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5. There is only ONE correct answer. Choose only ONE option for an answer.
6. To mark your choice of answers by darkening the circles on the OMR Sheet, use **HB Pencil** or **Blue / Black ball point pen** only. E.g.

**Q.16: Fill in the blanks.**

**Please teach my dog \_\_\_\_\_ a ball.**

- A.** to fetch    **B.** learn    **C.** show    **D.** to learn

16. ● (B) (C) (D)

As the correct answer is option A, you must darken the circle corresponding to option A on the OMR Sheet.

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FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

1. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ from schools to colleges can be challenging for some students.
  - A. transitioned
  - B. to transition
  - C. transitioning
  - D. be transitioning

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2. Her health has begun \_\_\_\_\_ ever since she had the operation.
  - A. improved
  - B. to improve
  - C. been improved
  - D. improve

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3. She \_\_\_\_\_ not to entertain any unnecessary conversation with the notorious neighbours.
  - A. been decided
  - B. are decided
  - C. have decided
  - D. has decided

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4. 'Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings : it takes its origin, from emotion recollected in \_\_\_\_\_.' – William Wordsworth
  - A. tranquility
  - B. absurd
  - C. tranquiliser
  - D. wintery

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5. \_\_\_\_\_ convenience, the bank is not taking coins, at the moment.
  - A. In order to
  - B. With an eye to
  - C. For the sake of
  - D. In reference to

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6. Her \_\_\_\_\_ for the olden days had gone, because it occurred to her that they would never return.
  - A. nearness
  - B. nostalgia
  - C. negligence
  - D. validation

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7. I \_\_\_\_\_ reading this novel by the time I reach home.
  - A. completing
  - B. am completed
  - C. shall have completed
  - D. will completed

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8. Several teams \_\_\_\_\_ together because it was a big project.
  - A. had to coordinate
  - B. coordinates
  - C. have coordinating
  - D. will been coordinating

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9. You have baked the cake for the party, \_\_\_\_\_ you?
  - A. did
  - B. have
  - C. haven't
  - D. didn't

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10. She \_\_\_\_\_ her research team in the book, for all the help that they provided for her research.
  - A. are acknowledged
  - B. was acknowledged
  - C. has acknowledged
  - D. is acknowledged

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11. Shruti worked \_\_\_\_\_ towards her dream of becoming a chess champion one day.
  - A. distractedly
  - B. partly
  - C. foolishly
  - D. diligently

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12. Cats are \_\_\_\_\_ animals that tend to value their own space and privacy.
  - A. wide
  - B. intrincating
  - C. independent
  - D. herbivorous

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13. As a society, we have become more and more \_\_\_\_\_ to the idea of taking risks and challenging our irrational fears.
  - A. absorb

- B. averse  
C. apart  
D. abandon
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14. He always worked \_\_\_\_\_ further his personal goals at any cost.  
A. on behalf of  
B. with reference  
C. with a view to  
D. in place of
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15. The careless boy loitered \_\_\_\_\_ the streets of the colony all day.  
A. with  
B. around  
C. away  
D. inside
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16. '\_\_\_\_\_ there is hope, there is life.'  
- Anne Frank.  
A. Except  
B. Than  
C. Where  
D. Only
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17. I cannot go out \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella for it is raining.  
A. without  
B. therefore  
C. that  
D. if
- 
18. Is there somewhere we \_\_\_\_\_ stay while we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ our research fieldwork?  
A. could, do  
B. should, need  
C. shall, dare  
D. need, can
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19. It is difficult to believe that not \_\_\_\_\_ word was said regarding our assessments so far.  
A. a  
B. an  
C. the  
D. no article
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20. The old man was mowing \_\_\_\_\_ lawn after a very long time.  
A. those  
B. his  
C. its  
D. her
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21. The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ while the player was on the field.  
A. cheered on  
B. cheered of  
C. yell up  
D. played on
- 
22. The government \_\_\_\_\_ free ration and medicines to the poor.  
A. handed up  
B. handed at  
C. handed out  
D. at hand
- 
23. The boy who \_\_\_\_\_ with all the mischievous deeds was finally punished.  
A. got at  
B. got back  
C. got by  
D. got away
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24. 'Inside-out' means \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. both inside and outside  
B. neither inside nor outside  
C. reversed  
D. invisible
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- FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.
25. Provocate  
A. Indicate  
B. Intimate  
C. Vocation  
D. Instigate
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26. Mundane  
A. Banal  
B. Persuading  
C. Interesting  
D. Heavenly

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Egoism

- A. Emptiness
- B. Readiness
- C. Altruism
- D. Anger

28. Immaculate

- A. Modern
- B. Aesthetic
- C. Evolve
- D. Grubby

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. How do you spell the word that means 'to forge'?

- A. Conterfeat
- B. Counterfeet
- C. Counterfeit
- D. Conterfeit

30. How do you spell the word that means 'to be kind'?

- A. Benewolent
- B. Benevoleant
- C. Benevalent
- D. Benevolent

## READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

*By Ami Tikkanen*

Arundhati Roy's full name is Suzanna Arundhati Roy. She was born on November 24, 1961, in Shillong, Meghalaya, India. She is an Indian author, actress, and political activist who is best known for the award-winning novel *The God of Small Things* (1997) and for her involvement in environmental and human rights causes. Roy's father was a Bengali tea planter, and her mother was a Christian of Syrian descent who challenged India's inheritance laws by successfully suing for the right of Christian women to receive an equal share of their fathers' estates. Though trained as an architect, Roy had a little interest in design, instead she dreamed of a writing career. After a series of odd jobs, including artist and aerobics instructor, she wrote and co-starred in the film, *In Which Annie Gives It to Those Ones* (1989) and later penned scripts for the film, *Electric Moon* (1992) and several television dramas.

The films earned Roy a devoted following but her literary career was interrupted by a controversy. In 1995, she wrote two newspaper articles claiming that Shekhar Kapur's film *Bandit Queen* exploited Phoolan Devi, one of India's most wanted criminals in the early 1980s and a heroine of the oppressed. The columns caused an uproar among the public including a court case, and Roy retreated from the public and returned to the novel she had begun to write.

In 1997 Roy published her debut novel, *The God of Small Things* to wide acclaim. The semiautobiographical work departed from the conventional plots and light prose that had been typical among best-sellers. Composed in a lyrical language about South Asian themes and characters in a narrative that wandered through time, Roy's novel became the biggest-selling book by a non-expatriate Indian author and won the 1998 Man Booker Prize for Fiction. Roy's subsequent literary output largely consisted of politically oriented nonfiction, much of it aimed at addressing the problems

faced by her homeland in the age of global capitalism. Among her publications were *Power Politics* (2001), *The Algebra of Infinite Justice* (2002), *War Talk* (2003), *Public Power in the Age of Empire* (2004), *Field Notes on Democracy: Listening to Grasshoppers* (2009), *Broken Republic: Three Essays* (2011), and *Capitalism: A Ghost Story* (2014). In 2017 Roy published *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*, her first novel in 20 years. The work blends personal stories with topical issues as it uses a large cast of characters, including a transgender woman and a resistance fighter in Kashmir, to explore contemporary India.

Roy was active in various environmental and human rights causes, often putting herself at odds with Indian legal authorities and the country's middle-class establishment. She drew criticism for her vocal support of Maoist-supported Naxalite insurgency groups, views she summarized in the volume, *Walking with the Comrades* (2011). While Roy was leading efforts to prevent the construction of dams in Narmada, supporters of the project accused her of attacking them at a protest in 2001. Though the charges were dropped, she was convicted of contempt of court the next year after her petition for dismissal of the charges offended Supreme Court judges with its vituperative tone. She was fined and sentenced to a day of imprisonment. The incident was chronicled in the documentary *DAM/AGE* (2002).

Roy's legal problems continued, however, and in 2010, she narrowly avoided sedition charges after making remarks in support of Kashmir's independence. In December 2015, she issued a contempt of court notice for an article in which she defended a professor who had been arrested for alleged Maoist links. Two years later the Supreme Court issued a stay, which temporarily stopped the proceedings. During this time,

Roy continued to be involved in various causes. In 2019, she was among a number of people who cosigned an open letter that called for Afghan women to be involved in peace talks between the United States and the Taliban.

In recognition of her outspoken advocacy of human rights, Roy was awarded the Lannan Cultural Freedom Award in 2002, the Sydney Peace Prize in 2004, and the Sahitya Akademi Award from the Indian Academy of Letters in 2006.

31. Which incident disrupted Roy's literary career?
- A. In 1997, when she published her debut novel, 'The God of Small Things'.
  - B. In 1995, when she wrote two controversial articles about the film, *Bandit Queen* by Shekhar Kapur.
  - C. In 2001, when she published 'Power Politics'.
  - D. In 1992, when she wrote the script of the film, 'Electric Moon'.
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32. Choose the incorrect statement according to the passage.
- A. Roy's debut novel, 'The God of Small Things' was widely acclaimed.
  - B. Roy won the Man Booker Prize for fiction in 1998.
  - C. Roy was issued a contempt of court notice in December 2018.
  - D. Roy's active participation in human rights causes often puts her at odds with legal authorities.
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33. The incident to prevent the construction of dams in the river, Narmada is chronicled in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. *DAM/AGE*
  - B. *The God of Small Things*
  - C. *War Talk*
  - D. *Walking with the Comrades*

34. Match the following based on the passage.

Years	Awards received
a. 2006	i. Lannan Cultural Freedom Award
b. 2002	ii. Sydney Peace Prize
c. 1998	iii. Sahitya Akademi Award
d. 2004	iv. Man Booker Prize

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

35. The word 'resistance' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. an ability to accept something
- B. an ability to oppose something
- C. an ability to help someone
- D. an ability to learn something

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

*By Stuart L. Pimm*

Deforestation is the process of the clearing or thinning of forests by humans. Deforestation represents one of the largest issues in global land use. Estimates of deforestation traditionally are based on the area of forest cleared for human use, including removal of the trees for wood products and for croplands and for grazing lands. In the practice of clear-cutting, all the trees are removed from the land completely and this destroys the forest. In some cases, however, even partial logging and accidental fires thin out the trees enough to change the forest structure dramatically.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates that the annual rate of deforestation is about 1.3 million square km per decade, though the rate has slowed in some places in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century as a result of enhanced forest management practices and the establishment of nature preserves. The greatest deforestation is occurring in the

tropics, where a wide variety of forests exist. They range from rainforests that are hot and wet year-round to forests that are merely humid and moist, to those in which trees in varying proportions lose their leaves in the dry season, and to dry open woodlands. Because boundaries between these categories are inevitably arbitrary, estimates differ regarding how much deforestation has occurred in the tropics.

One of the major contributor to tropical deforestation is the practice of slash-and-burn agriculture, or swidden agriculture. Small-scale farmers clear forests by burning them and then grow crops in the soils fertilized by the ashes. Typically, the land produces for only a few years and then it must be abandoned and new patches of forest are burned. Fire is also commonly used to clear forests in Southeast Asia, tropical Africa, and the America for permanent oil palm plantations. Additional human activities that contribute to tropical deforestation include commercial logging and land clearing for cattle ranches and plantations of rubber trees, oil palm, and other economically valuable trees.

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest remaining block of humid tropical forest, and about two-thirds of it is in Brazil. (The rest lies along that country's borders to the west and to the north.) Studies in the Amazon reveal that about 5,000 square km are at least partially logged each year. In addition, each year fires burn an area about half as large as the areas that are cleared. Even when the forest is not entirely cleared, what remains is often a patchwork of forests and fields or, in the event of more intensive deforestation, "islands" of forest surrounded by a "sea" of deforested areas.

Deforested lands are being replanted in some areas. Some of this replanting is done to replenish logging areas for future exploitation, and some replanting is done as a form of ecological restoration, with the reforested areas made into protected land. Additionally, significant areas are

planted as monotypic plantations for lumber or paper production. These are often plantations of eucalyptus or fast-growing pines—and species that are not native to the places where they are planted. The FAO estimates that there are approximately 1.3 million square km of such plantations on Earth.

Many replanting efforts are led and funded by the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations. However, some national governments have also undertaken ambitious replanting projects. For example, starting in 2017, the government of New Zealand sought to plant more than 100 million trees per year within its borders, but perhaps the most ambitious replanting project took place in India on a single day in 2017, when citizens planted some 66 million trees.

36. Which of the following factors are responsible for tropical deforestation?
- (i) Commercial logging
  - (ii) Slash-and-burn agriculture
  - (iii) Clearing of forests for cattle ranches
  - (iv) Plantation of valuable trees i.e. oil palm, rubber, etc.
- A. (i) and (iii) only  
B. (ii), (iii) and (iv) only  
C. (ii) and (iv) only  
D. (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

37. Choose the incorrect statement.
- A. Clear-cutting is the practice of removing all the trees from the land.
  - B. According to FAO, the annual rate of deforestation is about 1.3 million square km per decade.
  - C. About one-fourth part of the Amazon Rainforest is in Brazil.
  - D. Fire is commonly used to clear forests in tropical Africa.
38. The practice of removing trees from the land completely is known as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. afforestation
  - B. selective logging
  - C. clear-cutting
  - D. none of these
39. Why are deforested lands being replanted in some areas?
- (i) To increase global warming
  - (ii) To replenish logging for future exploitation
  - (iii) To restore ecological balance
  - (iv) To turn greener part of the earth into desert
- A. (i) and (ii) only  
B. (ii) and (iii) only  
C. (iii) and (iv) only  
D. (i) and (iv) only
40. Choose the correct antonym of 'arbitrary'.
- A. Random
  - B. Reasoned
  - C. Discover
  - D. Illogical

## SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Mandy : One of my friends' story \_\_\_\_\_ my faith in aliens.
- A. rearrange
  - B. requested
  - C. reaffirmed
  - D. synthesized
42. Sandeep : The ATM money lending machine was \_\_\_\_\_, so I could not retrieve money.

- A. out of order
- B. out of stock
- C. sold out
- D. bail out

43. Veena : I went to my neighbour for some suggestions \_\_\_\_\_ the situation in the area.
- A. descending
  - B. combining
  - C. rebutting
  - D. regarding

44. Rakesh : I \_\_\_\_\_ through a rough time and I am having frequent meltdowns.

- A. has been
- B. have had
- C. have been
- D. has had

45. Gopi : I haven't yet received any \_\_\_\_\_ for my order.

- A. confusion
- B. confirmation
- C. conflation
- D. conduction

## ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. Will you, like the \_\_\_\_\_ gentleman and soldier you are, leave at once before he finds you here?

- A. chivalrous
- B. luminous
- C. barbarous
- D. ostentatious

47. There is very little \_\_\_\_\_ she could offer to them given her predicament.

- A. conjunction
- B. contemplate
- C. consolation
- D. competence

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Undermine

- A. Relieve

- B. Encourage
- C. Foundation
- D. Sabotage

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Egregious

- A. Atrocious
- B. Flagrant
- C. Marvellous
- D. Numerous

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

George : The big castle \_\_\_\_\_ the entire town and its settlements.

- A. towered over
- B. stood upon
- C. held over
- D. took on



  
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