

Comprehension Question from the following Motivational Essays

Hello Aspirants,

This session is very interesting, where very few questions will be asked. It's all about the places and its unique features will be asked. Quite easy to answer from this section. Mostly questions from 'Yaanai Malai' and 'To the Land of Snow' will be frequently asked. You may get 2 to 3 questions from this section. Be prepared with few more explanations on each questions.

- 1) The Monolith, YaanaiMalai looks like an elephant only when it is viewed from this direction
- (A) Northeast
 - (B) Southeast
 - (C) Northwest
 - (D) Southwest**

Explanation

From the lesson "Yaanai Malai", you will be asked frequent questions related with directions. Madurai sits to the southwest of Yaanai Malai. Keep finger-tip keys about directions,climate& places. Yaanai Malai was written by Manohar Devadoss.

- 2) How old is the Brihadeesvarar Temple?
- (A) 2000
 - (B) 1000**
 - (C) 1200
 - (D) 2100

Explanation

Brihadeesvarar Temple was built in the year 1010 by **King Raja Raja Chola**. This lesson questionnaire also will be same like Yaanai Malai. Concentrate on its architecture info, Centaury & kings work, etc.

3) Name the village that were abandoned due to Inda-China War.

(A) RageshKund

(B) Bhutia

(C) Burfu

(D) Bilju

Explanation

In 1962 of India-China war, Bhutia village was abandoned and they migrated to towns&cities below the glacier. Its from the lesson **“To the Land of Snow”**.

4) Who built the Brihadeeswarar Temple?

(A) King KarikalChola

(B) King RajendraChola

(C) King MahendraVarman

(D) King Raja RajaChola

Explanation

Brihadeesvarar Temple was built in the year 1010 by **King Raja Raja Chola**, which was 1000 yrs old enrich with ancient sculpture and cultural art.

5) YaanaiMalai appears to have a shape to view from Madurai.

(A) rectangular

(B) spherical

(C) cylindrical

(D) pyramidal

Explanation

From Madurai, Yaanai Malai look like Pyramidal shape is in actuality a very elongated hill.

- 6) A 24-hour journey in a UP Roadways bus is not the most comfortable way to get to Munsiyari. The Journey of the author was

(A) the most uncomfortable

(B) the most comfortable

(C) comfortable

(D) more comfortable

Explanation

Look at the question; they have given answer in question itself. But the options are bit twisted. Read and chose the answer carefully. It may look easy but on the way of your exam time, you may answer wrongly. Check and tick the correct answer. The author's journey was not good actually.

- 7) Choose the correct answer for the question from the given paragraph:

For three days our path first takes us upstream along the Goriganga, and then into the shrouded Milam Valley where the narrow gorges. afford few views.

Which *river* is mentioned here?

(A) Milani

(B) RagashKund

(C) Goriganga

(D) Dudh

Explanation

The lines about the great Ganga River from the prose "**To the Land of Snow**".

8) The painting of a King welcomes you to the Durbar Hall in Thanjavur.

(A) Maratha

(B) Chola

(C) Pallava

(D) Chera

Explanation

In 16th century, the palace complex was built by the nayaaks and renovated by the Marathas. Also it has the paintings of Pallava and Chola statues on rear side of the hall.

9) Choose the correct answer for the question from the given paragraph :

“Siluated in a remote corner of Kumaon bordering Tibet and “Nepal, Munsiyari was once a bustling entrepot of Trade ... ”

Where is Milam Glacier?

(A) Nepal

(B) Munsiyari

(C) Edge of Tibet

(D) Kumaon

Explanation

“To the land of snow” author - Ahtushi Despande’s walk to the Milam glacier on the edge of Tibet.

10) Find out the correct answer :

—was once a bustling entrepot of trade.

(A) Milam Village

(B) Bhutia Villages

(C) Munsiyari

(D) Bilju

Explanation

North west of Munsiyari is the Milam Glacier, which is one of the longest glacier in the region. Munsiyari was entrepot of trade.

- 11) "I look deeply into its visage, trying to each in my mind every detail of the vast expanse of the valley and the forlorn abandoned village"

In the given passage the word **visage** means.

(A) vision

(B) face

(C) view

(D) whole

Explanation

Visage means a person's facial expression.

- 12) The inscriptions of the ---- talk about Raja RajaChola's gifts to the temple.

(A) Vimanam

(B) Tower

(C) Cave

(D) Pillars

Explanation

The Brihadeesvarar temple is 58m tall and 13-storeyed vimanam makes gopuram.

- 13) The lesson 'To the Land of Snow' written by AthushiDeshpandae is a

(A) Prologue

(B) Epilogue

(C) Travelogue

(D) Monologue

Explanation

The whole prose is about travel to the Milam Glacier by the author. So it is considered as **Travelogue**.

14) Choose the correct option.

All memories of the bizarre journey vanish When I landed in

- (A) RageshKund
- (B) Milam village
- (C) SurajKund
- (D) Munaiyari**

Explanation

The journey from UP roadways to Munsiyari was most uncomfortable. So soon as the author landed Munsiyari, he forgot about the worst travel from UP. Here he viewed five mythological Pandavas statue and majestic peak of Panchchuli range.

15) Select the correct answer to complete the sentence from the options given below :

—- is a long and different walk over mountains or through forests.

- (A) Trekking**
- (B) Voyage
- (C) Journey
- (D) Migration

Explanation

Trekking means go on a long journey by walk especially through forests and mountains. Voyage means long travel through sea or space. Migration means seasonal movement.

16) “Rich in traditions the ancient temple town has acquired its very own mythologies, evolving its own customs and festivals”

The town mentioned here is

- (A) Thanjavur
- (B) Chennai
- (C) Madurai**
- (D) Delhi

Explanation

The lines describes about Madurai, whereas it has been exist for more than 2000yrs and it has become famous for its temple complex. North eastern outskirts of Madurai is Yaanai Malai.

17) ManoharDevadoss is --- by profession.

- (A) A historian
- (B) A doctor
- (C) A player
- (D) A scientist**

Explanation

Manohar Devadoss's home town is Madurai and he is scientist by profession. He produced pen sketches of Madurai and its surrounding in the prose "Yaanai Malai".

18) 'Egret' is a name of---

- (A) A Dog
- (B) A Flower
- (C) A Bird**
- (D) A Plant

Explanation

A Lily- white egrets bird comes for silvery fish that stray into the shallow waters of the paddy fields.

19) city sits in the South west of YaanaiMalai.

- (A) Salem

(B) Madurai

(C) Vellore

(D) Trichy

Explanation

North eastern outskirts of Madurai is Yaanai Malai. The monolith, Yaanai Malai looks like an elephant only when it is viewed from the southwest.

20) 'To the Land of Snow' is the trekking experience of——.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below.

(A) Laxmi

(B) AhtushiDeshpande

(C) Rani Mukharjee

(D) Pradeep Kumar .

Explanation

It was about the trekking experience of Ahtushi Deshpande to Milam Glacier.

21) "The five Mythological Pandavas stand proud before my eyes"

Who speaks these words?

(A) Mr. Rare

(B) KhemNam

(C) AhtushiDeshpande

(D) Laxmi

Explanation

It's from the prose "To the Land of Snow". The journey from UP roadways to Munsiyari was most uncomfortable. So soon as the author landed Munsiyari, he forgot about the worst travel from UP. Here he viewed five mythological Pandavas statue and majestic peak of Panchchuli range.

22) “Though I gave premium to rationalism then, I had difficulty thinking of YaanaiMalai as a non-living, huge chunk of stone”.

Choose the right idea conveyed by the statement mentioned above.

- (A) The speaker gives importance to YaanaiMalai
- (B) The speaker is not bothered about the non-living things
- (C) The speaker believes that YaanaiMalai is a small thing
- (D) The speaker being a rational person feels difficult to consider YaanaiMalai as an inanimate thing**

Explanation

The author finds difficult to think of yaanai malai as non-living things as just like a stone. He feels, it's like silent witness of Madurai's history.

23) How does AhtushiDeshpande describe the taste of water at Dudh and SurajKund ponds?

- (A) The sweetest**
- (B) Salty
- (C) Bland
- (D) Brackish

Explanation

The twin ponds of Dudh and Surajkund' water was ever tasted sweetest holy water drunk by the author.

24) “During the cool winter months, before the emerald of the paddy fields slowly turns into a wealth of gold. small flocks of lily - white egrets alight here to feast upon the tiny, silvery fish that strays into the shallow waters of the fields” - What does the underlined words refer to?

- (A) Emerald stones transforming to become gold

(B) Emerald landscape replaced by golden colour

(C) Paddy crop slowly becomes ripe for harvesting

(D) Bright blue colour becomes bright yellow

25) Who among the following is the porter figuring in “To the land of snow”?

(A) Prathip

(B) Praveen

(C) Lalchand

(D) Laxmi

26) Which among the options is closest in meaning to “monolith”?

(A) single mural painted on the wall of a temple

(B) single nandhi made up of mortar

(C) single idol of lingam occupying the sanctum sanctorum

(D) single but huge block of granite stone

27) To which of the following places does the trekking take place in ‘To the land of snow’?

(A) Munsiyari

(B) Milam

(C) Burfu

(D) Bilju

Explanation

Laxmi is a porter who carries luggage and other loads. Laxmi was sturdy young man just to support Khem Nam and Abtushi Deshpande on their trekking.

28) What is the speciality of the ‘Vimanams’ of the Brihadeesvarar temple?

(A) Built of teak wood

(B) Built with a special kind of mortar

(C) Built with stones with bonding and notching

(D) Built up without the use of mortar

Explanation

The 'Vimanams' of the Brihadeesvarar temple is built up with stones with bonding and notching without the use of Mortar.the topmost stone weights about 80tons.

29) In the lesson "YaanaMalai", the lesson-writer ManoharDevadoss says,

"Sometimes landscapes can speak to us". This expression is purely

(A) a baseless illusion

(B) an exaggerated Hyberbola

(C) a subjective impression

(D) an objective interpretation

Explanation

Apart from actual fact is said to be subjective impression. Here the author's personal feeling about Yaana Malai is subjective.

30) Mahema, the wife of the lesson-writer, ManoharDevadoss, was suffering from the disease

(A) Paralysis

(C) Varicose veins

(B) Back-pain

(D) Spondylitis

Explanation

Mahema, the wife of Manohar Devadoss was paralysed below her shoulder in a road accident in the year 1972.