English Previous Year Paper 2024

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English

Q1 Re-arrange the following phrases in the right sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

(A) for seven hours but was hardly

(B) because of the absence of any motivation

(C) able to decide who the murderer was

(D) she worked on the case

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) (A), (C), (D), (B)

(B) (D), (A), (C), (B)

(C) (D), (C), (B), (A)

(D) (A), (B), (C), (D)

Q2 Choose the correct preposition:

"The students decided to sit _____ the library to complete their group project in a quieter environment."

(A) beside (B) on

(C) in (D) under

Q3 Match the words in List-I with their definitions in List-II:

List-I (Words)		List-II (Definitions)	
A.	Theocracy	(I)	One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions.
B.	Megalomania	(II)	One who collects and studies objects or artistic works from the distant past.
C.	Apothecary	(III)	A government by divine guidance or religious leaders.
D.	Antiquarian	(IV)	A morbid delusion of one's power, importance or godliness.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

Q4 Fill in the blank with the correct option.

A small _____ between two children ended up as a group fight.

(A) altercation (B) match

(C) contest (D) race

Q5 Replace the underlined word with the most appropriate SYNONYM.

For some time now, we've been toying with the idea of transferring all our business from physical to online sales only.

(A) launch (B) showing
(C) considering (D) careful

Q6 Select the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

At first the workers were agreeable to the proposals of their Manager, but later they were reconciled to the new proposals.

(A) resistant (B) estranged
(C) cooperate (D) agreed

Q7 Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate words given in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Words)	
(A)	She was able to give a _____ explanation in the court for her presence near the crime scene.	(I)	collaborate/d
(B)	The Rockland Hospital _____ with AIIMS to conduct a free cancer screening camp.	(II)	corroborate/ing
(C)	Though she has shown only 4% improvement in achieving her target yet her efforts are _____.	(III)	credible
(D)	The doctors give the prognosis by _____ their diagnosis with several tests.	(IV)	creditable

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

Q8 Fill in the blank with the correct option.

Most of the guests arrived for the concert _____ bus.

(A) by (B) with
(C) from (D) through

Q9 Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.

Why did you make that flippant remark about her choice of clothes?

(A) sarcastic (B) disrespectful
(C) casual (D) indifferent

Q10 Select the word **OPPOSITE** in meaning to the underlined word.

The thief **showed** his disbelief when informed that his partner had been arrested.

(A) displayed (B) concealed
(C) battled (D) marked

Q11 Fill in the blank with the correct option.

The President finally had to _____ the demands of the public for his resignation.

(A) ignore (B) initiate
(C) accede to (D) condone

Q12 Re-arrange the following parts of a sentence in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

(A) for organizations which provide
(B) services to customers on a face-to-face basis,
(C) employees with whom they deal is very important
(D) the quality of the relationship between customers and

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) (A), (B), (D), (C)
(B) (C), (A), (B), (D)
(C) (B), (D), (A), (C)
(D) (D), (A), (C), (B)

Q13 Re-arrange the following parts of a sentence in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

(A) as a concept fundamental to
(B) especially with the injunction to treat equals equally
(C) justice is associated with the notion of equity and equality,
(D) ethical theory and political philosophy,

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) (D), (B), (C), (A)
(B) (C), (A), (B), (D)
(C) (B), (A), (D), (C)
(D) (A), (D), (C), (B)

Q14 Match the idiom in List-I with their meanings in List-II:

List-I (Idioms)		List-II (Meanings)	
(A)	blow the gaff	(I)	feel unable to deal with something
(B)	at the end of your tether	(II)	feel terribly ashamed and embarrassed
(C)	be full of beans	(III)	divulge a secret
(D)	want to curl up and die	(IV)	be full of energy

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

Q15 Match the blanks in List-I with the Prepositions in List-II:

List I (Sentences)		List II (Preposition)	
(A)	The edited version of her article is indistinguishable _____ her first version.	(I)	With
(B)	I just don't feel any affinity_____ his prose style. It's too caustic.	(II)	To
(C)	Her ideas are not all that dissimilar_____ mine.	(III)	For
(D)	It would be wrong to mistake his diffidence _____ his arrogance or coldness.	(IV)	From

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

Q16 Re-arrange the parts in their correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence:

(A) students with tools for critical thinking

(B) cooperative learning is an

(C) that enhances creativity and provides

(D) eclectic and unique teaching method

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) (A), (C), (B), (D)

(B) (B), (D), (C), (A)

(C) (A), (D), (C), (B)

(D) (C), (B), (D), (A)

Direction (17 - 22) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Direction: Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow:

When I was in my late teens and still undecided about which language I should write in, he told me that the language one is born into, one's mother tongue, can be the only possible medium of creative expression. For most of his life, my father, Sripat Rai, had been a Hindi editor and critic. Off and on, he translated writings into English from Hindi. He was fond of saying that a failed writer becomes a critic. The weight of his literary expectation came, eventually, to rest on me. He seemed happy that I was showing an inclination for writing. "She'll go far," he told my mother after reading the first story that I sent him from Melbourne. My father's pronouncement on the mother tongue stayed with me when I later started writing fiction in Hindi. Another thing that I barely acknowledged even to myself was that I felt something like shame whenever I thought of writing in English. It seemed wrong for a granddaughter of Premchand even to be thinking so. Our family had a certain linguistic pride. I knew that Premchand was famous, but I had not at that time realized the extent of his popularity.

The fact that I was the granddaughter of Premchand followed me everywhere. Everyone had a story to tell about their personal engagement with his fiction - the shopkeeper, the long-time cook in my father's Delhi house, a tea vendor, etc. The list was long, for there was practically no one who had not read something by him that had moved them. However, it was this very ubiquity, the reverence and love that he inspired in people, that made of him something too large for me to comprehend in the early years of my life. It led also to the strange feeling that, without having read him and just by being related to him, I had somehow inhaled his writing. The reading happened much later.

Q17 The author grew up with the expectation that she would take up_____

Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.

(A) editorship of a magazine.
(B) translation of literary pieces.
(C) creative writing.
(D) the job of a critic.

Q18 When the father said, "She will go far," he meant that _____

Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.

(A) she will travel widely.
(B) she will achieve great heights in life.
(C) she will go too for, one of these days.
(D) she will settle in a far-off place.

Q19 Choose a statement which is bold true with respect to the passage:

(A) The author felt pressurized to write in Hindi because of her father.
(B) She felt obligated to carry on the legacy of Premchand.
(C) Her family was chauvinistic about the Hindi language.
(D) She was in awe of the extensive reach of her grandfather's writings.

Q20 Premchand became too large for her to understand mainly because of _____

(A) his ability to connect with people from all walks of life.
(B) the fact that she feared him.
(C) the kind of love and reverence that he inspired in people.
(D) her constant anxiety of failing him.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(A) (A) and (D) only.
(B) (A) and (C) only.
(C) (B) and (C) only.
(D) (C) and (D) only.

Q21 "Inhaled his writing" refers to:
Choose the correct option from the following:
(A) imbibing his style subconsciously.
(B) being compelled to write like him.
(C) being influenced by what people said about him.
(D) her father's expectation from her.

Q22 Choose the correct meaning of the word "Ubiquity" as it appears in the passage:
(A) Occasional (B) Restricted
(C) Omnipresence (D) Unwanted

Direction (23 - 28) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.
Direction: Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow:

Free will is the ability to decide and act free from any influence of past events or environment. It implies complete freedom to make any choice absolutely. We clearly don't have free will. Our decisions and actions are never divorced from our past. We have a conditioned mind. Our memories, past impressions and experiences bias and shape our thoughts and actions in the present. It is our karmic imprint. Not just what we are born with, but also what we accumulate while living. We can consider it as the result of our genetic code, upbringing and environment. It's our backstory. The only way to experience free will is to get rid of all such conditioning; to neutralise our karmic imprint; to be independent of our psychological coding. That's possible only if we can purify our mind by letting go of all our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs. Then we can reside in the truth of our being. The above is an exacting definition of free will. What we commonly mean by free will is that we have a choice in most situations like, who you choose to marry, what profession you pursue or how you react to someone's aggression. Sounds reasonable.

But here's the catch. Our ability to make that choice too is significantly restricted, dictated by our predispositions. This applies even to our ability to bring about change within ourselves. Despite a strong resolve to be calmer, kinder or less anxious, our ability to manifest that change depends, partly on our emotional and mental wiring. That's why some people succeed in such efforts more than the others. If you wish to expand the scope of your agency, explore ways to engage in sustained

inner work, deepen your self- awareness, examine and reform your conditioned beliefs. But then, I wonder if your inclination to embark on that journey too depends on your current karmic coding.

Q23 The author argues that humans don't have "free will" because _____.
Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.
(A) our decisions are shaped by past events and environmental influences.
(B) we are born with pre-determined choices that we are forced to make.
(C) we are always dictated by our mind to make irrational choices.
(D) human beings are born slaves of social constructs and expectations.

Q24 "Karmic imprint" referred to in the passage implies _____.
Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.
(A) the ability to bring about change in oneself.
(B) our genetic code, upbringing and environment.
(C) the truth of our being, our individuality.
(D) the wrong doings and vices of our past lives.

Q25 "Free will" can be experienced if _____
Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.
(A) we embrace our past experiences and conditioning.
(B) we make choices without considering the consequences.
(C) we let go of our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs.
(D) we accumulate more and more karmic imprints.

Q26 The author proves that the idea of "free will" is a myth by suggesting that _____
Fill in the blank with the correct option to complete the sentence.
(A) our ability to make a choice is restricted by our predispositions.
(B) we are unable to bring a change in ourselves.
(C) our choices are solely guided by the current environment.
(D) our choices are completely independent of past events and our genetic code.

Q27 What does the author propose as a means to expand the scope of one's agency?
Choose the correct option.
(A) Making choices frequently and impulsively.
(B) Engaging in sustained inner work and self-awareness.
(C) Holding on to fixed beliefs and stringent mindsets.
(D) Ignoring one's past experiences and dispositions.

Q28 What do you think could be a suitable title for this passage?
Choose the most appropriate option.
(A) Definition of "Free Will".
(B) Our backstory - key to a successful life.
(C) Do human beings really have "Free Will"?
(D) Making Choices - Every Man's Prerogative.

Direction (29 - 34) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.
Direction: Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow:

On a chilly winter evening, nothing warms you up better than a cup of hot cocoa. Chocolate was first consumed in liquid form by the Olmec people of northwestern Central America around 1500 BCE. It was even enjoyed by the Aztec Emperor Montezuma, and the Aztec word for it (xocoatl, pronounced shok-kwah-tl) evolved into the English word chocolate. But the Aztecs didn't serve their cocoa hot. And since sugar had not yet arrived from Europe, back then, the drink was often flavoured with peppers and spices. It may not have been quite as indulgent as today's version, but it was more palatable if you believed, as the Aztecs did, that chocolate was a gift from the Gods and had healing properties.

After the Spanish arrived in the Americas in the 1500s, liquid chocolate made its way across the pond, where wealthy Europeans added sugar and drank it warm. In Chocolate: History, Culture and Heritage, author Bertram Gordon says hot chocolate became "the beverage of the aristocracy," as sugar was still a luxury. Soon enough, though, hot chocolate caught on with the masses. Chocolate houses — a cross between cafes and casinos — started popping up around 17th century Europe. In these lively places, hot chocolate was poured from gilded pots into elegant cups (for a posh experience, one can still find it today at the famed Parisian tearoom Angelina's, which is also in New York City). But by the end of the 18th century, chocolate houses had mostly died off, partly because the cost of chocolate was much higher than that of coffee or tea. Taking a tour of international cups of cocoa, Italians serve it like a thick pudding. Colombians serve it with a dollop of soft
cheese while Mexicans punch it up with vanilla, chilli powder and cinnamon. And Filipinos serve it with mango chunks.

Q29 Cocoa was first introduced by the _____
(A) American people.
(B) Olmec people.
(C) Aztec people.
(D) Spanish people

Q30 The Aztec people made their cocoa palatable by _____
(A) serving it cold.
(B) adding sugar to the drink.
(C) spiking it with spices.
(D) drinking it as a medicine.

Q31 Why did hot chocolate become "the beverage of the aristocracy" in Europe?
(A) The essential ingredient was out of reach of the commoners.
(B) The Queen had a marked chocolate maker.
(C) Only wealthy Europeans could buy it.
(D) It was being consumed by the pharma companies.

Q32 The Chocolate Houses didn't survive past the 18th century as _____
(A) people preferred tea/coffee to hot chocolate.
(B) it catered to the not so elite of the society.
(C) chocolate was costlier than tea or coffee.
(D) the supply of cocoa dwindled over the years.

Q33 Choose the correct statement from the following:
(A) Italians serve hot chocolate flavoured with spices.

(B) Mexicans serve hot chocolate topped with a dollop of cream.
(C) Colombians serve hot chocolate topped with a dollop of cheese.
(D) Filipinos served hot chocolate flavoured with peppers.

Q34 Choose the correct meaning of the underlined expression in the following sentence:

Soon enough, though, hot chocolate caught on with the masses.

(A) was readily available in cafes
(B) became popular among the commoners
(C) hot chocolate did not appeal to people
(D) masses got attracted to the rich experience of drinking hot chocolate

Direction (35 - 40) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Direction: Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow:

Coffee's genetic make-up is no trivial concern: 10 million tonnes of the crop were grown and sold in 2022-23. The coffee that we drink comes from two species: Coffea Canephora, which is also known as Robusta and Coffea Arabica, known as Arabica. In many cases, beans from the two species are blended to make a brew. But the beans of single species are also roasted and sold.

Overall, Arabica beans represent around 56% of all coffee sold. Most genetic variation in living organisms comes from hybridization with other species. However, this is a relatively rare event for Coffea Arabica because it has more than two copies of each chromosome – a phenomenon called polyploidy. Coffea Canephora has two copies of each chromosome, but Coffea Arabica contains multiple copies. This makes it much more difficult for Arabica to interbreed with other species. As a result, Coffea Arabica's main source of single nucleotide variation is mutation, which occurs at a steady rate over time. However, the species is also relatively young, having formed as a hybrid of Robusta and Coffea Eugenioides – another coffee species that is not widely cultivated – within the past 50,000 years. From that single plant, which has basically no variation, you create the whole species, and then the variation is only the novel mutations that have occurred since that event.

Despite this, there is substantial variation in the physical characteristics of the Arabica coffee plant, including different flavour profiles in the beans and variations in disease resistance, says emeritus geneticist Juan

Medrano at the UC Davis Coffee Center at the University of California, Davis. "We're always talking about low variability at the DNA level, but there is variability at the structural level, at the chromosomal level, at the level of deletions... and insertions," Medrano says.

Q35 Which of the following varieties of coffee is the most sold in the world?
(A) Coffea Canephora
(B) Coffea Arabica
(C) Coffea Eugenioides
(D) A blend of Coffea Canephora and Coffea Arabica

Q36 Which of the following species of coffee has more than two copies of each chromosome?
(A) Arabica
(B) Robusta
(C) Coffea Eugenioides
(D) A blend of Arabica and Robusta

Q37 Which of the following statements is true about Coffea Arabica?
(A) Hybridization is the main source of its genetic variation.
(B) It has only two copies of each chromosome.
(C) It displays the phenomenon of polyploidy.
(D) It is easily interbred with other species.

Q38 Which of the following species of coffee developed only in the last 50,000 years?
(A) Coffea Canephora (B) Coffea Eugenioides
(C) Arabica (D) Robusta

Q39 Which of the following types of variability is not very high for Coffea Arabica?
(A) Variability at the structural level.
(B) Variability at the chromosomal level.
(C) Variability at the level of deletions and insertions.
(D) Variability at the DNA level.

Q40 Choose the statement that is factually incorrect from the options given below.
(A) It is possible to roast the beans of a single species of coffee.
(B) Two species of coffee can be blended to make a brew.
(C) Due to its genetic make-up, novel mutations do not occur in the species Coffea Arabica.
(D) Variations in disease resistance can be seen in the Arabica coffee plant.

Q41 Re-arrange the following phrases in correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

(A) created by human
(B) collective cultural heritage
(C) all languages
(D) communities are our

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:
(A) (A), (B), (D), (C)
(B) (B), (A), (D), (C)
(C) (C), (A), (D), (B)
(D) (D), (B), (C), (A)

Q42 Fill in the blank with the correct option, to form a meaningful sentence.

The Principal addressed us in the assembly and _____ the rumours of an early summer break.
(A) defended (B) quashed
(C) cleared (D) rebuked

Q43 Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate phrasal verbs given in List-II:

(A)	She was very _____ with him for his offensive remarks on women in politics.	(I)	give away
(B)	I have plenty of interesting books to _____ to book lovers.	(II)	put down
(C)	Strange that people easily _____ temptation and ruin their reputation.	(III)	cut up
(D)	Rahul is trying to _____ on his smoking.	(IV)	give in

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

Q44 Complete the sentences given in List-I with the appropriate adverbs given in List-II:

List-I (Sentences)		List-II (Adverbs)	
(A)	I thought the restaurant would be expensive but it was _____ affordable.	(I)	badly
(B)	It was a serious accident. But the car was _____ damaged.	(II)	reasonably
(C)	The meeting was a disaster as it was very _____ organized.	(III)	quickly
(D)	Mira is gifted, she has the ability to learn any language _____.	(IV)	hardly

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

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

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

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

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

Q45 Choose the appropriate word pair to complete the sentence:

I didn't know Rahul was in the hospital. If I _____, would _____ him.

(A) knew, go
(B) had known, have visited
(C) have known, be going
(D) know, had gone

Q46 Identify the option closest in meaning to the underlined word:

The movie star's biography is a glossy, sycophantic portrayal.

(A) cowardly (B) domineering
(C) flattering (D) insolent

Q47 Choose the correct ANTONYM of the underlined word:

The Minister unleashed a compliment against the newspaper for its biased editorial on illiteracy among women in his constituency.

(A) denunciation (B) endorsement
(C) regulation (D) speculation

Q48 Choose the correct SYNONYM for ''Redoubtable'' from the options given below:

(A) flimsy (B) perplexing
(C) formidable (D) voluble

Q49 Choose the correct ANTONYM for sullen from the options given below:

(A) morose (B) reticent
(C) timid (D) genial

Q50 Rearrange the following parts in the correct sequence to make a meaningful sentence:

(A) are inborn but our
(B) constituents of flavour, are learned
(C) our responses to basic tastes
(D) perceptions of smells, the main

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(A) (B), (D), (A), (C)
(B) (A), (C), (B), (D)
(C) (C), (A), (D), (B)
(D) (C), (B), (D), (A)

Answer Key

Q1	B
Q2	C
Q3	A
Q4	A
Q5	C
Q6	A
Q7	C
Q8	A
Q9	B
Q10	B
Q11	C
Q12	A
Q13	D
Q14	A
Q15	C
Q16	B
Q17	C
Q18	B
Q19	C
Q20	B
Q21	A
Q22	C
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Q35	B
Q36	A
Q37	C
Q38	C
Q39	D
Q40	C
Q41	C
Q42	B
Q43	D
Q44	A
Q45	B
Q46	C
Q47	A
Q48	C
Q49	D
Q50	C

Hints & Solutions

Note: scan the QR code to watch video solution

Q1 Text Solution:

(2) The correct sentence is: "She worked on the case for seven hours but was hardly able to decide who the murderer was because of the absence of any motivation."

Q2 Text Solution:

Correct Option: c) in

Explanation: "In" is used to indicate being within an enclosed or defined area, such as the library.

Video Solution:

Q3 Text Solution:

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

Theocracy- A government by divine guidance or religious leaders

Megalomania - A morbid delusion of one's power, importance or godliness

Apothecary-One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions

Antiquarian-One who collects and studies objects or artistic works from the distant past

Q4 Text Solution:

(1) The sentence ends with "ended up as a group fight," the most appropriate word to describe a small event escalating into a group fight is "altercation," which implies a disagreement or argument that could lead to a fight.

Match: A contest or game between two or more players or teams.

Contest: A competition or event in which people try to win.

Race: A competition of speed, such as running or driving.

Q5 Text Solution:

(3) Toying in this context means to casually or lightly consider something without committing to it seriously. And Considering means thinking carefully about something, often with the intention to decide.

Launch: To start or introduce something new

Showing: Displaying or presenting something

Careful: Done with or showing thought and attention

Here, the most appropriate synonym for "toying" is "considering".

Video Solution:

Q6 Text Solution:

(1) Reconciled means to restore friendly relations or to accept something unpleasant. And Resistant means opposing or unwilling to accept something.

Estranged: No longer close or affectionate to someone

Cooperate: To work together toward a common goal

Agreed: To have the same opinion or to consent to something

The opposite of "reconciled" in this context is "resistant," as it conveys the idea of opposition or unwillingness to accept something.

Q7 Text Solution:

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

Credible - Believable or convincing

Collaborated - Worked jointly on an activity or project

Creditable - Deserving public acknowledgment and praise but not necessarily outstanding or successful

Corroborating - Confirming or giving support to (a statement, theory, or finding)

Q8 Text Solution:

(1) The correct preposition to use with the mode of transportation- bus is "by".

Q9 Text Solution:

Correct Answer: B. Disrespectful

Explanation with meanings and examples:

1. **Flippant:** Lacking respect or seriousness in speech or behavior.
   Example: His **flippant** comment offended the audience.
2. **A. Sarcastic:** Using irony to mock or convey contempt.
   Meaning: Ironic or mocking.
3. **B. Disrespectful:** Showing lack of respect.
   Meaning: Insulting or rude.
4. **C. Casual:** Relaxed or informal.
   Meaning: Easygoing or nonchalant.
5. **D. Indifferent:** Showing no interest or concern.
   Meaning: Uncaring or apathetic.

Video Solution:

Q10 Text Solution:

(2) Showed means to make visible or apparent, while concealed means to hide or keep out of sight, which is the opposite meaning.

Q11 Text Solution:

(3) Accede to means to agree to a demand or request. This option gets fit as it implies the President is giving in to the public's pressure.

Q12 Text Solution:

(1) The correct sequence should be:

"For organizations which provide services to customers on a face- to-face basis, the quality of the relationship between customers and employees with whom they deal is very important".

Q13 Text Solution:
(4) (A), (D), (C), (B)

As a concept fundamental to ethical theory and political philosophy, justice is associated with the notion of equity and equality, especially with the injunction to treat equals equally.

Q14 Text Solution:
(1) Blow the gaff means to reveal a secret or disclose something that was meant to be confidential.
At the end of your tether means being at the limit of your patience or endurance. Be full of beans means being lively and energetic. Want to curl up and die means feeling extremely embarrassed or ashamed.

Q15 Text Solution:
(3) "Indistinguishable from" means not able to be identified as different from something else.
"Affinity to" or "affinity for" means a natural liking for and understanding of someone or something.
"Dissimilar to" or "dissimilar from" means not alike; different. (Note: "Dissimilar to" is more commonly used.)
"Mistake for" means to incorrectly identify something or someone as something else.

Q16 Text Solution:
(2) The correct sentence should be:

"Cooperative learning is an eclectic and unique teaching method that enhances creativity and provides students with tools for critical thinking."

Q17. Text Solution:
(3) Based on the passage, the father was a Hindi editor and critic, and there is a strong emphasis on writing.
The correct option would be: creative writing.

Q18. Text Solution:
(2) The context in which the father said "She will go far" after reading the author's story suggests that he was expressing confidence in her future success and achievements in life.

Q19. Text Solution:
(3) The passage does not describe her family as chauvinistic about the Hindi language.

Q20. Text Solution:
(2) (A) and (C) only

Q21. Text Solution:
(1) Based on the passage, "Inhaled his writing" implies absorbing his influence deeply and subconsciously.

Q22. Text Solution:
(3) Ubiquity means being present everywhere. So, the correct meaning is Omnipresence.

Q23. Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

A. our decisions are shaped by past events and environmental influences.

Explanation: The passage explicitly states that humans don't have free will because their decisions and actions are influenced by memories, past impressions, experiences, and their environment, which are collectively referred to as "karmic imprints."

Q24. Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

B. our genetic code, upbringing and environment.

Explanation:

The passage describes "karmic imprint" as a combination of factors, including genetic code, upbringing, and environment, which condition the mind and influence decisions and actions. This aligns directly with option B.

Q25. Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

C. we let go of our ego, attachments and fixed beliefs.

Explanation:

The passage states that free will can only be experienced by purifying the mind, which involves letting go of ego, attachments, and fixed beliefs to become independent of psychological conditioning. This matches option C.

Q26. Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

A. our ability to make a choice is restricted by our predispositions.

Explanation:

The author argues that free will is a myth because our choices are significantly influenced by predispositions, which stem from past experiences, genetic coding, and psychological conditioning. This directly supports option A.

Q27. Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

B. Engaging in sustained inner work and self-awareness.

Explanation:

The author suggests that to expand one's scope of agency, one should engage in inner work, deepen self-awareness, and examine and reform conditioned beliefs. This aligns directly with option B.

Q28. Text Solution:

The correct answer is:

C. Do human beings really have "Free Will"?

Explanation:

The passage questions and critiques the concept of "free will," discussing whether humans truly possess it given the influence of past events, predispositions, and conditioning. This makes option C the most suitable title.

Q29. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
B. Olmec people.

Explanation:
The passage states that chocolate was first consumed in liquid form by the Olmec people of northwestern Central America around 1500 BCE, making option B correct.

Q30. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. spiking it with spices.

Explanation:
The passage mentions that the Aztecs flavored their cocoa with peppers and spices, as sugar had not yet arrived from Europe, making option C correct.

Q31. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. Only wealthy Europeans could buy it.

Explanation:
The passage states that hot chocolate became “the beverage of the aristocracy” because sugar, an essential ingredient, was a luxury that only the wealthy could afford, making option C correct.

Q32. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. chocolate was costlier than tea or coffee.

Explanation:
The passage explains that chocolate houses declined by the end of the 18th century partly because the cost of chocolate was much higher than that of tea or coffee, making option C correct.

Q33. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. Colombians serve hot chocolate topped with a dollop of cheese.

Explanation:
The passage mentions that Colombians serve hot chocolate with a dollop of soft cheese, making option C correct.

Q34. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
B. became popular among the commoners.

Explanation:
The phrase "caught on with the masses" means that hot chocolate became widely popular among ordinary people, making option B correct.

Q35. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
B. Coffea Arabica

Explanation:
The passage states that Arabica beans represent around 56% of all coffee sold, making it the most sold coffee variety in the world.

Q36. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
A. Arabica

Explanation:
The passage explains that Coffea Arabica exhibits polyploidy, meaning it has more than two copies of each chromosome.

Q37. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. It displays the phenomenon of polyploidy.

Explanation:
The passage states that Coffea Arabica has more than two copies of each chromosome, a phenomenon known as polyploidy, making option C correct.

Q38. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. Arabica
Explanation:
The passage states that **Coffea Arabica** formed as a hybrid of **Robusta (Coffea Canephora)** and **Coffea Eugenioides** within the past **50,000 years**, making option C correct.

Q39. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
D. Variability at the DNA level.

Explanation:
The passage highlights that Coffea Arabica has low variability at the DNA level, despite having variability at structural, chromosomal, and deletion/insertion levels, making option D correct.

Q40. Text Solution:
The correct answer is:
C. Due to its genetic make-up, novel mutations do not occur in the species Coffea Arabica.

Explanation:
This statement is factually incorrect because the passage states that Coffea Arabica's main source of single nucleotide variation is mutation, which occurs at a steady rate over time.

Q41 Text Solution:
(3) The sentence reads: "All languages created by human communities are our collective cultural heritage."

Q42 Text Solution:
(2) "Quashed" means to suppress or put an end to something. In this context, the Principal put an end to the rumours of an early summer break, which is the most appropriate action described by the word "quashed."

Q43 Text Solution:
(4) (A) - (III), (B) - (I), (C) - (IV), (D) - (II)

Q44 Text Solution:
(1) (A) - (II), (B) - (IV), (C) - (I),(D) - (III)

Q45 Text Solution:
(2) The correct sentence should be in the past perfect tense for the first clause and in the conditional perfect tense for the second clause.

Q46 Text Solution:
(3) "Sycophantic" means excessively flattering or obsequious, which matches "flattering."

Q47 Text Solution:
(1) A "compliment" is a positive remark, while a "denunciation" is a strong expression of disapproval, making it the antonym.

Q48 **Text Solution:**
(3) "Redoubtable" means formidable or commanding respect, which matches "formidable."

Q49 **Text Solution:**
(4) "Sullen" means gloomy or morose, while "genial" means cheerful and friendly, making it the antonym.

Q50 **Text Solution:**
(3) The meaningful sentence should be: "Our responses to basic tastes are inborn but our perceptions of smells, the main constituents of flavour, are learned."

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