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- (1) on a national highway
- (2) inside a forest
- (3) on a city road
- (4) over a long bridge

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The word 'scrawny' means :

- (1) old
- (2) muscular
- (3) thin
- (4) healthy-looking

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The old man's intentions seem to be to :

- (1) rob them
- (2) help them
- (3) attack them
- (4) chat with them

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Swinging his lantern in the middle of the road, the old man looked like :

- (1) an angel
- (2) a ghost
- (3) a demon
- (4) a robot

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The passage has been extracted from :

- (1) a play
- (2) an essay
- (3) a short story
- (4) a report

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Which word is opposite in meaning to 'feeble'?

- (1) strong
- (2) ineffective
- (3) muscular
- (4) wrestler

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What was the old man's response on finding the car damaged ?

- (1) He offered to repair the damaged car.
- (2) He remained indifferent to the plight of the stranded passengers.
- (3) He proposed to get a mechanic to repair the car.
- (4) He asked the stranded passengers to spend the night there.

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The passage portrays 'Uncle' as :

- (1) an arrogant person
- (2) an affectionate person
- (3) a selfish person
- (4) an irresponsible person

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The relationship between 'Uncle' and the narrator was like that of :

- (1) a father and a son
- (2) a master and a servant
- (3) two neighbours
- (4) two friends

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What was the Uncle's reaction when he saw the narrator muttering imaginary prayers ?

- (1) He was jubilant.
- (2) He was sceptical.
- (3) He felt angry.
- (4) He was indifferent.

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What does the word 'circumscribed' mean ?

- (1) long-winded
- (2) restricted
- (3) denied
- (4) neglected

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Who do you think is the writer of the passage ?

- (1) Shakespeare
- (2) Milton
- (3) Keats
- (4) R.K. Narayan

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How will you describe Aunt's attitude towards the young narrator ?

- (1) indifferent
- (2) affectionate
- (3) hostile
- (4) respectful

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Why did the young man look worried ?

- (1) He had neglected his studies
- (2) He had spent a lot of time on sports
- (3) He had been wasting time in visiting markets
- (4) He had not fared well in the examination.

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What was the topic of discussion among the students ?

- (1) The English Literature paper
- (2) A picnic they were planning
- (3) A fight that had taken place among them
- (4) The political scenario in the country

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How had 'the optimistic and chubby girl' fared in the examination ?

- (1) She had done just so so
- (2) She had done badly
- (3) She had done very well
- (4) She had left the sheets blank

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What was the examinees' estimation of the question paper ?

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- (2) That it was out of syllabus
- (3) That it was just average
- (4) That it was tough

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What was Lata's dilemma while returning home after examination ?

- (1) That her family will not be interested in how she had fared.
- (2) That her family will be asking questions about how she had fared.
- (3) That her family will ignore her
- (4) That her family will come to know about her meeting a youngster.

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The word 'to pester' means

- (1) to welcome
- (2) to like
- (3) to annoy
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'A post-mortem of the paper was being held....' what figure of speech is being used here ?

- (1) alliteration
- (2) metaphor
- (3) simile
- (4) paradox

21. Here is a letter to a friend who has recently met with an accident. The sentences have got jumbled up. Rearrange the sentences to make its contents coherent :
1. I was awfully sorry to hear it.
 2. How did the unfortunate thing happen?
 3. Please take complete rest and proper medicines to recover soon.
 4. Some friends have told me that you met with an accident.
- (1) 4, 1, 2, 3
 - (2) 4, 3, 2, 1
 - (3) 2, 3, 1, 4
 - (4) 3, 4, 2, 1
22. Here is a letter to the authorities complaining that there are frequent breakdowns in electricity supply in your area. The sentences have got jumbled up. Rearrange the sentences to make the complaint coherent :
1. I am a resident of House No.X, Colony Y of Kolkata.
 2. Please direct the concerned officers to set things right at the earliest.
 3. There are frequent breakdown in electricity supply in our area causing great inconvenience to the residents.
 4. Past complaints in this regard have gone unattended.
- (1) 2, 3, 4, 1
 - (2) 1, 3, 4, 2
 - (3) 3, 2, 4, 1
 - (4) 1, 2, 3, 4
23. You are writing a letter to your father. How will you address him ?
- (1) Dear Sir
 - (2) Sir
 - (3) Dear Father
 - (4) Father
24. You are writing a letter to the CEO of a company. How will you close the letter ?
- (1) Yours affectionately
 - (2) Your sincere friend
 - (3) Your ardent well-wisher
 - (4) Yours truly

25. In the situation vacant column in a local newspaper, sentences have got jumbled up. Put them in the right order :
1. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.
 2. Should have at least 10 years of experience in an export house.
 3. Urgently required a qualified CA for an export oriented company based in NOIDA
 4. Apply within 10 days to the Export Manager of the company on the given address.
- (1) 3, 2, 1, 4
 - (2) 2, 1, 3, 4
 - (3) 4, 3, 2, 1
 - (4) 1, 2, 3, 4
26. **In the following sentence, fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions from the given options :**
- Being an egoist, he feels he is not answerable _____ anyone.
- (1) towards
 - (2) to
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
27. **In the following sentence, fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions from the given options :**
- I am really astonished _____ his behaviour.
- (1) for
 - (2) in
 - (3) with
 - (4) at
28. **In the following sentence, fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions from the given options :**
- She feels she has to catch up _____ a lot of gossip that has been taking place around her.
- (1) for
 - (2) in
 - (3) with
 - (4) at
29. **In the following sentence, fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions from the given options :**
- After he was apprehended, the police charged him _____ a number of offences.
- (1) for
 - (2) in
 - (3) on
 - (4) with

30. In the following sentence, fill in the blank with appropriate prepositions from the given options :

I prefer home-made food _____ junk food freely available around us.

- (1) to
- (2) with
- (3) from
- (4) for

31. In the following question, choose the best option in which the direct form of narration has been changed into its indirect form :

He said to me, 'You have made a serious mistake in the essay you wrote.'

- (1) He told me that he had made a serious mistake in the essay that he had written.
- (2) He told me that I had made a serious mistake in the essay that I had written.
- (3) He told me that I am making a serious mistake in my essay.
- (4) He told me that I made a serious mistake in the essay I wrote.

32. In the following question, choose the best option in which the direct form of narration has been changed into its indirect form :

The postman said to me, 'Your parcel has been lying in the post-office for a long time.?'

- (1) The postman told me that for a long time my parcel had been lying in the post-office.
- (2) The postman told me that my parcel had been lying in the post-office for a long time.
- (3) The postman told me that his parcel was lying in the post-office for a long time.
- (4) The postman informed me that my parcel was lying in the post-office for a long time.

33. In the following question, choose the best option in which the direct form of narration has been changed into its indirect form :

'I have acted, wrongly and deserve punishment for it', the thief confessed.

- (1) That he had acted wrongly and deserved punishment for it the thief confessed.
- (2) The thief confessed that he had been acting wrongly and deserved punishment for it.
- (3) The thief confessed that he had acted wrongly and deserved punishment for it.
- (4) The thief said that he acted wrongly and deserves punishment for it.

34. In the following question, choose the best option in which the direct form of narration has been changed into its indirect form :

He said to me, 'Will you be finishing this novel next week' ?

- (1) He asked me if it would be possible for me to finish the novel next week.
- (2) He asked me if I would be finishing that novel next week.
- (3) He asked me if he would be finishing the novel next week.
- (4) He asked me if I am finishing the novel next week.

35. In the following question, choose the best option in which the direct form of narration has been changed into its indirect form :

The teacher asked Ram angrily, 'Why have you come to the class without homework'?

- (1) The teacher asked me angrily why had he come to the class without homework.
- (2) The teacher asked me angrily whether he had been going to the class without homework.
- (3) The teacher asked me angrily why he had gone to the class without homework.
- (4) The teacher asked me angrily if he had come to the class without homework.

36. In the following sentence, choose the best option in which the voice has been changed correctly :

A speeding bus knocked down a poor, blind beggar.

- (1) A poor, blind beggar has been knocked down by a speeding bus.
- (2) A poor, blind beggar was knocked down by a vehicle.
- (3) A poor, blind beggar had been knocked down by a speeding bus.
- (4) A poor, blind beggar was knocked down by a speeding bus.

37. In the following sentence, choose the best option in which the voice has been changed correctly :

Some economists still oppose equal pay for equal work.

- (1) Equal pay for equal work is still being opposed by some economists.
- (2) Equal pay for equal work is still opposed by some economists.
- (3) Equal pay for equal work was still opposed by some economists.
- (4) Equal pay for equal work still opposed by some economists?

38. In the following sentence, choose the best option in which the voice has been changed correctly :

Did you return the book to the library ?

- (1) Was the book returned to the library by you ?
- (2) Had the book been returned to the library by you ?
- (3) Was the book by you returned to the library ?
- (4) Has the book been returned to the library ?

39. In the following sentence, choose the best option in which the voice has been changed correctly :

The news greatly distressed the members of the family.

- (1) The members of the family had been greatly distressed by the news.
- (2) The members of the family were greatly distressed by the news.
- (3) Were the members of the family greatly distressed by the news ?
- (4) The members of the family were greatly distressed when they heard the news.

40. In the following sentence, choose the best option in which the voice has been changed correctly :

Did they ever consult you on the matter ?

- (1) Were you ever consulted on the matter ?
- (2) Were you on the matter ever consulted by them ?
- (3) Were you ever consulted on the matter by them ?
- (4) Were they ever consulted on the matter by you ?

41. Choose the appropriate verbal form from the given options to fill in the blank provided :

She _____ from fever for the last many days.

- (1) has been suffered
- (2) had suffered
- (3) has been suffering
- (4) is suffering

42. Choose the appropriate verbal form from the given options to fill in the blank provided :

There is hardly anything that we _____ in the present circumstances.

- (1) do
- (2) will be doing
- (3) will have done
- (4) can do

43. Choose the appropriate verbal form from the given options to fill in the blank provided :

If I were the Prime Minister, I _____ poverty from the country in no time.

- (1) will have eradicated
- (2) will eradicate
- (3) would eradicate
- (4) eradicated

44. Choose the appropriate verbal form from the given options to fill in the blank provided :

_____ that the family we met in Benaras last month ?

- (1) Aren't
- (2) Wasn't
- (3) Weren't
- (4) Were

45. Choose the appropriate verbal form from the given options to fill in the blank provided :

Inflation rate _____ a steady rise since the beginning of the year.

- (1) is making
- (2) has been making
- (3) had been making
- (4) was making

46. The following sentence has been divided into four parts ____ 1, 2, 3, 4 ____ one of which has an error. identify the part which contains the error.

Being a scorching day/ we had to postpone/ our journey/ to the next day.

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(1) (1)

(2) (2)

(3) (3)

(4) (4)

47. The following sentence has been divided into four parts ____ 1, 2, 3, 4 ____ one of which has an error. identify the part which contains the error.

Rahul Dravid/ is a batsman/ par excellence,/ isn't it ?

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(1) (1)

(2) (2)

(3) (3)

(4) (4)

48. The following sentence has been divided into four parts ____ 1, 2, 3, 4 ____ one of which has an error. identify the part which contains the error.

Unless you work/ day or night,/ you will not clear/ the competitive examination.

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(1) (1)

(2) (2)

(3) (3)

(4) (4)

49. The following sentence has been divided into four parts ____ 1, 2, 3, 4 ____ one of which has an error. identify the part which contains the error.

We watched/ the thief/ to disappear/ among the bushes.

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(1) (1)

(2) (2)

(3) (3)

(4) (4)

50. The following sentence has been divided into four parts ____ 1, 2, 3, 4 ____ one of which has an error. identify the part which contains the error.

I asked my friend/ why was he/ looking/ so sad and crestfallen.

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(1) (1)

(2) (2)

(3) (3)

(4) (4)

51. In the following question, a sentence has been broken into parts and the parts have been scrambled and numbered. Choose the correct order of these parts from the given alternatives.
1. he tore up the affectionate letter
 2. that his mother
 3. in a fit of anger
 4. had written to him
- (1) 3, 2, 1, 4
 - (2) 3, 1, 2, 4
 - (3) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - (4) 4, 3, 2, 1
52. In the following question, a sentence has been broken into parts and the parts have been scrambled and numbered. Choose the correct order of these parts from the given alternatives.
1. who wanted to swindle his money
 2. the men who approached him.
 3. were plain fraudsters.
 4. seeking his help for a cause.
- (1) 3, 2, 1, 4
 - (2) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - (3) 2, 3, 1, 4
 - (4) 2, 4, 3, 1
53. In the following question, a sentence has been broken into parts and the parts have been scrambled and numbered. Choose the correct order of these parts from the given alternatives.
1. launched a search operation,
 2. buried in a ditch close to his house.
 3. when the police party
 4. it found his body
- (1) 3, 1, 4, 2
 - (2) 2, 3, 1, 4
 - (3) 4, 3, 2, 1
 - (4) 4, 2, 3, 1
54. In the following question, a sentence has been broken into parts and the parts have been scrambled and numbered. Choose the correct order of these parts from the given alternatives.
1. lying unattended in the field
 2. riding across the battle field
 3. hundreds of dead bodies
 4. the brave warrior saw
- (1) 2, 4, 3, 1
 - (2) 4, 3, 2, 1
 - (3) 1, 2, 3, 4
 - (4) 2, 3, 4, 1

55. In the following question, a sentence has been broken into parts and the parts have been scrambled and numbered. Choose the correct order of these parts from the given alternatives.
1. of their cash and valuables
 2. when the robbers struck
 3. and looted the remaining hotel inmates
 4. they had left the hotel.
- (1) 4, 2, 3, 1
 - (2) 2, 3, 1, 4
 - (3) 3, 2, 1, 4
 - (4) 1, 2, 3, 4
56. Choose one-word substitute for the following expression :
A speech delivered without preparation :
- (1) verbose
 - (2) extempore
 - (3) rehearsed
 - (4) unedited
57. Choose one-word substitute for the following expression :
Scientific study of poison :
- (1) virology
 - (2) entomology
 - (3) ornithology
 - (4) toxicology
58. Choose one-word substitute for the following expression :
One who hates women :
- (1) antagonist
 - (2) recluse
 - (3) misanthrope
 - (4) misogynist
59. Choose one-word substitute for the following expression :
Speaking aloud to oneself in a play :
- (1) statement
 - (2) soliloquy
 - (3) monologue
 - (4) dialogue
60. Choose one-word substitute for the following expression :
People assembled at a religious event :
- (1) convention
 - (2) assembly
 - (3) congregation
 - (4) gathering

61. For which of the following works was Ruskin Bond charged with obscenity ?
- (1) The Blue Umbrella
 - (2) Too much Trouble
 - (3) The Sensualist
 - (4) Once upon a Monsoon Time
62. In Vikram Seth's An Equal Music in which European city did Michael meet Julia ?
- (1) Vienna
 - (2) Madrid
 - (3) Amsterdam
 - (4) Paris
63. Who is the young girl in search of a husband in Vikram Seth's A Suitable Boy ?
- (1) Lata
 - (2) Meera
 - (3) Abha
 - (4) Tara
64. Apart from writing in English which other language has been used by the South Asian writer Jhumpa Lahiri ?
- (1) German
 - (2) French
 - (3) Polish
 - (4) Italian
65. Which noted Latin American author served as his country's ambassador to India ?
- (1) Miguel Angel Austurias
 - (2) Octavio Paz
 - (3) Pablo Neruda
 - (4) Gabriela Mistral
66. Which Latin American poet asked the question :
"If all rivers are sweet/where does the sea get its salt"?
- (1) Pablo Nerude
 - (2) Gabriela Mistral
 - (3) Jose Marti
 - (4) Octavio Paz
67. Joseph K. in Franz Kafka's The Trial works in a :
- (1) shop
 - (2) bank
 - (3) minstry
 - (4) parking lot

68. Who is the narrator of Ernest Hemingway's The Sun Also Rises ?
- (1) Bill Gorton
 - (2) Jack Barnes
 - (3) Robert Cohn
 - (4) Mike Campbell
69. Which European city was chosen by Ernest Hemingway after his first marriage ?
- (1) Vienna
 - (2) Paris
 - (3) London
 - (4) Berlin
70. Who is Dave Singleman in Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman ?
- (1) Willy's successful brother
 - (2) The man to whom Biff applied for a loan
 - (3) The greatest salesman Willy ever knew
 - (4) Willy's petulant boss
71. Which character is a victim of psychological repression in Nathaniel Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter ?
- (1) Arthur Dimmesdale
 - (2) Roger Chillingworth
 - (3) Richard Bellingham
 - (4) John Wilson
72. Who is the speaker in Wole Soyinka's "Telephone Conversation" talking to ?
- (1) the landlord
 - (2) the landlady
 - (3) the policeman
 - (4) the booking agent
73. In Wole Soyinka's "Telephone Conversation" who says, "That's dark, isn't it ?" ?
- (1) the first-person narrator
 - (2) the landlady
 - (3) the neighbour
 - (4) the sister
74. Dr. Aziz is a major character in E.M. Forster's..... :
- (1) A Passage to India
 - (2) Howards End
 - (3) A Room With a View
 - (4) Where Angels Fear to Tread

75. Who created the immortal character of Sherlock Holmes ?
- (1) Agatha Christie
 - (2) Arthur Conan Doyle
 - (3) R.L. Stevenson
 - (4) Satyajit Ray
76. Who is the most prominent poet of the Metaphysical School of poetry ?
- (1) George Herbert
 - (2) Andrew Marvell
 - (3) John Donne
 - (4) T.S. Eliot
77. 'Because I could not stop for death' is a poem written by..... :
- (1) Virginia Woolf
 - (2) Emily Dickinson
 - (3) Christina Rossetti
 - (4) Sylvia Plath
78. John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' can be described as.... :
- (1) a satire
 - (2) an allegory
 - (3) a fantasy
 - (4) an autobiography
79. Who said: 'Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.'
- (1) Keats
 - (2) Coleridge
 - (3) Browning
 - (4) Shelley
80. Which Indian woman poet is known as 'The Nightingale of India'?
- (1) Kamala Das
 - (2) Sarojini Naidu
 - (3) Amrita Pritam
 - (4) Mahadevi Verma