawings or illustrations.
 - D. Portrait matches with II. Drawing of a person: A portrait is a depiction or representation of a person. Based on the accurate matches, the correct answer is Option d: A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II.
38. (d) The correct match between List I and List II is mentioned in option (d). A (III), B (IV), C(II), D (I)
39. (b) The correct option for changing the sentence into direct speech is Option b: Ravi's mother said, "Solar eclipse occurs when the Moon comes between the Sun and the Earth". This option accurately maintains the tense and meaning of the original sentence.
40. (b) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
- Alas! A friend like you should be false.
This option changes the meaning by introducing "like you," which is not present in the original sentence.
 - Alas! That ever a friend should be false.
This option maintains the original sentence's meaning and structure while adding an exclamation "Alas!" to make it exclamatory. This option accurately conveys the sentiment of sadness.
 - Alas! Indeed a friend of you is false.
This option introduces "indeed" and "of you," altering the original sentence's structure and meaning.
 - Alas! A friend in need is false.
This option changes the meaning by introducing "in need" which is not present in the original sentence. It also alters the sentence's structure.
The most appropriate option to change the given sentence into an exclamatory sentence while maintaining its meaning is Option b: Alas! That ever a friend should be false. This option effectively conveys the sense of sadness and surprise expressed in the original sentence.
41. (b)
42. (a) Based on the accurate analysis, the most appropriate subject line for the letter of complaint is Option a: To complain about delivery of damaged books. This subject accurately and clearly conveys the main purpose of the complaint.
43. (c) To place order for musical instruments:
This option accurately and clearly conveys the main purpose of the letter, which is to place an order for musical instruments. It specifies the action and purpose succinctly.
44. (b) The correct match between List I and List II is mentioned in option (b).
Based on the accurate matches, the correct answer is Options c:
A - II, B - IV, C - III, D - I
45. (b) Won't you?
This option is the correct choice. In English, when we want to make a polite request or suggestion, we often use a question tag after a statement. The question tag "won't you?" is commonly used in this context. It turns the statement "You will pass me the newspaper" into a polite request.
46. (c) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
An exclamatory sentence is a type of sentence that conveys strong emotions or exclamations.
- A. Today, we will be going out for dinner!
This sentence is in the declarative form, not the exclamatory form. It simply states a fact about going out for dinner without expressing strong emotion.
 - B. Please help me lift the heavy bag!
This sentence is in the imperative form, not the exclamatory form. It is a polite request for assistance and doesn't convey strong emotions.
 - C. Ah! It is a beautiful day!
This sentence is in the correct exclamatory form. The interjection "Ah!" expresses surprise or pleasure, and the sentence overall conveys strong emotion about the beauty of the day.
 - D. Do you like to watch plays?
This sentence is in the interrogative form, not the exclamatory form. It asks a question and doesn't convey strong emotions.
Based on the analysis, the correct exclamatory sentence is Option c: C only - "Ah! It is a beautiful day!" This option is the only one that fits the criteria of expressing strong emotions in an exclamatory manner.
47. (d) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:
- The film was directed by Satyajit Ray.
This sentence is in the passive voice. It focuses on the action being done to the subject ("The film") rather than on the doer of the action ("Satyajit Ray"). In the

active voice, it would be: "Satyajit Ray directed the film."

- The door was opened by the owner of the house.

This sentence is in the passive voice. It emphasizes the action of opening the door, without explicitly stating who performed the action. In the active voice, it would be: "The owner of the house opened the door."

- We are taught English by Mrs. Mithai.

This sentence is in the passive voice. It focuses on the teaching of English to "us" by Mrs. Mithai. In the active voice, it would be: "Mrs. Mithai teaches us English."

- The wind blew down the trees.

This sentence is in the active voice. It clearly states the subject ("The wind") performing the action of blowing down the trees. It conveys the action in a straightforward manner.

Sentences A, B, and C are in the passive voice, as they emphasize the action being done to the subject.

Sentence D is in the active voice, as it clearly states the subject performing the action. The sentence in the active voice is: D. The wind blew down the trees.

48. (b) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:

A modal verb is used to express possibility, permission, necessity, or ability.

- A. He might speaking three languages.

This option is not using the modal verb "might" correctly. The correct form would be: "He might be speaking three languages."

- B. He can speak three languages.

This option is using the modal verb "can" correctly. It expresses the ability to speak three languages.

- C. He can spoke three languages.

This option is not using the correct form of the modal verb "can." The correct form would be: "He can speak three languages."

- D. He can speaking three languages.

This option is not using the correct form of the modal verb "can." The correct form would be: "He can speak three languages."

Based on the analysis, the correct use of a modal verb is in Option b: He can speak three languages. This option correctly uses the modal verb "can" to express the ability to speak three languages.

49. (d) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:

- A. Nobody has no idea who invented the circle.

This option contains a double negative ("has no idea") which creates a positive meaning ("has an idea"). However, the intended meaning is that nobody knows, so this option is not correct.

- B. Nobody has a idea who invented the circle.

This option is not using the correct article. It should be "an idea" instead of "a idea."

- C. Nobody has an idea who invented the circle.

This option is grammatically correct. It uses the correct article "an" before "idea" and conveys the intended meaning that nobody knows who invented the circle.

- D. Nobody have the idea who invented the circle.

This option is not using the correct verb form. It should be "has" instead of "have," and the correct article should be used as well.

Based on the analysis, the correct sentence is Option d: C only - "Nobody has an idea who invented the circle." This option is grammatically correct and conveys the intended meaning.

50. (b) To determine the correct word, let's analyse the meanings of the options:

- A. Because to read nothing but books of fiction.

This option is grammatically incorrect. The correct structure should be "Because reading nothing but books of fiction." The use of "to" is incorrect here.

- B. As we need wholesome food for the body.

This option is grammatically correct and makes sense. It suggests that just as the body needs wholesome food, the mind also needs serious reading.

- C. Seriously reading for the mind.

This option is grammatically incorrect. It lacks a verb and doesn't form a complete sentence. It could be corrected to "Serious reading is good for the mind."

- D. Is like eating nothing but cakes and sweetmeats.

This option is grammatically correct and makes sense. It draws a comparison between reading only fiction and eating only sweets.

- E. So we must have.

This option is grammatically incorrect. It lacks a subject and a verb, making it an incomplete sentence. It could be corrected to "So we must have it."

Based on the analysis, the incorrect part of the meaningful sentence is Option c: "Seriously reading for the mind." This option is grammatically incorrect and doesn't form a complete sentence.