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SOLUTIONS

Directions (Q.1-5)

Read the passage and answer the questions based on it-

In towns and cities of north and west India, kite flying is a craze. People fly their kites mostly from the roofs of their houses. At some places kites are flown from open grounds. Being a fun sports all times, kites are flown throughout the year. However there are some special occasions, on which every enthusiast involves himself in PatangBaazi. These occasions include Makar Sankranti, Basant Panchami, Raksha Bandhan, and Independence Day.

BasantPanchami is one of the biggest festivals of North India. It heralds both the approach of the harvest and the end of winter. This spring festival is celebrated by flying kites, mainly of yellow colour, which represents the ripening mustard in the fields. From the morning onwards, the roofs of almost every house become full of young and old keeping their kites afloat. By early afternoon the sky becomes peppered with kites of different colours and sizes. The fun of Basant Panchami does not preclude the intense competition that is a unique north indian phenomenon.- cutting each other's kite lines. Each time a kite's lifeline is severed, a cheer, "bo-kata" is sent up by the victor.

1. What does the yellow colour kite represent?
(1) End of winter (2) Ripening of mustard (3) Harvest season (4) All of these

Ans. (2)

Sol. Ripening of mustard

2. Pick out the antonyms for 'Victor'
(1) Winner (2) Loser (3) Rivals (4) Master

Ans. (2)

Sol. Loser

3. Which festivals are mentioned in the passage?
(1) Basant Panchami (2) Makar Sankranti (3) Both (1) and (2) (4) None of these

Ans. (3)

Sol. Both (1) and (2)

4. In which season is Basant Panchami celebrated?
(1) Summer (2) Winter (3) Autumn (4) Spring

Ans. (4)

Sol. Spring

5. Which of these pairs is the odd man out?
(1) Flying kites (2) Biggest festival (3) Yellow colour (4) Paper lamps

Ans. (4)

Sol. Paper lamps

Directions (Q.6-10)

Read the passage and answer the questions based on it-

It could be a scene straight out of a horror film. Only it was a reality in suburban Mumbai. Rain lashed on the ground. A hundred children wailed in terror in a cramped, dark hall. Water gushed in from all sides and inched up. The inmates of Additional Bal Griha of the Children's aid Society mostly terrified children, sang their daily prayer: "Itni Shakti hummedena data." Asma, however, was the odd one out. She started calculating how soon the children will start drowning. "I could only think of one thing that I couldn't bear to see the smaller ones drown. I am their didi. She picked up two of the smaller kids and jumped into the water nearly five feet of dirty, black liquid. " I don't know how to swim. So slowly I moved across the slippery ground, keeping my head up to keep the water from getting into my mouth and nose." She made over a dozen such trips, carrying nearly 40 kids on her shoulders to safety. Wasn't she scared? "Nothing scares me." Why didn't any of the other inmates join her? "Oh, well, I'm the tallest!" The girl doesn't know who or where her parents are ("Kya pata" She says). Nor does she care to know about her life history from the orphanage files. But Asma certainly knows more about parenting than most. She loves to watch TV serials.

6. The natural calamity that the passage mentions is

- (1) Floods (2) Heavy rains (3) Electricity failure (4) Waterfall

Ans. (1)

Sol. Floods

7. The most courageous act of Asma was:

- (1) Rescuing the children
(2) Taking care of small kids
(3) Plunging in water to save kids though she could not swim
(4) Being of help to others

Ans. (3)

Sol. Plunging in water to save kids though she couldn't swim

8. The incident happened in

- (1) A hallway (2) An orphanage (3) A school (4) A TV serial

Ans. (2)

Sol. An orphanage

9. In what sense was Asma the 'odd one' out?

- (1) She could not swim
(2) She did not know who her parents were
(3) She was not scared
(4) She ventured in the water to save younger kids while others just watched.

Ans. (3)

Sol. She was not scared

10. Which word in the passage means 'cried in a low pitch'?

- (1) Wailed (2) Cramped (3) Terror (4) Inmates

Ans. (1)

Sol. Wailed

Directions (Q.11-15)

Read the passage and answer the questions based on it-

In 1933-34 I got my first chance to play in Test cricket in India. The M.C.C team under Douglas Jardine was in our country to play three Test matches. Fortunately I was able to do sufficiently well to retain my place in all the three tests.

During the Test matches my younger sister, Laxmi had given me an autograph book to get the autographs of visiting players. I had carefully put down M.C.C touring Team -1933-34 on one of the pages. Under the heading I took autographs of all the 6 players who visited India.

Two months later I had an occasion to approach Gandhiji for his autograph which my sister was very keen to have. There were quite a few people present when I made my request. Gandhiji smiled and leafed through the pages of the autograph book and then underneath the names of the M.C.C players wrote- '17- M.K.Gandhi'. I immediately understood the greatness of the man and what had prompted him. By that unforgettable signature as the seventeenth man of the M. C. C team he showed that although he was prepared to fight the British Government tooth and nail for the independence of India, he had nothing against the common man of England and was prepared to put himself down as the seventeenth man of the English Cricket team.

11. Which nations' teams played three test matches?

- (1) West Indies and India (2) England and India
(3) Australia and India (4) S. Africa and India

Ans. (2)

Sol. India and England

12. With whom was Mahatma Gandhi fighting for freedom?

- (1) British people (2) British Governor (3) British Government (4) All of these

Ans. (3)

Sol. British Government

13. The phrase 'to put down' means

- (1) wear (2) write (3) get down (4) keep

Ans. (2)

Sol. Write

14. Why did Mahatma Gandhi put himself down in the English team? Because:

- (1) he had nothing against the British
(2) he had nothing against the British government
(3) he had nothing against the British common people
(4) none of the above

Ans. (3)

Sol. He had nothing against common people

15. Author's younger sister Laxmi had given him the autograph book for

- (1) writing down scores (2) listing down the team members
(3) getting autographs of visiting players (4) getting autograph of Mahatma Gandhi

Ans. (3)

Sol. Getting autographs of visiting players

16. S1: One day I decided to make my favourite sandwich

S2: _____

S3: _____

S4: _____

S5: I then sprinkled pepper and ate my sandwich with relish.

P : Then I toasted the bread and put some mayo, tomatoes and lettuce on it.

Q: First I washed the tomatoes and the lettuce and chopped them.

R : So I went to the kitchen and gathered all the things needed on the counter.

Options:

(1) PQR (2) PRQ (3) RQP (4) RPQ

Ans. (3)

Sol. RQP

17. S1: The alarm goes off and I hit snooze and go back to bed.

S2: _____

S3: _____

S4: _____

S5: When I finally get ready, I realize I have no time for breakfast and have to leave without it.

P : Then it goes off again and I snooze it again and go to bed.

Q: Finally I realise I have very less time to get up and get ready.

R : It goes off the third time and once more I snooze it.

Options:

(1) PRQ (2) RQP (3) QPR (4) RPQ

Ans. (1)

Sol. PRQ

18. A : My greatest strength is my exceptional teachers.

B : _____

C : It was due to this that I am able to think creatively

(1) I read a lot of books

(2) They have given me the liberty to think individually and learn by experimentation

(3) I have always liked to go to school and enjoyed learning.

(4) I have successfully cleared many competitive exams.

Ans. (2)

Sol. They have given me the liberty to think individually and learn by experimentation

19. A : On a hot summer afternoon, two friends walked a few miles.

B : _____

C: They wanted to stop and get some water.

(1) They became thirsty after walking in the hot sun

(2) They had to reach on time to catch a bus

(3) They had their school bags in their hands

(4) They saw some big, shady trees on the way

Ans. (1)

Sol. They became thirsty after walking in the hot sun

Directions (Q. No. 20 to 29):

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate options from the given alternatives.

20. I don't expect him to change his mind because I know he is very _____
(1) patient (2) hardworking (3) abstinate (4) obstinate

Ans. (4)

Sol. Obstinate

21. Our teacher is a _____ person. She easily captivates the attention of the students.
(1) lethargic (2) dynamic (3) iconic (4) uninteresting

Ans. (2)

Sol. Dynamic

22. My father gets very angry with us whenever we make a mistake. He has no _____ for mistakes.
(1) tolerance (2) impatience (3) solution (4) tolerate

Ans. (1)

Sol. Tolerance

23. Teachers like _____ students who never break rules.
(1) mischievous (2) studious (3) stubborn (4) obedient

Ans. (4)

Sol. Obedient

24. We couldn't see the meteor shower due to _____ weather conditions.
(1) hot (2) cold (3) unfavourable (4) favourable

Ans. (3)

Sol. Unfavourable

25. He is wet. He _____ of the sea.
(1) has just come out (2) just comes out (3) had just come out (4) was just coming out

Ans. (1)

Sol. Has just come out

26. Raman can speak Telugu _____ Marathi and English.
(1) besides (2) with (3) beside (4) alongside

Ans. (1)

Sol. Besides

27. People will catch the thief, _____?
(1) will not they (2) will they (3) won't they (4) don't they

Ans. (3)

Sol. Won't they

28. If it snows this weekend, we _____ skiing.
(1) go (2) will go (3) could going (4) are going

Ans. (2)

Sol. Will go

29. _____ you like to buy jewellery or a dress?
(1) Can (2) Could (3) Will (4) Would

Ans. (4)

Sol. Would

Direction (Q. No. 30 to 35):

Select the correct meaning of the underlined phrases or idioms:

30. The sailor found himself between the devil and deep sea.

- (1) lost in the deep ocean (2) facing two challenges
(3) facing two equally bad alternatives (4) confronting two opportunities

Ans. (3)

Sol. Facing two equally bad alternatives

31. Out school is within a stone's throw of the railway station.

- (1) within a certain radius (2) at a short distance
(3) within a definite circumference (4) very far off

Ans. (2)

Sol. At a short distance

32. He did me a good turn by recommending me for the post of Vice-Principal.

- (1) became suddenly good (2) improved my prospects
(3) did an act of kindness (4) returned my kindness

Ans. (3)

Sol. Did an act of kindness

33. One should not indulge in tall talks.

- (1) flattery (2) boasting (3) ideal talk (4) irrelevant talk

Ans. (2)

Sol. Boasting

34. He is always picking holes in all the projects.

- (1) asking irrelevant questions (2) suggesting improvements
(3) finding faults (4) creating problems

Ans. (3)

Sol. Finding faults

35. He does not like to be friendly with Sarita, he always gives her a cold shoulder.

- (1) tries to be unfriendly by not taking notice for her
(2) argues with her
(3) insults her
(4) creates trouble for her

Ans. (1)

Sol. Tries to be unfriendly by not taking notice of her

Directions (Q. Nos 36 to 43) : In the following passage there are some numbered blanks. Fill in the blanks by selecting the most appropriate word for each blank from the given options.

The earth is one of the known planets that circles the sun. In (36) _____ times, the men who studied the (37) _____ noticed that while certain heavenly (38) _____ seemed fixed in the sky, others seemed to (39) _____ about. The latter they named planets or wanderers. (40) _____ astronomers have discovered that the four planets Jupiters, Saturn. Uranus and Neptune are surrounded by poisonous gases and are so (41) _____ that any living thing attempting to (42) _____ on them would instantly be frozen. Of the five remaining planets. Venus closely (43) _____ the earth in size.

36. (1) past (2) antique (3) ancient (4) modern

Ans. (3)

Sol. Ancient

- 37.** (1) light (2) stars (3) earth (4) sun
Ans. (2)
Sol. Stars
- 38.** (1) bodies (2) objects (3) things (4) entities
Ans. (1)
Sol. Bodies
- 39.** (1) jump (2) roam (3) run (4) move
Ans. (4)
Sol. Move
- 40.** (1) upstart (2) future (3) modern (4) new
Ans. (3)
Sol. modern
- 41.** (1) cold (2) lukewarm (3) dull (4) frigid
Ans. (4)
Sol. Frigid
- 42.** (1) squat (2) land (3) walk (4) stay
Ans. (2)
Sol. Land
- 43.** (1) imitates (2) negates (3) resembles (4) identify
Ans. (3)
Sol. Resembles

Directions (Q. Nos 44 to 47):

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks form the given options.

- 44.** When will you hand _____ your assignment?
 (1) into (2) back (3) down (4) in
Ans. (4)
Sol. In
- 45.** The _____ were arrested for illegally hunting the bears.
 (1) poachers (2) rangers (3) soldiers (4) roachers
Ans. (1)
Sol. Poachers
- 46.** My sister upset the kettle of boiling water and _____ her right hand badly.
 (1) scorched (2) scalded (3) sizzled (4) wounded
Ans. (2)
Sol. Scalded
- 47.** She made her stepson her _____ to a large fortune.
 (1) hare (2) heir (3) hair (4) here
Ans. (2)
Sol. Heir

Direction (Q. Nos. 48 to 50):

Choose the antonym of the underlined word from the four alternatives given:

48. Knowledge is the elixir of life

- (1) ignorance (2) cleverness (3) intelligence (4) illiteracy

Ans. (1)

Sol. Ignorance

49. A deficit budget is harmful for the nation's economy.

- (1) profit (2) bonus (3) benefit (4) surplus

Ans. (4)

Sol. Surplus

50. The adventurous young man enjoyed bungee jumping.

- (1) fearless (2) fearful (3) dangerous (4) careless

Ans. (2)

Sol. fearful