

Question1

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A humorous story can be long and meander without arriving at a particular point, but comic and witty stories must be brief and end with a punch. The humorous story is a high and delicate art that requires an artist to tell, whereas the comic and witty stories do not need artistic skill. The humorous story is told gravely, with the teller attempting to conceal the humor. The comic storyteller, on the other hand, announces beforehand that the story is very funny and laughs at his own jokes.

Often, a rambling, humorous story may finish with a point, but the storyteller drops it casually, with the pretense that he does not know it is a nub. In contrast, the comic storyteller does not slur the nub; he shouts it at you and when he prints it he emphasizes the punchline with italics and exclamation marks, which is very depressing, and makes one want to renounce joking and lead a better life.

Which of the following best describes the difference between a humorous story and a comic story?

- 1. A humorous story is brief and succinct, while a comic story is long.**
- 2. A humorous story depends on the matter, whereas a comic story depends on the manner of telling.**
- 3. A humorous story relies on the manner of telling, while a comic story depends on the matter.**
- 4. A humorous story requires no artistic skill, while a comic story does.**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

The passage states, "The humorous story depends for its effect upon the manner of telling; the comic and the witty story, upon the matter," which directly matches option 3.

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The writer portrays humorous stories as being of a higher level than comic stories by emphasising that _____.

- 1. a humorous story is grave in spite of being humorous**
- 2. a humorous story is difficult and superior due to its American descent**
- 3. a humorous story is a great and delicate art that requires an artist to tell**
- 4. unlike the comic and witty stories, humorous stories do not depress the reader**

Options:

- A. 1**
- B. 2**
- C. 3**
- D. 4**

Answer: C

Solution:

The passage explicitly says “The humorous story is a high and delicate art that requires an artist to tell,” positioning it above comic/witty stories, which do not need artistic skill.

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The expression "In contrast, the comic storyteller does not slur the nub" implies that the comic story teller_____.

1. emphatically highlights the punchline of the story
2. deliberately avoids mentioning the punchline of the story
3. subtly hides the humour at the end of the story
4. is skillfully casual in his treatment of the punchline

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

The passage says the comic storyteller “does not slur the nub, he shouts it at you and when he prints it he emphasizes the punchline with italics and exclamation marks,” which means the nub (or the punchline) is stressed openly and forcefully

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How is the humour in a humorous story typically conveyed?

- 1. by announcing beforehand that the story is funny.**
- 2. by telling the story gravely and concealing the humour.**
- 3. by explicitly exaggerating the punchline.**
- 4. by shouting the punchline loudly through narrative markers.**

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

The passage states the humorous story “is told gravely, with the teller attempting to conceal the humor,” contrasting it with comic storytelling that announces and emphasizes the punchline

Question5

Read the passage given below and answer the four questions that follow:-

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They extracted a 30-cm cylindrical rock core from the Bushveld Igneous Complex in South Africa, a 2-billion-year-old volcanic region. Upon slicing the core, they found microbial cells in tiny fractures. DNA staining and imaging with advanced microscopes confirmed the microbes were indigenous, with intact cell walls, suggesting they were active.

The researchers hypothesise that the microorganisms were carried into the rock via water shortly after its formation. Clay deposits in the fractures may have provided nutrients. These microbes, primitive in evolutionary terms, offer clues about Earth's earliest life forms and their evolution.

The study also has implications for Mars exploration. Suzuki notes similarities between the Bushveld rocks and Martian rocks, suggesting the same techniques could identify life on Mars."

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What factor might have supported microbial survival in the rock fractures?

- 1. The presence of volcanic ash**

- 2. Nutrients from clay deposits in the fractures**
- 3. High oxygen levels deep within the crust**
- 4. Light reflected through the cracks**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

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The passage states the researchers hypothesize microbes were carried into the rock by water after formation and that “clay deposits in the fractures may have provided nutrients,” which would support survival.

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How were the microbes in the rock confirmed to be indigenous?

- 1. By testing their ability to grow in nutrient-rich environments.**
- 2. By comparing their DNA to modern microbes found on Earth's surface.**
- 3. By staining their DNA and using advanced microscopes to rule out contamination.**
- 4. By analysing clay deposits in the fractures of the rock.**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

The passage notes that after slicing the rock core, researchers “found microbial cells in tiny fractures” and “DNA staining and imaging with advanced microscopes confirmed the microbes were indigenous, with intact cell walls,” indicating they were native and active, not contaminants.

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What implication does the study have for Mars exploration?

- 1. Mars lacks geological structures similar to those on Earth.**
- 2. Life on Mars, if present, would only exist on its surface.**
- 3. Techniques used on Earth's rocks can help detect life in Martian subsurface rocks.**
- 4. Microorganisms on Mars are likely much younger than those on Earth.**

Options:

- A. 1**
- B. 2**
- C. 3**
- D. 4**

Answer: C

Solution:

The passage notes similarities between the Bushveld rocks and Martian rocks and suggests "the same techniques could identify life on Mars," implying methodological transfer to search for subsurface biosignatures there

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Why are the microbes described as "primitive in evolutionary terms"?

- 1. They evolved from Martian microorganisms.**
- 2. They lack DNA and structural complexity.**
- 3. They resemble Earth's earliest life forms in terms of adaptation.**
- 4. They were found in relatively young volcanic sediments**

Options:

- A. 1**
- B. 2**
- C. 3**
- D. 4**

Answer: C

Solution:

The passage calls the microbes “primitive in evolutionary terms” and says they offer clues about Earth’s earliest life forms and their evolution, implying their simplicity and adaptations parallel ancient life

Question9

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books one hardly ever encountered anymore. There were sixteen editions of Jane Eyre, twenty-two of The Pickwick Papers, and fifty of The Pilgrim's Progress. It was not famous, but it was unique; customers barely ever walked in, as it was so hidden away in a run-down neighborhood. Tabby, the black Tom, my only possession, and I, were only disturbed five times that we spent there. And we spent nearly an entire year at the shop.

The shop was my sanctuary. After the daily ordeal of school, I invariably called out to Tabby and set out for the shop, to read, read, read, with Tabby curled up around my legs.

Mr Mun-Chee's shop was not a new shop as _____ .

1. it was dusty
2. its paint was chipped
3. it was shabby
4. it had a green sign

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

The paragraph states “The paint was chipped at many places; you could barely see the second ‘s’,” which indicates that the shop was not new.

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The author was 'only disturbed five times' refers to the fact that_____ .

- 1. very few customers walked in**
- 2. the shop was 'another world'**
- 3. too many books were piled up**
- 4. it was in a run-down neighborhood**

Options:

- A. 1**
- B. 2**
- C. 3**
- D. 4**

Answer: A

Solution:

The paragraph says “customers barely ever walked in, as it was so hidden away in a run-down neighborhood,” followed by “only disturbed five times that we spent there,” linking the few interruptions to the scarcity of customers.

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The author felt 'at home' in the shop as it _____ .

- 1. had all varieties of books**
- 2. was unique**
- 3. was situated near his house**
- 4. was his sanctuary**

Options:

- A. 1**
- B. 2**
- C. 3**
- D. 4**

Answer: D

Solution:

The paragraph concludes, “The shop was my sanctuary,” directly explaining why the author felt “at home” there.

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The word 'Lexicon' means:-----

- 1. semantics**
- 2. syntax**
- 3. dictionary**
- 4. phonetics**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

In the paragraph, “lexicons” appear in a list of books alongside journals and biographies in a bookshop, so the word most appropriately means “**dictionary**.”

Meaning of the other options-

Semantics: study of meaning in language.

Syntax: study of sentence structure and word arrangement.

Phonetics: study of speech sounds and their production.

Question13

Select the verb form that most appropriately completes the following sentence:-

My sister _____ me once or twice since the time she moved to Athens.

1. was messaging
2. has messaged
3. has been messaging
4. had messaged

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

has messaged : Present Perfect shows an action started in the past and relevant now.

Why not others:

Has been messaging : implies ongoing activity, not occasional.

Was messaging : past continuous, no present link.

Had messaged : past perfect, for two past actions.

Question14

Choose the correct antonym for *Acquittal* from the options given below:-

1. confession

- 2. conviction
- 3. consent
- 4. concord

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Acquittal: legal judgment declaring a person not guilty.

Correct antonym: **Conviction** : formal declaration of guilt, opposite of acquittal.

Why not others:

Confession : personal admission, not a verdict.

Consent/Concord : mean agreement, unrelated to law.

Question15

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below:-

Film stars and models are known for their _____ style.

- 1. superior
- 2. frugal
- 3. taciturn
- 4. flamboyant

Options:

- A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: D

Solution:

Flamboyant : showy, stylish, attracts attention; fits film stars/models.

Why not others:

Superior : better in rank/quality, not style.

Frugal : economical, opposite of flashy.

Taciturn : reserved, unrelated to style.

Question16

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the given options:-

Research has proved the significance of leading a structured life with enormous evidence to prove that mental fatigue can actually_____ life.

1. produce

2. curtail

3. prolong

4. procure

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Curtail : to reduce or shorten; fits context of mental fatigue affecting life.

Why not others:

Produced : to make/create, irrelevant here.

Prolong : means to extend, opposite meaning.

Procure : to obtain, unrelated.

Question17

Rearrange the given parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

(A) and strengthens economic self-reliance

(B) manufacturing, creates jobs, encourages

(C) make in India promotes local

(D) innovation, attracts global investments

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

1. (D), (C), (B), (A)
2. (A), (D), (C), (B)
3. (B), (A), (D), (C)
4. (C), (B), (D), (A)

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: D

Solution:

Make in India promotes local manufacturing, creates jobs, encourages innovation, attracts global investments, and enhances economic self-reliance.

C-B : introduces the subject (Make in India) and main idea (promotes local manufacturing, creates jobs).

D : lists related outcomes (encourages innovation, attracts global investments).

A : concludes with ultimate goal (enhance economic self-reliance).

Question18

Choose the most appropriate antonym for ‘*Vitiate*’ from the options given below:-

- 1. Debase**
- 2. Activate**
- 3. Avenge**
- 4. Offend**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Activate : to make something start or function; *opposite of vitiate (spoil/weaken)*.

Why not others:

Debase : similar to vitiate, not opposite.

Avenge : revenge, unrelated.

Offend : hurt feelings, unrelated.

Question19

Rearrange the parts to form a meaningful sentence:-

(A) proportions, due to the adoption of urban

(B) vitamin D deficiency, driven to an epidemic

(C) as stress fractures and neurological issues

(D) lifestyles result in severe symptoms, such

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (C), (B), (A), (D)

2. (B), (A), (C), (D)

3. (B), (A), (D), (C)

4. (C), (B), (D), (A)

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

Vitamin D deficiency, driven to an epidemic proportions due to the adoption of urban lifestyles, result in severe symptoms, such as stress fractures and neurological issues.

B → introduces main topic: “Vitamin D deficiency...”

A → completes phrase: “driven to epidemic proportions due to...”

D → forms main clause: “lifestyles result in severe symptoms...”

C → specifies examples: “such as stress fractures and neurological issues.”

Question20

Choose the correct antonym for 'Infalliable' from the options given below:-

- 1. Unerring**
- 2. Flawed**
- 3. Impeccable**
- 4. Explicable**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Flawed : having faults or mistakes; *opposite of infallible (incapable of error)*.

Why not others:

Unerring (always correct), **Impeccable** (flawless, perfect) : synonyms of infallible.

Explicable : can be explained.

Question21

Select the appropriate word from the given options to complete the following sentence:-

The artist struggled with _____ the perfect shade of blue for the sky on his palette.

- 1. affecting**
- 2. creating**
- 3. adjusting**
- 4. extracting**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Adjusting : fine-tuning existing colors to achieve the desired shade.

Why not others:

Creating : making new, not refining.

Affecting : influencing, not relevant.

Extracting : removing/obtaining, unrelated.

Note: Confusing with creating, but context implies modifying, not making from scratch.

Question22

Rearrange the following parts into a meaningful sentence:-

(A) share a common broad template, there are

(B) someone is prone to certain diseases, or has a particular hair colour

(C) although most of the letters in our DNA are identical, and

(D) also a lot of person-specific changes in them, due to which

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A), (D), (C), (B)
2. (B), (D), (A), (C)
3. (B), (A), (C), (D)

4. (C), (A), (D), (B)

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: D

Solution:

Although most of the letters in our DNA are identical, there are a common broad template, and also a lot of person-specific changes in them, due to which someone is prone to certain diseases or has a particular hair color.

C → introduces contrast: DNA letters mostly identical.

A → states main idea: common broad template.

D → adds detail: person-specific changes.

B → concludes effect: susceptibility to diseases or hair color.

Question23

Rearrange the following parts into a meaningful sentence:-

(A) the writer lived and worked

(B) lack of substantial evidence

(C) the exact period in which

(D) cannot be ascertained due to

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A), (C), (B), (D)

2. (C), (D), (B), (A)

3. (C), (A), (D), (B)

4. (A), (B), (D), (C)

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

“The exact period in which the writer lived and worked cannot be ascertained due to lack of substantial evidence.”

C → introduces head noun phrase: “The exact period in which...”

A → completes relative clause: “the writer lived and worked.”

D → main predicate: “cannot be ascertained due to ...”

B → provides reason: “lack of substantial evidence.”

Question24

Fill in the blanks in List-I with the appropriate phrasal verbs from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal verbs)
(A) It is possible to ____ any job interview by just talking about your interests.	(I) get down
(B) It appears that the temperature will soon _____ to zero.	(II) get by
(C) In some organisations you never _____ the position for which you were hired.	(III) get back
(D) I have to _____ to London to complete my project that is now long overdue..	(IV) Get Beyond

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
2. (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
3. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: A

Solution:

A : **Get Down** : ruin/spoil a job interview

B : **Get By** : manage/survive

C : **Get Beyond** : surpass/exceed a position

D : **Get Back** : return to London

Question25

Rearrange the following parts into a meaningful sentence:-

(A) craftsmanship and profound spiritual depth, features

(B) ancient Indian architecture, celebrated for its intricate

(C) iconic temples, stupas, and forts that showcase

(D) a blend of artistic brilliance and advanced engineering

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (C), (A), (B), (D)
2. (B), (A), (D), (C)
3. (B), (C), (D), (A)
4. (C), (B), (D), (A)

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

Ancient Indian architecture, celebrated for its intricacy, showcases iconic temples, stupas, and forts, a blend of artistic brilliance and advanced engineering, features craftsmanship and profound spiritual depth.

B → introduces subject: “Ancient Indian architecture...”

C → specifies what it showcases: “iconic temples, stupas, and forts”

D → adds detail: “blend of artistic brilliance and advanced engineering”

A → concludes qualities: “features craftsmanship and profound spiritual depth”

Question26

Select the word opposite in meaning to the given word:-

Novice

1. Amateur
2. Expert
3. Artist
4. Priest

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Expert : highly skilled and experienced; *opposite of novice (inexperienced)*.

Why not others:

Amateur : similar to novice, not opposite.

Artist, Priest : unrelated to experience level.

Question27

Fill in the blank with the correct option:

I asked many people the way to the station but ____ of them had any clue about it.

- 1. none
- 2. some
- 3. few
- 4. everyone

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

None — not one or no one; fits the context of zero people knowing.

Why not others:

Some, Few : imply at least some knew, which is incorrect.

Everyone : opposite meaning, all knew.

Question28

Fill in the blank with the suitable word from the options given below:-

The company's growth was _____ by the adverse change in the market regulations.

- 1. augmented**
- 2. facilitated**
- 3. propelled**
- 4. hindered**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: D

Solution:

Hindered : obstructed or slowed growth; fits negative impact of regulation.

Why not others:

Augmented : increased, opposite meaning.

Facilitated : made easier, incorrect.

Propelled : pushed forward, positive effect, unsuitable.

Question29

Rearrange the following parts to make a meaningful sentence:-

- (A) role in scavenging dead organic materials and diseased**
- (B) population as well as aquatic plants and weeds**
- (C) according to environmentalists, the turtle plays a significant**
- (D) fish in the river, thereby controlling the fish**

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

- 1. (B), (D), (A), (C)**
- 2. (A), (B), (C), (D)**
- 3. (C), (A), (D), (B)**
- 4. (C), (B), (D), (A)**

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

According to environmentalists, the turtle plays a significant role in scavenging dead organic materials and diseased fish in the river, thereby controlling the fish population as well as aquatic plants and weeds.

(C) provides the subject and reporting frame.

(A) states the “significant role” the turtle plays.

(D) adds the consequence “thereby controlling”

(B) concludes by describing the broader impact on “fish population as well as aquatic plants and weeds.”

Question30

Select the synonym of the given word:-

Sporadic

1. Irregular
2. Consistent
3. Confident
4. Obscure

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

Irregular : occurring at uneven or unpredictable intervals; *synonym of sporadic*.

Why not others:

Consistent : opposite meaning.

Confident : unrelated.

Obscure : not matching context.

Question31

Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate expressions from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Expressions)
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(A) Her replies to the questions put to him _____ rudeness.	(I) resolved on
(B) She had strong reservations about his plan but not wanting to discourage him, she _____ it.	(II) embarked on
(C) They decided to think through the implications of their course of action before they _____ it.	(III) bordered on
(D) He _____ making one more attempt at passing his final in Mathematics.	(IV) concurred with

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
2. (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
3. (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)
4. (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: A

Solution:

A : bordered on (almost rude)

B : concurred with (agreed politely despite reservations)

C : embarked on (began/undertook action)

D : resolved on (firmly decided to act)

Question32

Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate prepositions from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Prepositions)
(A) The case was put _____ the judge.	(I) across
(B) She is suffering _____ fever.	(II) before
(C) A jeep hit him while he was going _____ the main road..	(III) among
(D) He is not popular _____ the students	(IV) from

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (I), (B) - (IV), (C) - (III), (D) - (II)
2. (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
3. (A) - (III), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (I)
4. (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:

A : before (case presented to judge)

B : from (suffer from an illness)

C : across (moving across the main road)

D : among (popularity measured among a group)

Question33

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

The _____ rumble of the thunder hinted at the approaching danger, filling the air with a sense of unease.

1. pretentious
2. contentious
3. tenuous
4. portentous

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: D

Solution:

Portentous : signaling or warning of something significant/threatening; fits the ominous thunder.

Why not others:

Pretentious : trying to impress, unrelated.

Contentious : causing arguments, irrelevant.

Tenuous : weak/insubstantial, doesn't convey danger.

Question34

Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate words from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Words)
(A) The word home often _____ warmth and security.	(I) denotes
(B) Years of playing guitar gave her a large _____ on her fingers.	(II) callous
(C) In grammar, an asterisk often _____ a footnote.	(III) connotes
(D) Ignoring the beggar on the street was a _____ act.	(IV) callus

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (II), (B) - (III), (C) - (I), (D) - (IV)
2. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
3. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
4. (A) - (I), (B) - (IV), (C) - (II), (D) - (III)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:

A : *connotes* (implies additional meaning/feeling)

B : *callus* (thickened skin)

C : *denotes* (indicates explicitly)

D : *callous* (insensitive or unfeeling)

Question35

Select the word closest in meaning to the word *Narcissism*-

- 1. Meanness
- 2. Self-love
- 3. Modesty
- 4. Magnanimity

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

Self-love : extreme admiration or interest in oneself; *synonym of narcissism*.

Why not others:

Meanness : stingy/cruel, unrelated.

Modesty : humility, opposite in meaning.

Magnanimity : generosity/nobility, unrelated.

Question36

Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate Phrasal verbs from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Phrasal Verbs)
(A) The evidence presented in the trial will certainly _____ his claims of innocence.	(I) beat out
(B) The storm began to _____ on the city, leaving behind widespread damage and power outages.	(II) bear on
(C) The small start-up managed to _____ its larger competitors by offering more innovative solutions and better customer service.	(III) bear out

(D) The new research findings could _____ our understanding of the disease and lead to better treatment options.

(IV) beat down

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
2. (A) - (III), (B)- (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
3. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
4. (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:

A - *bear out* (confirm/support claims)

B - *beat down* (fall heavily/strike with force)

C - *beat out* (surpass/defeat competitors)

D - *bear on* (have relevance/influence on findings)

Question37

Match the words given in List-I with their meanings given in List-II:-

List-I (Words)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) Divergent	(I) used to describe differences when one might be deceived by similarities
(B) Discrete	(II) often used for contrasting opinions or ideas
(C) Diverse	(III) used of different types of something
(D) Distinct	(IV) different and separate, not overlapping

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)
2. (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)
3. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:

Divergent : contrasting opinions/ideas

Discrete : separate, non-overlapping

Diverse : varied types/kinds

Distinct : clearly noticeable differences

Question38

Match the proverbs in List-I with their meanings in List-II:-

List-I (Proverbs)	List-II (Meanings)
(A) It's an ill bird that fouls its own nest	(I) People often blame their equipments for their failure or incompetence
(B) Never look a gift horse in the mouth	(II) People can have perfect intentions and still act wrongly or inappropriately
(C) The bad workman blames his tools	(III) Only a bad person would do something to harm his family or friends
(D) The road to hell is paved with good intentions	(IV) Never be ungrateful or critical of something that you have received as a gift or obtained by chance

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (IV), (B) - (I), (C) - (III), (D) - (II)
2. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
3. (A) - (II), (B) - (I), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)
4. (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:

A : 3 (harms own family/friends)

B : 4 (don't be ungrateful for a gift)

C : 1 (blames tools for failure)

Question39

Fill in the blanks in the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate idioms from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Idioms)
(A) We had to seek the intervention of his wife to _____ after he got into an altercation with the neighbours.	(I) chew the fat
(B) With so many apps launching every day, good mobile games have become _____. It's hard to find one that stands out.	(II) read the riot act
(C) After a long week at work, we planned to _____ with old friends and reminisce about good times over the weekend.	(III) pour oil on troubled waters
(D) The manager had to _____ to the team for their constant delay in submitting the reports warning them that it wouldn't be tolerated anymore.	(IV) a dime a dozen

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (IV), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (I)
2. (A) - (I), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (III)
3. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: D

Solution:

A : “pour oil on troubled waters” - calm a conflict

B : “a dime a dozen” - very common, easy to find

C : “chew the fat” - casual chatting/reminiscing

D : “read the riot act” - reprimand/warn severely

Question40

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below:-

The king _____ the throne voluntarily.

1. accessed
2. adopted
3. abdicated
4. abided

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

The correct word is ‘**abdicated**’, meaning to voluntarily give up a throne or position.

Accessed – to gain entry; incorrect.

Adopted – to take on; opposite of giving up.

Abided – to follow or tolerate; unrelated

Question41

Rearrange the following parts into a meaningful sentence:-

(A) narratives, often capturing royal, religious and nature scenes,

(B) vibrant colours, offer a unique glimpse into historical and cultural

(C) with a precision that makes each piece a work of art in itself

(D) miniature paintings, known for their intricate details and

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (D), (B), (A), (C)

2. (D), (A), (B), (C)

3. (B), (A), (D), (C)

4. (C), (B), (D), (A)

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

Miniature paintings, known for their intricate details and vibrant colors, offer a unique glimpse into historical and cultural narratives, often capturing royal, religious, and nature scenes, with a precision that makes each piece a work of art in itself.

D introduces the subject (Miniature paintings).

B presents the first quality (vibrant colors).

A adds the narrative content captured.

C concludes with the artistic precision.

Question42

Match the words given in List-I with the definitions from List-II:-

List-I (Words)	List-II (Definitions)
(A) Ophthalmologist	(I) A dentist who treats problems related to teeth and jaws
(B) Cardiologist	(II) A doctor who studies and treats kidney diseases
(C) Nephrologist	(III) A doctor who studies and treats diseases of the heart
(D) Orthodontist	(IV) A doctor who studies and treats diseases of the eyes

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (IV), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (I)
2. (A) - (I), (B) - (III), (C) - (II), (D) - (IV)
3. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: A

Solution:

(A) **Ophthalmologists** - specialize in eye and vision care.

(B) **Cardiologist** - deal with disorders of the heart and blood vessels.

(C) **Nephrologist** - focus on kidney health and diseases.

(D) **Orthodontist** - dental specialists specifically for teeth straightening and jaw alignment.

Question43

Rearrange the following parts into a meaningful sentence:-

(A) of minds of contemporary times

(B) this volume is a rich collection of the best

(C) cutting across boundaries and gender

(D) of insights and thoughts of the greatest

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (B), (A), (C), (D)

2. (B), (D), (A), (C)

3. (D), (B), (A), (C)

4. (D), (B), (C), (A)

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

This volume is a rich collection of the best of insights and thoughts of the greatest of minds of contemporary times, cutting across boundaries and gender.

B: Introduces the subject – “This volume is a rich collection of the best.”

D: Specifies the type of content – “of insights and thoughts of the greatest.”

A: Identifies whose minds – “of minds of contemporary times.”

C: Adds scope – “cutting across boundaries and gender.”

Question44

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the following sentence:-

The manager asked if they _____ complete the report by the end of the week

1. will
2. could
3. would
4. should

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: B

Solution:

'**could**'. - Used in reported speech after “asked” to maintain tense consistency

Other options:

Will: changes to would in reported speech, not suitable here.

Would: indicates willingness or future-in-the-past, not a polite inquiry.

Should: implies obligation, altering the intended meaning.

Question45

Identify the word closest in meaning to the word ‘Plaintive’ -

1. Joyful
2. Peaceful
3. Mournful
4. Triumphant

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

Plaintive = expressing sadness or sorrow. *Mournful closely matches this meaning.*

Other options:

Joyful = happy, opposite meaning.

Peaceful = calm, unrelated.

Triumphant = victorious, opposite in tone.

Question46

Identify the word closest in meaning to the underlined word:-

My boss is a ‘*fraudulent*’ character.

1. honest
2. innocent
3. transparent
4. deceptive

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: D

Solution:

Fraudulent = dishonest or intended to deceive. **Deceptive** closely matches this meaning.

Other options:

Honest = truthful, opposite meaning.

Innocent = free from guilt, unrelated.

Transparent = open and clear, unrelated.

Question47

Choose the antonym for Loquacity from the options given below:-

1. Impetuosity

2. Frivolity

3. Taciturnity

4. Superfluity

Options:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: C

Solution:

Loquacity = very talkative or chatty.

Taciturnity = habitually quiet or reserved, *the exact opposite*.

Other options:

Impetuosity = acting rashly.

Frivolity = lack of seriousness.

Superfluity = excess or redundancy.

Question48

Select the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:-

'You can't enter the building without showing your identity card', said the '*officious*' little man at the reception door.

1. Intrusive
2. Impetuous
3. Vicious
4. Respectful

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

Officious = overly eager to give unwanted help or advice → **intrusive**.

Other options:

Impetuous = rash, **Vicious** = cruel, **Respectful** = polite

Question49

Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below:-

Despite his best efforts, the team's failure was _____, given their lack of preparation.

- 1. inevitable
- 2. avoidable
- 3. improbable
- 4. optional

Options:

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Answer: A

Solution:

The sentence shows the team’s failure was unavoidable due to lack of preparation. **Inevitable** means certain or unavoidable, fitting perfectly.

Other options don’t match: **Avoidable** (could be prevented), **Improbable** (unlikely), **Optional** (a matter of choice).

Question50

Fill in the blanks in List-I with the appropriate homonyms from List-II:-

List-I (Sentences)	List-II (Homonyms)
(A) The team was forced to _____ the machine for transportation.	(I) descent
(B) Her attempts to _____ her true feelings were unsuccessful.	(II) dissent

(C) The plane's _____ was delayed due to bad weather.	(III) disassemble
(D) He was criticised for voicing his _____ during the debate.	(IV) disseble

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:-

1. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (III), (D) - (IV)
2. (A) - (III), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I), (D) - (II)
3. (A) - (I), (B) - (II), (C) - (IV), (D) - (III)
4. (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

Options:

A.

1

B.

2

C.

3

D.

4

Answer: B

Solution:

A: **disassemble** – take apart the machine for transport.

B: **dissemble** – hide or disguise true feelings.

C: **descent** – downward movement of the plane.

D: **dissent** – express disagreement in debate.
