

Comprehension Questions

1] "there were twelve peach-trees that in the spring broke out into delicate blossoms of pink and pearl, and in autumn bore rich fruit".

The trees gave fruits in—— season.

- (A) Summer
- (B) Winter
- (C) Spring
- (D) Autumn**

Explanation:

The passage was taken from the supplementary "**The selfish giant**".

In the above passage, the word **bore** means gives (or) act of giving birth. As the peach trees, gives blossoms of pink and pearl in the spring which obviously gives fruits in the autumn.

2] Read the passage and select the correct sentence from the options given :

" The stronger, the firmer and nobler it is, the better work you will do for the country".

- (A) knowledge makes you do the better work
- (B) character makes you do the better work**
- (C) a teacher makes you do the better work
- (D) the Government makes you do the better work

Explanation:

This was a speech taken from the prose "**The golden path**" by Gopala Krishna Gokhale about '**The importance of character**' to the students.

His **actual saying** follows,

As character will naturally have to act on those around you, the stronger, the firmer and nobler it is, the better work you will do for the country'.

3] Passage:

Even researchers are finding that introverts make better leaders than extroverts for the simple reason that they are more likely to listen and pay attention to what other people are saying. By taking a backseat, introverted leaders encourage others to suggest ideas, contribute actively and take initiative, thus increasing morale and motivation.

Introverts make better leaders because they are_____

- (A) interested

(B) attentive

(C) attention-seeking

(D) alluring

Explanation:

From the above passage, the particular line gives the answer for the given question.

Even researchers are finding that introverts make better leaders because they **pay attention** to what other people are saying.

4] “The habit of co-operation once required will continue with you all your life”

Which among the options best conveys the meaning of the above passage?

(A) The author insists on hard work

(B) The author states the importance of team work

(C) The author insists on friendship

(D) The author reiterates the importance of good behavior

Explanation:

This was a speech taken from the prose “**The golden path**” by Gopala Krishna Gokhale about ‘**Duty to fellow - students**’. This line is about the importance of team work & co-operation among the fellow students.

His saying follows below,

The habit of co-operation once required will continue with you all your life. It is not easy to acquire it in later life if you have not already acquired it in your student days.

5] Freedom and power bring responsibility. That responsibility rests upon this assembly. Before the birth of freedom we have endured all the pains of labour and our hearts are heavy with the memory of sorrow. But the past is now over and the future beckons to us now. The ambition of the greatest man is to wipe every tear. As long as tears are there, so long our work will not be over.

Which statement is correct?

(A) India became rich after Independence

(B) Ignorance, poverty, inequality of opportunity are eradicated

(C) Our work will not be over till we wipe every tear

(D) Freedom means to live a life as we like

Explanation:

'The ambition of the greatest man is to wipe every tear. As long as tears are there, so long our work will not be over'

how long the tears are there, our work will not be over is answer to the above question.

6] Read the following lines and answer the questions :

"I wanted to be Shakespeare
But was poor at writing plays
I wanted to be Jane Austen
But didn't know to spin stories"

Who is Jane Austen?

(A) a tailor

(B) a novelist

(C) a spinner

(D) a psychiatrist

Explanation:

Jane Austen was an English Novelist in 18th Century.

7] Then the spring came and all over the country, there were little blossoms and little birds.

Which season represents the arrival of the blossoms?

(A) Winter

(B) Summer

(C) Spring

(D) Autumn

Explanation:

The passage was taken from the supplementary "**The selfish giant**".

The peach trees gives blossoms of pink and pearl in the spring.

From the given lines, it is clear that, spring gives blossom all over the country.

8] Read the passage and choose the correct option that answers the questions given below :

"Thank you shelly", Diane said holding her hand out for me to shake, "for taking care of Sam. We were in a traffic accident and somehow we got separated when. I went to the, hospital. I guess he lost his collar and harness too". I looked at her hand, I didn't want to give Goldy up, but I could see that it was this lady he really belonged to. Not to me, I was Just temporary.

Who did the dog really belong to?

(A) Shelly

(B) Diane

- (C) Sam
- (D) None of the above

Explanation:

The passage was taken from the supplementary “**SAM**” by Tammy Ruggles. The name “Goldy” was called by Shelly- school boy.

But the actual name of dog is **Sam**. The dog – Sam belong to Diane, who was blind.

9] Don Quixote the knight found 30-40 Windmills. He mistook them for giants. He was so fond of adventure that he decided to fight them. He wanted to make a lot of money by defeating them. Sancho Panza, his loyal squire, tried to warn him that they were only windmills but he didn't pay any attention.

Choose the irrelevant option :

- (A) Sancho Panza seems to be clever.
- (B) Don Quixote mistook windmills for giants.
- (C) The knight is less informed when compared to the squire.
- (D) The knight wanted to cheat others by defeating the windmills.**

Explanation:

From the above paragraph, it is understood that Don Quixote mistook windmills as giants. So it is clear that Don Quixote is not clever. Thus other option A & C are related with it.

So, Option D is irrelevant and it is right answer.

10] Choose the right idea conveyed by the statement given below :

Sometimes parents complain that their teenage children have suddenly become very indisciplined, not paying heed to their advice.

- (A) Teenagers are not advised by their parents
- (B) Parents heed to the advice of their teenage children
- (C) Teenagers listen to their parents advice
- (D) Parents think that their teenage children don't listen to their words**

Explanation:

Option D exactly matches with the above sentence. It's parent's view about their teenage children.

11] Music is not part of 'arts and entertainment' as the newspaper section would have us believe. It's not a luxury, a lavish thing that we fund from leftovers of our budgets, not a play thing or an amusement or a past time. Music is a basic need of human survival. Music is one of

the ways we make sense of our lives.

What is music according to Dr. Karl Paulnack?

- (A) part of arts and entertainment
- (B) is luxury and a lavish thing
- (C) is the basic need of human survival**
- (D) is a play thing and an amusement

Explanation:

It's from the prose 'Music – The Hope Raiser'. According to Dr. Karl Paulnack, Music is the basic need of human survival in all aspect of life. Music is everything for him.

12] Choose the option that conveys the meaning of the statement given below:

Throughout his life, he has been filled with the conviction that there is a silver lining to every cloud and that good shall ultimately prevail.

- (A) He has believed in the prevalence of sorrows in his life
- (B) He has accumulated much wealth and silver in his life.
- (C) He has been an optimist throughout his life**
- (D) He has believed that good shall never prevail

Explanation:

The word **optimist** means 'a person who believes the world is best of all possible and good must ultimately prevail over evil. So option **C** is correct. The word **conviction** is simply means **belief**.

13] Have you the determination to succeed?

Are you willing to devote the time and energy necessary to achieve success?

One must devote ——-to reach his/her goal.

- (A) time and energy**
- (B) time and tide
- (C) crest and fall
- (D) unit and determination

Explanation:

Success is nothing but achieving one's goal. So to achieve their own goal, one must devote **time** and **energy** .

Other options irrelevant to the given questions.

14] Choose the option that brings out the meaning of the given statement:

“Most of the troubles of the present day arise from the fact that instead of doing their duty, people blame others for their misdeeds”.

- (A) Our problems are caused by the misdeeds of others
- (B) Troubles arise because of trusting others
- (C) There are problems as people do their duty perfectly
- (D) People spend our time accusing others and shirk their duties**

Explanation:

Option D suits exactly because People always blame others for their misdeed and shrink their duties and responsibility.

15] Read the passage and answer the question that follows :

The chief characteristic of heroism is persistency. A true hero is never wavering in his intentions, but is always firm and fearless. The word ‘persistency’ means :

- (A) Idiosyncrasy
- (B) Democracy
- (C) Intricacy
- (D) Consistency**

Explanation:

The word **persistency** means staying or continuing quality. Likewise the word **consistency** also gives the meaning of being stability, uniformity, unity, steadiness, etc.

16] Read the passage and choose the option that indicates the idea contained in the passage :
For the sake of enjoying literature it is not necessary for us to be indifferent towards many other affairs of social life.

- (A) Literature renders us disinterested in social affairs
- (B) We enjoy literature only when we ignore other affairs of social life
- (C) Literature includes developing in one social awareness too**
- (D) Literature alienates Man from the society

Explanation:

The above passage says that, it is not necessary for us to be indifferent against the social welfare. Literature not about to enjoy, it also involves in developing social awareness. So, option C is right.

17] After all, winners don't do different things. They do things differently.

The above lines suggests

- (A) All winners are different
- (B) Winners do different things
- (C) Winners do things differently**
- (D) Losers don't do different things

Explanation:

It's not about doing different things, it's about doing things in different manner by winner. Even loser and everybody can do different things, but uniqueness is very important. Thus it is proven with option C.

18] Things become better, when you expect the best instead of the worst. Expecting the best means, that you put your whole heart into what you want to accomplish. People are defeated in life not for lack of ability, but for lack of whole-heartedness.

The reason for defeat in life is :

- (A) failure
- (B) affordability
- (C) lack of ability
- (D) lack of whole heartedness**

Explanation:

People are defeated in life not for lack of ability, but for lack of whole-heartedness. Thus the right answer is option **D**.

19] Read the passage and answer the question that follows:

In building up a strong, free and democratic India, open mindedness and constructive approach are required so that she could make a speedy progress crossing the hurdles of communalism, separation and untouchability. The passage points out that:

(A) Communalism, separation and untouchability were prevalent in India, then.

- (B) India had overcome the hurdles of communalism, separation and untouchability.
- (C) India was too open minded to make a speedy progress.
- (D) India did not need a constructive approach.

Explanation:

To built up a strong and democratic India, she should make a speedy progress crossing the widespread of communalism, separation and untouchability.

Option A shows that, India is widespread with **Communalism, separation and untouchability**.

20] "Not failure but low aim is crime", says Browning. What according to Browning is a crime?

- (A) Failing in an attempt
- (B) Aiming at the incredible
- (C) Failing repeatedly
- (D) Not aiming high**

Explanation:

According to Browning, failure is not a crime but not aiming high is biggest crime.

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