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CLASS **5**

SET-B

Total Questions : 50 | Time : 1 hr.

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Q.10: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

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

10. ● ○ ○ ○

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For questions 1 to 20, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

- 1 For me, watching an adventurous movie always provides me with a real _____ of pleasure.
A. exhilaration
B. thrilling
C. dawdle
D. woe
- 2 The managing director has assured his employees that the company _____ new heights in the coming years.
A. have reach
B. would be reached
C. will reach
D. might reached
- 3 Halfway to my hometown, my car broke down, but luckily, I _____ fix it.
A. will
B. could
C. ought
D. need
- 4 Dorothy's grandmother was a _____, preaching about religion enthusiastically.
A. fugitive
B. fanatic
C. fatalist
D. fastidious
- 5 If I _____ a wealthy person, I would go on a world tour.
A. will
B. had
C. were
D. was
- 6 _____ she knew all the specifics, she struggled with clarity in her article.
A. Although
B. Through
C. Since
D. Despite
- 7 How could I _____ the thief when he was determined to rob me?
A. let go in
B. let slide off
C. let across
D. let go of
- 8 I came across _____ one-eyed man begging for alms from _____ visitors.
A. a, a
B. the, a
C. an, no article
D. a, the
- 9 My elder sister was _____ enough to pursue her dream.
A. pernicious
B. tenacious
C. atrocious
D. precious
- 10 The culprit lost hope and _____.
A. prayed that God might forgive him for his wrongdoings
B. prayed that God may forgive me for his wrongdoings
C. prayed that God might be forgive him for his wrongdoings
D. prayed that God may forgiven him for his wrongdoings
- 11 _____, his new movie made good money at the box office and pleased viewers.
A. Coily
B. Recklessly
C. Unexpectedly
D. Jealously
- 12 _____ away with much haste, I dropped my sunglasses in the street.
A. Hurries
B. Hurrying
C. Being in hurry
D. Having hurry

13 _____ a good monsoon this year, rice production in the country remained stagnant.

- A. Provided that
- B. Nonetheless
- C. In spite of
- D. Despite of

14 Yesterday, en route home, I got to see a _____ heading to the City Church.

- A. bushel
- B. congregation
- C. hoard
- D. grove

15 Teens, with _____ immature faculties, aren't _____ to be wise or balanced in judgement all the time.

- A. them, suppose
- B. their, suppose
- C. they, supposed
- D. their, supposed

16 It's interesting that my mother is _____ to write about the post-independence era's history.

- A. keen
- B. slick
- C. preserve
- D. warlike

17 The students were _____ waiting for the results of the unit tests.

- A. cannily
- B. coarsely
- C. avidly
- D. unfortunately

18 Learning about _____ arts was one of _____ best times of my life.

- A. a, a
- B. a, the
- C. the, the
- D. the, a

19 Accidentally, I _____ my childhood friend in the market.

- A. boot up

- B. bumped into
- C. clashed upon
- D. boiled down

20 Our neighbours _____ in no time when the earthquake struck the city at night.

- A. dried run
- B. cut and ran
- C. were finding feet
- D. grogged here

For questions 21 and 22, choose the correct option for the underlined word.

21 I met my childhood friend, who is practising as a surgeon at Paras Hospital.

- A. Demonstrative pronoun
- B. Relative pronoun
- C. Interrogative pronoun
- D. Possessive pronoun

22 I used to make daily entries, recording things I'd forget.

- A. Adverb
- B. Noun
- C. Infinitive
- D. Adjective

For questions 23 and 24, choose the part of the sentence that has an error.

23 Some students want to seeking teacher's attention, so they only shed crocodile tears.

- A. Some students want
- B. to seeking teacher's attention,
- C. so they only
- D. shed crocodile tears.

24 After received feedback from the coach, our captain realized that we needed to start afresh.

- A. After received feedback from
- B. the coach, our
- C. captain realized that we
- D. needed to start afresh.

For questions 25 and 26, choose the correct synonym of the given word.

- 25 Protean
- A. Jackleg
 - B. Dilettante
 - C. Curbstone
 - D. Versatile

- 26 Cryogenic
- A. Molten
 - B. Igneous
 - C. Sweltering
 - D. Gelid

For questions 27 and 28, choose the correct antonym of the given word.

- 27 Discrepant
- A. Incongruous
 - B. Antipodal
 - C. Conflicting
 - D. Concordant

- 28 Nudge
- A. Ricochet
 - B. Stroke
 - C. Impinge
 - D. Carom

For questions 29 and 30, choose the option with correct spelling.

- 29 How do you spell the word that means “articles of equipment designed for a particular use or activity”?
- A. Pareperanalia
 - B. Parrapanaralia
 - C. Paraphernalia
 - D. Parapharanalia
- 30 How do you spell the word that is a “name of a country in Europe”?
- A. Leechtanstien
 - B. Liechtenstein
 - C. Leikhtunstein
 - D. Liachtonsteen

READING

For questions 31 to 35, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Once, a sailor stopped one of the three wedding guests who were going to attend a wedding celebration. The guest is surprised and resists being stopped because he is a close relative of the groom and doesn't want to miss the wedding festivities. But the sailor stops him and begins to narrate his story. Despite being unwilling, the guest gives in to the old man's wish, mesmerised by his glittering eyes. The wedding guest sits on a stone, and the sailor continues his story. The sailor recalls how clear and bright the day had been when he and his crew set sail on the journey.

The wedding guest insists that he is a close relative of the bridegroom and that he must

be there. The wedding guest protests, but despite his efforts, he has to listen to the story of the ancient mariner. All of a sudden, the ship was terribly caught in the storm. The ship was being bowed forward by the force of the wind. It was carried towards the south. The ship reached a part of the sea where huge icebergs were all around. One day, an albatross flew over the ship and gave a ray of hope to the sailors. Suddenly, with the arrival of albatross, the weather became favourable and the wind started to blow, clearing the way for the ship to sail. The bird also began to follow the ship. Then, all of a sudden, the wedding guest noticed the changing expressions of the mariner. So, he asked him why he was looking so sad and pale-faced. To which the sailor replies that he committed a gruesome crime by taking

his bow and arrow and killing the albatross. And since then, he has been suffering with guilt and torture. The ship started moving, but there was mist all around. The crew members were angry with the old mariner for killing the Albatross, which was a good omen. But then the sun shone brightly, and the mist started to disappear. The sailors also changed their minds after witnessing the weather change and started praising the old sailor for killing the innocent albatross. The other sailors were fickle-minded people. The ship continued sailing smoothly with favourable winds, but suddenly the wind stopped blowing, and they were in a stranded part of the sea where no signs of life were to be seen. The sun became scorchingly hot and unbearable, and the sailors ran out of drinking water. The ship did not move even an inch, appearing as still as a painting. The weather became extremely bad, and even after having water all around them, the sailors were terribly thirsty. The wood of the ship began to crack and shrink because of the heat of the sun. At night, the water of the sea was covered with 'slimy' creatures. All the other sailors looked at the old mariner with eyes full of anger and hate. They blamed him for their misery. Then they hung the dead albatross around the old mariner's neck as a sign to keep reminding him of his evil deed.

31 Select the incorrect statement about the sailor and the wedding guest.

- A. The wedding guest wished desperately to listen to his narrative.
- B. The wedding guest was mesmerised by the brightening eyes of the sailor.
- C. The sailor was guilty as he committed the crime of killing an albatross.
- D. The crew members got angry with the sailor for killing the creature.

32 When did the other sailors praise the old sailor?

- A. When the weather changed and cleared a way for them

- B. When they were caught in an area surrounded by icebergs
- C. When the ship was being bowed forward by the force of the wind
- D. When the other sailors met the wedding guest

33 Why did the other sailors hang the dead albatross around the old sailor's neck?

- A. They wanted him to throw it into the sea.
- B. They wanted him to keep it as a reminder of his wrongdoing.
- C. They wanted him to carry it throughout the journey.
- D. They wanted him to keep it for the rest of his life.

34 Choose the option that is similar in meaning to the word 'prediction'.

- A. Stranded
- B. Omen
- C. Fickle
- D. Misery

35 Why did the sailor stop the wedding guest from attending a wedding?

- A. Because he also wanted to accompany the wedding guest.
- B. Because he wanted to make the wedding guest listen to his life story.
- C. Because he wanted to ask the wedding guest about the guilt that he felt.
- D. Because he wanted to ask the wedding guest to punish his fellow sailors.

For questions 36 to 40, read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The world we live in is wonderfully beautiful. In this place, all living creatures coexist interdependently. It is believed that humans are the most intuitive and intelligent creatures on Earth. But occasionally, especially when it comes to animals, we become incredibly detrimental to these non-verbal animals. We maim these animals to meet our needs. We

have to understand that animals can't speak, but they too have life.

Animal cruelty is the deliberate mistreatment of animals with malice and violence. Animals are also living creatures that ought to have humane living conditions and be shielded from brutal treatment. Regardless of whether they are domesticated or not, they cannot be mistreated. In many countries, including India, animal cruelty is a crime. Under IPC Sections 428 and 429, killing, maiming, poisoning, and causing physical harm to animals is a punishable offense. In India, the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 is established for the protection of animals, plants, and species. Section 51 of this Act talks about punishment. Any person who is guilty of an offense against this Act shall be punished, imprisoned for 3 years, and fined, which extends to rupees twenty-five thousand.

No law in benevolent civilization allows cruelty towards animals of any kind. But in our day-to-day lives, we encounter animal cruelty or products obtained from animals. Inhumane attitudes towards animals are carried out in many organizations under the veil of research and experimentation. It has been found that certain zoos and wildlife sanctuaries have poor living conditions for the animals, which has led to the endangerment and extinction of many species. Not only this, the cosmetic industry uses animals to test their newly developed products for experimentation; the medical industry uses animals to test their medicines and their doses; the textile industry uses animal skin and fur to create fabrics; and the food industry uses parts of animals to prepare delicacies. Every year, millions of animals are murdered in order to bestow the entire human civilization all over the world, which ultimately leads to their endangerment.

The issue of cruelty to animals is one that needs to be addressed urgently. The mistreatment of animals is a serious problem that has a number of negative consequences, both for the animals themselves and for society as a whole. Animals are crucial to our ecosystem and our economy, and they too deserve to be treated with respect and compassion. The problem of animal brutality is complex, with numerous causes and factors. First, there is a lack of understanding and awareness regarding the issue. People often view animals as lesser beings, and this lack of empathy leads to inhumane treatment towards them. Second, there is a lack of regulation, laws, and oversight when it comes to animal welfare. In many cases, there are no laws or penalties in place to deter abusers. Third, there are economic and social pressures that lead to animal cruelty. For example, the demand for cheap meat and the practice of using animals for entertainment and experimentation.

There are some important steps that need to be taken by the government and various individual organizations in India to stop animal cruelty. First, we need to increase awareness and understanding regarding this issue. This can be done through education and public awareness campaigns. Second, we need to strengthen laws and regulations pertaining to animal welfare. This will require the support of the government and other NGOs. Third, we need to change social attitudes and practices that contribute to animal cruelty. This includes working to end the demand for products derived from animals, such as fur and leather. Above all, by working together, we can make a difference and create a more humane world for animals.

36 Read statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I : Most people often perceive animals as lesser beings, which leads to their exploitation.

Statement II : Animals should also be treated with love and compassion instead of experimentation.

- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- C. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

37 Select the incorrect statement about the laws made to protect animals.

- A. Killing and causing physical harm to animals is a punishable act under IPC sections 428 and 429.
- B. The Wildlife Protection Act was established to protect only flora.
- C. Section 51 of The Wildlife Protection Act is about the punishment for those who harm animals in any way.
- D. A person who is guilty of killing animals shall be sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years and fined.

38 One of the major factors that makes the brutality towards animals complex is that _____.

- A. there is a lack of understanding and oversight to look into the betterment of animals
- B. there are a lesser number of meat shops
- C. the government is strictly following the terms against animal brutality
- D. none of these

39 Which industry is responsible for the endangerment of animals?

- A. The food industry
- B. The textile industry
- C. The cosmetic industry
- D. All of these

40 The antonym of the word 'deliberate' as used in the passage is _____.

- A. prepense
- B. intended
- C. haphazard
- D. contemplate

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

For questions 41 to 45, choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

41 Daniel: I am trying to _____ the luxuries I have had at home.

Kim: Can it truly help you through tough times?

- A. check out
- B. hold on
- C. narrow down
- D. fall apart

42 Albert: How much do you think this cotton shirt cost him?

Ruby: I am not sure, but _____.

- A. tell me not
- B. why do you ask him
- C. I can make a guess
- D. I don't like it

43 Father: When it comes to choosing your career path, you should _____.

- A. hedge your sets

- B. hedge your nuts
- C. hedge your bets
- D. hedge your debts

44 Raunak: What happened to you after the rehearsals?

Raman: Nothing much. I was _____ and ended up nodding off on the table.

- A. in my last breath
- B. on my last legs
- C. upon my last time
- D. over my body

45 Johny: I really wanted to go out to play football.
Martha: You can't go out at the moment; it's _____.

- A. snowball effect
- B. raining cats and dogs
- C. as right as rain
- D. bolt from the blue

ACHIEVERS SECTION

For questions 46 and 47, choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

- 46 My mother and I _____ to come up with a new business idea to start at home.

A. contrived
B. excogitated
C. mesmerised
D. indented

- 47 My father always tries to make others less angry. In a way, he is a/an _____ man. This is a trait that I truly admire.

A. appeasing
B. exasperating
C. bombastic
D. chafe

Choose the correct synonym of the given word.

- 48 Opprobrium

A. Felicitations

B. Deference
C. Approbation
D. Smirch

Choose the correct antonym of the given word.

- 49 Pertinacious

A. Mulish
B. Obdurate
C. Staunch
D. Receptive

Choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

- 50 Horace : Trying to explain the complex concepts of quantum physics can be like _____.

A. nailing jelly to the wall
B. nailing jelly to the books
C. nailing jelly to the brain
D. nailing jelly to the ceiling



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