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Total Questions: 50

Time: 1 hr.

**QUESTION PAPER SET** 



### Guidelines for the Candidate

- 1. You will get additional ten minutes to fill up information about yourself on the OMR Sheet. before the start of the exam.
- 2. Write your Name, School Code, Class, Roll No. and Mobile Number clearly on the OMR Sheet and do not forget to sign it. We will share your marks / result and other information related to SOF exams on your mobile number.
- 3. The Question Paper comprises four sections:

Word and Structure Knowledge, Reading, Spoken and Written Expression & Achievers Section.

Each question in Achievers Section carries 3 marks, whereas all other questions carry one mark each.

- 4. All questions are compulsory. There is no negative marking.
- 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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# WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 18, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE		7. One respect every religion in the country.
People are now understand     of	People are now understanding the importance	A. can B. must C. may
	A. confident B. useful C. education	D. will not  8. I am sure that my answer is correct  A guite
2.	D. successful  My father gifted me a of crayons on my birthday.	A. quite B. quiet C. quit D. quilt
	A. team B. box C. herd D. band	9. Francium is the metal found or the Earth.  A. rare
3.	seems interested in taking French class.  A. Nobody	<ul><li>B. pure</li><li>C. rarest</li><li>D. more pure</li></ul>
	<ul><li>B. Not us</li><li>C. Nowhere</li><li>D. Nothing</li></ul>	<ul><li>10. Of all my cousins, I am the to Isabella.</li><li>A. closer</li></ul>
4.	A. Which B. That C. Whose	B. closest C. close D. more close
5.	D. What  Last month, my brother playing badminton.	11. My best friend wants to become astronaut, but my brother wants to become scientist.  A. a, an
	<ul><li>A. gave up</li><li>B. give in</li><li>C. give out</li><li>D. gave to</li></ul>	B. the, a C. a, the D. an, a
6.	They to get tickets for the football match tonight.  A. managed B. arrange C. manages	<ul><li>12. The young boy ran the road without checking the traffic.</li><li>A. with</li><li>B. across</li><li>C. above</li></ul>
	D. arranges	D. into

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13knowing his bad intentions, she agreed to work with him.  A. Whether	FOR QUESTIONS 19 AND 20, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD.	
B. Despite C. If D. For Grandmother with her grandchildren	<ul> <li>19. Let her decide what book she wants to read.</li> <li>A. Adjective</li> <li>B. Pronoun</li> <li>C. Modal verb</li> <li>D. Adverb</li> </ul>	
watching a movie on the television.  A. have B. are C. was D. were	<ul> <li>20. Sheela is the <u>best</u> student of our class.</li> <li>A. Preposition</li> <li>B. Adverb</li> <li>C. Adjective</li> <li>D. Noun</li> </ul>	
<ul><li>15. Shalini as the leader of the class by the teacher.</li><li>A. was appointing</li></ul>	FOR QUESTIONS 21 AND 22, IDENTIFY THE CORRECT TYPE OF PRONOUN USED IN THE GIVEN SENTENCES.	
<ul><li>B. is appoint</li><li>C. was appointed</li><li>D. will appointed</li></ul>	<ul><li>21. Ankit's grandparents, who live in Australia, are coming to India.</li><li>A. Distributive pronoun</li></ul>	
16. By the end of the day, we will the script for the play.	<ul><li>B. Reflexive pronoun</li><li>C. Demonstrative pronoun</li><li>D. Relative pronoun</li></ul>	
A. have write B. written C. have written D. has written  17. Candice them at the stadium.	<ul> <li>22. John is washing the new car himself.</li> <li>A. Reflexive pronoun</li> <li>B. Distributive pronoun</li> <li>C. Relative pronoun</li> <li>D. Personal pronoun</li> </ul>	
A. was met B. will meet C. were meets	FOR QUESTIONS 23 AND 24, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.	
D. would been met  8. My mother said to my brother, "Go and study in your room now."  My mother ordered my brother to	<ul><li>23. Kindly return the book that I lend you.</li><li>A. Kindly return</li><li>B. the book</li><li>C. that I</li><li>D. lend you.</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>A. go and study in your room then</li> <li>B. go and study in his room now</li> <li>C. go and studied in your room at the moment</li> <li>D. go and study in his room then</li> </ul>	24. The flowers in your garden look so love.  A. The flowers B. in your C. garden look D. so love.	
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# FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

- 25. How do you spell the word that means 'showing great interest or excitement in something'?
  - A. Enthusiastic
  - B. Enthusiatik
  - C. Entusiastic
  - D. Entuseastic
- 26. How do you spell the word that means 'unaware about something'?
  - A. Obliveous
  - B. Oblevious
  - C. Oblivious
  - D. Oblivioas

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

- 27. Jeopardy
  - A. Adventure

- B. Magic
- C. Lenient
- D. Danger
- 28. Wrath
  - A. Anger
  - B. Peace
  - C. Insecure
  - D. Delight

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

- 29. Dreary
  - A. Airy
  - B. Dry
  - C. Bright
  - D. Upsetting
- 30. Authentic
  - A. Genuine
  - B. Pessimistic
  - C. Spurious
  - D. Modern

#### READING

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

## -Encylopedia CENGAGE

Rabindranath Tagore was born into an affluent and brilliantly talented family in Calcutta, on May 7, 1861. His grandfather Dwarkanath Tagore had amassed great wealth through investment and speculation in coal mines, indigo, and sugar. The dynasty he founded gave Bengal and all of India some of its most prominent painters, poets, musicians, and religious leaders.

Rabindranath's ideas of Asia's unity, and later of the unity of the world, and his longing for personal freedom were both

expressed in his continual and almost compulsive travel to Japan, China, Europe, and the United States. In all of these places, he lectured and wrote, and it was on one trip to England in 1912 that he fatefully found himself in the company of William Butler Yeats and Ezra Pound. He had prepared some prose versions of his Bengali collection of poems called Gitanjali (Song Offerings), religious poems for the most part of a lyrical and devotional sort very much akin to the songs of the ancient Hindu sect called Vaishnava. These he read to Yeats, who was entranced by them; and Pound, then representing Harriet Munroe's Poetry magazine of Chicago, cabled the editor to hold the next edition\_

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for the inclusion of some "very wonderful" poems by Tagore. Gitanjali was then published as a book, with an introduction by Yeats, and in 1913 came the Nobel Prize.

Rabindranath looked upon the award as a mixed blessing. In the years prior to its receipt, he had retired more and more from the world to devote himself to writing, and he foresaw, correctly, that his peace would be disturbed by fame. He was beleaguered not only in his homeland, where the people, their pride rubbed raw by British dominance, suddenly saw him as a hero, but especially in the United States, where the atmosphere was right for the advent of a tall, handsome, and bearded wise man from the East. The reaction in India he greeted with disappointment; he saw his sudden prominence as nothing more than shallow chauvinism. And his reaction to the West's acclaim was confusion: he began to wonder whether India was as spiritual, and the West as materialistic, as he had thought. And this doubt was compounded by the fact that he had to look to the West for material support of his many projects, although he longed to live a simple life in the groves and fields of his "golden Bengal".

The deaths of many of his beloved immediate family members in rapid succession, and painful illness, did not diminish Rabindranath's spirit. Until his death he remained a simple, tender man full of humour and love of life, deep in his sympathy, and strong in his ideals. His last poems, some of them dictated when he became too weak to hold a pen, show his love of nature and of man. He died on Aug 7, 1941, in Calcutta.

- 31. On the basis of your reading, choose the best title for the passage.
  - A. Gitanjali
  - B. Golden Bengal
  - C. Rabindranath Tagore: Literary Fame
  - D. British Rule
- 32. What was Yeat's reaction to Rabindranath Tagore's 'Gitanjali'?
  - A. He was indifferent.
  - B. He was enraged.
  - C. He was entranced.
  - D. He was saddened.
- 33. According to the passage, choose the correct statement.
  - A. Gitanjali had an introduction by Ezra Pound and won Nobel Prize in 1913.
  - B. Rabindranath Tagore longed to live a simple life in the groves and fields of his 'golden Bengal'.
  - C. Rabindranath Tagore died on August 7, 1947, in Calcutta.
  - D. William Butler Yeats rejected Rabindranath's Gitanjali (Song Offerings).
- 34. Until the death, Rabindranath Tagore remained a simple, tender man full of humour and
  - A. love of life, deep in sympathy and strong in ideals
  - B. wanting to retire and rest in England
  - C. wishing to win a Nobel Prize again before his death
  - D. love for western culture
- 35. In the third paragraph, the word 'beleaguered' means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. to be in a wonderful situation
  - B. to be in a very difficult situation
  - C. unreserved person
  - D. sociable person

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

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India is a land of diversity. It has various languages, religions, cultures, traditions, etc. Various elements of Indian culture such as Indian books on philosophy, Indian cuisine, yoga, etc. have created an impact all over the world. Western culture which is also known as European civilization, Western civilization or Western lifestyle is based on certain belief systems, traditional customs, moral and ethical values. The term not only applies to European countries but also to the places where we can see the spread of European culture. India is a country rich in its heritage and culture, but we are seeing depreciation of Indian culture in many places, especially in the urban societies of India.

The effect of western culture is greatly seen in our customs, traditions, social and moral behaviour, our love and respect for others. Nowadays everyone loves to live in freedom, they do not want to bind themselves in Indian customs and traditions. Day by day we can see breaking of joint families and more and more development of nuclear families. Very few are interested in making adjustments or comfortable in sharing their space with other family members. The word 'privacy' is given greater importance and the love and respect towards others especially elders is diminishing, day by day. In this information age, people are too busy in their lives to care for others.

These ideas are contradictory to Indian culture which has always taught one to live in harmony with each other and always love and respect everyone. With lack in experience of a nuclear family due to the

absence of grandfather and grandmother, and both parents working children fail to learn ethical or moral values, and learn whatever little they see and understand from the outside world. In this way, we end up bringing up children who have little ethical values and do not hesitate in doing any unfair practices, because no one is there to teach them good or bad or stop them from doing something bad.

Western culture is not altogether bad, although it has made our life faster and enhanced technology has also made our life easier and comfortable but we need to understand the importance of Indian culture too which has always taught us to live in peace and harmony with others by the way of increasing our tolerance and patience level. Many people from other countries are realizing the importance of Indian heritage and are adapting the goodness of Indian culture such as practice of Yoga and meditation, wisdom and teachings passed by the ancient sages, etc. The knowledge of Indian wisdom helps human beings of any race to enrich their life.

It's time to realize both the good and harmful effects of both Indian and Western culture, and one should adopt good practices and get rid of those cultural practices that are degrading the quality of human life.

- 36. On the basis of your reading, choose the best title for the passage.
  - A. Impact of Western Culture on Indian Society
  - B. Benefits of Western Culture
  - C. Western Society
  - D. Drawbacks of Indian Culture
- 37. Why don't children these days hesitate in doing any unfair practices?
  - A. Because they learn to misbehave from their schools and teachers.

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- B. With both parents working and due to the absence of grandparents in the family, children fail to learn any moral values.
- C. Because it is fair to indulge in bad activities as it helps children to have a bright future.
- D. Both A and C.

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- 38. According to the passage, why are many people around the world adapting Indian culture?
  - It teaches them to give importance only to themselves.
  - B. Indian culture has a very little importance around the world.
  - C. The knowledge of Indian wisdom helps human beings of any race to enrich their life.
  - D. It teaches them to lie and misbehave as it has become a trend, one must follow.

- According to the passage, choose the correct statement.
  - Indian culture has always taught one to live alone.
  - B. These days the word 'privacy' is given less importance by people.
  - C. It is time to adopt all practices of both Indian and Western culture.
  - D. Indian culture has always taught one to live in peace and harmony by increasing one's patience and tolerance level.

40.	In the first paragraph, the word 'depreciation'
	means .

- A. decreasing
- B. ringing
- C. uplifting
- D. generating

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION		
FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.  41. Shikha: Anjali loves doing makeup. Rita: Yes, it's a A. bee's bonnet B. housefly in her bonnet C. bee in her bonnet D. butterfly in her bonnet	Students: Okay, sir.  A. extra B. much C. very D. many  44. Mother: How was your first day the new school?  Daughter: Mom, it was okay. A. to B. on	
<ul> <li>John: Have you ever Paris?</li> <li>Joseph: No, I haven't. I have heard it is a beautiful city.</li> <li>A. been into</li> <li>B. been to</li> <li>C. been off</li> <li>D. been thorough</li> </ul>	C. off D. at  45. Ravi: I went all the way to the City Library to get the book on rocket science.  Akhil: Did you get it?  Ravi:, they didn't have it.  A. Cheerfully  B. Unfortunately	
3. Teacher: You have a/an class this Saturday.	C. Luckily D. Usually	

### **ACHIEVERS SECTION**

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.	<ul><li>B. Eradication</li><li>C. Practice</li><li>D. Sacred</li></ul>
46. It is an interesting that a Blue Whale's heart is almost size of an automobile.  A. fact, the B. explain, the C. concise, a D. factual, a	<ul> <li>49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM</li> <li>OF THE GIVEN WORD.</li> <li>Galore</li> <li>A. Abundant</li> <li>B. Ambient</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>47. My mother scolded me I went out to play without informing her.</li> <li>A. but</li> <li>B. though</li> <li>C. or</li> <li>D. because</li> </ul>	C. Scarce D. Proximal  50. CHOOSE THE MOST SUITABLE OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.  Mohit: I am inspired by the of Gautama Buddha.
48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD. Abolition A. Creation	<ul><li>A. teach</li><li>B. taught</li><li>C. teached</li><li>D. teachings</li></ul>























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