

PARAGRAPH COMPLETION

LEVEL – I

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1 - 30): In each of the following passages, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered, these numbers are again printed below the passages and against each five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately in the context of the whole passage. Find out the appropriate word.

I. It was never talked about, but in the weeks that _____ (1) the party my relationship with Brittany, _____ (2) and I returned to doing normal things with kids my own _____ (3). I thought it was almost a _____ (4) to not have to worry about another party or situation where I would _____ (5) out of my league. I was at the beach with friends several months later when I _____ (6) talking to a girl. As we _____ (7), I _____ (8) I was strangely happy just _____ (9) to her and _____ (10) her.

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| 1. | (a) followed (c) continued (e) flopped | (b) ended (d) began |
| 2. | (a) began (c) ended (e) shut | (b) started (d) closed |
| 3. | (a) year (c) form (e) young | (b) age (d) old |
| 4. | (a) strain (c) pressure (e) problem | (b) worry (d) relief |
| 5. | (a) forget (c) remember (e) feel | (b) abstain (d) leave |
| 6. | (a) started (c) began (e) took | (b) stopped (d) left |
| 7. | (a) crooned (c) blabbed (e) leaked | (b) talked (d) blurted |
| 8. | (a) know (c) realized (e) understood | (b) follow (d) missed |

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| 9. | (a) hearing (c) attending (e) missing | (b) whispering (d) listening |
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| 10. | (a) watching (c) looking (e) locating | (b) seeing (d) gazing |
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II. When I was five years old, I _____ (11) an extreme _____ (12) to my sister's toys. It made little _____ (13) that I had a trunk _____ (14) with dolls and toys of my own. Her _____ (15) girl treasures were much _____ (16) to break, and much more _____ (17). Likewise when I was ten and she was twelve the earrings and make-up that she was _____ (18) being permitted to _____ (19) with held my _____ (20).

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| 11. | (a) took (c) stole (e) got | (b) snatched (d) gave |
| 12. | (a) loving (c) disliking (e) fondness | (b) liking (d) dislike |
| 13. | (a) similarity (c) difference (e) importance | (b) change (d) lack |
| 14. | (a) overflying (c) dwindling (e) empty | (b) leaking over (d) overflowing |
| 15. | (a) bigger (c) large (e) big | (b) great (d) giant |
| 16. | (a) easier (c) easiest (e) simpler | (b) easy (d) simple |
| 17. | (a) attractive (c) gladdening (e) pleasurable | (b) appealing (d) unappealing |
| 18. | (a) slow (c) slowly (e) little | (b) fast (d) quickly |
| 19. | (a) do (c) experience (e) test | (b) fool (d) experiment |

20. (a) attention (b) pleasure
(c) attraction (d) distraction
(e) obsession

III. After brushing my teeth. Is tooped to _____ (21) the cool water streaming from the faucet, _____ (22) back to that _____ (23) summer. It was the summer when life _____ (24), the summer I turned sixteen. I had my own car, _____ (25) with a brand- new _____ (26). It was not the _____ (27) of a new (28) that _____ (29) to me, but that of him _____ (30) over me with a laughing grin.

21. (a) drink (b) gulp
(c) lap (d) swallow
(e) sip
22. (a) floating (b) drifting
(c) flying (d) flowing
(e) running
23. (a) unforgivable (b) forgetful
(c) unforgettable (d) noticeable
(e) forgettable
24. (a) emerged (b) ended
(c) began (d) ensued
(e) arrived
25. (a) away (b) while
(c) almost (d) along
(e) nearly
26. (a) fairy (b) ghost
(c) elf (d) spirit
(e) soul
27. (a) memory (b) remembrance
(c) remembering (d) recollection
(e) vision
28. (a) right (b) privilege
(c) duty (d) responsibility
(e) favour
29. (a) moved (b) dashed
(c) rushed (d) pounced
(e) sprang
30. (a) looming (b) hovering
(c) appearing (d) stirring
(e) flowing

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I. My class was two weeks _____ (1) from the _____ (2) night of our play _____ (3) Sherry walked into my classroom and in a _____ (4) voice announced that she would have to _____ (5). Hundreds of reasons for _____ (6) a declaration rushed _____ (7) my mind, _____ (8) illness, death in the family, a terrible family crisis. The _____ (9) on my face prompted a _____ (10) explanation.

1. (a) away (b) far
(c) near (d) along
(e) later
2. (a) starting (b) opening
(c) beginning (d) closing
(e) shutting
3. (a) while (b) where
(c) when (d) until
(e) whenever
4. (a) unwilling (b) hesitating
(c) slow (d) hesitant
(e) unsure
5. (a) break (b) close
(c) stop (d) exit
(e) quit
6. (a) such (b) thus
(c) just (d) any
(e) such like
7. (a) across (b) through
(c) between (d) throughway
(e) throughout
8. (a) tragically (b) sad
(c) tragic (d) sorrowful
(e) tragedy
9. (a) look (b) show
(c) ideas (d) expression
(e) expressing
10. (a) further (b) more
(c) furthermore (d) farther
(e) additional

LEVEL – II

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1 - 40): In each of the following passages, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered, these numbers are again printed below the

II. When I was fifteen, I stood in _____ (11) of my English class and _____ (12) an essay I had written. I talked about how _____ (13) all my friends were to be _____ (14) drivers education and getting drivers licenses I was _____

(15). I know I'd _____ (16) be walking _____ (17) (18) on others to _____ (19) me. I am _____ (20) blind.

- 11.** (a) front (b) before
(c) early (d) behind
(e) facing

- 12.** (a) reading (b) read
(c) interpreted (d) understanding
(e) understood

- 13.** (a) excitable (b) interested
(c) excited (d) exciting
(e) stimulated

- 14.** (a) taken (b) take
(c) took (d) taking
(e) receiving

- 15.** (a) grudging (b) envy
(c) jealously (d) jealousy
(e) jealous

- 16.** (a) always (b) at all times
(c) evermore (d) ever
(e) everywhere

- 17.** (a) everyday (b) everywhere
(c) ever more (d) all places
(e) for all places

- 18.** (a) addicted (b) survive
(c) dependent (d) independent
(e) free

- 19.** (a) move (b) force
(c) urge (d) drive
(e) driving

- 20.** (a) legally (b) legalistic
(c) illegally (d) lawfully
(e) legal

III. When the late Father Aurelins Maschio _____ (21) the 60,000 square metres _____ (22) ground on the _____ (23) of Mumbai in Matunga, his _____ (24) were rather _____ (25) of him. During a meeting in Chennai this Italian priest heard of the explosion that had _____ (26) the Bombay Docks. Rushing back to Mumbai. Father Maschio. _____ (27) with the British commander (28) the rubble on his marshy to ground. Begging for donations he sat _____ (29) letter after letter to his friends and acquaintances. He went about organizing _____ (30) to collect funds. His knees knelt hours before the Madonna praying for help.

- 21.** (a) purchased (b) received
(c) bargained (d) got
(e) hired

- 22.** (a) marshes (b) marshy
(c) wet and soft (d) sandy
(e) marsh

- 23.** (a) fortier (b) border
(c) outskirts (d) farflung
(e) boundary

- 24.** (a) friendships (b) friendly
(c) confederates (d) confreres/friends
(e) accomplices

- 25.** (a) critiques (b) crucial
(c) criticising (d) critics
(e) critical

- 26.** (a) struck (b) striking
(c) stricken (b) strove
(e) strike

- 27.** (a) plead (b) pleaded
(c) beg (d) begged
(e) pledged

- 28.** (a) dumping (b) put
(c) dump (d) drops
(e) down

- 29.** (a) typed up (b) type
(c) scribbling (d) typing
(e) penning

- 30.** (a) raffles (b) sales
(c) fetes (d) lotteries
(e) rafting

IV. This IPS Officer _____ (31) his own food. Travelling in the second _____ (32) by train and bus, he _____ (33) an hour to reach his _____ (34) village. Nazrul Islam has not _____ (35) his humble beginnings. He had to earn _____ (36) wages of Rs. 4 to support his _____ (37) family. Though his brothers _____ (38) out, Nazrul _____ (39) in school besides _____ (40), in other's fields.

- 31.** (a) cooks (b) bakes
(c) fries (d) steam
(e) boil

- 32.** (a) degree (b) class
(c) division (d) bogey
(e) standard

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| 33. | (a) hops (c) strolls (e) jumps | (b) trudges (d) walks |
| 34. | (a) local (c) native (e) natural | (b) indigenous (d) innate |
| 35. | (a) left (c) deleted (e) forgotten | (b) thrown (d) remembered |
| 36. | (a) daily (c) yearly (e) monthly | (b) everyday (d) weekly |
| 37. | (a) paucity (c) rich (e) penniless | (b) poor (d) poverty |
| 38. | (a) slipped (c) dropped (e) fell | (b) went (d) got thrown |
| 39. | (a) determined (c) achieved (e) persisted | (b) tried (d) persevered |
| 40. | (a) labouring (c) sleeping (e) basking | (b) relaxing (d) struggle |

HINTS & EXPLANATIONS

LEVEL – I

1. (a) Not available
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LEVEL – II

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- 24.** (d) Not available
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