

Story Writing**Multiple Choice Questions**

Directions (Qs. 1 and 2): Match the author with the books written by them.

1. J. K. Rowling: Harry Potter :: Enid Blyton : ?
(a) Peter Pan (b) The Famous Five
(c) Robinson Crusoe (d) The Blue Umbrella
2. Ruskin Bond: The Blue Umbrella :: Mark Twain : ?
(a) The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
(b) Robinson Crusoe
(c) Peter Pan
(d) The Little Mermaid

Directions (Qs. 3 and 4): Find the odd one out.

3. (a) Mark Twain (b) Ronaldo
(c) Jonathan Swift (d) R. K. Narayan
4. (a) J. M. Barrie (b) Daniel Defoe
(c) Dodie Smith (d) Sachin Tendulkar
5. In which story would you find the famous teenager magician boy?
(a) The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
(b) Robinson Crusoe
(c) Harry Potter
(d) The Little Mermaid

Directions (Qs. 6 to 10): Answer these questions from the story given below.

One day Sun, Moon and Wind went out to dine with their uncle and aunt (Thunder and Lightning). Their mother (one of the most distant stars you see far up in the sky) waited alone for her children's return.

Now, both Sun and Wind were greedy and selfish. They enjoyed the great feast that had been prepared for them, without a thought of saving any of it to take home to their mother—but the gentle Moon did not forget her. Of every dainty dish that was brought round, she placed a small portion under one of her beautiful long finger-nails, that Star might also have a share in the treat.

On their return their mother, who had kept watch for them all night long with her little bright eye, said, "Well, children, what have you brought home for me?" Then Sun (who was eldest) said, "I have brought nothing home for you. I went out to enjoy myself with my friends—not to fetch a dinner for my mother!" And Wind said, "Neither have I brought anything home for you, mother. You could hardly expect me to bring a collection of good things for you, when I merely went out for my own pleasure." But Moon said, "Mother, fetch a plate, see what I have brought you." And shaking her hands she showered down such a choice dinner as never was seen before.

Then star turned to Sun and spoke thus, "Because you went out to amuse yourself with your friends, feasted and enjoyed yourself, without any thought of your mother at home—you shall be cursed. Henceforth, your rays shall ever be hot and scorching, and shall burn all that they touch. And men shall hate you, and cover their heads when you appear."

(And that is why the Sun is so hot to this day.) Then she turned to Wind and said, "You also who forgot your mother in the midst of your selfish pleasures—hear your doom. You shall always blow in the hot dry weather, and shall parch and shrivel all living things. And men shall detest and avoid you from this very time."

(And that is why the Wind in the hot weather is still so disagreeable.)

But to Moon she said, "Daughter, because you remembered your mother, and kept for her a share in your own enjoyment, henceforth, you shall be ever cool, calm and bright. No noxious glare shall accompany your pure rays, and men shall always call you "blessed."

(And that is why the Moon's light is so soft, cool and beautiful even to this day.)

6. Sun, Wind and Moon went out with their uncle and aunt for _____.
(a) picnic (b) breakfast
(c) dinner (d) to watch a movie
7. Their mother is one of the most distant _____ you see in the sky.
(a) thunders (b) storms
(c) rains (d) stars
8. What did Sun give his mother?
(a) A share of his dinner (b) An ice cream
(c) Both (a) and (b) (d) Nothing
9. What did their mother cursed the Sun?
(a) Ever be hot and scorching
(b) Always be cool and bright
(c) Always blow in the hot dry weather,
(d) Both (a) and (b)
10. Who was blessed by the mother?
(a) Wind (b) Moon
(c) Sun (d) All of them

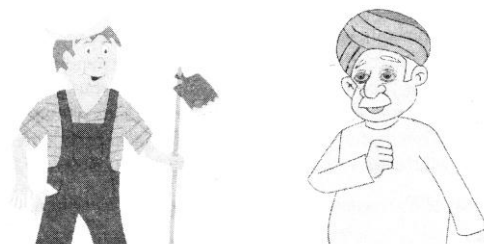
Directions (Qs. 11 to 13): Read the story mentioned above and select the correct answer to complete the sentence.

11. One day Sun, Moon and Wind went out to dine with their _____.
 (a) uncle and aunt (Thunder and Lightning)
 (b) father and mother
 (c) sisters
 (d) neighbours
12. Sun and Wind were greedy and selfish. They enjoyed the great feast without a thought of saving any of it for their _____.
 (a) brother (b) mother
 (c) uncle (d) both (a) and (c)
13. On their return to home. what did their mother say?
 (a) How are you?
 (b) Let's go to sleep.
 (c) Well, children, what-have you brought home for me?
 (d) Nothing

Directions (Qs. 14 and 15): Read the following statements and select the right answer from the given options.

14. **Statement A:** "You shall always blow in the hot dry weather, and shall parch and shrivel all living things."
Statement B: "You shall always blow in the morning, in hot weather and shall shrivel parch and all living things."
 (a) Statement A is correct, (b) Statement B is correct.
 (c) Both A and B are wrong, (d) Both A and B are correct.
15. **Statement A:** "Daughter, because you remembered your mother, and kept for her a share in your own enjoyment, henceforth, you shall never be cool, calm and bright."
Statement B: "Daughter, because you remembered your mother, and kept for her a share in your own enjoyment, henceforth, you shall be ever cool. calm and bright."
 (a) Statement B is correct,
 (b) Statement B is wrong.
 (c) Both the statements are correct,
 (d) Statement A is correct.

Directions (Qs. 16 to 25): Read the passage given below and complete the story by filling in the blanks. Also, give a suitable title for the story.



There was once a farmer who suffered much at the hands of a money-lender. Good harvests or bad. the farmer was always poor and the money-lender was rich. In the end, when he hadn't a farthing left, the farmer went to the money-lender's house and said, "You can't squeeze water from a stone, and as you have nothing to get by me now, you might tell me the secret of becoming rich."

"My friend," returned the money-lender, piously, "riches come from Ram-ask him."

"Thank you. I will!" replied the simple farmer; so he prepared three girdle-cakes to last him on the journey, and set out to find Ram.

First, he met a Brahman, and to him he gave a cake, asking him to point out the road to Ram; but the Brahman only took the cake and went on his way without a word. Next, the farmer met a Jogi or devotee, and to him he gave a

cake, without receiving any help in return. At last, he came upon a poor man sitting under a tree, and finding out he was hungry, the kindly farmer gave him the last cake, and sitting down to rest beside him, entered into conversation.

"And where are you going?" asked the poor man, at length.

"Oh I have a long journey before me, for. I am going to find Ram!" replied the farmer. "I don't suppose you could tell me which way to go?"

"Perhaps I can," said the poor man. smiling, "I am Ram! What do you want of me?"

Then the farmer told the whole story, and Ram, taking pity on him, gave him a conch shell, and showed him how to blow it in a particular way, saying, "Remember! Whatever you wish for, you have only to blow the conch that way, and your wish will be fulfilled. Only have a care of that money-lender, for even magic is not proof against their wiles!"

The farmer went back to his village rejoicing. In fact. the money-lender noticed his high spirits at once, and said to himself, "Some good fortune must have befallen the stupid fellow, to make him hold his head so jauntily." Therefore, he went over to the simple farmer's house, and congratulated him on his good fortune, in such cunning words, pretending to have heard all about it, that before long the farmer found himself telling the whole story—all except the secret of blowing the conch, for, with all his simplicity, the farmer was not quite such a fool as to tell that.

Nevertheless the money-lender determined to have the conch by hook or by crook, and as he was villain enough not to stick at trifles, he waited for a favourable opportunity and stole the conch.

But, after nearly bursting himself with blowing the conch in every conceivable way, he was obliged to give up the secret as a bad job. However, being determined to succeed he went back to the farmer, and said, coolly, "Look here: I've got your conch, but I can't use it; you haven't got it, so my dear you can't use it either. Business is at a standstill unless we make a bargain. Now, I promise to give you back your conch, and never to interfere with your using it, on one condition, which is this,—whatever you get from it, I am to get double."

"Never!" cried the farmer; "that would be the old business all over again!"

"Not at all!" replied the wily money-lender; "you will have your share! Now, don't be a dog in the manger, if you get all you want, then what will it matter to you if I am rich or poor?"

At last, though it went sorely against the grain to be of any benefit to a money-lender, the farmer was forced to yield, and from that time, no matter what he gained by the power of the conch, the money-lender gained double. And the knowledge that this was so preyed upon the farmer's mind day and night, so that he had no satisfaction out of anything.

At last there came a very dry season, so dry that the farmer's crops withered for want of rain. Then he blew his conch, and wished for a well to water them, and lo! there was the well, but the money-lender had two!—two beautiful new wells! This was too much for any farmer to stand; and our friend brooded over it, and brooded over it, till a bright idea came into his head. He seized the conch, blew it loudly, and cried out.

"Oh, Ram! I wish to be blind of one eye!" And so he was, in a twinkling, but the money-lender of course was blind of both, and in trying to steer his way between the two new wells, he fell into one, and was drowned.

Lesson: This true story shows that a farmer once got the better of a money-lender—but only by losing one of his eyes.

16. What can be the suitable title for the story?

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| (a) The rich man | (b) The farmer and the money-lender |
| (c) The stone cutter | (d) My friend Ram |

Directions (Qs. 17 to 25): Choose the correct option, after reading the above story.

The farmer went back to his __ (17) __ rejoicing. In fact, the money __ (18) __ noticed his high spirits at once, and said to __ (19) __. " __ (20) __ good fortune must have befallen the stupid fellow, to make him hold his head so __ (21) __. " Therefore, he went over to the simple farmer's house and __ (22) __ him on his good fortune, in such cunning words, pretending to __ (23) __ all about it, that before long the farmer found himself telling the whole story—all except the secret of blowing the __ (24) __, for, with all his simplicity, the farmer was not quite such a/an __ (25) __ as to tell that.

17. (a) rejoicing (b) village
(c) farmer (d) money

18. (a) honey (b) power
(c) taker (d) lender

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| 19. | (a) the farmer
(c) himself | (b) the money-lender
(d) them |
| 20. | (a) Lots
(c) Few | (b) Some
(d) A |
| 21. | (a) jauntily
(c) politely | (b) angrily
(d) excitingly |
| 22. | (a) teased
(c) congratulated | (b) wished
(d) none of the above |
| 23. | (a) have hurt
(c) have healed | (b) has seen
(d) have heard |
| 24. | (a) conch
(c) trumpet | (b) whistle
(d) both a and b |
| 25. | (a) intelligent
(c) fool | (b) ill
(d) stupid |

Directions (Qs. 26 to 33): Read the story given above and complete the story by filling in the blanks. Also, select moral of the story and give a suitable title for the story.

There was once a stonecutter who was dissatisfied with himself and with his position in life.

One day, he passed a wealthy merchant's house and through the open gateway saw many fine possessions and important visitors. "How powerful that merchant must be!" thought the stonecutter. He became very envious, and wished that he could be like the merchant. Then he would no longer have to live the life of a mere stonecutter.

To his great surprise, he suddenly became the merchant, enjoying more luxuries and power than he had ever dreamed of, envied and detested by those less wealthy than himself. But soon a high official passed by, carried in a sedan chair, accompanied by attendants, and escorted by soldiers beating gongs. Everyone, no matter how wealthy, had to bow low before the procession. "How powerful that official is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a high official!"

Then he became the high official, carried everywhere in his embroidered sedan chair, feared and hated by the people all around, who had to bow down before him as he passed. It was a hot summer day, and the official felt very uncomfortable in the sticky sedan chair. He looked up at the sun. It shone proudly in the sky unaffected by his presence. "How powerful the sun is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be the sun!"



Then he became the sun, shining fiercely down on everyone, scorching the fields, cursed by the farmers and labourers. But a huge black cloud moved between him and the earth, so that his light could no longer shine on everything below. "How powerful that storm cloud is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a cloud!"

Then he became the cloud, flooding the fields and villages, shouted at by everyone. But soon he found that he was being pushed away by some great force, and realized that it was the wind. "How powerful it is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be the wind!"

Then he became the wind, blowing tiles off the roofs of houses, uprooting trees, hated and feared by all below him. But after a while, he ran up against something that would not move, no matter how forcefully he blew against it — a huge, towering stone. "How powerful that stone is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a stone!"

Then he became the stone, more powerful than anything else on earth. But as he stood there, he heard the sound of a hammer pounding a chisel into the solid rock and felt himself being changed. "What could be more powerful than I, the stone?" he thought. He looked down and saw far below him the figure of a stonecutter.

Lesson: We don't know the extent of our own personal power. And sometimes, the most insignificant seeming people among us are those most able to effect great change.

To his great surprise, he suddenly became the __ (26) __, enjoying more luxuries and power than he had ever dreamed of, envied and detested by those __ (27) __ than himself. But soon a high official passed by, carried in a __ (28) __, accompanied by attendants, and escorted by soldiers beating gongs. Everyone, no matter how wealthy, had to bow low before the __ (29) __. "How powerful that official is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be a high official!"

Then he became the high __ (30) __, carried everywhere in his embroidered sedan chair. feared and hated by the people all around, who had to bow down before him as he passed. It was a hot __ (31) __ day, and the official felt very uncomfortable in the __ (32) __ sedan chair. He looked up at the sun. It shone proudly in the sky, unaffected by his presence. "How __ (33) __ the sun is!" he thought. "I wish that I could be the sun!"

- 26.** (a) stone (b) merchant
(c) wind (d) doctor
- 27.** (a) less wealthy (b) poor
(c) powerful (d) intelligent
- 28.** (a) cart (b) couch
(c) sedan chair (d) both (a) and (b)
- 29.** (a) profession (b) possession
(c) power (d) procession
- 30.** (a) official (b) wind
(c) stone (d) none of the above
- 31.** (a) winter (b) spring
(c) summer (d) both a and b
- 32.** (a) tacky (b) designer
(c) sticky (d) comfortable
- 33.** (a) painful (b) arrogant
(c) cool (d) powerful
- 34.** What is the moral of the story?
(a) Dissatisfaction is the reason behind greater changes of life.
(b) Sometimes the most insignificant seeming people are capable of bringing remarkable change.
(c) We should achieve our aim by hook or by crook.
(d) All of the above.
- 35.** What can be the suitable title for the story?
(a) The change and money-lender.
(b) The story of a stone cutter.
(c) The stone cutter and the money-lender.
(d) Both (b) and (c).

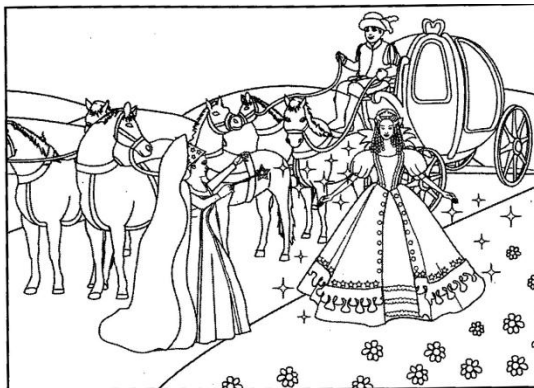
36. The image given below hints you about the famous story of _____



- (a) The stone man (b) Cinderella
(c) Gulliver's Travel (d) None

Directions (Qs. 37 to 42): Read the story given below and answer the following questions.

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful girl named Cinderella. She lived with her wicked stepmother and two stepsisters. They treated Cinderella very badly. One day, they were invited for a grand ball in the king's palace. But Cinderella's stepmother would not let her go. Cinderella was made to sew new party gowns for her stepmother and stepsisters, and curl their hair. They then went to the ball, leaving Cinderella alone at home.



Cinderella felt very sad and began to cry. Suddenly, a fairy godmother appeared and said, "Don't cry, Cinderella! I will send you to the ball!" But Cinderella was sad. She said, "I don't have a gown to wear for the ball!" The fairy godmother waved her magic wand and changed Cinderella's old clothes into a beautiful new gown! The fairy godmother then touched Cinderella's feet with the magic wand. And lo! She had beautiful glass slippers! "How will I go to the grand ball?" asked Cinderella. The fairy godmother found six mice playing near a pumpkin, in the kitchen. She touched them with her magic wand and the mice became four shiny black horses and two coachmen and the pumpkin turned into a golden coach. Cinderella was overjoyed and set off for the ball in the coach drawn by the six black horses. Before leaving, the fairy godmother said, "Cinderella, this magic will only last until midnight! You must reach home by then!"

When Cinderella entered the palace, everybody was struck by her beauty. Nobody, not even Cinderella's stepmother or stepsisters, knew who she really was in her pretty clothes and shoes. The handsome prince also saw her and fell in love with Cinderella. He went to her and asked, "Do you want to dance?" And Cinderella said, "Yes!" The prince danced with her all night and nobody recognized the beautiful dancer. Cinderella was so happy dancing with the prince that she almost forgot what the fairy godmother had said. At the last moment, Cinderella remembered her fairy godmother's words and she rushed to go home. "Oh! I must go!" she cried and ran out of the palace. One of her glass slippers came off but Cinderella did not turn back for it. She reached home just as the clock struck twelve. Her coach turned back into a pumpkin, the horses into mice and her fine ball gown into rags. Her stepmother and stepsisters reached home shortly after that. They were talking about the beautiful lady who had been dancing with the prince.

The prince had fallen in love with Cinderella and wanted to find out who the beautiful girl was, but he did not even know her name. He found the glass slipper that had come off Cinderella's foot as she ran home. The prince said, "I will find her. The lady whose foot fits this slipper will be the one I marry!" The next day, the prince and his servants

took the glass slipper and went to all the houses in the kingdom. They wanted to find the lady whose feet would fit in the slipper. All the women in the kingdom tried the slipper but it would not fit any of them. Cinderella's stepsisters also tried on the little glass slipper. They tried to squeeze their feet and push hard into the slipper, but the servant was afraid the slipper would break. Cinderella's stepmother would not let her try the slipper on, but the prince saw her and said, "Let her also try on the slipper!" The slipper fit her perfectly. The prince recognized her from the ball. He married Cinderella and together they lived happily ever after.

37. What is the name of the beautiful girl in the story?
 (a) Cinerita (b) Cinderenna
 (c) Cinella (d) Cinderella
38. Who appeared before Cinderella. when she began to cry?
 (a) Her mother (b) God's mother
 (c) Fairy godmother (d) Her father
39. When the fairy godmother touched the pumpkin with her magic wand, it turned into a _____?
 (a) golden chair (b) golden coach
 (c) horse (d) golden cart
40. What did the prince announce the next morning?
 (a) He will marry the lady whose foot fits the glass slipper.
 (b) He will return the slipper to that girl.
 (c) He will give her new pair of slippers.
 (d) Both (a) and (c)
41. Cinderella: Beautiful:: Prince : ?
 (a) Wicked (b) Fat
 (c) Handsome (d) All of the above
42. Pumpkin: Coach :: Mice : ?
 (a) Bulls (b) Horse
 (c) Donkey (d) Dogs

Direction (Qs. 43 to 45): Choose the correct statement from the options given below:

43. **Statement A:** When Cinderella entered the palace, everybody was struck by her beauty.
Statement B: When prince danced with Cinderella, everybody in the palace was struck by her beauty.
 (a) Both statements are correct,
 (b) Statement B is correct.
 (c) Statement A is correct,
 (d) Both statements are wrong.
44. **Statement A:** The handsome prince fell in love with Cinderella's sister.
Statement B: The handsome prince fell in love with Cinderella.
 (a) Both statements are correct,
 (b) Statement B is correct.
 (c) Statement A is correct,
 (d) Both statements are wrong.
45. **Statement A:** Cinderella ran out of the palace and one of her glass slippers came off but Cinderella did not turn back for it.
Statement B: One of her glass slippers came off while dancing with the prince, so Cinderella ran out of the palace.
 (a) Both statements are correct, (b) Statement B is correct.
 (c) Statement A is correct. (d) Both statements are wrong.

46. The image given below hints you about the famous story of _____



- (a) Harry Potter
(b) Snow white and seven dwarfs
(c) Malgudi Days
(d) None

Direction (Qs. 47 to 50): Read the story given below and answer the questions.

Once upon a time there lived a lovely princess with fair skin and blue eyes. She was so fair that she was named Snow White. Her mother died when Snow White was a baby and her father married again. This queen was very pretty but she was also very cruel. The wicked stepmother wanted to be the most beautiful lady in the kingdom and she would often ask her magic mirror, "Mirror! Mirror on the wall! Who is the fairest of them all?" And the magic mirror would say, "You are, your Majesty!" But one day, the mirror replied, "Snow White is the fairest of them all!" The wicked queen was very angry and jealous of Snow White. She ordered her huntsman to take Snow White to the forest and kill her. "I want you to bring back her heart," she ordered. But when the huntsman reached the forest with Snow White, he took pity on her and set her free. He killed a deer and took its heart to the wicked queen and told her that he had killed Snow White. Snow White wondered in the forest all night, crying.

When it was daylight, she came to a tiny cottage and went inside. There was nobody there, but she found seven plates on the table and seven tiny beds in the bedroom. She cooked a wonderful meal and cleaned the house and tired, finally slept on one of the tiny beds. At night, the seven dwarfs who lived in the cottage came home and found Snow White sleeping. When she woke up and told them her story, the seven dwarfs asked her to stay with them. When the dwarfs were away, Snow White would make delicious meals for them. The dwarfs loved her and cared for her. Every morning, when they left the house, they instructed her never to open the door to strangers.

Meanwhile, in the palace, the wicked queen asked the Mirror. Who is the fairest of them on the earth? The mirror replied, "White is the fairest of them all! She lives with the seven dwarfs in the woods!" The wicked stepmother was furious. She was actually a witch knew how to make magic potions. She now made a poisonous potion and dipped a shiny red apple into it.

Then she disguised herself as an old peasant woman and went to the woods with the apple. She knocked on the cottage door and said "Pretty little child! Let me in! Look what I have for you!" White said, "I am so sorry, old lady, I cannot let you in! The seven dwarfs have told me not to talk to strangers!" But then, Snow White saw the shiny red apple, and opened the door. The wicked witch offered her the apple and when she took a bite poor Snow White fell into a deep sleep. The wicked stepmother went back to the palace and asked the mirror, "Mirror! Mirror on the wall! Who is the fairest of them all?" The mirror replied, "You are, Your Majesty!" and she was very happy.

When the seven dwarfs came home to find Snow White lying on the floor, they were very upset. They cried all night and then built a glass coffin for Snow White. They kept the coffin in front of the cottage. One day, Prince Charming was going past the cottage and he saw Snow White lying in the coffin. He said to the dwarfs, "My! My! She is so beautiful! I would like to kiss her!" And he did. Immediately, Snow White opened her eyes. She was alive again! The Prince and the seven dwarfs were very happy. Prince Charming married Snow White and took her to his palace and lived happily ever after.

47. How many dwarfs were in the story?
(a) Five
(b) Seven
(c) Three
(d) Nine
48. When did the mother of princess died?
(a) When she was young,
(b) When she was going to marry.
(c) When she was a baby.
(d) Both (a) and (b)

Direction (Qs. 49 and 50): Read the passage given below and complete the story by filling in the blanks.

When it was daylight, she came to a tiny __(49)__ and went inside. There was nobody there, but she found __(50)__ plates on the table and seven tiny beds in the bedroom.

- 49.** (a) villa (b) cottage
(c) flat (d) both (a) and (c)
- 50.** (a) four (b) three
(c) seven (d) five

Answers with Explanations

1. (b) Not available
2. (a) Not available
3. (b) Not available
4. (d) Not available
5. (c) Not available
6. (c) Not available
7. (d) Not available
8. (d) Not available
9. (a) Not available
10. (b) Not available
11. (a) Not available
12. (b) Not available
13. (c) Not available
14. (a) Not available
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17. (b) Not available
18. (d) Not available
19. (c) Not available
20. (b) Not available
21. (a) Not available
22. (c) Not available
23. (d) Not available
24. (a) Not available
25. (c) Not available
26. (b) Not available

- 27.** (a) Not available
- 28.** (c) Not available
- 29.** (d) Not available
- 30.** (a) Not available
- 31.** (c) Not available
- 32.** (c) Not available
- 33.** (d) Not available
- 34.** (b) Not available
- 35.** (d) Not available
- 36.** (b) Not available
- 37.** (d)Not available
- 38.** (c) Not available
- 39.** (b) Not available
- 40.** (a) Not available
- 41.** (c) Not available
- 42.** (b) Not available
- 43.** (c) Not available
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- 50.** (c) Not available