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PAPER – II – ‘A’ : LANGUAGE COMPREHENSIVE TEST CLASS – 10

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TIME : 45 MINUTES

MAX. MARKS : 50

Instructions to Candidates

1. The Question Booklet containing 50 questions and the OMR answer sheet is given to you.
2. All questions are compulsory, each question carries one mark.
3. During the examination,
 - Read the questions carefully.
 - Completely darken/shade the relevant oval against Question No. in the OMR answer sheet, using blue/black ball point pen. Do not try to alter the entry and not do any stray marks on OMR Sheet.
 - Ex: In a question paper if Sl. No. 3 is correct answer for Question No. 20, then darken OMR answer sheet using blue/black ball point pen as follows.
20. ① ② ● ④ (This is an example only)
4. If more than one oval is darkened for a given question, such answer is treated as wrong and no marks will be given.
5. Sheet for rough work are appended in the Question Booklet.
6. Candidate should return the OMR answer sheet only to the room supervisor before leaving the examination hall.
7. The calculator, mobiles and any other electronic equipments are not allowed inside the examination hall.

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SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK

**LANGUAGE COMPREHENSIVE TEST****Questions (1 – 5) :**

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

She looked into one of the lighted windows above the shop, through the break between the trees. She could see the cartons of biscuits neatly piled near the far wall. Against her conscious wishes Cissy's saliva glands started pumping the fluid into her mouth. She felt her heart beating strongly from the top of her throat into the back of her mouth. There is nobody, she thought. I can dash in and take a box and dash out again. I know it is a sin but the lord will not punish us if we are so hungry.

1. The whole passage is a description of Cissy's

- 1) courage for stealing
- 2) plans before stealing
- 3) temptation before stealing
- 4) greed for stealing

2. Cissy was guilty because she

- 1) knew what she was doing was morally wrong
- 2) felt her heart pounding inside her chest
- 3) was saying her prayers
- 4) knew that she was about to do something selfish

3. Her heart beat strongly as she

- 1) thought nobody was watching her
- 2) was thinking to steal the biscuits
- 3) was eager to taste the biscuits
- 4) was very hungry

**4. Cissy could see the cartons of biscuits for she**

- 1) had very good eyesight
- 2) was able to smell the biscuits
- 3) saw another child eating biscuits
- 4) was aided by a light

5. When Cissy saw the cartons of biscuits

- 1) she wanted to eat all the biscuits
- 2) she felt like vomiting
- 3) her mouth started watering
- 4) she thought about all her sins

Questions (6 – 10) :**Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :**

In one of the summer breaks we started pitching the highest camp that has ever been made. Everything took five times as long as it would have taken in a place where there was enough air to breathe; but at last we got the, tent up and when we crawled in, it was not too bad. There was only a light wind, and inside it was too cold for us to take off our gloves. At night most climbers take off their boots; but I prefer to keep them on. Hillary, on the other hand, took his off and laid them next to his sleeping bag.

6. The narrator of the story is

- 1) an airline pilot
- 2) a mountaineer
- 3) a traveller
- 4) a tourist



7. They crawled into the tent because

- 1) they were excited
- 2) the entrance to the tent must have been low
- 3) they had heavy loads on their back
- 4) they wanted to hide

8. In this passage, 'we' refers to

- 1) the author and his classmate
- 2) the author and his friends
- 3) the author and his wife
- 4) the author alone

9. They took a long time to finish the work because

- 1) they were very tired
- 2) it was very cold
- 3) there was not enough air to breathe
- 4) it was very dark

10. According to the passage, the correct sentence is

- 1) Hillary took off his gloves
- 2) Hillary took off his boots
- 3) Author took off his boots
- 4) Author took off his gloves

**Questions (11 – 15) :**

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :

The Spider and the Fly

“Will you walk into my parlour ?” said the Spider to the Fly,
‘Tis the prettiest little parlour that ever you did spy;
The way into my parlour is up a winding stair,
And I’ve a many curious things to show when you are there”.
“Oh no, no,” said the little Fly, “to ask me is in Vain,
For who goes up your winding stair can ne’er come down again”.
“I’m sure you must be weary, dear, with soaring up so high;
“Will you rest upon my little bed ?” said the Spider to the Fly.
“There are pretty curtains drawn around; the sheets are fine and thin,
And if you like to rest awhile, I’ll snugly tuck you in !”
“Oh no, no,” said the Fly, “for I’ve often heard it said,
“They never, never wake again, who sleep upon your bed !”

Mary Howitt

11. ‘The Parlour’ in the poem refers to the spider’s

- 1) web
- 2) house
- 3) nest
- 4) corner

12. The spider’s description of her ‘Parlour’ can be termed

- 1) tempting
- 2) inviting
- 3) persuading
- 4) provoking



13. The fly was

- 1) foolish
- 2) crazy
- 3) in love
- 4) wise

14. 'If the fly like to rest awhile' – the spider would

- 1) put the fly to sleep
- 2) draw the curtains
- 3) tightly push it in
- 4) show him curious things

15. By 'They never, never wake again, who sleep upon your bed !' the fly meant

- 1) they fall into deep sleep
- 2) they get full rest
- 3) they dream
- 4) they die

Questions (16 – 17) :

16. The following six sentences from a paragraph. The first and the last sentences are given. Choose the order in which the four sentences (P,Q,R,S) should appear to complete the paragraph.

S₁ Gerard ran forward

S₂

S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆ Excited with his quick victory, Gerard hit it again and again with all his force

P : As he ran, a young bear's path was closed.

Q : The poor creature fell down dead.

R : Gerard raised his axe and struck a powerful blow on the bear's nose.

S : Finding its path barred, it immediately went back upon its hind legs with a snarl and opened its jaws and claws for an attack.

- 1) SQRP
- 2) PSRQ
- 3) RPSQ
- 4) PQSR



17. S₁ There was once a Persian king called Shahryar who had a beautiful wife.

S₂

S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆ After one day's marriage he would cut off her head and marry again.

P. When the king discovered this he killed her

Q. He gave orders that he was to be provided with a new wife everyday.

R. He loved her very much, but she was a wicked woman.

S. He decided that all women were wicked and that he would punish them.

- 1) PQRS 2) QSPR 3) RPSQ 4) SPRQ

Questions (18 – 19) :

The following questions have the second sentence missing. Choose the appropriate sentence from the given options to complete it.

18. A) A poor peasant went off early one morning to plough, taking with him, for his breakfast a piece of bread.

B)

C) Then he hid it under a bush and started to work.

- 1) He lifted the coat, but the bread was gone !
- 2) He went to get his coat and his breakfast
- 3) He got his plough ready and put his coat round the bread
- 4) After a while, when his horse was tired and he was hungry, the peasant stopped ploughing



19. A) In old times, man had no knowledge of certain happenings such as earthquakes, floods, storms and cyclones.
- B)
- C) He regarded them as the doings of certain hidden mysteries and divine forces.
- 1) Superstitions are blind and baseless beliefs
 - 2) They are born out of ignorance and fear of forces of nature
 - 3) Many people always believed in superstitions
 - 4) Such happenings came to have a mysterious significance for him

Questions (20 – 27) :

Choose the word which best fills the blank from the four options given.

20. Hindus are a _____ majority in India.

- 1) linguistic
- 2) religious
- 3) ethnic
- 4) wealthy

21. The degrees were awarded in the annual _____

- 1) convention
- 2) convolution
- 3) convocation
- 4) conference



22. She was so badly injured that she needed _____ care in the hospital.

- 1) extensive
- 2) little
- 3) intensive
- 4) deep

23. I was filled with _____ while hearing my old favourite songs.

- 1) empathy
- 2) nostalgia
- 3) creativity
- 4) commotion

24. The traveller had many _____ memories of his jungle adventures.

- 1) candid
- 2) sumptuous
- 3) prosperous
- 4) vivid

25. He is so _____ to light that he never leaves the house without sun glasses.

- 1) sensitive
- 2) blind
- 3) afraid
- 4) immune



26. A light breeze _____ the forest fire and made it more dangerous.

- 1) light
- 2) illuminated
- 3) extinguished
- 4) fanned

27. Her spectacles simply would not rest on the _____ of her nose.

- 1) arch
- 2) bridge
- 3) pimple
- 4) hook

Questions (28 – 37) :

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 :

Research conducted by (Q. 28) _____ on addictions associated (Q. 29) _____ food says that it is very easy to (Q. 30) _____ bad habits (Q. 31) _____ as eating too many sweets or too (Q. 32) _____ food or drinking too much (Q. 33) _____ of a kind. The more we do something, (Q. 34) _____ we tend to like it, (Q. 35) _____ amidst the social gathering, such people cannot, (Q. 36) _____ from having the (Q. 37) _____ of their favourite food.

28. 1) solicitors 2) scientists 3) florists 4) chemists

29. 1) on 2) for 3) with 4) for

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- 30.** 1) associate 2) acquire 3) gain 4) get
- 31.** 1) such 2) like 3) instance 4) so
- 32.** 1) many 2) few 3) little 4) much
- 33.** 1) chow 2) fluids 3) drink 4) nutrition
- 34.** 1) higher 2) more 3) further more 4) the more
- 35.** 1) instead 2) despite 3) even 4) inspite of
- 36.** 1) persist 2) resist 3) fight 4) refrain
- 37.** 1) full throttle 2) lion's share 3) donkey's share 4) black sheep

Questions (38 – 40) :

Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs to complete the sentences.

38. The Prime Minister _____ the president Yesterday.

- 1) called for
- 2) called at
- 3) called on
- 4) called with

39. I _____ my old roommate at the theatre.

- 1) ran at
- 2) ran off
- 3) ran out
- 4) ran into



40. I want you to _____ this particular problem.

- 1) look into
- 2) look out
- 3) look on
- 4) look after

Questions (41 – 43) :

Select the meaning of the given phrases/idioms.

41. Spill the beans

- 1) remove the beans
- 2) keep a secret
- 3) to reveal a secret
- 4) to preserve the beans

42. A good samaritan

- 1) a religious person
- 2) a good mannered person
- 3) one who helps others
- 4) one who is very polite and courteous

43. To hit the nail on the head

- 1) to say just the right thing
- 2) to hit the nail strongly
- 3) to speak hard words
- 4) to antagonise



Questions (44 – 48) :

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks from the given alternatives.

44. It is difficult to _____ the weather.

- 1) predicts
- 2) prediction
- 3) predicted
- 4) predict

45. Don't worry. She'll finish the job. She is very _____

- 1) complain
- 2) diligent
- 3) barren
- 4) wisdom

46. A _____ reverence for the past is bad.

- 1) abnormal
- 2) rigid
- 3) blind
- 4) orthodox

47. The beach was covered with _____ after the vast crowd of holiday-makers had left.

- 1) placid
- 2) quarry
- 3) barrels
- 4) litter

48. I cannot _____ such a loud noise any more.

- 1) prefer
- 2) support
- 3) endure
- 4) try



Questions (49 – 50) :

Select the word which means the opposite of the underlined word.

49. The army receded after it was defeated in the war.

- 1) rushed
- 2) approached
- 3) advanced
- 4) forwarded

50. The life was very expensive as there was dearth for food.

- 1) extravagance
- 2) scarcity
- 3) shortage
- 4) abundance
