

TOPIC-WISE QUESTION BANK WITH MODEL QUESTION PAPER 2026

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CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER FROM THE OPTIONS PROVIDED

Section A: MCQs (5)

- The expression “Life piled on life were all too little” suggests that Ulysses**
 - regrets having lived too long.
 - believes even many lifetimes would not satisfy his desire for experience and knowledge.
 - wishes to spend the rest of his life peacefully.
 - feels that old age has made life meaningless.
- The metaphor “I am become a name” primarily implies that Ulysses**
 - has forgotten his real identity.
 - has become famous for his heroic deeds and legendary reputation.
 - has been abandoned by his people.
 - no longer wishes to be remembered.
- Why does Tennyson contrast Ulysses with Telemachus?**
 - To show that one is right and the other is wrong.
 - To highlight two equally valuable but different approaches to duty and life.
 - To prove that youth is superior to old age.
 - To criticise Telemachus for lacking courage.
- Which of the following best explains the symbolic meaning of the phrase “To sail beyond the sunset”?**
 - Travelling to a neighbouring kingdom.
 - Escaping political responsibilities.
 - Pursuing the unknown despite the certainty of death.
 - Returning home after a long voyage.
- The tone of the final stanza is best described as**
 - nostalgic and regretful.
 - determined and inspiring.
 - humorous and playful.
 - fearful and uncertain.



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Section B: Rearrangement (5)

6. Arrange the progression of Ulysses' thoughts.

A. Acceptance of old age

B. Dissatisfaction with present life

C. Confidence in Telemachus

D. Renewed determination to explore

Options:

A. B, C, A, D

B. A, B, C, D

C. B, A, C, D

D. C, B, A, D

7. Arrange the following according to the development of the poem's central idea.

A. Restlessness

B. Reflection on past experiences

C. Delegation of responsibility

D. Renewed quest for the unknown

Options:

A. A, B, C, D

B. B, A, D, C

C. A, C, B, D

D. C, A, B, D

8. Arrange these images as they appear

A. Idle king among barren rocks

B. Drinking life to the lees

C. Blameless Telemachus

D. Sailing beyond the sunset

Options:

A. A, B, C, D

B. B, A, C, D

C. A, C, B, D

D. B, C, A, D

in the poem.

9. Arrange the following according to the emotional progression of the speaker.

A. Frustration

B. Reminiscence

C. Hope

D. Inspiration

Options:

A. A, B, C, D

B. B, A, D, C

C. A, C, B, D

D. B, C, A, D

10. Arrange the thematic progression of the poem.

A. Human limitations

B. Love of knowledge

C. Sense of duty

D. Indomitable spirit

Options:

A. B, C, A, D

B. A, B, C, D

C. C, A, B, D

D. B, A, D, C

Section C: Assertion-Reason Questions (5)

11. Assertion (A): Ulysses considers old age an obstacle but not a defeat.

Reason (R): He believes that physical weakness cannot destroy mental courage or aspiration.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.

C. A is true, but R is false.

D. A is false, but R is true.

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12. **Assertion (A):** Ulysses praises Telemachus without expressing any desire to imitate him.
Reason (R): Ulysses believes that different individuals have different responsibilities and strengths.
- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
C. A is true, but R is false.
D. A is false, but R is true.
13. **Assertion (A):** The poem celebrates knowledge gained through experience rather than through books alone.
Reason (R): Ulysses describes himself as having become “a part of all that I have met.”
- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
C. A is true, but R is false.
D. A is false, but R is true.
14. **Assertion (A):** The final voyage in the poem may be interpreted as both a literal journey and a symbolic journey towards death.
Reason (R): The imagery of sailing beyond the sunset suggests crossing into the unknown.
- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
C. A is true, but R is false.
D. A is false, but R is true.
15. **Assertion (A):** Tennyson presents Ulysses as a flawless hero.
Reason (R): Ulysses neglects his domestic responsibilities in favour of personal ambition.
- A. Both A and R are true. B. A is true, but R is false.
C. A is false, but R is true. D. Both A and R are false.

Section D: Column Matching (5)

1. Match the Quotation with the Most Appropriate Interpretation.

Column A Quotation	Column B Interpretation
A. "I cannot rest from travel"	1. Acceptance of mortality
B. "I am become a name"	2. Endless desire for exploration
C. "Death closes all"	3. Legendary reputation
D. "To strive, to seek, to find..."	4. Perseverance Despite adversity

Options

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

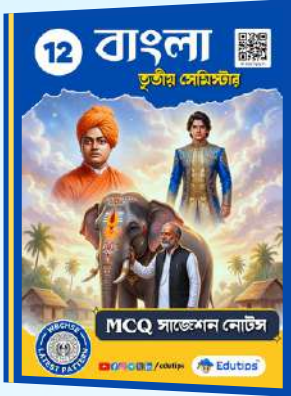


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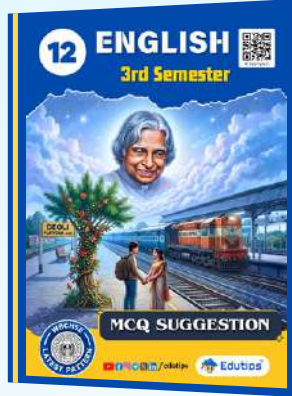
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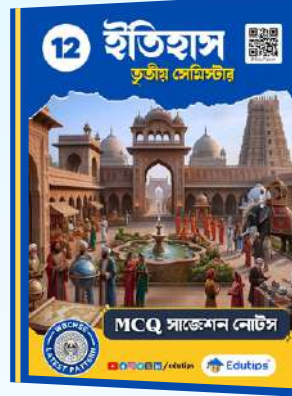
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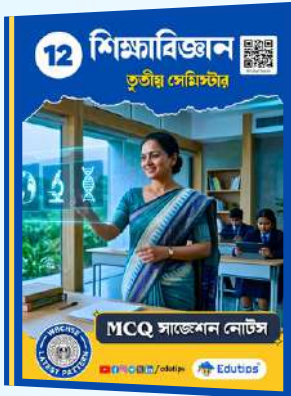
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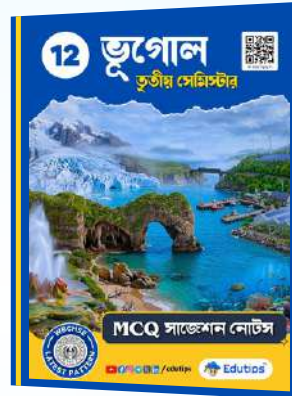
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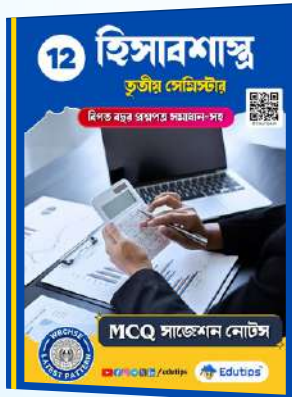
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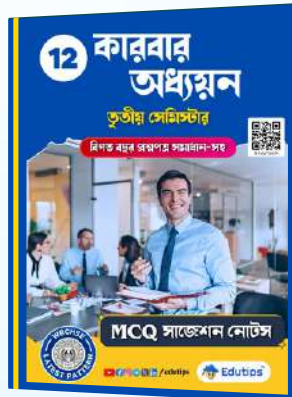
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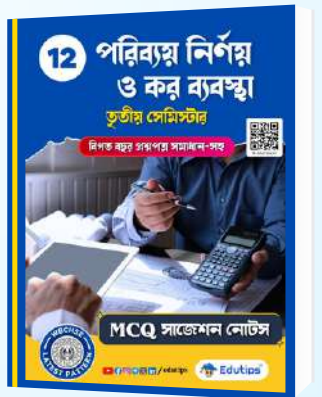
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2. Match the Character/Group with the Quality They Represent.

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------------|
| A. Ulysses | 1. Responsible governance |
| B. Telemachus | 2. Spirit of adventure |
| C. Mariners | 3. Loyal companionship |
| D. Ithacans | 4. Ordinary domestic life |

Options

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

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

3. Match the Image with its Symbolic Meaning.

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| A. Barren crags | 1. Human limitations |
| B. Arch of experience | 2. Endless possibilities of knowledge |
| C. Sunset | 3. End of life |
| D. Sea voyage | 4. Stagnant existence |

Options

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

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

4. Match the Literary Device with the Example.

Column A (Device)

Column B (Example)

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A Metaphor | 1. "The sounding furrows" |
| B Personification | 2. "The arch wherethrough gleams..." |
| C. Imagery | 3. "Death closes all" |
| D. Symbolism | 4. "Beyond the sunset" |

Options

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

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

5. Match the Theme with the Supporting Idea.

Column A (Theme)

Column B (Supporting Idea)

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| A. Love of knowledge | 1. "I am a part of all that I have met" |
| B. Sense of duty | 2. Praise for Telemachus |
| C. Heroic perseverance | 3. "To strive, to seek..." |
| D. Restlessness | 4. "I cannot rest from travel" |

Options

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

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

Section E Case Study

Case Study 1

Read the extract carefully:

"I cannot rest from travel: I will drink
Life to the lees: All times I have enjoy'd
Greatly, have suffer'd greatly...."

Question: What does the phrase "drink Life to the lees" suggest about Ulysses?

- a. He wants to live every moment to the fullest.
- b. He wishes to become a king again.
- c. He regrets his adventurous life.
- d. He wants to forget his past.

Case Study 2

Read the extract carefully:

"Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades
For ever and for ever when I move."

Question: Why does Ulysses compare experience to an arch?

- a. Experience limits his knowledge.
- b. Every experience opens the way to new discoveries.
- c. He wants to build a great monument.
- d. He believes knowledge has an end.

Case Study 3

Read the extract carefully:

"Death closes all: but something ere the end,
Some work of noble note, may yet be done."

Question: What is Ulysses' attitude towards old age?

- a. He accepts old age as a time of complete rest.
- b. He believes old age should be spent in comfort.
- c. He feels one should continue to achieve noble deeds despite growing old.
- d. He is afraid of death.

Case Study 4

Read the extract carefully:

"Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world."

Question: What does this appeal reveal about Ulysses?

- a. He is dissatisfied with his companions.
- b. He inspires others to pursue new adventures despite old age.

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- c. He wants to conquer Ithaca.
- d. He plans to retire from public life.

Case Study 5

Read the extract carefully:

“To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.”

Question: Which quality of Ulysses is best reflected in this line?

- a. Laziness and comfort
- b. Determination and perseverance
- c. Fear of failure
- d. Obedience to fate

Section - F, True/False MCQs

Instructions: Read the quoted lines carefully and choose the correct option.

1. “I cannot rest from travel; I will drink
Life to the lees.”

Statement: These lines suggest that Ulysses wishes to experience every possible aspect of life until its very end.

- A. True
- B. False

2. “Yet all experience is an arch where thro’
Gleams that untravell’d world...”

Statement: The quoted lines suggest that the more knowledge one acquires, the fewer opportunities remain for further discovery.

- A. True
- B. False

3. “This is my son, mine own Telemachus...”

Statement: Through these lines, Ulysses acknowledges Telemachus’s ability to govern effectively, although his own ambitions are different.

- A. True
- B. False

4. “Tis not too late to seek a newer world.”

Statement: The quoted line reflects the belief that age should never discourage a person from pursuing new goals.

- A. True
- B. False

5. “To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars...”

Statement: The voyage described in these lines may be interpreted both as a literal sea journey and as a symbolic journey towards death or the unknown.

- A. True
- B. False

THE BET - ANTON CHEKHOV

Section A: MCQs (5)

1. Which incident best marks the lawyer's transformation from intellectual curiosity to spiritual enlightenment?
 - A. His request for wine and tobacco during confinement
 - B. His intense study of six foreign languages
 - C. His final letter rejecting knowledge, wealth and worldly pleasures
 - D. His reading of detective novels during the early years
2. The banker tears up the agreement after discovering the lawyer has left early mainly because he
 - A. Is relieved that he has escaped financial ruin and wants to conceal his shame.
 - B. wants to reward the lawyer secretly.
 - C. believes the bet has become legally invalid.
 - D. intends to renew the wager.
3. The repeated changes in the lawyer's reading habits primarily symbolize
 - A. boredom caused by isolation.
 - B. the gradual evolution of his mind and philosophy.
 - C. the author's criticism of education.
 - D. the decline of his physical health.
4. Which statement best reflects Chekhov's central irony?
 - A. The lawyer wins the bet but loses his freedom.
 - B. The banker, who once valued money above all else, becomes morally poorer than the prisoner.
 - C. Both men remain unchanged after fifteen years.
 - D. The guests forget the discussion completely.
5. The ending of the story suggests that true freedom is achieved through

A. financial independence.	B. political power.
C. detachment from worldly desires.	D. social recognition.

Section B: Rearrangement (5)

6. Arrange the following in chronological order.
 - A. The lawyer masters several foreign languages.
 - B. The banker reflects on the debate held years earlier.
 - C. The lawyer renounces material pleasures in a letter.
 - D. The banker contemplates murder.

Options:

A. B, A, D, C

B. B, A, C, D

C. A, B, D, C

D. B, D, A, C



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7. Arrange the stages of the lawyer's intellectual development.

A. Reading classics and languages

B. Reading theology and philosophy

C. Reading light literature

D. Rejecting worldly existence

Options:

A. C, A, B, D

B. A, C, B, D

C. C, B, A, D

D. A, B, C, D

8. Arrange the events according to the banker's psychological journey.

A. Confidence in his wealth

B. Fear of bankruptcy

C. Decision to commit murder

D. Feeling of shame after reading the letter

Options:

A. A, B, C, D

B. B, A, C, D

C. A, C, B, D

D. C, A, B, D

9. Arrange these incidents.

A. The lawyer requests books in different languages.

B. The banker hides the lawyer's letter.

C. The guests argue about capital punishment.

D. The lawyer intentionally loses the bet.

Options:

A. C, A, D, B

B. A, C, D, B

C. C, D, A, B

D. A, D, C, B

10. Arrange the following according to the progression of the story's central theme.

A. Debate on justice

B. Pursuit of knowledge

C. Rejection of materialism

D. Moral awakening

Options:

A. A, B, C, D

B. B, A, D, C

C. A, C, B, D

D. B, C, A, D

Section C: Assertion-Reason Questions (5)

11. Assertion (A): The lawyer deliberately sacrificed the reward he had earned.

Reason (R): He believed human knowledge and worldly success were ultimately insignificant.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.

C. A is true, but R is false.

D. A is false, but R is true.

12. Assertion (A): The banker becomes morally inferior to the lawyer by the end of the story.

Reason (R): His willingness to commit murder reveals the corruption caused by greed.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.

- C. A is true, but R is false.
D. A is false, but R is true.

13. **Assertion (A):** Isolation destroys the lawyer's personality.

Reason (R): He loses all interest in intellectual and spiritual pursuits.

- A. Both A and R are true. B. A is true, but R is false.
C. A is false, but R is true. D. Both A and R are false.

14. **Assertion (A):** The title The Bet refers only to a financial agreement between two men.

Reason (R): The story is mainly about legal contracts and gambling.

- A. Both A and R are true. B. A is true, but R is false.
C. A is false, but R is true. D. Both A and R are false.

15. **Assertion (A):** The conclusion of the story questions conventional ideas of success.

Reason (R): The lawyer abandons immense wealth after recognising the emptiness of material achievements.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
C. A is true, but R is false.
D. A is false, but R is true.

Section D: Column Matching Questions (5)

1. **Match Column A with Column B.**

Column A

- A. The Banker
B. The Lawyer
C. Fifteen years
D. Two million rubles

Column B

1. Rejects wealth before the end of the Bet
2. Proposed the wager
3. Period of voluntary imprisonment
4. Prize money of the bet

Options

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

2. **Match the Character/Incident with its Significance.**

Column A

- A. Debate at the party
B. Reading books
C. Final letter
D. Banker's shame

Column B

1. Moral transformation
2. Beginning of the conflict
3. Intellectual growth
4. Realisation of moral defeat

Options

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

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3. Match the Symbol with its Meaning.

Column A

- A. The Bet
- B. The Lodge
- C. The Letter
- D. Two million rubles

Column B

- 1. Human greed
- 2. Spiritual awakening
- 3. Test of human values
- 4. Physical isolation

Options

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

4. Match the Reading Phase with the Lawyer's Development.

Column A

- A. Light novels
- B. Languages and classics
- C. Philosophy and theology
- D. Final letter

Column B

- 1. Search for truth
- 2. Initial distraction
- 3. Intellectual excellence
- 4. Renunciation of worldly life

Options

- A. A-2, B3, C-1, D-4 B. A-3, B-2, C-4, D-1 C. A-1, B-3, C-2, D-4 D. A-4, B-1, C-2, D-3

5. Match the Event with the Theme.

Column A

- A. Capital punishment debate
- B. Lawyer's confinement
- C. Banker's murder plan
- D. Lawyer leaves early

Column B

- 1. Greed
- 2. Value of life
- 3. Self-discovery
- 4. Renunciation of materialism

Options

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

Section E Case - Study Based Questions (5)

Case Study 1

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow.

During a discussion at the banker's party, the guests argued about whether capital punishment or life imprisonment was the harsher punishment. The young lawyer insisted that life, under any condition, was better than death. This disagreement eventually led to an extraordinary wager.

Questions

1. What was the main issue discussed at the party?

- A. Wealth and poverty
- B. Capital punishment and life imprisonment
- C. War and peace
- D. Religion and science



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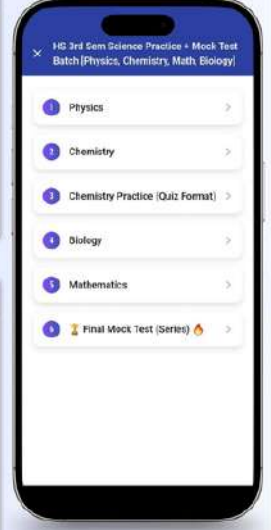
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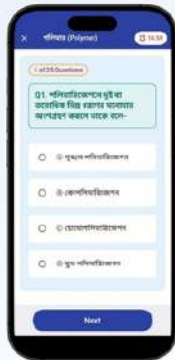
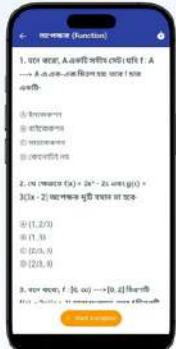
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- সংখ্যা (Relation) Content
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2. **Why did the lawyer agree to the bet?**
 - A. He needed money immediately.
 - B. He wanted to prove that life is preferable to death.
 - C. He wanted to challenge the banker politically.
 - D. He wished to become famous.
3. **Which human quality of the banker is revealed through the wager?**
 - A. Compassion
 - B. Humility
 - C. Pride and overconfidence
 - D. Forgiveness
4. **The discussion at the party serves as the _____ of the story.**
 - A. climax
 - B. resolution
 - C. exposition (beginning of the conflict)
 - D. conclusion

Case Study 2

Read the following extract carefully.

During his confinement, the lawyer spent years reading novels, philosophy, theology, science and foreign languages. His reading habits changed as his understanding of life deepened.

Questions

1. **What does the lawyer's changing choice of books mainly suggest?**
 - A. He was unable to decide what to read.
 - B. His intellectual and spiritual growth.
 - C. He was preparing for an examination.
 - D. He wished to become a professor.
2. **Which quality best describes the lawyer during his imprisonment?**
 - A. Laziness
 - B. Determination and self-discipline
 - C. Dishonesty
 - D. Carelessness
3. **Reading books helped the lawyer primarily to**
 - A. become wealthy
 - B. gain wisdom beyond material life.
 - C. forget the conditions of the bet.
 - D. escape from prison.
4. **Which theme is best reflected in this extract?**
 - A. Revenge
 - B. Personal transformation through knowledge
 - C. Political conflict
 - D. Family relationships

Case Study 3

Read the following extract.

Fifteen years later, the banker had lost much of his fortune. Unable to bear the thought of paying two million rubles, he secretly entered the lodge with the intention of murdering the lawyer.



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Questions

- Why did the banker decide to kill the lawyer?**
 - He hated the lawyer personally.
 - He feared financial ruin if he paid the wager.
 - The lawyer had insulted him.
 - The guests advised him to do so.
- The banker's decision mainly highlights**
 - generosity.
 - greed and moral weakness.
 - wisdom.
 - patriotism.
- Which literary technique creates suspense in this episode?**
 - Flashback
 - Dramatic irony and conflict
 - Humour
 - Personification
- Which statement best describes the banker at this point in the story?**
 - Wealth has strengthened his moral values.
 - Fear has overcome his sense of right and wrong.
 - He has become spiritually enlightened.
 - He has forgiven the lawyer.

Case Study 4

Read the following extract.

The banker found the lawyer asleep beside a letter in which he declared that he despised wealth, comfort, knowledge gained from books alone and all worldly pleasures. To prove his contempt for money, he would leave five minutes before the end of the bet.

Questions

- Why did the lawyer leave before the agreed time?**
 - He forgot the terms of the bet.
 - He wished to reject the prize money.
 - He became ill.
 - He wanted to escape secretly.
- The lawyer's action mainly symbolises**
 - defeat.
 - spiritual victory over materialism.
 - fear of the banker.
 - disappointment.
- The final letter reveals that true happiness lies in**
 - wealth and comfort.
 - fame and success.
 - wisdom and freedom from worldly desires.
 - political power.
- Which theme is most prominent in this extract?**
 - Materialism versus spiritual wisdom
 - Revenge and justice
 - Friendship and loyalty
 - Power and politics



Case Study 5

Read the following extract.

After reading the lawyer's letter, the banker kissed the sleeping man's head and left the lodge. He realised the depth of the lawyer's sacrifice and felt ashamed of his own intentions. He later hid the letter in his safe.

Questions

1. **Why did the banker feel ashamed?**
 - A. He had lost all his money.
 - B. He realised the lawyer's moral greatness and his own greed.
 - C. He feared public criticism.
 - D. He regretted organising the party.
2. **Why did the banker hide the letter?**
 - A. To preserve an important legal document.
 - B. To prevent others from learning the truth about the lawyer's sacrifice and his own disgrace.
 - C. To return it later to the lawyer.
 - D. To sell it as evidence.
3. **The ending of the story suggests that**
 - A. money ultimately solves every problem.
 - B. moral values are superior to material wealth.
 - C. the banker wins the bet.
 - D. knowledge has no value.
4. **Which emotion dominates the banker's mind at the end?**
 - A. Pride
 - B. Shame and remorse
 - C. Anger
 - D. Excitement



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OUR CASUARINA TREE

Different types of MCQs from Our Casuarina Tree:

1. "Dear is the Casuarina to my soul."

This expresses:

- A. Patriotism B. Personal attachment C. Fear D. Humour

2. The poet's siblings are:

- A. Living abroad B. Dead C. Unknown D. Neighbours

3. The Casuarina tree stands beside a _____

- A. River B. Tank C. Temple D. Bridge

4. The tone of the poem is:

- A. Comic B. Nostalgic and affectionate
C. Satirical D. Angry

5. The Casuarina tree is described as "rugged." What does this suggest?

- A. Smooth and delicate B. Strong and rough C. Dry and lifeless D. Weak and thin

6. Assertion (A): The Casuarina tree becomes a symbol of permanence.

Reason (R): Human life is temporary, but memories endure through art.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R explains A. B. Both are true, but R does not explain A.
C. A is true, R is false. D. A is false, R is true.

7. The imagery of the poem is predominantly:

- A. Visual and auditory B. Gustatory only C. Tactile only D. Humorous

8. The poet's memories are mainly:

- A. Painful only B. Sweet yet tinged with sadness
C. Entirely joyful D. Unimportant

9. "A gray baboon sits statue-like alone."

The phrase "statue-like" suggests that the baboon is:

- A. Noisy B. Motionless C. Angry D. Sleeping

10. "May Love defend thee from Oblivion's curse."

The word "Oblivion" means:

- A. Fame B. Forgetfulness C. Happiness D. Success

11. Which one is true about the Kokila?
A. It sings only at night
B. It welcomes the dawn with its song
C. It builds its nest on the ground
D. It frightens the other birds
12. "Spectral" means:
A. Colourful
B. Ghostly
C. Bright
D. Warm
13. Which is true?
1. The poet hears the tree's lament and feels a deep emotional connection
2. Nature hides her memories.
3. Poetry detaches memories of childhood
4. The poet limited in her thoughts when she lives in a foreign land
A. 1 and 2
B. 1 Only
C. Only
D. 1 and 3
14. Why does the poet hear a "lament" in the tree?
A. Because the tree is dying.
B. Because its sound reminds her of grief and memories.
C. Because birds are crying loudly.
D. Because of a storm.
A. A
B. C
C. D
D. B
15. The creeper symbolizes:
A. Destruction
B. Strong attachment
C. Poverty
D. Fear
16. "Crest" refers to the:
A. Root
B. Highest point
C. Trunk
D. Flower
17. The Casuarina tree stands beside a _____
A. river
B. lake
C. tank
D. canal
18. The expression "Oblivion's curse" is an example of:
A. Personification
B. Simile
C. Pun
D. Alliteration
19. What is the effect of the giant creeper winding around the tree?
A. It makes the tree appear weak.
B. It makes the tree resemble a giant wearing a python.
C. It damages the tree completely.
D. It hides the tree from view.
20. Why does the poet mention Borrowdale?
A. To compare it with her homeland in India.
B. To describe a historical event.
C. To narrate her journey to England.
D. To discuss British culture.

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NIGHT TRAIN AT DEOLI

Choose The Correct Alternatives

- The narrator describes Deoli as a small station where the train would arrive at about _____ in the morning.
A) three o'clock B) five o'clock C) six o'clock D) midnight
- Why did the night train always stop at the lonely station of Deoli?
A) To load heavy crates of locally grown fruits.
B) For no apparent reason, as practically no one got off or on.
C) To allow the driver to inspect the train's steam engine.
D) Because it was the designated junction for a broad gauge shift.
- State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F):
(i) The girl selling baskets was walking down the platform with a rapid, hurried pace.
(ii) The narrator explicitly noticed that the girl was wearing a bright red shawl over her shoulders.
A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F
- Assertion (A): The narrator bought a basket from the girl even though he did not strictly need one.
Reason (R): He wanted to help her financially because she looked starved and was begging for money.
A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
- Match the narrator's specific observations in Column A with the girl's physical attributes in Column B:

Column A	Column B
i. Shone with a sudden, intense dark vitality	a. Her feet
ii. Looked pale, worn, and cold against the basket handle	B. Her eyes
iii. Were completely bare as she walked on the platform	C. Her hands

A) i-b, ii-c, iii-a B) i-b, ii-a, iii-c C) i-c, ii-b, iii-a D) i-a, ii-c, iii-b
- During their very first encounter, what item did the girl offer that the narrator initially refused to buy?
A) A small brass bell B) A handmade wicker basket
C) A bunch of wild berries D) A cup of hot tea



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7. Case Study Based Question

Case: As the train prepares to leave Deoli during their first meeting, the girl stands completely still at the end of the platform, watching the narrator. The narrator stays at the open window looking back at her until the station vanishes into the dark forest.

What does this lingering parting action primarily reflect about the narrator's state of mind?

- A) He is deeply concerned about the safety rules of Indian Railways.
- B) He is experiencing the sudden, powerful onset of an intense emotional infatuation.
- C) He is trying to remember if he paid her the correct amount of money.
- D) He is analyzing the structural layout of remote rural railway stations.

8. When the narrator returned to college after his summer vacation, the image of the basket-selling girl:

- A) Faded away completely within a couple of weeks.
- B) Was blurred by the stressful pressure of his final exams.
- C) Remained vivid and kept him awake with a restless longing.
- D) Prompted him to write an extensive series of investigative newspaper articles.

9. Assertion (A): During his second journey, the narrator felt an intense eagerness as the train approached Deoli.

Reason (R): He had planned to break his journey there and spend several days searching for her in the town.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

10. State whether the following statements regarding the second meeting are True (T) or False (F):

- (i) The girl smiled happily when she saw the narrator waiting at the train door.
- (ii) They spent the entire stoppage talking extensively about their families and hometowns.

- A) I-T, II-F
- B) I-F, II-T
- C) I-T, II-T
- D) I-F, II-F

11. What did the girl say to the narrator just before the train pulled away during their second encounter?

- A) "Please take me to the big city with you."
- B) "I will wait for you here tomorrow."
- C) "I have to go, the station master is calling."
- D) "I do not have to go anywhere."

12. Assertion (A): The narrator felt deeply angry with the guard who blew the whistle to start the train.

Reason (R): The guard had rudely ordered the basket-selling girl to leave the platform immediately.



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- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 C) A is true, but R is false.
 D) A is false, but R is true.
13. When the narrator visited Deoli during the subsequent winter, what unexpected change did he encounter?
 A) The station platform had been completely demolished.
 B) The girl was nowhere to be seen on the platform.
 C) A brand new station master had taken charge of the trains.
 D) The tea stall vendor refused to serve him.
14. Fill in the blanks:
 The narrator asked the _____ if he knew anything about the girl who used to sell baskets there.
 A) train guard B) station master C) fruit vendor D) local policeman
15. What reason did the station official give to the narrator regarding the missing girl?
 A) She had moved to Mussoorie to work in a school.
 B) She had stopped coming to the station, and he knew nothing of her whereabouts.
 C) She had been arrested for selling goods without a valid permit.
 D) She had married a rich farmer from the neighboring district.
16. Arrange the narrator's emotional reactions in the exact chronological order they occur across the story:
 i. A feeling of intense, restless impatience as his college term draws to an end.
 ii. A sense of gentle surprise and curiosity when he first notices the girl barefoot on the platform.
 iii. A heavy, lingering sadness and disappointment upon finding the platform completely empty.
 iv. A deliberate decision to preserve a beautiful, unfinished dream rather than look for the harsh truth.
 A) ii, i, iii, iv B) i, ii, iii, iv C) ii, iii, i, iv D) iii, i, ii, iv
17. State True (T) or False (F) for these statements about the end of the story:
 (i) The narrator eventually decided to break his journey at Deoli to search the local village thoroughly.
 (ii) He continues to look out of the window for the girl every time he passes through Deoli.
 A) I-F, II-T B) I-T, II-F C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F



18. Match the characters/objects with their structural significance in the story's setting:

Column A

- i. The surrounding jungle
- ii. The moving train
- iii. The Deoli platform

A) i-c, ii-a, iii-b

Column B

- a. Symbol of the constant, unyielding passage of time
- B. Symbol of isolation and the threshold of the unknown
- C. Represents a dark, mysterious backdrop to the brief encounter

B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c

C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a

D) i-c, ii-b, iii-a

19. Assertion (A): The story leaves the ultimate fate of the basket-selling girl completely unresolved.

Reason (R): Ruskin Bond uses this open ending to emphasize the romantic charm of brief, transient encounters.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

20. What is the overarching/overall theme of Ruskin Bond's *The Night Train at Deoli*?

- A) The economic struggles of rural street vendors in India.
- B) The bittersweet nostalgia of short-lived, unfulfilled romantic encounters.
- C) The structural evolution and modernization of Indian railway networks.
- D) The psychological dangers of traveling alone during college vacations.

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RIDERS TO THE SEA

Choose The Correct Alternatives

- Maurya is discovered resting at the beginning of the play because she has spent many days and nights _____.
 A) traveling to the mainland
 B) crying and watching the sea
 C) repairing the damaged fishing nets
 D) baking bread for the family
- The young priest did not bring the bundle of clothes to the kitchen himself because _____.
 A) he was stopped by Bartley at the pier
 B) he wanted to keep it a secret from the village elders
 C) he was in a hurry to catch a boat to the northern island
 D) he did not want to cause Maurya further distress if they belonged to Michael
- Assertion (A): Cathleen tells Nora to hide the bundle of clothes up in the turf-loft immediately.
 Reason (R): They want to examine the garments in private without their mother seeing them.
 A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 C) A is true, but R is false.
 D) A is false, but R is true.
- Fill in the blanks:
 Nora recognizes Michael's stocking by counting the number of _____ that were left out during its knitting.
 A) four dropped stitches
 B) two black knots
 C) three missing rows
 D) five loose threads
- State whether the following statements regarding Bartley's departure are True (T) or False (F):
 (i) Bartley decided to go to Galway because the wind was rising from the south and it was a rare opportunity to sell the horses.
 (ii) Maurya gave Bartley her full structural blessings and a purse of silver before he left the cottage door.
 A) I-T, II-F
 B) I-F, II-T
 C) I-T, II-T
 D) I-F, II-F
- Which daughter acts as the primary speaker managing the household chores like baking the bread and spinning the wool when the play opens?
 A) Nora
 B) Cathleen
 C) Maurya
 D) Eily

7. What reason does Bartley give for refusing to leave the hooker or the horses behind when his mother pleads with him?
- A) He wants to purchase a new boat on the mainland.
B) He emphasizes that a great price is being offered for horses, and the family needs money.
C) He is planning to migrate permanently to England.
D) The young priest explicitly commanded him to take the trip.
8. Fill in the blanks:
Maurya journeys down to the spring well to hand Bartley the bread, carrying a walking stick that once belonged to _____.
- A) Michael B) Sheamus C) Patch D) Old Maurizio
9. Assertion (A): Maurya was completely unable to utter a single word of blessing or dynamic greeting when Bartley passed by her at the well.
Reason (R): She was struck with absolute terror upon seeing the ghost of Michael riding behind him.
- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
10. State True (T) or False (F) for these structural details of the cottage:
- (i) A row of clean white boards is leaning against the wall, originally purchased to make a coffin for Michael.
(ii) Cathleen uses an old knife to cut open the knot of the mysterious bundle.
- A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F
11. Maurya laments that she has had _____ brave sons, along with a husband and a father-in-law, all taken away by the sea.
- A) four B) five C) six D) three
12. Which brother was brought home in a white sheet, dripping with seawater, after being hooked out of the surf?
- A) Michael B) Patch C) Bartley D) Sheamus
13. Arrange the following comments or speeches in the exact sequence they occur in the play:
- i. "It's Michael, Nora, it's Michael himself."
ii. "You'd do right to leave that horse alone, Bartley..."
iii. "I've seen the fearfulest thing any person has seen since the world began."
iv. "They're all gone now, and there isn't anything more the sea can do to me."
- A) ii, i, iii, iv B) i, ii, iii, iv C) ii, iii, i, iv D) iii, ii, i, iv

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14. Assertion (A): Nora checks the threshold when she hears a sound outside, expecting the village men to bring news.

Reason (R): The young priest had promised to come back before nightfall to give them his final decision.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

Fill in the blanks:

15. When the village women enter the kitchen, they do not speak immediately; instead, they sit upon the floor and begin_____.

- A) weeping loudly
- B) keening softly
- C) praying in Latin
- D) sorting the wool

16. What physical accident directly caused Bartley's sudden death near the ocean edge?

- A) He slipped from the high stone pier into a whirlpool.
- B) The grey pony knocked him over into the sea, where the white rocks are.
- C) He was caught under the heavy wooden sail of the collapsing hooker.
- D) He succumbed to cold exposure while waiting for the ferryboat.

17. State True (T) or False (F) for these narrative conclusions:

- (i) Maurya uses the remaining holy water to sprinkle over Bartley's body and Michael's clothes.
- (ii) Cathleen decides to take the train to the mainland to buy fine black fabric for their clothes.

- A) I-T, II-F
- B) I-F, II-T
- C) I-T, II-T
- D) I-F, II-F

18. What does Maurya drop face downwards on the white boards near the play's end to signify total loss?

- A) The bit of string
- B) The empty cup
- C) The package of bread
- D) Michael's stocking

Case Study Based Question

Case: A neighboring fisherman suggests to Cathleen that they should hold onto the white boards for another year because the wood might rot or be needed for someone else. Cathleen refuses, stating that the boards were bought with fine silver for a son's coffin, and they will be used right now for the boy brought from the sea.

19. What aspect of island life does Cathleen's firm choice illustrate?

- A) A desire to hoard expensive materials for commercial profit.
- B) A profound respect for traditional burial rituals and familial duty despite structural poverty.
- C) Complete disrespect for the advice of the village elders.
- D) An optimistic belief that no other family member will ever die.

20. Arrange the final physical actions performed by Maurya in the correct sequence before the curtain falls:

- i. She spreads the clothes of Michael out on the table.
- ii. She kneels down by the head of Bartley's body.
- iii. She drops the empty cup face downwards on the white boards.
- iv. She puts her hands over her eyes to offer her final prayer.

A) ii, i, iii, iv

B) i, ii, iii, iv

C) ii, iii, i, iv

D) iii, ii, i, iv



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Q1. অংশীদারি প্রতিষ্ঠানের অংশীদারদের মধ্যে কোন অংশীদারের অংশীদারীত্বের ক্ষমতা সর্বোচ্চ হয়?

A. ৪০% বার্ষিক

B. ৪৫% বার্ষিক

Business Studies - Quiz

ব্যবস্থাপনার প্রক্রিয়া ও কৌশল

Q1. ব্যবস্থাপনার প্রথম কাজ কোনটি?

A. সংগঠন (Organizing)

B. পরিকল্পনা (Planning)

Costing & Taxation - Quiz

Cost of Labour - Quiz #1

Q1. Idle Time বলতে কী বোঝায়?

A. অপব্যয়িত কালের সময়

B. কাজের জন্য অপেক্ষার সময়

Q1. অংশীদারি প্রতিষ্ঠানের অংশীদারদের মধ্যে কোন অংশীদারের অংশীদারীত্বের ক্ষমতা সর্বোচ্চ হয়?

৪৫% বার্ষিক

Q1. ব্যবস্থাপনার প্রথম কাজ কোনটি?

পরিকল্পনা (Planning)

Q1. Idle Time বলতে কী বোঝায়?

অপব্যয়িত কালের সময়



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Q1. Question text...

A. Option 1 B. Option 2

C. Option 3 D. Option 4

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MODEL QUESTION

ENGLISH

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes.

Full Marks: 40

Choose the correct alternative.

(1 × 40 = 40)

1. Fill in the blank

The narrator finally chose not to search for the basket-seller because he believed that-

- A. she had forgotten him completely.
- B. memories often possess greater emotional truth than reality.
- C. she had migrated to another town.
- D. he feared punishment from his family.

2. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): The brief encounters at Deoli transform the narrator's understanding of love.

Reason (R): Emotional attachment does not always depend upon prolonged companionship.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R does not explain A.
- C. A is true, but R is false.
- D. A is false, but R is true.

3. Case Study

A traveller deliberately avoids revisiting a place that once brought him immense happiness because he fears the present may destroy his cherished memories.

This situation most closely reflects the narrator's decision in 'The Night Train at Deoli' because—

- A. he considered memories more permanent than reality.
- B. he disliked travelling by train.
- C. he had forgotten the girl.
- D. he no longer visited Dehra.

4. Match the Columns

Column A

- i. Basket
- ii. Platform
- iii. Smile

Column B

- a. Symbol of hope and continuity
- b. Silent expression of affection
- c. Space of fleeting encounters

A. i-b, ii-c, iii-a

B. i-a, ii-b, iii-c

C. i-c, ii-a, iii-b

D. i-b, ii-a, iii-c

5. Rearrangement

Arrange the following ideas according to Kalam's development as portrayed in **Strong Roots**.

i. Learning spiritual values from his father

ii. Observing religious harmony

iii. Developing scientific curiosity

iv. Achieving national recognition

A. i, ii, iii, iv

B. ii, i, iii, iv

C. iii, i, ii, iv

D. i, iii, ii, iv

6. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): Jainulabdeen possessed wisdom despite lacking formal education.

Reason (R): True wisdom originates only from academic qualifications.

A. Both A and R are true.

B. Both A and R are false.

C. A is true, R is false.

D. A is false, R is true.

7. Case Study

A leader refuses personal credit for solving people's problems and instead encourages self-belief and faith.

Which value does this behaviour best represent?

A. Humility

B. Pride

C. Authority

D. Ambition

8. Fill in the blank

The lawyer's final letter proves that he ultimately rejected _____

A. knowledge.

B. literature.

C. material wealth and worldly pleasures.

D. religion.

9. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): The lawyer deliberately forfeited the prize moments before completing the wager.

Reason (R): His intellectual and spiritual transformation made money meaningless to him.

A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.

C. A is true, but R is false.

D. A is false, but R is true.



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10. True or False

(i) During his imprisonment, the lawyer's reading habits reflected different phases of intellectual growth.

(ii) The banker admired the lawyer's moral victory without any feeling of shame.

A. (i) True, (ii) False B. (i) False, (ii) True C. Both True D. Both False

11. Match the Columns

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|------------|----------------------------|
| i. Creeper | a. Enduring affection |
| ii. Tree | b. Childhood memories |
| iii. Lyre | c. Music created by nature |

A. i-b, ii-a, iii-c B. i-a, ii-c, iii-b C. i-c, ii-b, iii-a D. i-b, ii-c, iii-a

12. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): The Casuarina Tree becomes a symbol of immortality.

Reason (R): Poetry preserves emotional experiences beyond physical existence.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.
 B. Both are true, but R is not the explanation.
 C. A is true, R is false.
 D. A is false, R is true.

13. Case Study

A woman living abroad treasures an old Casuarina tree from her childhood because it keeps alive the memories of her deceased siblings.

Which theme is most strongly conveyed?

- A. Ecological conservation B. Nostalgia intertwined with grief
 C. Adventure D. Scientific curiosity

14. Fill in the blank

The "dirge-like murmur" primarily reflects the poet's _____

- A. fear of darkness. B. homesickness and remembrance.
 C. excitement. D. religious devotion.

15. Rearrangement

Arrange the sequence of imagery in the poem.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| i. Creeper embracing the trunk | ii. Baboon greeting the sunrise |
| iii. Birds and bees welcoming the morning | iv. Reflection on childhood memories |
| A. i, ii, iii, iv | B. ii, i, iv, iii |
| C. iii, i, ii, iv | D. i, iii, ii, iv |

16. Fill in the blank

According to Ulysses, every experience serves as _____

- A. an obstacle. B. an arch opening into newer worlds of knowledge.
C. a burden of old age. D. a source of regret.

17. Case Study

A retired scientist refuses to stop researching because he believes learning has no final destination.

This attitude most closely resembles Ulysses' belief in-

- A. passive retirement. B. continuous striving despite age.
C. political leadership. D. domestic responsibility.

18. Match the Columns

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| i. Rust unburnished. | a. Unlimited possibilities |
| ii. Arch | b. Inactive existence |
| iii. Sunset | c. Closing phase of life |
| A. i-b, ii-a, iii-c | B. i-a, ii-c, iii-b |
| | C. i-c, ii-b, iii-a |
| | D. i-b, ii-c, iii-a |

19. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): Ulysses entrusts Ithaca to Telemachus.

Reason (R): He believes Telemachus possesses qualities better suited for peaceful governance than adventurous exploration.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.
B. Both are true, but R is not the explanation.
C. A is true, R is false.
D. A is false, R is true.

20. True or False

(i) Ulysses believes old age should inspire renewed effort rather than resignation.

(ii) His final message encourages surrender before fate.

- A. (i) True, (ii) False B. (i) False, (ii) True C. Both True D. Both False

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21. Fill in the blank

Maurya's final acceptance of her fate reveals that she has attained _____

- A. complete despair B. spiritual resignation and inner peace
C. hatred towards her daughters D. confidence that Michael will return

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22. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): Maurya blesses Bartley despite fearing that he is going to his death.

Reason (R): She realizes that a mother's love cannot always protect her children from destiny.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true, but R is false.
- D. A is false, but R is true.

23. Match the Columns

Column A

- i. Grey pony.
- ii. White boards
- iii. Holy water
- iv. Keening

Column B

- a. Mourning ritual
- b. Supernatural omen
- c. Protection and blessing
- d. Preparation for burial

- A. i-b, ii-d, iii-c, iv-a
- B. i-d, ii-b, iii-a, iv-c
- C. i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b
- D. i-c, ii-a, iii-b, iv-d

24. Case Study

A coastal family repeatedly loses its members in natural disasters. Eventually, the oldest surviving member says, "Nature has taken everything from me; I have nothing left to fear."

This idea most closely reflects-

- A. revenge against nature
- B. tragic acceptance of the inevitable
- C. disbelief in religion
- D. desire to leave the island permanently

25. Rearrangement

Arrange the following events in their correct order.

- i. Maurya fails to bless Bartley before he leaves.
 - ii. The sisters identify Michael's clothes.
 - iii. Maurya sees the vision of Michael.
 - iv. Bartley's body is brought home.
- A. i, iii, ii, iv
 - B. ii, i, iii, iv
 - C. i, ii, iii, iv
 - D. iii, i, ii, iv

GRAMMAR

26. Synthesis of Sentences

Combine the sentences into a complex sentence.

The banker entered the lodge. He found the lawyer asleep.

- A. The banker entered the lodge and found the lawyer asleep.
- B. When the banker entered the lodge, he found the lawyer asleep.
- C. Having entered the lodge, the lawyer was asleep.
- D. The banker entered the lodge because the lawyer was asleep.

27. Splitting of Sentences

Choose the correct pair of simple sentences.

Inspired by his father, Kalam developed faith in humanity.

- A. Kalam was inspired by his father. He developed faith in humanity.
- B. Kalam developed faith because his father inspired him.
- C. His father inspired Kalam developing faith.
- D. Kalam inspired his father. Humanity developed faith.

28. Narration Change

Choose the correct indirect speech.

Ulysses said, "Come, my friends, it is not too late to seek a newer world."

- A. Ulysses urged his friends that it was not too late to seek a newer world.
- B. Ulysses urged his friends to come, saying that it was not too late to seek a newer world.
- C. Ulysses asked his friends whether it was too late.
- D. Ulysses told that his friends come to seek a newer world.

29. Voice Change

Choose the correct passive form.

The forest rangers arrested the poachers.

- A. The poachers were arrested by the forest rangers.
- B. The poachers are arrested by the forest rangers.
- C. The poachers had arrested the forest rangers.
- D. The poachers have been arresting the forest rangers.

30. Error Correction

Identify the correct correction.

Neither the teacher nor the students was aware of the sudden announcement.

- A. were
- B. is
- C. have been
- D. No correction is required.

Read the following passage carefully and answer Questions 31-40.

Deep beneath the Arctic ice, scientists deployed an autonomous underwater vehicle to study microscopic organisms that survive in one of Earth's harshest environments. These organisms, though invisible to the naked eye, play a crucial role in maintaining marine ecosystems by forming the foundation of the polar food chain.

During the expedition, researchers noticed that rising ocean temperatures had begun altering the distribution of these microorganisms. Some species flourished in newly warmed waters, while others



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declined rapidly, creating unexpected imbalances throughout the ecosystem. The findings suggested that even the smallest changes in climate could produce widespread ecological consequences.

The research team also collaborated with indigenous Arctic communities, whose traditional knowledge helped identify long-term environmental changes that scientific instruments alone had overlooked. The study demonstrated that meaningful conservation depends upon combining modern scientific investigation with local experience and global cooperation.

31. **Synonym**

The word “deployed” most nearly means-

- A. abandoned B. positioned for use C. hidden D. destroyed

32. **Antonym**

The antonym of “flourished” is-

- A. prospered B. expanded C. declined D. succeeded

33. **Verb Form**

Choose the correct verb.

Scientists _____ the Arctic ecosystem for several years before publishing their report.

- A. studied B. had been studying C. study D. will study

34. **Passive Voice**

Choose the correct passive form.

Researchers discovered several new microorganisms.

- A. Several new microorganisms were discovered by researchers.
B. Several new microorganisms are discovered.
C. Researchers were discovered.
D. Several new microorganisms have discovering.

35. **Vocabulary**

The word “indigenous” refers to people who-

- A. recently migrated B. are native to a particular region
C. conduct scientific experiments D. travel frequently

36. **True or False**

(i) The microorganisms discussed are visible without scientific equipment.

(ii) Indigenous knowledge contributed to the research.

- A. (i) True, (ii) False B. (i) False, (ii) True C. Both True D. Both False

37. Match the Columns

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| i. Rising temperature | a. Ecological imbalance |
| ii. Indigenous knowledge. | b. Long-term observations |
| iii. Microorganisms | c. Foundation of food chain |

- A. i-a, ii-b, iii-c B. i-c, ii-a, iii-b C. i-b, ii-c, iii-a D. i-a, ii-c, iii-b

38. Rearrangement

Arrange the events.

- Scientists deployed an underwater vehicle.
- They observed changes in microorganism distribution.
- Indigenous communities shared traditional knowledge.
- Researchers concluded that conservation requires collaboration.

- A. i, ii, iii, iv B. ii, i, iii, iv C. iii, i, ii, iv D. i, iii, ii, iv

39. Assertion-Reasoning

Assertion (A): The researchers valued indigenous knowledge.

Reason (R): Scientific observation alone may not capture every long-term environmental change.

- Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
- A is true, R is false.
- A is false, R is true.

40. Case Study / Inference

A government plans to protect a fragile ecosystem by combining satellite monitoring, scientific research, and the experience of local communities.

Which conclusion from the passage best supports this policy?

- Scientific research should replace traditional knowledge.
- Traditional knowledge alone is sufficient.
- Effective conservation requires cooperation between science and local communities.
- Climate change affects only Arctic wildlife.



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MODEL QUESTION

ENGLISH

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes.

Full Marks: 40

Answer all the questions through OMR

(1 × 40 = 40)

- The train stopped at Deoli for about**
A. Two minutes B. Five minutes C. Ten minutes D. Fifteen minutes
- Which of the following are true?**
1. The narrator travelled during his college vacations.
2. The girl sold baskets.
3. The narrator married the girl.
4. The narrator searched for her later.
A. 1, 2 and 4 only B. 1 and 3 only C. 2 and 3 only D. 1, 2, 3 and 4
- At what time did the train usually reach Deoli?**
A. Midnight B. Around 5 a.m. C. Noon D. Evening
- Assertion (A):** The narrator kept looking out of the train window at Deoli.
Reason (R): He expected to see the basket-selling girl.
A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.
B. Both are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
C. A is true, R is false.
D. A is false, R is true.
- Arrange the following in the correct order.**
1. Kalam observes his father's daily prayers. 2. Kalam is born in Rameswaram.
3. Religious leaders meet for discussions. 4. Kalam develops respect for all religions.
A. 2, 1, 3, 4 B. 1, 2, 3, 4 C. 2, 3, 1, 4 D. 3, 2, 1, 4
- Which of the following qualities describe Jainulabdeen?**
1. Honest 2. Wise 3. Humble 4. Greedy
A. 1, 2 and 3 only B. 1 and 4 only C. 2 and 4 only D. All four



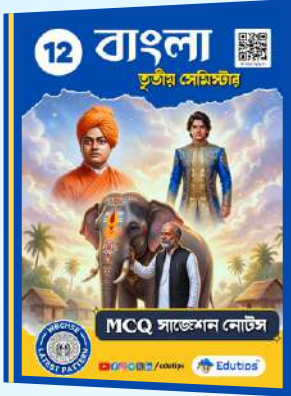


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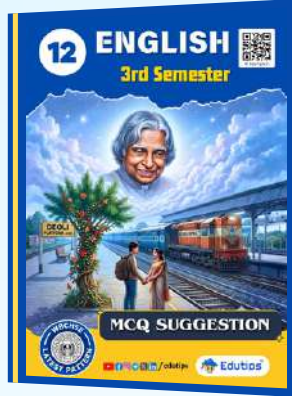
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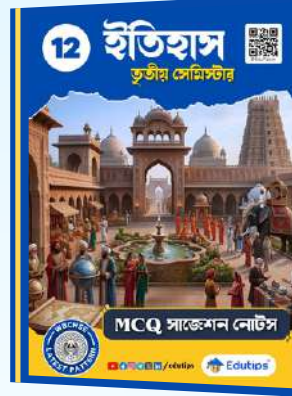
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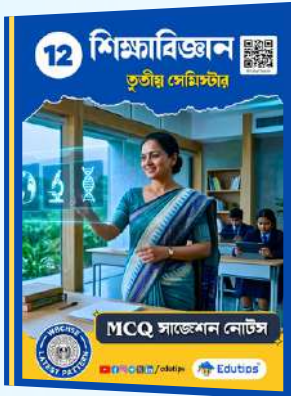
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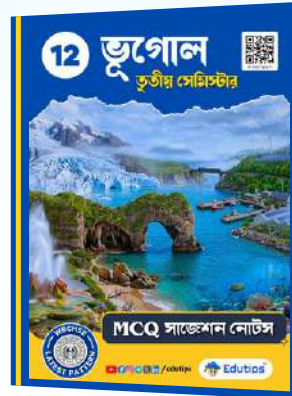
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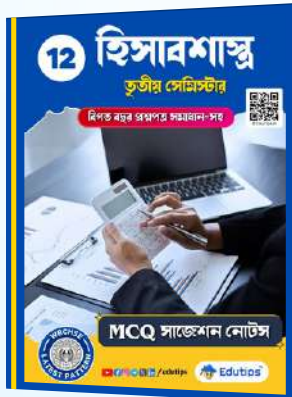
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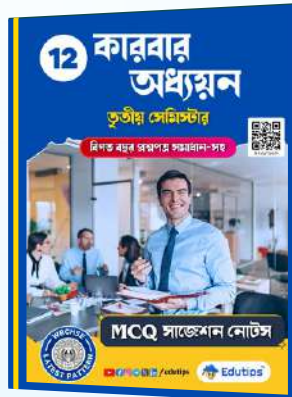
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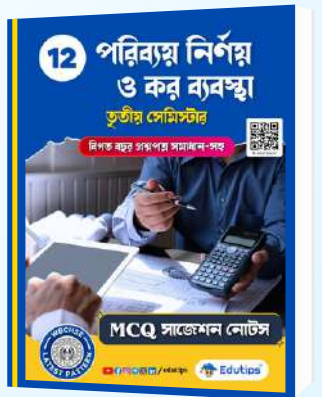
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7. The house in which Kalam was born was built in the _____ style of architecture.
A. Mughal B. Colonial
C. Traditional South Indian D. Gothic
8. The amount of money involved in the bet was _____ million.
A. One B. Two C. Three D. Five
9. Arrange the following events in the correct order.
1. The lawyer learns several languages. 2. The banker decides to murder the lawyer.
3. The lawyer writes a farewell letter. 4. The bet is made.
A. 4, 1, 2, 3 B. 4, 2, 1, 3 C. 1, 4, 2, 3 D. 2, 4, 1, 3
10. The banker considered the death penalty to be—
A. More humane than life imprisonment B. More cruel than life imprisonment
C. Less expensive D. Impossible to implement
11. The Casuarina tree stands as a symbol of-
A. political freedom B. enduring love and remembrance
C. scientific progress D. social equality
12. In the line “Love shall guard thee”, the figure of speech is-
A. Simile B. Personification C. Alliteration D. Irony
13. To what does the poet compare the murmuring sound of the Casuarina tree?
A. A distant temple bell B. The wind in the mountains
C. The rustling of autumn leaves D. The sea breaking on a shingle-beach
14. What sound does the tree make, according to the poem
A. A dirge-like murmur B. A sweet song C. The rustling of leaves D. The baboon's cry
15. What is referred to as a ‘giant’ wearing a scarf?
A) The creeper B) The poet C) The tree D) The moon
16. Match the characters from List I to their descriptions in List II.
- | List I (Character) | List II (Description) |
|------------------------|--|
| A. Ulysses | 1. A steadfast ruler dedicated to the common duties of civilization. |
| B. Telemachus | 2. Old and restless adventurers who share Ulysses' desire to sail. |
| C. Penelope | 3. The aging speaker who refuses to stop exploring. |
| D. The Fellow Mariners | 4. Ulysses' wife, who is mentioned as an “aged wife”. |
- Options:
(a) A-2, B-1, C-4, D-3 (b) A-3, B-1, C-4, D-2 (c) A-3, B-2, C-1, D-4 (d) A-4, B-3, C-2, D-1

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17. What type of a poem is 'Ulysses'?
- A. a sonnet B. a dramatic lyric C. an ode D. a dramatic monologue.
18. Which figure of speech is employed in the line - "I will drink life to the lees." ?
- A. metaphor B. irony C. personification D. paradox.
19. What are the "Happy Isles" that Ulysses mentions?
- A. A group of tropical islands Ulysses discovered on his voyages
B. The Elysian Fields, paradise for Greek heroes after death
C. The kingdom of Ithaca in its happier days
D. The islands off the coast of Scotland
20. Assertion (A): Ulysses encourages his companions to seek new adventures.
Reason (R): He believes old age should prevent people from taking risks.
- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. A is true, but R is false.
C. A is false, but R is true.
D. Both A and R are false.
21. 'They're all gone now...' refers to
- a) Maurya's daughters b) Maurya's sons c) The villagers d) The sheep
22. "No man at all can be living forever."
This line reflects
- a) optimism. b) acceptance of mortality.
c) anger. d) revenge.
23. The bundle of clothes is brought from
- a) Galway b) Donegal c) Connemara d) Dublin
24. Which event occurs first?
- a) Bartley's body is brought home. b) Maurya goes after Bartley.
c) Nora identifies Michael's clothes. d) Maurya delivers her final speech.
25. The sea primarily symbolizes
- a) prosperity. b) destiny and destruction.
c) freedom. d) adventure.

Grammar

26. Ulysses said, "Let us sail beyond the sunset." (Turn into indirect speech)
- Ulysses proposed that they should sail beyond the sunset.
 - Ulysses said to sail beyond the sunset.
 - Ulysses ordered beyond the sunset.
 - Ulysses exclaimed to sail.
27. Choose the correct sentence.
- The narrator don't forget the basket seller.
 - The narrator didn't forgot the basket seller.
 - The narrator didn't forget the basket seller.
 - The narrator doesn't forgot the basket seller.
28. Choose the correct synthesis.
- The narrator saw the basket seller. He was deeply impressed.
- Seeing the basket seller, the narrator was deeply impressed.
 - The basket seller impressed because the narrator.
 - The narrator impressed the basket seller.
 - The narrator saw because impressed.
29. Split the sentence correctly:
- "Yet all experience is an arch wherethrough gleams that untravelled world."
- All experience is an arch. Through it gleams the untravelled world.
 - All experience gleams. The world is an arch.
 - Experience is the world. It travels through an arch.
 - The world is travelled. Experience gleams.
30. Choose the sentence with the correct error correction.
- The lawyer have stayed in confinement for fifteen years.
 - The lawyer has stayed in confinement for fifteen years.
 - The lawyer had staying in confinement for fifteen years.
 - The lawyer has stay in confinement for fifteen years.

Reading Comprehension (unseen)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A small village lay beside a wide river. Every year during the rainy season, the river overflowed and flooded the fields. The villagers accepted this as a part of life, but a young girl named Meera believed something could be done. She gathered a group of friends and, with the guidance of their science teacher, studied how trees help prevent soil erosion and reduce the impact of floods.

The children started planting saplings along the riverbank. At first, many villagers laughed at their efforts, saying that a few children could not change nature. However, the children continued their work with patience and determination. They also organised awareness campaigns, encouraging people not to cut trees unnecessarily.

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After several years, the riverbank became stronger because the roots of the trees held the soil together. During the next heavy monsoon, the damage caused by flooding was much less than before. The villagers realised that small, consistent efforts could bring remarkable results. Meera's initiative inspired neighbouring villages to begin similar environmental projects.

31. Cause and Effect

Why did the children plant trees along the riverbank?

- A. To sell wood.
- B. To prevent soil erosion and reduce flood damage.
- C. To decorate the village.
- D. To attract tourists.

32. Why did the villagers laugh at the children initially?

- A. They disliked Meera.
- B. They doubted that children could make a difference.
- C. They hated trees.
- D. They wanted to leave the village.

33. Which statement is TRUE?

- A. The children stopped planting trees after a week.
- B. The river never flooded.
- C. Tree roots helped hold the soil together.
- D. The villagers immediately supported the children.

34. Assertion-Reason

Assertion (A): Flood damage was reduced after several years.

Reason (R): The trees strengthened the riverbank by holding the soil together.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R correctly explains A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation.
- C. A is true, but R is false.
- D. A is false, but R is true.

35. Who guided the children in their project?

- A. The village head
- B. Their science teacher
- C. The district officer
- D. A forest guard

36. Which of the following actions were taken by the children?

- 1. Planting saplings
- 2. Organising awareness campaigns
- 3. Cutting old trees
- 4. Studying soil erosion
- A. 1 and 2 only
- B. 1, 2 and 4 only
- C. 2, 3 and 4 only
- D. All four

37. Arrange the following events in the correct order.

1. Villagers realised the value of the project.
2. Meera discussed the issue with the science teacher.
3. Children planted saplings.
4. Flood damage was reduced.

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

38. What was Meera's primary objective?

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| A. To become famous | B. To reduce the impact of floods in her village |
| C. To win a science competition | D. To plant flowers in the village |

39. Which statement is NOT supported by the passage?

- | | |
|--|---|
| A. Trees help reduce soil erosion. | B. Meera worked alone throughout the project. |
| C. Awareness campaigns were organised. | D. Neighbouring villages were inspired. |

40. What does "initiative" mean in the passage?

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| A. A punishment | B. A new plan or action taken to solve a problem |
| C. A celebration | D. A competition |



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MODEL QUESTION

ENGLISH

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes.

Full Marks: 40

Choose the correct alternative.

(1 × 40 = 40)

1. Fill in the blanks

The narrator used to spend his summer vacations at his grandmother's house in _____.

- A) Dehra B) Mussoorie C) Deoli D) Saharanpur

2. True and False

Read the following statements and choose the correct option:

- (i) The basket-selling girl wore a bright red shawl over her shoulders.
(ii) The narrator jumped off the moving train to stay with the girl at Deoli forever.

- A) Statement (i) is True and (ii) is False B) Statement (i) is False and (ii) is True
C) Both statements are True D) Both statements are False

3. Assertion- Reasoning

Assertion (A): The narrator did not want to break his journey at Deoli on his subsequent visits.**Reason (R):** He was afraid of finding out something unpleasant or disappointing about the girl.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

4. Match the narrator's actions in Column A with their corresponding reasons in Column B:

Column A (Narrator's Action)

- i. Stepped off the train compartment
ii. Looked out of the window intensely
iii. Walked up and down the platform

Column B (Context / Reason)

- a. He was anxious to see if the girl would appear again
b. To buy a basket and talk to the girl
c. He felt restless and wanted to break the monotony

- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c B) i-a, ii-c, iii-b C) i-c, ii-b, iii-a D) i-b, ii-c, iii-a

5. Match Column A with Column B:

Column A

Column B

i. Ashiamma

a. Deeply influenced Kalam's spiritual growth

ii. Pakshi Lakshmana Sastry

b. Provided a secure childhood with necessities

iii. Jainulabdeen

c. Fed many outsiders daily at home

A) i-c, ii-a, iii-b

B) i-c, ii-b, iii-a

C) i-b, ii-a, iii-c

D) i-a, ii-c, iii-b

6. Rearrangement of Sentences

Arrange the daily morning routine of Kalam's father in the correct chronological order:

i. He would walk down to their small coconut grove.

ii. He started his day by reading the namaz before dawn.

iii. He would return with about a dozen coconuts tied together.

iv. Only after returning from the grove would he have his breakfast.

A) ii, i, iii, iv

B) i, ii, iii, iv

C) ii, iii, i, iv

D) iii, ii, i, iv

7. Case Study Based

Case: A local person approaches Kalam's father in profound distress after a personal crisis, seeking comfort. Kalam's father prays and offers water, but tells him that he is merely a go-between in human efforts to propitiate demonic forces.

What is the primary spiritual value Kalam's father demonstrates here?

A) He seeks personal praise for performing miracles.

B) He encourages people to live in permanent fear of demonic forces.

C) He shows humility, explaining that human suffering requires a direct spiritual understanding of fear.

D) He wants to discourage anyone from coming to him for prayers.

8. Fill in the blanks

During the last two years of his confinement, the lawyer read an immense quantity of books quite indiscriminately, but spent a long time exclusively on _____

A) Shakespeare's plays

B) Chemistry and Medicine

C) The Gospels and Theology

D) Manuals of Finance

9. Assertion Reasoning

Assertion (A): The banker planned to suffocate the lawyer to death on the final night of his confinement.

Reason (R): The banker had lost his fortune on the stock exchange and could no longer pay the two million rubles.

A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

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- C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

10. True and False

Read the statements regarding the lawyer's letters and notes from the lodge:

- (i) In the first year of his confinement, the lawyer requested wine and tobacco frequently.
(ii) In the fifth year, music was heard from the lodge again as the lawyer began writing his masterpiece.

- A) Both statements are True
B) Both statements are False
C) Statement (i) is True, (ii) is False
D) Statement (i) is False, (ii) is True

11. Match the flora and fauna surrounding the Casuarina tree with their descriptions:

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| i. Python | a. Leaps and sits like a statue on the crest |
| ii. Grey Baboon | b. Gathers in clusters of crimson flowers |
| iii. Kokilas | c. Winds round and round the rugged trunk |
| iv. Bird and Bee | d. Hail the day with sweet, melodious songs |

- A) i-c, ii-a, iii-d, iv-b B) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, iv-b C) i-a, ii-c, iii-b, iv-d D) i-b, ii-a, iii-d, iv-c

12. Assertion Reasoning

Assertion (A): The Casuarina tree is dear to the poet's soul not just for its magnificent physical stature.

Reason (R): Beneath its branches, the poet had played with her beloved, deceased siblings during childhood.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

13. Case Study Based

Case: When Toru Dutt resides in distant land masses like France or Italy, she hears a "dirge-like murmur" or a "wail" from the tree back home, carrying across the vast ocean waves.

What psychological and poetic state does this phenomenon describe?

- A) The poet is suffering from hallucinations due to physical illness.
B) The deep, spiritual bond with her homeland allows her to hear nature's empathetic echo across geographical barriers.
C) The Casuarina tree is physically dying due to neglect in her absence.
D) The poet wishes to cut down the tree to end her painful memories.

14. Fill in the blanks:

The poet explicitly wishes to protect the Casuarina tree from the curse of _____.

- A) human greed B) structural decay C) complete oblivion D) severe winter storms

15. Rearrangement of Sentences

Arrange the visual landscape descriptions as they step-by-step unfold in the opening stanzas:

- i. A grey baboon sits statue-like watching the sunrise.
- ii. A giant creeper winds around the tree trunk like a massive snake.
- iii. Water-lilies spring up in the shadow-covered tank like snow en masse.
- iv. Sleepy cows wend their slow way toward the green pastures.

- A) ii, i, iv, iii B) i, ii, iii, iv C) ii, iii, i, iv D) iv, ii, i, iii

16. Fill in the blanks

Ulysses leaves the administration and governance of his rocky island kingdom of Ithaca to his son, _____.

- A) Achilles B) Telemachus C) Elpenor D) Penelope

17. True and False

Read the statements regarding Ulysses' perspective on life:

- (i) Ulysses views his current life as an idle king as nothing more than hoarding and sleeping among an unequal race.
- (ii) He believes that old age should be a period of peaceful rest, where no great exploits should be attempted.

- A) Both statements are True B) Statement (i) is True, (ii) is False
C) Statement (i) is False, (ii) is True D) Both statements are False

18. Case Study Based

Case: "Much have I seen and known; cities of men / And manners, climates, councils, governments..." Based on this reflection, Ulysses can best be described as a leader who values:

- A) Domestic safety and structural isolation.
- B) Continuous experiential learning and global exposure.
- C) Quick military conquest over smaller tribes.
- D) Accumulation of gold and earthly treasures.

19. Match the metaphors used by Tennyson with their meanings:

Column A (Metaphor)

- i. To rust unburnished
- ii. An arch where through gleams
- iii. To drink life to the lees

Column B (Philosophical Meaning)

- a. Unexplored horizons of endless knowledge
- b. Life lived to the absolute maximum limits
- c. To become useless by remaining inactive

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- A) i-c, ii-a, iii-b B) i-c, ii-b, iii-a C) i-b, ii-a, iii-c D) i-a, ii-c, iii-b

20. Assertion Reasoning

Assertion (A): Ulysses calls out to his mariners to board the ship and push off even as the day wanes.

Reason (R): He believes that though they are weakened by time and fate, their heroic hearts still possess the will to strive, seek, and find.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

21. Fill in the blanks

Maurya sends Bartley out to the horse fair at Galway so he can sell their_____.

- A) black boat B) pigs and sheep C) horses D) nets and ropes

22. Rearrangement of Sentences

Arrange the tragic events leading up to the climax of the play in correct sequence:

- Nora and Cathleen open the bundle of clothes taken from a drowned man in Donegal.
- Maurya sees the terrifying vision of Michael riding on the grey pony behind Bartley.
- Bartley insists on crossing over to the sea despite the treacherous weather.
- The girls identify the dropping stitches on the stocking as Michael's.

- A) iii, i, iv, ii B) i, iv, iii, ii C) iii, ii, i, iv D) i, iii, ii, iv

23. Match the colors and visions in the play with their structural dramatic purpose:

Column A (Element)

- The grey pony
- Red sail
- Black feet
- Keening women

Column B (Dramatic Purpose)

- Symbolic of traditional mourning and final rites
- Associated with the supernatural vision of Michael's ghost
- Belonged to the ship or boat Bartley intended to board
- Described by the girls as belonging to drowned men

- A) i-b, ii-c, iii-d, iv-a B) i-b, ii-a, iii-d, iv-c C) i-c, ii-b, iii-a, iv-d D) i-a, ii-c, iii-d, iv-b

24. Assertion Reasoning

Assertion (A): At the end of the play, Maurya stops crying and refuses to pray for more favors from the sea.

Reason (R): The sea has taken her last surviving son, so it can do no more harm to her.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

25. True and False

Read the statements regarding the setting and environment of the play:

- (i) The entire setting takes place in an island off the West of Ireland.
- (ii) The young priest prevents Bartley from going out to sea by locking up his riding gear.

- A) Statement (i) is True, (ii) is False
- B) Statement (i) is False, (ii) is True
- C) Both statements are True
- D) Both statements are False

26. Synthesis of Sentences

Join the two sentences into a complex sentence:

The narrator reached the station. The girl was not there.

- A) The narrator reached the station and the girl was not there.
- B) When the narrator reached the station, the girl was not there.
- C) The narrator reached the station because the girl was not there.
- D) Having reached the station, the narrator did not see the girl.

27. Splitting of Sentences

Choose the option that correctly splits the following sentence into two separate simple sentences:

Kalam's father lived a simple life, avoiding all inessential comforts.

- A) Kalam's father lived a simple life. He avoided all inessential comforts.
- B) Kalam's father avoided all inessential comforts. To live a simple life.
- C) Kalam's father lived a simple life. He avoiding all inessential comforts.
- D) Kalam's father had a simple life. It avoided all inessential comforts.

28. Narration Change

Choose the correct indirect speech for the sentence:

The young lawyer said, "I will stay in confinement for fifteen years, not five!"

- A) The young lawyer said that he would stay in confinement for fifteen years, not five.
- B) The young lawyer asked if he will stay in confinement for fifteen years, not five.
- C) The young lawyer told that he should stay in confinement for fifteen years, not five.
- D) The young lawyer exclaimed that I will stay in confinement for fifteen years, not five.

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29. Narration Change

Choose the correct direct speech for the sentence:

Maurya told her daughters that the sea had taken all her sons.

- A) Maurya says to her daughters, "The sea took all my sons."
- B) Maurya said to her daughters, "The sea has taken all sons."
- C) Maurya asked her daughters, "Did the sea take all my sons?"
- D) Maurya told to her daughters, "The sea would take all my sons."

30. Error Correction

Identify and fix the underlined grammatical error in the text-based sentence:

Ulysses cannot rested from travel; he wants to explore new worlds.

- A) resting
- B) rests
- C) rest
- D) rested

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the heart of the Western Ghats lies a dense, rain-soaked sanctuary known for its rich biodiversity. Dr. Anita Roy, a dedicated herpetologist, spent five grueling years deep within these forests tracking the elusive King Cobra. Her primary objective was to observe their nesting behavior in the wild—a phenomenon rarely caught on film.

The dense canopy blocks out most sunlight, creating a perpetual twilight zone on the forest floor. Leeches and sudden torrential downpours made her daily expeditions incredibly exhausting, yet her passion remained undiminished. Along her path, she encountered several venomous species, unpredictable wild elephants, and logistical hurdles like failing electronic gear due to the high humidity levels.

One evening, her patience paid off. She discovered a female cobra meticulously constructing a nest using dried bamboo leaves. It was a groundbreaking discovery for her research team. However, the joyous moment turned tense when a group of illegal poachers encroached into the buffer zone, intending to capture rare reptiles for the underground pet trade. Armed with deep field knowledge and absolute composure, Dr. Roy contacted the forest rangers immediately while tracking the

poachers' movements secretly. Her timely action led to the swift apprehension of the criminals, ensuring the sanctuary's micro-ecosystem remained completely undisturbed. The event proved that scientific conservation requires not just research, but active vigilance.

31. Find the option that acts as a synonym for the word "grueling" as used in the second paragraph:

- A) Delightful
- B) Exhausting
- C) Brief
- D) Unimportant

32. Find the option that serves as an antonym for the word "encroached" based on the context of the passage:

- A) Intruded
- B) Trespassed
- C) Retreated
- D) Invaded

33. Choose the correct form of the underlined verb to maintain proper tense consistency:

Dr. Roy contacting the forest rangers immediately when she spotted the poachers.

- A) contacts
- B) contacted
- C) has contacted
- D) was contrasting

34. Choose the correct passive voice version of the sentence:

The dense canopy blocks out most sunlight.

- A) Most sunlight was blocked out by the dense canopy.
- B) Most sunlight is blocked out by the dense canopy.
- C) Most sunlight has been blocked out by the dense canopy.
- D) The dense canopy is blocking out most sunlight.

35. The term “composure” in the third paragraph means:

- A) Panic and fear
- B) Anger and resentment
- C) Calm and controlled behavior
- D) Speed and haste

36. True and False

Read the statements based on the passage:

- (i) Dr. Anita Roy was primarily studying the migration patterns of wild elephants.
- (ii) High humidity levels caused her electronic research gear to malfunction.

- A) Statement (i) is True, (ii) is False
- B) Statement (i) is False, (ii) is True
- C) Both statements are True
- D) Both statements are False

37. Match the challenges faced by Dr. Roy with their causes as described in the text:

Column A (Challenge)

Column B (Cause)

- i. Failing electronic gear
- ii. Perpetual twilight
- iii. Immediate danger to reptiles
- a. Poachers encroaching on the buffer zone
- b. Dense forest canopy blocking sunlight
- c. High humidity levels in the rainforest

- A) i-c, ii-b, iii-a
- B) i-b, ii-c, iii-a
- C) i-c, ii-a, iii-b
- D) i-a, ii-b, iii-c

38. Rearrangement of Sentences

Arrange the narrative events of the unseen passage in their correct chronological order:

- i. Dr. Roy spotted a female cobra building a nest with dried leaves.
- ii. Forest rangers arrived and apprehended the illegal poachers.
- iii. Dr. Roy spent five grueling years studying wildlife in the Western Ghats.
- iv. Poachers illegally entered the sanctuary’s buffer zone.

- A) iii, i, iv, ii
- B) i, iii, iv, ii
- C) iii, iv, i, ii
- D) iv, iii, i, ii

39. Assertion Reasoning

Assertion (A): Dr. Roy secretly tracked the poachers instead of confronting them directly by herself.

Reason (R): She was armed with deep field knowledge and understood that maintaining composure and alert teamwork was safer for conservation.

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- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

40. Case Study / Inference Question

Based on the final paragraph, what central lesson does the passage offer regarding modern scientific conservation?

- A) Field researchers should focus strictly on writing reports and avoid talking to rangers.
- B) Local wildlife cannot survive without completely blocking all scientific research teams.
- C) True conservation demands a combination of rigorous field research and active vigilance against illegal threats.
- D) Heavy rainfall is the only effective way to stop poaching in the Western Ghats.



MODEL QUESTION
ENGLISH
Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes.
Full Marks: 40
Choose The Correct Alternative.
(1 × 40 = 40)

1. **In The Night Train at Deoli, the narrator marks Deoli as the place where the wilderness begins and the train stops for about _____.**
 A) ten minutes B) half an hour C) twenty minutes D) two minutes
2. **State whether the following statements from Bond's story are True (T) or False (F):**
 (i) The narrator once missed his train at Deoli because he was talking to the basket girl.
 (ii) The station master at Deoli confirmed to the narrator during his later visit that the girl had married a local villager.
 A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F
3. **Assertion (A):** The narrator did not inquire about the girl from the station master during his very last transit through Deoli.
Reason (R): He preferred to keep a lingering hope alive rather than risk discovering a painful or mundane truth about her fate.
 A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 C) A is true, but R is false.
 D) A is false, but R is true.
4. **Match the descriptions of human expressions in Column A with the characters from *The Night Train at Deoli* in Column B:**

Column A	Column B
i. Handled the baskets with deliberate, graceful movements	a. The Station Master
ii. Looked directly into the narrator's eyes with a cold, piercing gaze	b. The Narrator
iii. Looked amused and surprised when questioned about the girl	c. The Basket Girl
A) i-c, ii-c, iii-a B) i-c, ii-b, iii-a C) i-a, ii-c, iii-b D) i-b, ii-a, iii-c	
5. **In Strong Roots, Kalam mentions that his father's day began at 4:00 AM with the reading of the _____.**
 A) Gita B) Namaz C) Quran D) Hadith

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6. Match the abstract ideas in Column A with their philosophical explanations given by Kalam's father in Column B:

Column A Column B

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| i. Prayer | a. A state that allows humans to see themselves as a specific element of the divine whole |
| ii. Adversity | b. A medium that achieves a communion of the spirit between people |
| iii. Fear | c. An opportunity for self-examination and finding hidden potential |

- A) i-b, ii-c, iii-a B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c C) i-c, ii-b, iii-a D) i-b, ii-a, iii-c

7. Case Study Based Question

Case: Kalam recalls his father walking nearly four miles every single morning down to their small coconut grove just to bring back a dozen coconuts tied together over his shoulder, a routine maintained well into his late sixties.

What core values did this lifelong routine demonstrate to young Kalam?

- A) A desire to accumulate material wealth through agriculture.
B) Relentless self-discipline, physical industriousness, and living in complete harmony with nature.
C) An obsessive focus on saving money on transport.
D) Strict compliance with local community laws.

8. In Chekhov's *The Bet*, the lawyer is locked inside a small garden wing built in the banker's ____.

- A) city estate B) courtyard garden C) country villa D) forest lodge

9. **Assertion (A):** In the fifth year of his confinement, the lawyer was heard to beg for wine and music once again.

Reason (R): He had successfully mastered all European languages and wanted to celebrate his intellectual achievement.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

10. State whether the following statements regarding *The Bet* are True (T) or False (F):

- (i) The banker originally staked two million rubles, while the lawyer staked his freedom for fifteen years.
(ii) The banker intended to murder the lawyer on the final night to avoid total financial bankruptcy.

- A) I-T, II-T B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-F D) I-F, II-F

11. Match the elements of nature in Column A with their precise descriptions from Our Casuarina Tree in Column B:

Column A

Column B

i. The giant creeper

a. Encircled the trunk like a massive python

ii. The scarlet flowers

b. Gathered in vast numbers amidst the dark boughs

iii. The bird and bee

c. Hung in heavy crimson tufts among the branches

A) i-a, ii-c, iii-b

B) i-b, ii-a, iii-c

C) i-a, ii-b, iii-c

D) i-c, ii-b, iii-a

12. **Assertion (A):** The waves gently splash against the shore in the poet's memory when she recalls the tree.

Reason (R): The sound is poetically associated with the classic Italian landscape where she currently resides.

A) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

B) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

C) A is true, but R is false.

D) A is false, but R is true.

13. Toru Dutt writes that "Deathless Brutes" or classic trees are found in the valleys of _____, which she links to her native land.

A) France

B) England

C) Borrowdale

D) Venice

14. Fill in the blanks:

The poet mentions that when the dawn breaks, her eyes rest with delight on the tree, especially when a gray _____ sits on the top branch.

A) kokila

B) baboon

C) eagle

D) sparrow

15. Arrange these poetic lines from Our Casuarina Tree in the correct order of their structural appearance:

i. "But not because of its magnificence / Dear is the Casuarina to my soul;"

ii. "A creeper climbs, in whose embraces bound / No other tree could live."

iii. "What is that dirge-like murmur that I hear / Like the sea breaking on a shingle-beach?"

iv. "Mayst thou be numbered when my days are done / With deathless trees..."

A) ii, i, iii, iv

B) i, ii, iii, iv

C) ii, iii, i, iv

D) iii, i, ii, iv

16. In Ulysses, the aging protagonist stands by his hearth with his aged wife, matching his restless spirit with a _____ people.

A) dynamic

B) savage

C) civilized

D) foreign

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17. State True (T) or False (F) for these statements based on Tennyson's Ulysses:

- (i) Ulysses views his home island of Ithaca as a barren crag that traps his heroic ambitions.
(ii) The mariners who sail with Ulysses are young, vibrant soldiers recruited from neighboring lands.

A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F

18. Match the descriptions in Column A with the geographical or mythical locations in Ulysses in Column B:

Column A

- i. Where the rain-clouds gather and dim the sea
ii. Where the western stars set into the deep ocean
iii. Where legendary heroes rest after death

Column B

- a. The Hyades
b. The Happy Isles
c. The Baths of all the Western Stars

A) i-a, ii-c, iii-b B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b

19. Assertion (A): Ulysses claims that "As though to breathe were life!" is an incomplete definition of human existence.

Reason (R): True life requires continuous action, accumulation of experience, and a constant quest for knowledge beyond bounds.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

20. Arrange the following declarations by Ulysses in their correct sequence of thought:

- i. "To follow knowledge like a sinking star..."
ii. "I am a part of all that I have met..."
iii. "Death closes all: but something ere the end..."
iv. "Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will..."

A) ii, i, iii, iv B) i, ii, iii, iv C) ii, iii, i, iv D) iii, ii, i, iv

21. Fill in the blanks:

Cathleen tells Nora that she must look through the bundle of clothes while their mother is downstream because Maurya is busy checking the

A) fishing hookers B) dynamic dark turf C) heavy sails D) sheep pens

22. Arrange these dramatic events of Riders to the Sea in their correct chronological order:

- i. Bartley asks for the rope that is hanging on the nail.
ii. Nora counts the dropped stitches on the stocking found in Donegal.
iii. The old women begin a low, rhythmic keening inside the cottage.
iv. Maurya laments that the sea has left her with no sons to go out on the water.

A) ii, i, iii, iv B) i, ii, iii, iv C) ii, iii, i, iv D) iii, i, ii, iv

23. Match the phrases in Column A with the characters who uttered them in *Riders to the Sea* in Column B:

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| i. "If it isn't found itself, how will the poor man have a right burial?" | a. Cathleen |
| ii. "He's gone now, God spare him, and we need not be asking for the rope..." | b. Nora |
| iii. "It's a great rest I'll have now, and great sleeping in the long nights..." | c. Maurya |
| A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c | B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c |
| C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a | D) i-c, ii-b, iii-a |

24. **Assertion (A):** Nora claims that the young priest has a deep, infallible understanding of the ocean's dangers.

Reason (R): He assured them that Almighty God would never let Maurya lose all her sons to the sea.

- A) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

25. State whether the following statements from Synge's play are True (T) or False (F):

- (i) Maurya gives Bartley the bit of bread when she encounters him at the spring well.
(ii) The old white boards are left unused at the end because there is no canvas or rope to lower the coffin into the grave.

- A) I-F, II-T B) I-T, II-F C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F

26. **Synthesis of Sentences**

Join the two sentences using an appropriate relative pronoun:

The narrator reached Deoli station. He met a unique basket-selling girl there.

- A) The narrator reached Deoli station where he met a unique basket-selling girl.
B) The narrator reached Deoli station because he met a unique basket-selling girl there.
C) The narrator reached Deoli station so that he met a unique basket-selling girl.
D) The narrator reached Deoli station, but he met a unique basket-selling girl there.

27. **Splitting of Sentences**

Choose the option that correctly splits the following sentence into two simple sentences:

After reading the theological books for three years, the lawyer renounced worldly treasures.

- A) The lawyer read theological books for three years. Then he renounced worldly treasures.
B) The lawyer having read theological books for three years. He renounced worldly treasures.
C) The lawyer read theological books for three years. Worldly treasures were renounced after that.
D) The lawyer renounced worldly treasures. After that he read theological books for three years.



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28. Error Correction

Identify the correct option to fix the underlined error:

Ulysses felt that his administrative duties were bore and un inspiring.

- A) boring B) bored C) boredom D) boringly

29. Narration Change

Choose the correct indirect speech for the sentence:

Kalam's father said, "Why be afraid of difficulties?"

- A) Kalam's father asked why they should be afraid of difficulties.
B) Kalam's father said that why be afraid of difficulties.
C) Kalam's father inquired whether they are afraid of difficulties.
D) Kalam's father told them not to be afraid of difficulties.

30. Narration Change

Choose the correct direct speech for the sentence:

The narrator asked the station master if he knew the basket girl.

- A) The narrator said to the station master, "Do you know the basket girl?"
B) The narrator asked to the station master, "Did you know the basket girl?"
C) The narrator said to the station master, "Why do you know the basket girl?"
D) The narrator says to the station master, "Do you know the basket girl?"

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the dense riverine wetlands of the Amazon basin, a unique semi-aquatic predatory reptile known as the Caiman relies on precise thermoregulation for its daily metabolic survival. Dr. Marcus Vance, an evolutionary herpetologist, led a conservation team to document how sudden deforestation alters the species' basking patterns. His primary focus was to analyze how increased exposure to direct sunlight affects their juvenile growth rates along the exposed river mudflats.

The swampy forest environment offered zero stable ground, forcing the field crew to build temporary floating wooden platforms while monitoring fragile aquatic telemetry gear. Torrential downpours and thick swarms of stinging insects made their field operations exceptionally demanding, yet their focus remained completely unwavering. Across the muddy channels, the team had to navigate hidden piranha schools, sudden water-level crests, and unstable peat-bogs that continuously threatened their physical safety.

After four weeks of meticulous surveying, Dr. Vance finally identified a significant, undisturbed nesting ground sheltered inside a hidden marsh creek. It was a milestone discovery for tropical reptile conservation. However, the conservation success turned into an immediate crisis when they spotted several illegal wire cages set along the bank-poachers had been catching these protected reptiles to supply the luxury leather industry. Utilizing his deep knowledge of the river distributaries, Dr. Vance quickly sent a scout on a motorized skiff to the nearest environmental police post while his remaining crew maintained a silent watch over the poachers' hidden camp. The rapid coordination allowed the environmental police to intercept the poachers at the river mouth, ensuring the caiman nesting habitat remained completely secure. The operation



proved that conserving vulnerable wetland fauna demands systematic scientific tracking combined with immediate, defensive field maneuvers.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “meticulous” as used in the third paragraph:

- A) Careless B) Fast C) Thorough D) Rough

32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “unwavering” based on the context of the passage:

- A) Firm B) Fickle C) Constant D) Steady

33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:

The herpetologist spotting several wire cages while he was scanning the marsh bank.

- A) spot B) spotted C) spots D) was spotting

34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:

The nesting grounds were identified by Dr. Marcus Vance’s conservation team.

- A) Dr. Marcus Vance’s conservation team identifies the nesting grounds.
B) Dr. Marcus Vance’s conservation team identified the nesting grounds.
C) Dr. Marcus Vance’s conservation team was identifying the nesting grounds.
D) Dr. Marcus Vance’s conservation team has identified the nesting grounds.

35. The word “thermoregulation” in the first paragraph refers to:

- A) Measuring water depth
B) The regulation and maintenance of internal body temperature
C) Catching prey in water
D) Building shelters from rain

36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:

- (i) Caimans do not require any specific thermoregulation to maintain their metabolism.
(ii) Thick swarms of stinging insects and hidden piranha schools were challenges faced by the crew.

- A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F

37. Match the research elements in Column A with their correct situational context in Column B:

Column A

- i. Floating wooden platforms
ii. Luxury leather industry
iii. Hidden marsh creek

Column B

- a. Constructed to handle data gear where there was no stable ground
b. Provided the main illegal incentive for local caiman poachers
c. Provided a safe shelter for the significant caiman nesting ground

- A) i-a, ii-b, iii-c B) i-b, ii-a, iii-c C) i-a, ii--c, iii-b D) i-c, ii--b, iii--a



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38. Arrange the events of the Amazon expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:

- i. The team built temporary floating wooden platforms over the swampy ground.
- ii. Environmental police intercepted the poachers at the river mouth.
- iii. Dr. Vance discovered the hidden caiman nesting ground inside a creek.
- iv. A scout was dispatched on a motorized skiff to the environmental police post.

A) i, iii, iv, ii B) i, iv, iii, ii C) iii, i, iv, ii D) i, iii, ii, iv

39. Assertion (A): The research crew did not try to dismantle the poachers' camp by themselves.

Reason (R): They wanted to monitor the area silently to ensure a coordinated ambush by the environmental police.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is false.
- D) A is false, but R is true.

40. Case Study Based Question

Case: Imagine you are an environmental police officer patrolling the Amazon basin. You receive an urgent coordinate ping from a field herpetology crew stating that poachers are setting traps around a protected nursery habitat. According to the text, your most effective strategic decision should be to:

- A) Postpone the mission until the torrential downpours stop completely.
- B) Mobilize a swift water unit to intercept the poachers at strategic bottlenecks like the river mouth.
- C) Order the scientists to capture the poachers and hold them at the floating platform.
- D) Relocate the entire reptile population to a controlled artificial zoo facility.



STRONGROOTS

Choose correct options:

- Adul Kalam's ancestral house was built in—
A. mid 19th century B. late 19th century C. early 19th century D. early 20th century
- Kalam's father had an ideal helpmate in—
A. Pakshi Lakshmana Shastri B. Ashiamma
C. Kalam's grand father D. Kalam's grand mother
- Kalam's mother cooked meals for —
A. herself B. her family C. her family and outsiders D. outsiders
- Kalam's father and Pakshi Lakshmana Sastri used to discuss—
A. political matters B. social matters C. legal matters D. Spiritual matters
- According to Kalam's father, when one prays one becomes a part of the—
A. Country B. Society C. Earth D. Cosmos

Fill in the blanks:

- Jainulabdeen was a _____ man.
A. rich B. spiritually strong C. highly educated D. morally poor
- Kalam's father believed in _____ and giving to charity.
A. earning money B. simplicity and self-discipline
C. politics D. modern science
- According to Kalam, _____ is the foundation of good life.
A. wealth B. strong roots C. fame D. education abroad
- Despite some disadvantages, Kalam's family was _____ in terms of values.
A. very rich B. spiritually wealthy C. famous D. educated
- The lesson "Strong Roots" teaches us the importance of _____ and moral values.
A. money B. family and simplicity C. technology D. cooking

State whether the statements are true(T) or False(F) Choose correct option.

1. Jainulabdeen was very affluent.
2. Kalam was born in a Telegu family.
A. Statement 1 is True, 2 is False B. Statement 1 is False, 2 is True
C. Both 1 and 2 are True D. Both 1 and 2 are False

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12. 1. Kalam did not get guiding principle for his future life.
2. Kalam's father did not have any principle for life.
A. Statement 1 is True, 2 is False
B. Statement 1 is False, 2 is True
C. Both 1 and 2 are True
D. Both 1 and 2 are False
13. 1. People offered buckets of water to Jainulabdeen to sanctify.
2. People took this water home for selling.
A. Statement 1 is True, 2 is False
B. Statement 1 is False, 2 is True
C. Both 1 and 2 are True
D. Both 1 and 2 are False
14. 1. Kalam's father could convey spiritual matters in simple English.
2. People used to wait for Kalam's father to come out of the mosque.
A. Statement 1 is True, 2 is False
B. Statement 1 is False, 2 is True
C. Both 1 and 2 are True
D. Both 1 and 2 are False
15. 1. Pakshi Lakshmana Sastri was a friend of Jainulabdeen.
2. They used to discuss politics.
A. Statement 1 is True, 2 is False
B. Statement 1 is False, 2 is True
C. Both 1 and 2 are True
D. Both 1 and 2 are False

Assertion—Reason

16. **Assertion(A): Jainulabdeen avoided all luxuries and comforts.**
Reason(R): He believed in simplicity and self discipline.
A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is true but R is false.
D. A is false but R is true.
17. **Assertion(A): Kalam's mother used to feed many people every day.**
Reason(R): She was a rich woman.
A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is true but R is false.
D. A is false but R is true.
18. **Assertion(A): Kalam called his childhood memories 'Strong Roots'.**
Reason(R): The values and love he received in childhood shaped his life.
A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is true but R is false.
D. A is false but R is true.

Rearrange the sequence of Kalams attending the mosque with his father in correct order

19. (i) Kalam was convinced that the prayers reached God.
(ii) Kalam's father come out of the mosque.
(iii) Kalam's father took him to the mosque.
(iv) Kalam scarcely understood the Arabic Prayers.
A. (iii),(i),(ii),(iv) B. (i),(ii),(iii),(iv) C. (iii),(iv),(i),(ii) D. (ii),(iii),(iv),(i)
20. Order of events that show 'Strong Roots':
(i) Learning values at home
(ii) Experiencing unity at home
(iii) Getting education
(iv) coming a responsible citizen
A. (iii),(ii),(i),(iv) B. (iii),(i),(ii),(iv) C. (i),(ii),(iii),(iv) D. (ii),(iii),(iv),(i)

Case Study:

21. Case: "I would say mine was a very secure childhood materially and emotionally. Why did Kalam demand that he had a very secure childhood?
A. Kalam Was provided whatever he wanted.
B. He enjoyed a luxurious childhood.
C. His childhood was neglected.
D. He was provided the things which were essential.
22. Case: "Adversity always presents opportunity for introspection." Why did Kalam's father make this observation?
A. One should fear the difficulties one faces.
B. One should neglect the difficulties.
C. One should not try to solve adversities in life.
D. We should understand the relevance of sufferings as it gives us the power to introspect.

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HIGHER SECONDARY EXAMINATION: 2026

SEMESTER-III

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

Full Marks : 40

Choose the correct alternatives:

(1x40=40)

Fill in the blank

1. The last time the narrator saw the girl at Deoli, she had a/an _____ on her face.

A. smile B. wistful look C. anger D. fear

2. State whether the statements from Bond's story are true(T) or false(F).

i. The girl at Deoli station sold berries to the passengers.

ii. The narrator and the girl had long conversation at Deoli.

A. i—T, ii—F B. i—F, ii—T C. i—T, ii—T D. i—F, ii—F

3. Assertion –Reason

Assertion(A): The narrator decided to get off the train at Deoli and spend the day to please the town.

Reason(R): The narrator always felt sorry for the little town.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is true but R is false.
D. A is false but R is true.

4. Choose the most suitable option to match column A with column B:

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) The guard | (a) Dark, impatient eyes |
| (ii) The Girl | (b) Waiting for the girl |
| (iii) The Tea stall owner | (c) Blew whistle |
| (iv) The Narrator | (d) Greasy clothes |

A. i—a, ii—d, iii—c, iv—b

B. i—d, ii—a, iii—b, iv—c

C. i—c, ii—a, iii—d, iv—b

D. i—b, ii—d, iii—c, iv—a

5. What is the significance of the title "strong Roots" in this extract?

- A. It refers to the author's family tree.
B. It symbolises the important values instilled in author's personae during his childhood.
C. It describes the strong trees near his home where he spent his childhood.
D. It foretells the author's future achievements.

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6. Rearrange the sentences that describes daily activities of Kalam's father chronologically.

- (i) He would take his breakfast.
- (ii) He would start his day at 4 am by reading namaz.
- (iii) He would return with about a dozen of coconuts tied together.
- (iv) He would walk down to a small coconut grove.

- A. ii, i, iii, iv B. ii, iv, iii, i C. iv, iii, I, ii D. iii, ii, i, iv

7. Case study

Case: "When my father came out of the mosque after prayers, people of different religions would be sitting outside, waiting for him."

According to the narrator, people of different regions used to wait for the narrator's father.

Why would people of different religions wait for the narrator's father?

- A. People of different religions would come to the narrator's father to ask for financial help.
- B. People of different religions would come the narrator's father to sanctify water for the invalids.
- C. People of different religions would come to the narrators father to attend religious programme.
- D. People of different religions would come to the narrator's father to discuss political matters.

8. Fill in the blank

The fateful bet took place in _____.

- A. Autumn B. Fall C. Summer D. Winter

9. Assertion- Reason

Assertion(A): The lawyer left the lodge 5minutes before the end of 15years and gave up 2 million rubles.

Reason(R): During his confidence confinement, he realised that material wealth and knowledge had no real value compared to spiritual freedom .

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C. A is true but R is false.
- D. A is false but R is true.

10. State whether the statements are True or False

- (i) The prisoner wanted only religious books.
- (ii) In the second year the piano was silent in the lodge.

- A. Statement (i) is true, (ii) is false B. Statement(i) is False, (ii) is True
C. Both statements are True D. Both statements are false

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11. Fill in the blank

The waves kissed the _____ shore of France or Italy.

- A. barren B. sheltered C. shingle D. classic

12. Which feelings does the poet associate with the casuarina tree?

- A. Indifference and apathy B. Fear and danger
C. Comfort, security and happy memory D. Loneliness and isolation

13. "The water-lilies spring- like snow enmassed." The figure of speech used here is —

- A. Simile B. Conceit C. Personification D. Irony

14. The baboon sits like a—

- A. Guard B. Man C. Python D. Statue

15. The deathless trees are in

- A. London B. Borrowdale C. Cumberland D. Norway

16. Ulysses was the king of –

- A. Cyprus B. Troy C. Ithaca D. Athens

17. State whether the statements are True(T) or False(F)

- (i) Telemachus is Ulysses' beloved son.
(ii) Ulysses wants to leave his sceptre in the hand of Telemachus.

- A. (i) –T, (ii)—F B. (i)—F, (ii)—T C. (i)—T, (ii)—T D. (i)—F, (ii)—F

18. Match the following

Column A

- (i) "I can not rest from travel"
(ii) "It little profits that an idle king"
(iii) "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield"
(iv) "This grey spirit yearneth"

- A. (i)-c, (ii)-d, (iii)-a, (iv)-b
C. (i)-a, (ii)-b, (iii)-c, (iv)-d

Column B

- a. To follow knowledge like a sinking star
b. Ulysses' wife
c. Ulysses' desire
d. Criticism of Ithaca life

- B. (i)-c, (ii) -d, (iii)-b, (iv)-a
D. (i)-d, (ii)-c, (iii)-a, (iv)-b

19. Which phrase from the poem most reflects the character of Ulysses?

- A. "Much have I seen and known" B. "I mete and dole"
C. "Grow old along with me" D. "I will drink life to the lees"

20. '...That hoard, and sleep, and feed...'

The meaning of the word 'hoard' means

- A. Waste B. Store/collect C. Spend D. Throw

21. Where does Maurya finally get peace at the end of the play 'Riders to the Sea'?
- A. In the church
B. After giving up all her sons to the sea
C. In Galway
D. By crying loudly

22. Arrange the events in correct order:

1. Maurya sees a vision of Michael
2. Bartley goes out for Galway fair
3. Maurya wishes God might spare them
4. The villagers bring in Bartley's body
- A. 3,2,1,4
B. 2,3,1,4
C. 3,1,2,4
D. 1,3,2,4

23. Match the objects with their significance:

Column A
Column B

- (i) Grey pony
(ii) White board
(iii) Holy water
(iv) Spring well
- (a) To wrap Michael's body
(b) For blessings
(c) Omen for death
(d) Symbolic to life

A. (i)—b, (ii)—d, (iii)—c, (iv)—a

B. (i)—c, (ii)—a, (iii)—b, (iv)—d

C. (i)—a, (ii)—c, (iii)—b, (iv)—d

D. (i)—d, (ii)—b, (iii)—a, (iv)—c

24. As the scene opens, Cathleen was .

- A. sewing clothes
B. knitting a stocking
C. kneading cakes
D. tending the fire

25. Assertion(A): Maurya tries to stop Bartley from going into the sea.

Reason(R): Maurya fears she would be left with no son.

- A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C. A is true but R is false.
D. A is false but R is true.

26. Join the sentences into a simple sentence. When she saw me, she smiled.

- A. She saw me and smiled.
B. After she saw me, she smiled.
C. After she smiled, she saw me.
D. Seeing me she smiled.

27. Split the sentences into two simple sentences.

When she came to my window, she stopped.

- A. She came to my window. She stopped.
B. She is coming to my window. She stopped.
C. She came to my window. She is stopping.
D. She came and stopped at the window.

28. Change the mode of narration.

"Do you want to buy a basket?" she asked.

- A. She asked if he had wanted to buy a basket.
B. She asked if he had been wanting to buy a basket.

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- C. She asked if he wanted to buy a basket.
D. She asked if he should buy a basket.

29. Change the voice:

I write you these lines in six languages.

- A. These lines was written to you by me in six languages.
B. These lines are written to you by me in six languages.
C. These lines were written to you by me in six languages.
D. These lines will be written to you by me in six languages.

30. Identify the error and correct them.

Your books has given me wisdom.

- A. is B. was C. were D. have

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Last winter, I had to travel by train from Kolkata to Dehradun. The train was scheduled to leave at 9.30 pm. I reached the station early and sat on the platform 4 with my small bag. The night was cold and foggy.

At 9.15 pm, the train arrived. It was an old train with dim lights. I found my berth and settled down. A tea vendor came by shouting, "Garam chai, garam chai." I bought a cup and sipped it slowly while looking out of the window. Outside, everything was dark except for small village lights.

Suddenly, at a small station, a girl of about 15 got in. She was carrying a bundle and looked tired. She sat opposite to me and closed her eyes. The train moved again into darkness. I wondered where she was going alone at this hour. But I did not ask her.

By morning, the fog had cleared. The girl was gone. Her seat was empty. Only her faint footprints were left on the dusty floor. I realised that some meetings in life are like night trains—brief, silent and unforgettable.

31. The synonym of the word 'faint' is

- A. Clear B. Short C. Big D. Indistinct

32. The antonym of the word 'dim' is

- A. Bright B. Dark C. Weak D. Yellow

33. Change the voice: I found my berth.

- A. My berth was found by me. B. My berth is found by me. C. My berth has been found by me. D. My berth will be found by me.

34. I reached the station early.

The tense used in the sentence is—

- A. Present indefinite B. Simple Past C. Past perfect D. Present continuous

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35. State whether the statements are True(T) or False(F)

(i) The narrator was travelling at night.

(ii) The weather was hot and windy.

A. (i)—T, (ii)—F

B. (i)—F, (ii)—T

C. (i)—T, (ii)—T

D. (i)—F, (ii)—F

36. What did the narrator compare the meeting at the end?

A. A morning bus

B. A night train

C. A long journey

D. A dream

37. Match Column A with Column B

Column A

Column B

1. Platform number

a. Cold and foggy

2. What the narrator was carrying

b. 4

3. The girl was carrying

c. A small bag

4. The night

d. A bundle

A. 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c

B. 1-d, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c

C. 1-b, 2-c, 3-d, 4-a

D. 1-a, 2-d, 3-c, 4-b

38. Which of the statements given below is NOT correct

A. The girl was travelling alone.

B. The narrator knew where she was going.

C. The Outside of the train was dark except small villages.

D. The train came late at the station.

39. The narrator thought his meeting with the girl was _____.

A. Painful

B. Exciting

C. Joyful

D. Unforgettable.

40. Assertion Reason:

Assertion(A): The train had dim lights inside.

Reason(R): It was a cold and foggy night outside.

A. Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C. A is true but R is false.

D. A is false but R is true

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Textual Grammar

The Bet (Anton Chekhov)

Synthesis of Sentences

1. Join the following sentences using a suitable relative pronoun.

The banker looked at the manuscript. The manuscript had been written during the lawyer's imprisonment.

- A) The banker looked at the manuscript which had been written during the lawyer's imprisonment.
- B) The banker looked at the manuscript because it had been written during the lawyer's imprisonment.
- C) The banker looked at the manuscript and it had been written during the lawyer's imprisonment.
- D) The banker looked at the manuscript so that it had been written during the lawyer's imprisonment.

2. Join the sentences into a complex sentence.

The lawyer renounced the money. The money had once been the object of his ambition.

- A) The lawyer renounced the money which had once been the object of his ambition.
- B) The lawyer renounced the money because it had once been the object of his ambition.
- C) The lawyer renounced the money and it had once been the object of his ambition.
- D) The lawyer renounced the money whose object had been his ambition.

Splitting of Sentences

3. Choose the option that correctly splits the sentence into two simple sentences.

After reading thousands of books, the lawyer realised that material wealth was meaningless.

- A) The lawyer read thousands of books. Then he realised that material wealth was meaningless.
- B) The lawyer read thousands of books. He realised meaningless material wealth.
- C) Reading thousands of books. The lawyer realised.
- D) Material wealth was meaningless. The lawyer read books about it.

4. Choose the correct splitting.

As soon as the banker entered the lodge, he noticed the lawyer asleep.

- A) The banker entered the lodge. Immediately he noticed the lawyer asleep.
- B) The banker entered the lodge and noticing the lawyer asleep.
- C) Entering the lodge. The lawyer slept soon.
- D) The lawyer slept. The banker entered.

Narration Change

5. Choose the correct indirect speech.

The banker said, "If I pay him the money, I shall be ruined."

- A) The banker said that if he paid him the money, he would be ruined.
- B) The banker said if I pay him the money.
- C) The banker told that he shall be ruined.
- D) The banker said he is ruined.

6. Choose the correct indirect speech.

The lawyer said, "I despise freedom, life and health."

- A) The lawyer declared that he despised freedom, life and health.
- B) The lawyer said that I despise freedom.
- C) The lawyer said he despises freedom.
- D) The lawyer told he despised freedom.

Error Correction

7. Identify the correct correction.

The banker was one of those men who believes wealth can solve every problem.

- A) believe B) believing C) believed D) has believed

8. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A) Neither the banker nor the lawyer was willing to withdraw from the bet initially.
- B) Neither the banker nor the lawyer were willing to withdraw from the bet initially.
- C) Neither the banker nor the lawyer have been willing to withdraw.
- D) Neither banker or lawyer was willing to withdraw.

Strong Roots (A.P.J. Abdul Kalam)

Synthesis of Sentences

1. Join the two sentences using a suitable relative pronoun.

Kalam's father possessed remarkable wisdom. Everyone in Rameswaram respected his wisdom.

- A) Kalam's father possessed remarkable wisdom which everyone in Rameswaram respected.
- B) Kalam's father possessed remarkable wisdom because everyone respected it.
- C) Kalam's father possessed remarkable wisdom and everyone respected.
- D) Kalam's father possessed remarkable wisdom whose everyone respected.



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2. Join the sentences into a compound sentence.

He put his hands on my shoulders. He looked straight into my eyes

- A) Putting his hands on my shoulders, he looked straight into my eyes.
- B) He put his hands on my shoulders, and he looked straight into my eyes.
- C) He put his hands on my shoulders as he looked into my eyes.
- D) He looked straight into my eyes because he put his hands on my shoulders.

Splitting of Sentences

3. Choose the option that correctly splits the following sentence into two simple sentences.

Whenever they are in trouble, they look for someone to help them .

- A) Whenever they are in trouble . Someone look for to help them.
- B) In trouble, they help someone. They looked at someone for hel .
- C) Someone is in trouble. They are looking for them.
- D) They are in trouble. They look for someone to help them immediately.

4. Choose the correct splitting.

There was a very old mosque in our locality where my father would take me for evening prayers.

- A) In our locality was there a very old mosque. My father took me for evening prayers.
- B) There was situated a very old mosque in our locality. My father would taken me for evening prayers.
- C) A very old mosque was been in our locality. My father would took me for evening prayers.
- D) There was a very old mosque in our locality. My father would take me there for evening prayers.

Narration Change

5. Choose the correct indirect speech.

Kalam's father said, "Prayer helps us transcend our limitations."

- A) Kalam's father said that prayer helped them transcend their limitations.
- B) Kalam's father said that prayer helps us transcend our limitations.
- C) Kalam's father told prayer helped.
- D) Kalam's father said prayer helping.

6. Choose the correct indirect speech.

- A) My father asked why anyone should have been afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems.
- B) My father expressed why anyone would be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems.
- C) My father wondered why anyone would be afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems.
- D) My father asked why anyone is afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems.

Error Correction

7. Identify the grammatically correct correction.

My parents was widely regarded as an ideal couple

- A) My parents had been widely regarded as an ideal couple
- B) My parents were widely regarded as an ideal couple.
- C) My parents had widely regarded as an ideal couple.
- D) My parents widely regarded as an ideal couple.

8. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A) The values that Kalam learnt in childhood continued to shape his personality throughout his life.
- B) The values which Kalam learnt in childhood continues to shape his personality.
- C) The values learned in childhood has shaped his personality.
- D) The values was shaping his personality throughout life.

Night Train at Deoli (Ruskin Bond)

Synthesis of Sentences

1. Join the two sentences using a suitable relative pronoun.

The narrator noticed a basket-selling girl. The girl stood quietly on the deserted platform.

- A) The narrator noticed a basket-selling girl who stood quietly on the deserted platform.
- B) The narrator noticed a basket-selling girl because she stood quietly on the deserted platform.
- C) The narrator noticed a basket-selling girl and she stood quietly on the deserted platform.
- D) The narrator noticed a basket-selling girl whose stood quietly on the deserted platform.

2. Join the sentences into a complex sentence.

The station remained deserted. The station became memorable because of a brief encounter.

- A) The station which became memorable because of a brief encounter remained deserted.
- B) The station remained deserted because it became memorable.
- C) The station remained deserted and became memorable.
- D) The station remained deserted where became memorable.

Splitting of Sentences

3. Choose the option that correctly splits the following sentence into two simple sentences.

As soon as the train stopped at Deoli, the narrator looked for the basket-selling girl.

- A) The train stopped at Deoli. Immediately the narrator looked for the basket-selling girl.
- B) The train stopped at Deoli. The narrator looking for the girl.

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- C) Stopping at Deoli. The narrator looked for the basket-selling girl .
D) The narrator looked. The train stopping to find the basket-selling girl.

4. Choose the correct splitting.

After exchanging a silent glance with the girl, the narrator boarded the moving train.

- A) The narrator exchanged a silent glance with the girl. Then he boarded the moving train.
B) The narrator exchanged a silent glance. Then boarding the train.
C) Exchanged a glance. The train moved.
D) The girl boarded. The narrator glanced.

Narration Change**5. Choose the correct indirect speech.**

The narrator said to the girl, "Will you be here when I return?"

- A) The narrator asked the girl whether she would be there when he returned.
B) The narrator asked the girl whether you will be there.
C) The narrator said if she is there.
D) The narrator asked that she would return.

6. Choose the correct indirect speech.

The girl said, "I sell baskets every morning."

- A) The girl said that she sold baskets every morning.
B) The girl said that she sells baskets every morning.
C) The girl told she sold baskets.
D) The girl said I sell baskets every morning.

Error Correction**7. Identify the grammatically correct correction.**

The narrator, along with his fellow passengers, were waiting for the train to depart.

- A) was B) is C) have been D) are

8. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A) Neither the narrator nor the basket-selling girl could express their feelings openly.
B) Neither the narrator nor the basket-selling girl could expressed their feelings openly.
C) Neither the narrator or the basket-selling girl could express their feelings.
D) Neither the narrator nor the basket-selling girl can expressed their feelings.



Casuarina Tree (Toru Dutt)

Synthesis of Sentences

1. Join the two sentences using a suitable relative pronoun.

The Casuarina tree stood beside the creeper. The creeper embraced its trunk.

- A) The Casuarina tree stood beside the creeper which embraced its trunk.
- B) The Casuarina tree stood beside the creeper because it embraced its trunk.
- C) The Casuarina tree stood beside the creeper and it embraced its trunk.
- D) The Casuarina tree stood beside the creeper where embraced its trunk.

2. Join the two sentences using a suitable relative pronoun.

The poet cherished childhood memories. The memories were associated with the Casuarina tree.

- A) The poet cherished childhood memories which were associated with the Casuarina tree.
- B) The poet cherished childhood memories because they were associated with the Casuarina tree.
- C) The poet cherished childhood memories and they were associated with the Casuarina tree.
- D) The poet cherished childhood memories whose were associated with the Casuarina tree.

Splitting of Sentences

3. Choose the option that correctly splits the following sentence into two simple sentences.

After recalling her happy childhood, the poet prayed that the tree would remain immortal in her verse.

- A) Recalling her childhood. The tree remained immortal.
- B) The tree remained immortal. And the poet recalled her childhood.
- C) The poet recalled her happy childhood. Then she prayed that the tree would remain immortal in her verse.
- D) The poet recalled her happy childhood. She prayed for the tree.

4. Choose the correct splitting.

As soon as the morning breeze stirred the branches, the poet heard the tree's familiar music.

- A) The morning breeze stirred the branches. Immediately the poet heard the tree's familiar music.
- B) The morning breeze stirred and hearing the music.
- C) Stirring the branches. The poet heard the music.
- D) The poet heard the morning music. It played on the branches.



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Narration Change

5. Choose the correct indirect speech.

The poet said, "May this tree live in my song forever!"

- A) The poet prayed that the tree might live in her song forever.
- B) The poet said that the tree lives forever.
- C) The poet wished the tree lives forever.
- D) The poet ordered the tree to live forever.

6. Choose the correct indirect speech.

The poet said, "I cannot forget the companions of my childhood."

- A) The poet said that she could not forget the companions of her childhood.
- B) The poet said that I cannot forget the companions.
- C) The poet told she could not forget.
- D) The poet said she cannot forgot the companions.

Error Correction

7. Identify the grammatically correct correction.

The sound of the birds among the branches remind the poet of her childhood.

- A) reminds B) remind C) reminding D) reminded

8. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A) Neither time nor distance could erase the poet's affectionate memories of the Casuarina tree.
- B) Neither time nor distance could erased the poet's affectionate memories.
- C) Neither time or distance could erase the poet's affectionate memories.
- D) Neither time nor distance can erased the poet's affectionate memories

Ulysses
by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Narration Change

1. the correct indirect narration.

Ulysses said, "I cannot rest from travel."

- A. Ulysses said that he cannot rest from travel.
- B. Ulysses said that he could not rest from travel.
- C. Ulysses said that I could not rest from travel.
- D. Ulysses said that he had not rested from travel.

2. **Choose the correct indirect narration.**

Ulysses said to his mariners, "Come, my friends, it is not too late to seek a newer world."

- A. Ulysses told his mariners that come, my friends, it was not too late to seek a newer world.
- B. Ulysses advised his mariners that it was not too late to seek a newer world.
- C. Ulysses ordered his mariners that it is not too late to seek a newer world.
- D. Ulysses asked his mariners whether it was too late to seek a newer world.

Splitting a Simple Sentence (2 Questions)

3. **Choose the correct split form of the sentence.**

Matched with an aged wife, I mete and dole unequal laws.

- A. I am matched with an aged wife. I mete and dole unequal laws.
- B. Because I am matched with an aged wife. I do not rule.
- C. I am old. I have no wife.
- D. I met an aged wife. I left the kingdom.

4. **Choose the correct split form.**

Drunk delight of battle with my peers.

- A. My peers drank. Before battle started.
- B. My peers were delighted. But I was not.
- C. I avoided battles. Because they were dangerous.
- D. I fought battles with my peers. I was filled with the delight of battle.

Joining with an Infinitive (1 Question)

5. **Choose the correct sentence joined with an infinitive.**

Ulysses wanted to discover new lands. He sailed across the seas.

- A. Ulysses sailed across the seas because he wanted to discover new lands.
- B. Ulysses sailed across the seas to discover new lands.
- C. Ulysses sailed across the seas and discovered new lands.
- D. Ulysses sailed across the seas although he discovered new lands.

Joining into a Compound Sentence (1 Question)

6. **Choose the correct compound sentence.**

Ulysses was old. He refused to give up adventure.

- A. Although Ulysses was old, he refused to give up adventure.
- B. Ulysses was old, but he refused to give up adventure.
- C. Since Ulysses was old, he refused to give up adventure.
- D. Being old, Ulysses refused to give up adventure.



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Grammatical Error Correction

7. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A. I cannot rests from travel. B. I cannot rest from travel.
C. I cannot resting from travel. D. I cannot rested from travel.

8. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yielded.
B. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yielding.
C. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.
D. To strive, seeking, finding, and not yield.

Riders to the Sea

Narration Change

1. Choose the correct indirect narration of the following sentence:

Maurya said, "You'd do right to leave that rope, Bartley."

- A. Maurya said that Bartley would do right to leave that rope.
B. Maurya advised Bartley that he should leave that rope.
C. Maurya told Bartley that you would do right to leave that rope.
D. Maurya asked Bartley whether he would leave that rope.

2. Choose the correct indirect narration.

Bartley said, "I've no halter the way I can ride down on the mare."

- A. Bartley said that he had had no halter by which he could ride down on the mare.
B. Bartley said that he had no halter with which he could ride down on the mare.
C. Bartley said that he has no halter with which he can ride down on the mare.
D. Bartley said that he would have no halter with which he could ride down on the mare.

Splitting a Simple Sentence

3. Choose the correct split form of the sentence.

Beginning to work with the rope, I've no halter the way I can ride down on the mare.

- A. I began to work with the rope. I had no halter. I could not ride down on the mare.
B. As I began to work with the rope. I found that I had no halter. I could ride down on the mare.
C. Although I began to work with the rope. There was no mare.
D. I worked with the rope. I bought a halter.

4. Choose the correct split form.

After giving a big price for the finest white boards, you'd find in Connemara.

- A. I gave a big price for the finest white boards. They could be found in Connemara.
- B. Since I gave a big price. Connemara found the finest white boards .
- C. I paid nothing. I bought the finest boards.
- D. I gave a price. The boards were the finest.

Joining with an Infinitive

5. Choose the correct sentence joined with an infinitive.

The body is washed up. We must make the coffin.

- A. The body is washed up because we make the coffin.
- B. The body is washed up so that we make the coffin.
- C. The body is washed up to make the coffin.
- D. The body is washed up in order to make the coffin.

Joining into a Compound Sentence (1 Question)

6. Choose the correct compound sentence.

There was a strong wind. We looked each day for nine days.

- A. There was a strong wind because we looked each day for nine days.
- B. There was a strong wind, but we looked each day for nine days.
- C. Since there was a strong wind, we looked each day for nine days.
- D. Looking each day for nine days, there was a strong wind.

Grammatical Error Correction

7. Identify the sentence with the correct grammatical form.

- A. It will be wanting on this place.
- B. It will be wanted in this place.
- C. It will wanted in this place.
- D. It will be want in this place.

8. Choose the grammatically correct sentence.

- A. If it wasn't found itself, that wind is raising the sea.
- B. If it hadn't found itself, that wind raised the sea.
- C. If it wasn't found, that wind was raising the sea.
- D. If it had not been found, that wind would raise the sea.

TOPIC-WISE QUESTION BANK WITH MODEL QUESTION PAPERS
UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :1

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the dense, sub-zero canopy of the Siberian taiga, a highly elusive apex predator known as the Amur Leopard relies on immense territorial ranges for its seasonal hunting. Dr. Alexei Romanov, a wildlife conservation biologist, led a specialized field team to study how industrial logging fragmentation disrupts the species' winter movement corridors. His primary focus was to analyze how the reduction of dense canopy cover affects the survival rates of juvenile cubs during their first deep winter freeze.

The unforgiving, snow-choked wilderness offered zero trail access, forcing the field crew to navigate exclusively on snowshoes while carrying fragile satellite-tracking equipment. Sub-zero thermal winds and sudden whiteout blizzards made camp maintenance an incredibly exhausting ordeal, yet their scientific focus remained entirely unshaken. Across the frozen ravines, the team had to cross unstable ice sheets, avoid deep frostbite hazards, and watch out for sudden snow-slumps that constantly put their physical safety at risk.

After five weeks of intensive tracking, Dr. Romanov finally discovered a breeding pair of Amur Leopards sheltered inside a hidden limestone cave system. It was a monumental breakthrough for north-Asian big cat conservation. However, the scientific triumph instantly turned into an emergency when they spotted active wire foot-snares concealed along the game trail—poachers were targeting these critically endangered cats to supply the underground wildlife trade. Drawing upon his comprehensive knowledge of the local forestry map, Dr. Romanov immediately sent a scout on a snowmobile to the nearest anti-poaching patrol station while his remaining crew kept a silent vigil over the valley. The rapid operational response allowed the patrol units to intercept the poachers at the timber logging boundary, ensuring the leopard habitat remained completely protected. The operation demonstrated that conserving critically endangered apex fauna requires rigorous field science backed by immediate, strategic defensive action.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “unshaken” as used in the second paragraph:
A) Vacillating B) Resolute C) Distracted D) Trembling
32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “concealed” based on the context of the passage:
A) Hidden B) Exposed C) Masked D) Camouflaged
33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:
The conservation team discovers active wire foot-snares while they were charting the game trail.
A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering
34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:
The winter movement corridors were disrupted by industrial logging fragmentation.
A) Industrial logging fragmentation disrupts the winter movement corridors.
B) Industrial logging fragmentation disrupted the winter movement corridors.
C) Industrial logging fragmentation was disrupting the winter movement corridors.
D) Industrial logging fragmentation has disrupted the winter movement corridors.

35. The word “fragmentation” in the first paragraph refers to:
- The complete preservation of a large forest
 - The breaking up of a large, continuous habitat into smaller, isolated pieces
 - The seasonal migration of animals across borders
 - The planting of new saplings in an open meadow
36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:
- Industrial logging helps the Amur Leopard cubs survive deep winter freezes by giving them more open space.
 - Sub-zero thermal winds and sudden whiteout blizzards made camp maintenance incredibly exhausting.
- I-T, II-F
 - I-F, II-T
 - I-T, II-T
 - I-F, II-F
37. Match the environmental factors in Column A with their correct situational descriptions in Column B:
- | Column A | Column B |
|------------------------------|---|
| i. Limestone cave system | a. Posed severe physical hazards across the frozen ravines |
| ii. Unstable ice sheets | b. Provided critical shelter for the breeding pair of Amur Leopards |
| iii. Active wire foot-snares | c. Illegally placed by poachers to catch endangered big cats |
- i-b, ii-a, iii-c
 - i-a, ii-b, iii-c
 - i-b, ii-c, iii-a
 - i-c, ii-b, iii-a
38. Arrange the events of the Siberian expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:
- The team traveled on snowshoes while carrying fragile tracking equipment.
 - Anti-poaching patrol units intercepted the poachers at the logging boundary.
 - Dr. Romanov discovered the breeding pair of leopards inside a cave system.
 - A field scout was dispatched on a snowmobile to the patrol station.
- i, iii, iv, ii
 - i, iv, iii, ii
 - iii, i, iv, ii
 - i, iii, ii, iv
39. Assertion (A): Dr. Romanov chose not to confront the poachers directly with his research crew.
Reason (R): He wanted to avoid alerting them while utilizing a coordinated strategy with professional anti-poaching patrol units.
- Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
 - Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
 - A is true, but R is false.
 - A is false, but R is true.

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40. Case Study Based Question

Case: Imagine you are a chief wildlife warden overseeing a sub-zero forest reserve. A research team reports that poachers have laid active snares near a newly discovered breeding den. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:

- A) Wait for the winter season to end before clearing out the trail network.
- B) Order the scientists to relocate the wild leopards to a heated captivity zoo.
- C) Deploy a rapid anti-poaching unit to intercept the threat immediately using local terrain data.
- D) Suspend all research tracking permits to keep the area completely quiet.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :2

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the deep underground limestone caverns of Central America, a uniquely evolved, blind subterranean fish known as the Ghost Tetra relies entirely on an advanced lateral-line sensory system for navigating pitch-black waters. Dr. Elena Rostova, an evolutionary biospeleologist, led a specialized diving expedition to document how flash cave-flooding from surface agricultural runoff impacts the species' cave-system migration. Her primary focus was to analyze how increased chemical sedimentation in the water column affects the orientation and foraging efficiency of juvenile populations.

The completely subterranean environment offered zero natural ambient light, forcing the research team to dive in absolute darkness using specialized acoustic sonar equipment and underwater headlamps. Sudden subterranean pressure drops and unexpected rapid currents made their cavern base camp operations exceptionally taxing, yet their scientific dedication remained absolutely unshaken. Along the flooded narrow shafts, the divers had to navigate restrictive squeeze-points, low battery hazards on rebreathers, and unpredictable structural rock-collapses that constantly put their lives at risk.

After six weeks of grueling underwater mapping, Dr. Rostova finally located a massive, undisturbed breeding sanctuary hidden inside a deep, vertical siphon pool. It was an unprecedented breakthrough for subterranean aquatic conservation. However, the scientific victory turned into an immediate emergency when they detected several high-volume illegal suction pumps dropped through an artificial borehole—wildlife poachers were draining the pristine pool to capture these highly prized, rare endemic fish for international private aquariums. Relying on her meticulous knowledge of the cavern's geological layout, Dr. Rostova immediately sent a diver back to the surface on a motorized underwater scooter to alert the cavern protection agency while her remaining team quietly monitored the poachers' surface machinery hookups. The immediate, coordinated response allowed the protection officers to intercept the poachers at the borehole perimeter, ensuring the subterranean sanctuary remained completely unharmed. The incident demonstrated that safeguarding delicate cave ecosystems demands rigorous exploratory science combined with rapid, strategic enforcement decisions.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word "taxing" as used in the second paragraph:

- A) Effortless
- B) Onerous
- C) Rewarding
- D) Simple

32. Choose the correct antonym for the word "pristine" based on the context of the passage:

- A) Unspoiled
- B) Polluted
- C) Natural
- D) Clean

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33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:

The biospeleologist discovering the illegal suction pumps while she was collecting water samples.

- A) discover B) discovered C) discovers D) was discovering

34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:

The pristine breeding pool was drained by high-volume illegal suction pumps.

- A) High-volume illegal suction pumps drain the pristine breeding pool.
B) High-volume illegal suction pumps disrupted the pristine breeding pool.
C) High-volume illegal suction pumps were draining the pristine breeding pool.
D) High-volume illegal suction pumps drained the pristine breeding pool.

35. The word “subterranean” in the passage refers to something that is:

- A) High up in the mountain ranges
B) Floating on the open ocean surface
C) Existing or occurring under the surface of the earth
D) Located in a dense tropical rainforest canopy

36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:

- (i) The Ghost Tetra uses its highly advanced vision to navigate through the pitch-black cave waters.
(ii) Restrictive squeeze-points, low rebreather batteries, and rock-collapses threatened the diving team’s safety.

- A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F

37. Match the environmental threats in Column A with their correct situational impacts in Column B:

Column A

i. Agricultural runoff

ii. Structural rock-collapses

iii. Suction pumps

Column B

a. Threatened the divers’ base camp and structural diving safety

b. Caused chemical sedimentation that altered juvenile fish orientation

c. Illegally lowered through boreholes to steal rare endemic fish

- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a D) i-c, ii-b, iii-a

38. Arrange the events of the cavern expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:

- i. The team conducted specialized cavern diving under conditions of zero ambient light.
ii. Protection agency officers intercepted the poachers at the borehole site.
iii. Dr. Rostova located a large breeding sanctuary inside a vertical siphon pool.
iv. A diver was dispatched to the surface on an underwater motorized scooter.

- A) i, iii, iv, ii B) i, iv, iii, ii C) iii, i, iv, ii D) i, iii, ii, iv



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39. **Assertion (A):** Dr. Rostova immediately sent a team member to the surface instead of confronting the poachers underground.
Reason (R): She wanted to keep her team hidden to observe the surface machinery while establishing a coordinated plan with local enforcement officers.
- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
40. **Case Study Based Question**
- Case:** Imagine you are the director of a cavern protection agency. A biospeleology team alerts you that poachers are actively operating illegal suction machinery above a newly identified aquatic sanctuary. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:
- A) Order an immediate tactical intercept at the borehole perimeter using precise geological maps.
B) Postpone any action until the flash cave-flooding recedes entirely from the system.
C) Instruct the scientists to capture the fish themselves and bring them up to a commercial lab.
D) Terminate the scientific team's research permit for causing structural disturbances.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :3

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the dense, volcanic crater forests of Madagascar, a critically endangered lemur species known as the Golden Sifaka relies on highly specific high-canopy fruit trees for its nutritional survival. Dr. Harrison Finch, an evolutionary primatologist, led a field team to evaluate how rapid agricultural encroachment disrupts the species' seasonal canopy pathways. His primary objective was to determine how the fragmentation of ancient fruit-bearing trees impacts the feeding habits and social cohesion of vulnerable juvenile clusters.

The vertical, vine-choked terrain offered zero pathway access, forcing the field crew to scale steep volcanic rock faces while carrying fragile acoustic monitoring equipment. Blistering midday heat waves and sudden tropical downpours made canopy operations intensely demanding, yet their scientific focus remained entirely unwavering. Along the high forest ridges, the researchers had to navigate loose volcanic gravel, aggressive stinging insect nests, and sudden mud-slips that constantly threatened their safety.

After seven weeks of arduous high-canopy observation, Dr. Finch finally discovered an isolated, healthy troop of Golden Sifakas dwelling inside a remote, deep volcanic depression. It was a monumental breakthrough for primate conservation. However, the scientific victory turned into an immediate emergency when they spotted hidden wire nooses and bamboo traps set in the low branches nearby—illegal poachers had been targeting these rare primates to supply the black-market bushmeat and exotic pet trade. Drawing upon his comprehensive mapping of the local reserve boundaries, Dr. Finch immediately sent a tracker on an off-road motorbike to the closest wildlife guard outpost while his remaining crew kept a silent vigil over the traps. The rapid, strategic coordination enabled the wildlife guards to intercept the poachers at the reserve's outer fence line, ensuring the endangered primate habitat remained completely protected. The operation demonstrated that preserving vulnerable island fauna requires systematic field science combined



with immediate, defensive law enforcement maneuvers.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “unwavering” as used in the second paragraph:

- A) Vacillating B) Resolute C) Hesitant D) Fluctuating

32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “isolated” based on the context of the passage:

- A) Connected B) Remote C) Secluded D) Hidden

33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:

The primatologist spotting the hidden wire nooses while he was examining the lower tree branches.

- A) spot B) spotted C) spots D) was spotting

34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:

The seasonal canopy pathways were disrupted by rapid agricultural encroachment.

- A) Rapid agricultural encroachment disrupts the seasonal canopy pathways.
B) Rapid agricultural encroachment disrupted the seasonal canopy pathways.
C) Rapid agricultural encroachment was disrupting the seasonal canopy pathways.
D) Rapid agricultural encroachment has disrupted the seasonal canopy pathways.

35. The word “encroachment” in the first paragraph refers to:

- A) A collaborative agreement to preserve natural national parks
B) The gradual, illegal intrusion or advancement into a territory or habitat
C) The migration of a species to a new continent
D) The planting of exotic trees to feed native wild animals

36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:

- (i) Golden Sifakas live on the forest floor and never use high-canopy fruit trees for survival.
(ii) Blistering midday heat waves and aggressive stinging insect nests were challenges faced by the crew.

- A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F

37. Match the research settings in Column A with their correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

Column B

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| i. Volcanic depression | a. Forced the field crew to climb up steep rock faces |
| ii. Vine-choked terrain | b. Contained the isolated, healthy troop of Golden Sifakas |
| iii. Hidden wire nooses | c. Illegally set by poachers to catch critically endangered primates |

- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a D) i-c, ii-b, iii-a

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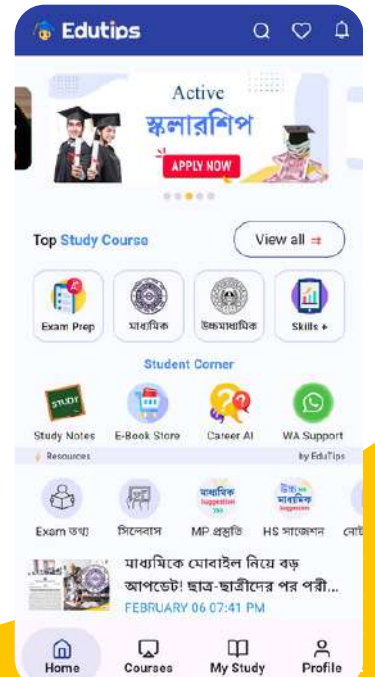


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38. Arrange the events of the Madagascar expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:
- The team scaled steep volcanic rock faces with fragile acoustic equipment.
 - Wildlife guards intercepted the poachers at the outer fence line.
 - Dr. Finch discovered the isolated troop of lemurs inside a deep depression.
 - A field tracker was dispatched on an off-road motorbike to the guard outpost.
- A) i, iii, iv, ii B) i, iv, iii, ii C) iii, i, iv, ii D) i, iii, ii, iv
39. Assertion (A): Dr. Finch refrained from challenging the poachers directly with his research team.
Reason (R): He intended to keep his remaining crew hidden to monitor the traps while executing a coordinated plan with local wildlife guards.
- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
40. Case Study Based Question
- Case:** Imagine you are a senior wildlife guard assigned to a vulnerable island reserve. A scientific team alerts you that active poaching traps have been set inside a critical habitat zone. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:
- Postpone operations until the seasonal tropical downpours stop entirely.
 - Deploy a swift law enforcement unit using precise boundary mapping to intercept the poachers immediately.
 - Advise the scientists to remove the lemurs from the wild and cage them in a private lab.
 - Cancel all scientific observation permits to keep human foot traffic out of the area.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :4

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the dense mangrove thickets of the Sundarbans delta, a highly secretive and endangered bird species known as the Masked Finfoot relies on deep, overhanging river channels for its seasonal nesting. Dr. Alok Roy, an avian ecologist, led a specialized field team to evaluate how rapid coastal erosion and intensifying storm surges disrupt the species' traditional breeding corridors. His primary goal was to analyze how the loss of dense low-hanging foliage affects the survival rates of vulnerable hatchlings during the monsoon flooding.

The tidal, muddy marshland offered zero stable terrain, forcing the field crew to navigate exclusively via wooden country boats while carrying fragile audio-recording and telemetry gear. Blistering humidity and sudden, violent squalls made their base operations intensely exhausting, yet their dedication remained entirely steadfast. Along the narrow creeks, the researchers had to navigate sharp pneumatic roots, low visibility, and sudden bank-collapses that constantly put their safety at risk.

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After five weeks of exhaustive searching, Dr. Roy finally discovered a small, thriving breeding colony of Masked Finfoots sheltered inside a hidden tidal inlet. It was a vital scientific breakthrough for deltaic bird conservation. However, the triumph turned into an urgent crisis when they noticed active nylon mist-nets concealed across the water channels—illegal poachers had been capturing these endangered birds to sell in the underground wildlife trade. Relying on his precise knowledge of the local waterways, Dr. Roy immediately dispatched a crew member on a motorized launch to the nearest forest guard post while his remaining team silently monitored the poachers' hidden camp. The coordinated response resulted in the rapid interception of the poachers by forest guards at the river mouth, ensuring the delicate mangrove habitat remained completely safe. The incident proved that safeguarding rare avian fauna requires robust ecological research combined with rapid strategic field decisions.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “steadfast” as used in the second paragraph:
A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary
32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “concealed” based on the context of the passage:
A) Hidden B) Exposed C) Masked D) Camouflaged
33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:
The research team discovers active nylon mist-nets while they were inspecting the tidal inlet.*
A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering
34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:
The breeding corridors were disrupted by rapid coastal erosion.
A) Rapid coastal erosion disrupts the breeding corridors.
B) Rapid coastal erosion disrupted the breeding corridors.
C) Rapid coastal erosion was disrupting the breeding corridors.
D) Rapid coastal erosion has disrupted the breeding corridors.
35. The word “inlet” in the third paragraph refers to a:
A) High mountain ridge B) Wide open sea
C) Narrow strip of water leading into the land D) Deep underground cavern
36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:
(i) Masked Finfoots build their nests in open agricultural fields away from water.
(ii) Sharp pneumatic roots and sudden bank-collapses were challenges faced by the team.
A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F
37. Match the events in Column A with their correct ecological or environmental context in Column B:
- | Column A | Column B |
|-------------------------|--|
| i. Hidden tidal inlet | a. Caused base camp operations to be intensely exhausting |
| ii. Blistering humidity | b. Provided shelter for the thriving colony of Masked Finfoots |
| iii. Nylon mist-nets | c. Driven by illegal capturing of endangered avian flora/fauna |
| A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c | B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c |
| | C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a |
| | D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b |

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38. Arrange the events of the botanical/avian expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:
- The research team navigated muddy marshlands in wooden country boats.
 - Forest guards intercepted the poachers to secure the habitat.
 - Dr. Roy discovered the hidden colony of breeding Masked Finfoots.
 - A team member was sent on a motorized launch to the nearest forest guard post.
- A) i, iii, iv, ii B) i, iv, iii, ii C) iii, i, iv, ii D) i, iii, ii, iv
39. Assertion (A): Dr. Roy did not directly engage or confront the poachers by himself.
Reason (R): He wanted to avoid alerting them while executing a coordinated strategy with the forest guards.
- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
40. Case Study Based Question
- Case:** Imagine you are a forest conservation officer stationed in the Sundarbans. You receive an emergency message from an avian research crew stating that an endangered habitat is being actively targeted by poachers with nets. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be:
- A) Wait for the monsoon season to end before launching an inquiry.
B) Deploy a rapid response unit using precise waterway terrain knowledge to intercept the threats immediately.
C) Advise the ecologists to abandon their telemetry gear and return to base.
D) Suggest moving the entire bird colony to a vehicle-accessible city laboratory.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :5

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the remote, wind-swept steppes of Central Asia, a critically endangered migratory mammal known as the Saiga Antelope relies on vast, open grasslands for its rapid seasonal grazing. Dr. Kaelen Vance, a landscape ecologist, led a conservation field team to evaluate how rapid infrastructure development and wire fencing disrupt the species' traditional migration corridors. His primary focus was to analyze how the fragmentation of these open paths affects the survival rates of vulnerable newborn calves during early spring dust storms.

The vast, featureless plains offered zero vehicle navigation landmarks, forcing the research crew to travel exclusively on off-road dirt bikes while carrying delicate satellite-telemetry gear. Freezing night temperatures and sudden, violent gale-force winds made their wilderness base camp operations intensely exhausting, yet their dedication remained entirely steadfast. Across the barren salt-flats, the team had to

navigate deep hidden sinkholes, low water availability, and unpredictable quicksand pockets that constantly put their physical safety at risk.

After six weeks of exhaustive tracking, Dr. Vance finally discovered a large, healthy nursery herd of Saiga Antelopes sheltered inside a hidden earthen depression. It was a vital scientific breakthrough for steppe mega fauna conservation. However, the triumph turned into an urgent crisis when they noticed active concealed pit-traps dug along the migratory trail—poachers had been capturing these endangered animals to harvest their horns for the black-market trade. Relying on his precise knowledge of the local geography, Dr. Vance immediately dispatched a team member on a dirt bike to the nearest border patrol outpost while his remaining crew silently monitored the poachers' perimeter. The coordinated response resulted in the rapid interception of the poachers by border guards at the valley exit, ensuring the delicate grassland habitat remained completely safe. The incident proved that safeguarding rare nomadic fauna requires robust ecological research combined with rapid strategic field decisions.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “steadfast” as used in the second paragraph:

- A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary

32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “concealed” based on the context of the passage:

- A) Hidden B) Exposed C) Masked D) Camouflaged

33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:

The research team discovers active concealed pit-traps while they were mapping the migratory trail.

- A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering

34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:

The traditional migration corridors were disrupted by rapid infrastructure development.

- A) Rapid infrastructure development disrupts the traditional migration corridors.
B) Rapid infrastructure development disrupted the traditional migration corridors.
C) Rapid infrastructure development was disrupting the traditional migration corridors.
D) Rapid infrastructure development has disrupted the traditional migration corridors.

35. The word “depression” in the third paragraph refers to a:

- A) High mountain peak B) Low-lying area or hollow on a surface
C) Wide open highway D) Thickly forested zone

36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:

- (i) Saiga Antelopes rely heavily on thick, high-altitude volcanic forests to build nests for their calves.
(ii) Deep hidden sinkholes and unpredictable quicksand pockets were safety challenges faced by the crew.

- A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F



TOPIC-WISE QUESTION BANK WITH MODEL QUESTION PAPERS

37. Match the events in Column A with their correct ecological or environmental context in Column B:

Column A

Column B

i. Hidden earthen depression

a. Made base camp operations intensely exhausting for the crew

ii. Freezing night temperatures

b. Provided protective shelter for the large nursery herd of Saiga Antelopes

iii. Concealed pit-traps

c. Dug illegally by poachers targeting endangered animals for their horns

A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c

B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c

C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a

D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b

38. Arrange the events of the ecological expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:

i. The research team navigated featureless plains on off-road dirt bikes.

ii. Border guards intercepted the poachers at the valley exit to secure the habitat.

iii. Dr. Vance discovered the hidden nursery herd inside an earthen depression.

iv. A team member was sent on a dirt bike to the nearest border patrol outpost.

A) i, iii, iv, ii

B) i, iv, iii, ii

C) iii, i, iv, ii

D) i, iii, ii, iv

39. Assertion (A): Dr. Vance did not directly engage or confront the poachers by himself.

Reason (R): He wanted to avoid alerting them while executing a coordinated strategy with the border guards.

A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C) A is true, but R is false.

D) A is false, but R is true.

40. Case Study Based Question

Case: Imagine you are a wildlife protection officer stationed on the steppes. You receive an emergency alert from a field research crew stating that a nomadic herd is being actively targeted by poachers with pit-traps. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be:

A) Wait for the spring dust storms to pass completely before deploying.

B) Deploy a rapid response unit using precise geographic terrain knowledge to intercept the threats immediately.

C) Advise the ecologists to abandon their satellite-telemetry gear and return to base.

D) Suggest relocating the entire antelope population to a vehicle-accessible city laboratory.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :6

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40

In the high, mist-shrouded cloud forests of the Ecuadorian Andes, a critically endangered amphibian known as the Harlequin Toad relies on pristine, fast-flowing mountain streams for its seasonal breeding cycles. Dr. Marcus Vance, a conservation herpetologist, led a specialized field team to evaluate how rapid microclimate shifts and habitat fragmentation disrupt the species' high-altitude dispersal corridors. His primary focus was to analyze how the reduction of dense moss cover affects the survival rates of vulnerable tadpoles during sudden seasonal temperature drops.

The vertical, mud-slicked terrain offered zero trail infrastructure, forcing the field crew to navigate exclusively on foot using specialized climbing ropes while carrying delicate environmental sensors. Torrential downpours and sudden, thick montane fog made their wilderness base camp operations intensely exhausting, yet their scientific dedication remained entirely steadfast. Across the steep ravines, the team had to navigate loose shale slopes, severe flash-flood risks, and unpredictable rock-slumps that constantly put their physical safety at risk.

After seven weeks of arduous micro-habitat surveying, Dr. Vance finally discovered a small, thriving breeding population of Harlequin Toads sheltered inside a deep, isolated rock crevice. It was a milestone breakthrough for neotropical amphibian conservation. However, the scientific victory turned into an immediate emergency when they detected active chemical runoff pipes illegally routed down from a nearby unregistered farming operation—the toxic discharge was polluting the pristine stream network. Relying on his detailed mapping of the local nature reserve boundaries, Dr. Vance immediately dispatched a field assistant on a rugged mountain bike to the closest environmental protection post while his remaining crew silently monitored the discharge point. The rapid operational response enabled the protection units to halt the illegal agricultural runoff at the reserve perimeter, ensuring the delicate montane habitat remained completely protected. The operation proved that safeguarding rare indicator species demands systematic field science combined with immediate, strategic conservation enforcement.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “steadfast” as used in the second paragraph:

- A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary

32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “pristine” based on the context of the passage:

- A) Clean B) Contaminated C) Unspoiled D) Natural

33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:

The field team discovers active chemical runoff pipes while they were measuring the water pH levels.

- A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering

34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:

The high-altitude dispersal corridors were disrupted by rapid microclimate shifts.

- A) Rapid microclimate shifts disrupt the high-altitude dispersal corridors.
 B) Rapid microclimate shifts disrupted the high-altitude dispersal corridors.
 C) Rapid microclimate shifts were disrupting the high-altitude dispersal corridors.
 D) Rapid microclimate shifts have disrupted the high-altitude dispersal corridors.

35. The word “crevice” in the third paragraph refers to a:

- A) Wide open plain
B) High mountain peak
C) Narrow opening or crack in a rock face
D) Dense canopy of a tree

36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:

- (i) Harlequin Toads build their breeding nests on dry desert sand dunes away from water.
(ii) Torrential downpours and sudden, thick montane fog made base camp operations intensely exhausting.

- A) I-T, II-F
B) I-F, II-T
C) I-T, II-T
D) I-F, II-F

37. Match the environmental contexts in Column A with their correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

Column B

- i. Isolated rock crevice
ii. Unpredictable rock-slumps
iii. Chemical runoff pipes
- a. Threatened the physical safety of the crew across steep ravines
b. Sheltered the thriving breeding population of Harlequin Toads
c. Illegally routed from an unregistered farming operation

- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c
B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c
C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a
D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b

38. Arrange the events of the herpetological expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:

- i. The team navigated vertical, mud-slicked terrain on foot using climbing ropes.
ii. Protection units halted the illegal agricultural runoff at the reserve perimeter.
iii. Dr. Vance discovered the hidden breeding population inside a rock crevice.
iv. A field assistant was sent on a mountain bike to the environmental protection post.

- A) i, iii, iv, ii
B) i, iv, iii, ii
C) iii, i, iv, ii
D) i, iii, ii, iv

39. Assertion (A): Dr. Vance did not attempt to dismantle or block the illegal pipes by himself with his team.

Reason (R): He wanted to avoid tampering with the evidence while executing a coordinated strategy with the proper environmental protection units.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

40. Case Study Based Question

Case: Imagine you are an environmental protection officer stationed at a mountain reserve. A scientific team alerts you that toxic industrial or agricultural effluent is actively leaking into a critical amphibian breeding stream. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:

- A) Wait for the seasonal temperature drops to end before inspecting the site.
B) Deploy a rapid response unit using precise regional mapping to intercept and halt the pollution immediately.
C) Advise the scientists to remove the environmental sensors and abandon their research.
D) Suggest moving the entire wild toad population to a city laboratory.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :7

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the isolated, high-altitude plateaus of the Ethiopian Highlands, a critically endangered canid known as the Ethiopian Wolf relies on expansive, open Afroalpine moorlands for its seasonal rodent hunting. Dr. Charles Akello, a landscape conservationist, led a field research team to analyze how expanding rural agricultural grazing boundaries disrupt the species' high-altitude territory corridors. His primary objective was to observe how the loss of specialized alpine shrub cover affects the foraging efficiency of young pups during the harsh winter frost.

The vast, boulder-strewn landscape offered zero vehicle paths, forcing the team to trek exclusively on foot alongside local pack horses while transporting delicate radio-telemetry equipment. Freezing nighttime winds and sudden, blinding mountain mists made managing their remote base camp an incredibly punishing task, yet their scientific dedication remained completely steadfast. Across the steep, rocky ridges, the researchers had to navigate loose volcanic gravel, severe elevation sickness, and sudden rock falls that constantly threatened their safety.

After five weeks of arduous high-altitude tracking, Dr. Akello finally located a small, healthy breeding pack of wolves resting within a deep, hidden basalt ravine. It was a major scientific victory for African carnivore conservation. However, the triumph quickly turned into a critical emergency when they found hidden poisoned meat baits placed along the main wildlife trail—illegal livestock owners were targeting these protected predators to prevent them from entering grazing borders. Drawing upon his comprehensive mapping of the park's exact zones, Dr. Akello immediately sent a field tracker on a mountain bike down to the nearest wildlife warden station while his remaining team kept a quiet watch over the ravine. The swift, coordinated alert enabled the park wardens to intercept the individuals responsible at the reserve border, ensuring the fragile alpine habitat remained completely secure. The operation proved that protecting rare endemic predators requires systematic field data backed by rapid, strategic conservation enforcement.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “steadfast” as used in the second paragraph:
A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary
32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “isolated” based on the context of the passage:
A) Connected B) Remote C) Secluded D) Hidden
33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:
The research team discovers hidden poisoned meat baits while they were tracking the wolf pack.
A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering
34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:
The high-altitude territory corridors were disrupted by expanding rural agricultural grazing boundaries.
A) Expanding rural agricultural grazing boundaries disrupts the high-altitude territory corridors.
B) Expanding rural agricultural grazing boundaries disrupted the high-altitude territory corridors.
C) Expanding rural agricultural grazing boundaries were disrupting the high-altitude territory corridors.
D) Expanding rural agricultural grazing boundaries has disrupted the high-altitude territory corridors.

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35. The word “ravine” in the third paragraph refers to a:
- A) High mountain peak B) Wide open highway
C) Deep, narrow gorge or valley worn by water D) Thickly forested tropical jungle
36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:
- (i) Ethiopian Wolves rely heavily on low-altitude tropical mangrove thickets for hunting rodents.
(ii) Freezing nighttime winds and sudden, blinding mountain mists made managing the base camp an incredibly punishing task.
- A) I-T, II-F B) I-F, II-T C) I-T, II-T D) I-F, II-F
37. Match the research settings in Column A with their correct descriptions in Column B:
- | COLUMN A | COLUMN B |
|---------------------------|--|
| i. Basalt ravine | a. Posed safety risks to the field crew across the steep ridges |
| ii. Loose volcanic gravel | b. Sheltered the small, healthy breeding pack of Ethiopian Wolves |
| iii. Poisoned meat baits | c. Placed illegally on the trail by livestock owners targeting predators |
- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b
38. Arrange the events of the wildlife expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:
- i. The team traveled on foot with pack horses across boulder-strewn terrain.
ii. Park wardens intercepted the individuals at the reserve border.
iii. Dr. Akello located the breeding pack of wolves resting inside a deep ravine.
iv. A field tracker was dispatched on a mountain bike to the warden station.
- A) i, iii, iv, ii B) i, iv, iii, ii C) iii, i, iv, ii D) i, iii, ii, iv
39. Assertion (A): Dr. Akello chose not to directly confront the local livestock owners by himself.
Reason (R): He wanted to avoid a direct confrontation while coordinating a swift and legal intervention through official park wardens.
- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
40. Case Study Based Question
- Case: Imagine you are a senior wildlife warden managing a high-altitude national park. A scientific team alerts you that illegal poisoned baits have been deployed near a newly discovered carnivore denning site. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:
- A) Wait for the winter frost to clear before sending an investigation team.
B) Deploy a rapid response unit using precise park zone mapping to intercept the threat immediately.
C) Instruct the scientists to pack up their telemetry equipment and leave the zone.
D) Move the entire wild wolf population to an urban conservation zoo.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :8

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the remote, sub-antarctic tussock islands of New Zealand, an incredibly rare and nocturnal parrot known as the Kakapo relies on ancient, slow-growing podocarp trees for its cyclical breeding. Dr. Fiona Blake, an avian conservation biologist, led a specialized field team to evaluate how invasive mammalian predator expansion disrupts the species' traditional ground-nesting territories. Her primary objective was to observe how the loss of deep ground-level fern cover affects the survival rates of vulnerable chicks during unexpected late-season cold fronts.

The dense, mud-choked coastal scrub offered zero vehicle access, forcing the team to navigate exclusively on foot across wet, slippery boardwalks while carrying fragile genetic testing kits and satellite-telemetry gear. Freezing maritime gales and sudden, torrential downpours made managing their field base camp an exceptionally exhausting ordeal, yet their scientific dedication remained entirely steadfast. Across the rugged coastal cliffs, the researchers had to navigate deep peat bogs, low trail visibility, and unpredictable root-slips that constantly put their physical safety at risk.

After five weeks of intensive nocturnal tracking, Dr. Blake finally located a thriving breeding female Kakapo hidden inside a deep, decaying tree-hollow sanctuary. It was a monumental victory for global island-fauna conservation. However, the scientific triumph quickly turned into an urgent crisis when they detected fresh signs of illegal commercial stoat-traps set right along the main foraging runway—unregulated wildlife poachers were targeting these rare, flightless birds for the black-market exotic collector trade. Relying on her comprehensive knowledge of the island's conservation zoning, Dr. Blake immediately dispatched a team member on a sea-kayak to the nearest island ranger outpost while her remaining crew kept a silent vigil near the nesting site. The rapid operational response enabled the island rangers to intercept the poachers at the rocky landing cove, ensuring the critical sanctuary remained completely protected. The operation demonstrated that conserving critically endangered island wildlife requires systematic field science combined with immediate, strategic enforcement maneuvers.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “steadfast” as used in the second paragraph:

- A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary

32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “fresh” based on the context of the passage:

- A) New B) Stale C) Recent D) Clean

33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:

The field team discovers active commercial stoat-traps while they were mapping the bird's foraging runway.

- A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering

34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:

The traditional ground-nesting territories were disrupted by invasive mammalian predator expansion.

- A) Invasive mammalian predator expansion disrupts the traditional ground-nesting territories.
B) Invasive mammalian predator expansion disrupted the traditional ground-nesting territories.
C) Invasive mammalian predator expansion was disrupting the traditional ground-nesting territories.
D) Invasive mammalian predator expansion has disrupted the traditional ground-nesting territories.



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35. The word “sanctuary” in the third paragraph refers to a:

- A) Dangerous hunting ground
B) Commercial shopping market
C) Place of safety, refuge, or protection
D) Busy urban transportation hub

36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:

- (i) Kakapos are highly aggressive, fast-flying eagles that build nests on top of high desert sand dunes.
(ii) Freezing maritime gales and sudden, torrential downpours made managing the camp an exceptionally exhausting ordeal.

- A) I-T, II-F
B) I-F, II-T
C) I-T, II-T
D) I-F, II-F

37. Match the research settings in Column A with their correct descriptions in Column B:

Column A

Column B

- i. Tree-hollow sanctuary
ii. Deep peat bogs
iii. Commercial stoat-traps
- a. Posed safety risks to the field crew across the rugged cliffs
b. Sheltered the thriving breeding female Kakapo
c. Discovered illegally set along the main foraging runway

- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c
B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c
C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a
D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b

38. Arrange the events of the island expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:

- i. The team traveled on foot across wet, slippery boardwalks with telemetry gear.
ii. Island rangers intercepted the poachers at the rocky landing cove.
iii. Dr. Blake located the breeding female Kakapo inside a tree-hollow sanctuary.
iv. A team member was sent on a sea-kayak to the nearest island ranger outpost.

- A) i, iii, iv, ii
B) i, iv, iii, ii
C) iii, i, iv, ii
D) i, iii, ii, iv

39. Assertion (A): Dr. Blake chose not to directly confront the poachers by herself on the island.
Reason (R): She wanted to avoid alerting them while executing a coordinated, legal intervention through the official island rangers.

- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

40. Case Study Based Question

Case: Imagine you are a senior island conservation ranger. A scientific research team alerts you via sea-kayak that illegal traps have been laid across an endangered flightless bird's breeding runway. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:

- A) Wait for the late-season cold fronts to pass completely before responding.
B) Deploy a swift ranger unit using precise conservation zoning maps to intercept the threat immediately at key transit points.
C) Tell the scientists to stop their genetic tracking and return to the mainland immediately.
D) Suggest moving the entire remaining wild parrot population to a city zoo.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION : 9

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the remote, wind-swept peatlands of the Scottish Highlands, a critically endangered raptor known as the Caledonian Harrier relies on deep, heather-rich moors for its seasonal ground nesting. Dr. Callum Murray, an avian conservation ecologist, led a specialized field team to analyze how commercial wind-farm development and turbine construction disrupt the species' traditional low-altitude flight corridors. His primary focus was to observe how the reduction of dense heather cover affects the hunting success rates of breeding pairs during unexpected late-spring frost events.

The vast, waterlogged bog terrain offered zero vehicular roads, forcing the field crew to navigate exclusively on foot across unstable peat hags while carrying fragile satellite-telemetry equipment and acoustic recorders. Freezing northern gales and sudden, blinding rain squalls made managing their wilderness base camp an exceptionally punishing task, yet their scientific dedication remained entirely steadfast. Across the rugged landscape, the researchers had to navigate deep drainage ditches, severe boot-sucking mud hazards, and unpredictable peat-slumps that constantly put their physical safety at risk.

After six weeks of intensive territorial tracking, Dr. Murray finally located a active nesting site of Caledonian Harriers sheltered inside a hidden glacial hollow. It was a monumental victory for British raptor conservation. However, the scientific triumph quickly turned into an urgent crisis when they detected illegal automated audio-lures and concealed mist-nets set right along the main hunting ridge—unregulated wildlife poachers were targeting these rare birds of prey to supply the illegal international egg collector market. Relying on his comprehensive mapping of the estate's conservation boundaries, Dr. Murray immediately dispatched a field assistant on an all-terrain quad bike to the closest wildlife crime police outpost while his remaining crew kept a silent vigil near the nesting site. The rapid operational response enabled the wildlife officers to intercept the poachers at the estate's main gate, ensuring the critical avian sanctuary remained completely secure. The operation demonstrated that conserving rare birds of prey demands systematic field science combined with immediate, strategic law enforcement maneuvers.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word “steadfast” as used in the second paragraph:
 A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary
32. Choose the correct antonym for the word “concealed” based on the context of the passage:
 A) Hidden B) Exposed C) Masked D) Camouflaged
33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:
 The field team discovers active automated audio-lures while they were mapping the hunting ridge.
 A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering
34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:
 The traditional low-altitude flight corridors were disrupted by commercial wind-farm development.
 A) Commercial wind-farm development disrupts the traditional low-altitude flight corridors.
 B) Commercial wind-farm development disrupted the traditional low-altitude flight corridors.
 C) Commercial wind-farm development was disrupting the traditional low-altitude flight corridors.
 D) Commercial wind-farm development has disrupted the traditional low-altitude flight corridors.



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35. The word “hollow” in the third paragraph refers to a:
- A) High mountain peak
B) Low-lying area or deep depression on a surface
C) Wide open highway
D) Dense canopy of a forest tree
36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:
- (i) Caledonian Harriers are high-altitude desert mammals that build nests inside volcanic craters.
(ii) Freezing northern gales and sudden, blinding rain squalls made managing the base camp an exceptionally punishing task.
- A) I-T, II-F
B) I-F, II-T
C) I-T, II-T
D) I-F, II-F
37. Match the research settings in Column A with their correct descriptions in Column B:
- | Column A | Column B |
|--------------------------------|---|
| i. Glacial hollow | a. Posed physical safety risks to the field crew across the waterlogged bog |
| ii. Unstable peat hags | b. Sheltered the active ground-nesting site of the Caledonian Harriers |
| iii. Audio-lures and mist-nets | c. Discovered illegally set along the ridge by wildlife poachers |
- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c
B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c
C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a
D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b
38. Arrange the events of the peatland expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:
- i. The team traveled on foot across unstable peat hags with telemetry equipment.
ii. Wildlife crime officers intercepted the poachers at the estate’s main gate.
iii. Dr. Murray located the active harrier nesting site inside a hidden glacial hollow.
iv. A field assistant was dispatched on an all-terrain quad bike to the police outpost.
- A) i, iii, iv, ii
B) i, iv, iii, ii
C) iii, i, iv, ii
D) i, iii, ii, iv
39. Assertion (A): Dr. Murray chose not to directly confront the poachers by himself on the hunting ridge.
Reason (R): He wanted to avoid alerting them while executing a coordinated, legal intervention through the official wildlife crime police.
- A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.
40. Case Study Based Question
- Case:** Imagine you are a wildlife crime officer managing a highland nature reserve. A scientific research team alerts you via quad bike that illegal automated nets and lures have been laid across an endangered raptor’s hunting ridge. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:

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- A) Wait for the late-spring frost events to pass completely before responding.
- B) Deploy a swift law enforcement unit using precise conservation boundary maps to intercept the threat immediately at key transit points.
- C) Tell the scientists to stop their satellite tracking and return to the city immediately.
- D) Suggest moving the entire remaining wild bird population to a commercial aviary.

UNSEEN COMPREHENSION :10

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 40:

In the deep, subterranean karst networks of the Balkans, a highly vulnerable and blind amphibian known as the olm relies on pristine, slow-moving cave river channels for its seasonal breeding cycles. Dr. Stefan Novak, a cave ecologist, led a specialized diving team to analyze how heavy metal pollution from surface industrial runoff disrupts the species' underground dispersal corridors. His primary focus was to observe how the reduction of aquatic micro-invertebrates affects the survival rates of juvenile populations during seasonal water level changes.

The completely pitch-black, flooded cavern terrain offered zero natural navigation landmarks, forcing the field crew to dive exclusively using specialized cave reels and technical dive lines while carrying fragile water-chemistry sensors. Freezing underwater temperatures and sudden, unexpected pressure shifts made managing their deep base camp an exceptionally punishing task, yet their scientific dedication remained entirely steadfast. Across the flooded shafts, the divers had to navigate restrictive squeeze-points, severe low-oxygen gas mix hazards, and unpredictable ceiling-collapses that constantly put their physical safety at risk.

After seven weeks of intensive underwater surveying, Dr. Novak finally discovered an active breeding sanctuary of olms sheltered inside a deep, isolated siphon pool. It was a monumental victory for European biospeleology conservation. However, the scientific triumph quickly turned into an urgent crisis when they detected illegal chemical disposal drums dropped directly down through an abandoned mining shaft—the toxic leakage was poisoning the pristine aquatic ecosystem. Relying on his comprehensive mapping of the cave's exact geological boundaries, Dr. Novak immediately dispatched a support diver on an underwater scooter to the closest environmental enforcement post while his remaining crew kept a silent watch near the siphon pool. The rapid operational response enabled the enforcement officers to intercept the illegal dumpers at the surface shaft perimeter, ensuring the critical aquatic sanctuary remained completely secure. The operation demonstrated that conserving rare subterranean fauna demands systematic field science combined with immediate, strategic law enforcement maneuvers.

31. Choose the correct synonym for the word "steadfast" as used in the second paragraph:
 A) Wavering B) Unwavering C) Vacillating D) Temporary
32. Choose the correct antonym for the word "pristine" based on the context of the passage:
 A) Contaminated B) Clean C) Unspoiled D) Natural
33. Choose the option that corrects the underlined verb error to maintain proper past tense narrative consistency:
 The diving team discovers active chemical disposal drums while they were measuring the water pH.
 A) discover B) discovered C) discovering D) was discovering

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34. Choose the correct active voice version of the sentence:
The underground dispersal corridors were disrupted by heavy metal pollution.
A) Heavy metal pollution disrupts the underground dispersal corridors.
B) Heavy metal pollution disrupted the underground dispersal corridors.
C) Heavy metal pollution was disrupting the underground dispersal corridors.
D) Heavy metal pollution has disrupted the underground dispersal corridors.
35. The word “sanctuary” in the third paragraph refers to a:
A) Dangerous hunting zone
B) Commercial shopping hub
C) Place of safety, refuge, or protection
D) High mountain rock ridge
36. State whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F) based on the text:
(i) Olms are flying mountain raptors that build nests on top of sun-drenched forest canopies.
(ii) Freezing underwater temperatures and sudden, unexpected pressure shifts made camp management a punishing task.
A) I-T, II-F
B) I-F, II-T
C) I-T, II-T
D) I-F, II-F
37. Match the research settings in Column A with their correct descriptions in Column B:
- | Column A | Column B |
|--------------------------------|---|
| i. Isolated siphon pool | a. Posed major physical safety hazards to the technical divers |
| ii. Restrictive squeeze-points | b. Sheltered the active breeding sanctuary of the blind Olms |
| iii. Chemical disposal drums | c. Discovered illegally dropped through an abandoned mining shaft |
- A) i-b, ii-a, iii-c
B) i-a, ii-b, iii-c
C) i-b, ii-c, iii-a
D) i-c, ii-a, iii-b
38. Arrange the events of the subterranean expedition in the correct sequence as they occurred:
i. The team conducted technical cave diving using reels and lines in pitch-black conditions.
ii. Enforcement officers intercepted the illegal dumpers at the surface shaft perimeter.
iii. Dr. Novak located the active breeding sanctuary inside a deep siphon pool.
iv. A support diver was dispatched on an underwater scooter to the enforcement post.
A) i, iii, iv, ii
B) i, iv, iii, ii
C) iii, i, iv, ii
D) i, iii, ii, iv
39. Assertion (A): Dr. Novak chose not to confront the dumpers directly at the surface by himself.
Reason (R): He wanted to avoid alerting them while executing a coordinated, legal intervention through official environmental enforcement officers.
A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
C) A is true, but R is false.
D) A is false, but R is true.

**40. Case Study Based Question**

Case: Imagine you are an environmental enforcement officer managing a protected karst region. A scientific research team alerts you via underwater scooter that chemical drums are being actively dropped into an endangered species' breeding sanctuary. According to the text, your most effective primary course of action should be to:

- A) Wait for the seasonal water level changes to end before initiating a search.
- B) Deploy a swift law enforcement unit using precise geological maps to intercept the threat immediately at the surface entry point.
- C) Tell the scientists to stop their water-chemistry tracking and leave the cave immediately.
- D) Suggest moving the entire remaining wild blind population to a city amusement park.



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