

12. PASSAGE COMPLETION (Cloze Test)

This test is to judge a candidate's knowledge of grammar usage and vocabulary. In this, a passage is given, with some (usually 5, 10 or 15) blank spaces in it. For each of these blanks, some alternatives are given. The candidate is required to first read the passage, understand what it is about and then choose the most appropriate word in the context of the passage, from the given alternatives.

Example : Without water ... (1)... animal can survive. In desert regions the greatest ... (2)... to life is drying up. But many creatures are able to make use of ... (3)... little water that exists in arid areas. One of nature's masterpieces ... (4)... creatures equipped to ... (5)... with desert life is the hardy camels. Stories range the desert lands far and wide about ... (6)... endurance feats by camels. It is said that camels can ... (7)... a distance of about 800 miles in eight days through continuous travel ... (8)... an intake of a single drop of water. The popular ... (9)... that camels store water in their hump is ... (10)... in a way, water is indeed stored there but in the form of fat.

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|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. (a) every | (b) no | (c) any | (d) desert | (e) exceptional |
| 2. (a) need | (b) worry | (c) threat | (d) requirement | (e) inadequacy |
| 3. (a) what | (b) the | (c) very | (d) that | (e) extremely |
| 4. (a) for | (b) about | (c) among | (d) with | (e) of |
| 5. (a) live | (b) resist | (c) bear | (d) cope | (e) mix |
| 6. (a) remarkable | (b) little | (c) tolerable | (d) popular | (e) obvious |
| 7. (a) measure | (b) reduce | (c) lead | (d) reach | (e) cover |
| 8. (a) for | (b) without | (c) accepting | (d) receiving | (e) except |
| 9. (a) proverb | (b) guess | (c) belief | (d) version | (e) statement |
| 10. (a) baseless | (b) wrong | (c) misleading | (d) correct | (e) untruthful |

Solution :

- (b) : It is an established fact that no animal can survive without water.
- (c) : In deserts, drying up is not the 'need' or 'requirement'. It is a 'threat' to living creatures.
- (b) : Article 'the' should be used.
- (c) : According to the passage, camel is a masterpiece amidst all creatures. Another word for 'amidst' is 'among'.
- (d) : 'Mix' is absolutely wrong. The word 'live', 'resist' or 'bear' could be used only if the camel could remain thirsty for long. But since it stores water for future use, it is an adaptation i.e. a way to 'cope' with adverse circumstances.
- (a) : Stories are popular about a creature when it has something unusual or 'remarkable'.
- (e) : The word 'distance' takes the verb 'cover'.
- (b) : Camel moves continuously without intake of water.
- (c) : 'Proverb' is an old saying. 'Version' and 'statement' are clearly wrong in this context. 'Guess' can never be popular. The correct word is 'belief'.
- (c) : Clearly, the belief is not 'correct'. Also, it is not 'baseless', 'wrong' or 'untruthful' as camels do store water though in a different form. So, the answer is 'misleading'.

Now attempt the following Practice Sets 1 to 15 as per the following instructions:

Directions : In each of the following passages, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, some words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate words.

PRACTICE SET 1

Passage 1 (Assistant Grade, 1996)

Many parents greet their children's teenage years with needless dread. While teens ... (1)... assault us with heavy-metal music, ... (2)... outlandish clothes and spend all ... (3)... time with friends, such behaviour ... (4)... adds up to full-scale revolt. Teenage ... (5)..., according to psychologist Laurence Steinberg, has been ... (6)... exaggerated. Sociologist Sanford Dornbusch agrees. "The ... (7)... that teenagers inevitably rebel is a ... (8)... that has the potential for great family ... (9)...," says Dornbusch. He believes the notion can ... (10)... communication during this critical time for parents to influence youngsters.

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| 1. (a) can | (b) must |
| (c) may | (d) should |
| 2. (a) show | (b) dress |
| (c) put | (d) flaunt |
| 3. (a) her | (b) his |
| (c) their | (d) our |
| 4. (a) sporadically | (b) always |
| (c) infrequently | (d) scarcely |
| 5. (a) rebellion | (b) subversion |
| (c) mania | (d) revolution |
| 6. (a) always | (b) never |
| (c) greatly | (d) hardly |
| 7. (a) complaint | (b) surmise |
| (c) accusation | (d) idea |
| 8. (a) myth | (b) story |
| (c) fact | (d) reality |
| 9. (a) ruin | (b) downfall |
| (c) harm | (d) defeat |
| 10. (a) destroy | (b) suffocate |
| (c) damage | (d) injure |

Passage 2

The appointed day has come, and India stands ... (11)... again, after long ... (12)... and struggle, awake, vital, free and independent. The past ... (13)... on to us still in some ... (14)... and we have to do much before we ... (15)... our pledges. ... (16)..., it is fateful moment for us in India, for all Asia and for the world. A new star ... (17)..., the star of freedom in the East and a vision long cherished ... (18)... May the star never set and our hopes never be ... (19)... To India, our motherland - the ancient, the eternal and the ever new,

we pay our ... (20)... homage and we bind ourselves afresh to her service.

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| 11. (a) here | (b) free |
| (c) forth | (d) forward |
| 12. (a) period | (b) slumber |
| (c) compulsion | (d) exile |
| 13. (a) sticks | (b) faces |
| (c) extends | (d) clings |
| 14. (a) measure | (b) quantity |
| (c) limits | (d) ways |
| 15. (a) take | (b) redeem |
| (c) rectify | (d) comply |
| 16. (a) Moreover | (b) However |
| (c) Now | (d) Although |
| 17. (a) rises | (b) rose |
| (c) arises | (d) arose |
| 18. (a) falsifies | (b) fulfils |
| (c) performs | (d) materialises |
| 19. (a) left | (b) betrayed |
| (c) expired | (d) drained |
| 20. (a) sincere | (b) faithful |
| (c) reverent | (d) friendly |

Passage 3 (Hotel Management, 1995)

All writers are vain, selfish and lazy, and at the very ... (21)... of their motives there lies a mystery. Writing a book is a horrible, exhausting struggle, like a long ... (22)... of some painful illness. One would never undertake such a thing if one were not ... (23)... by some demon whom one can neither ... (24)... nor understand. For all one knows that demon is simply the same ... (25)... that makes a baby ... (26)... for attention. And yet it is also true that one can write nothing readable unless one constantly struggles to ... (27)... one's own personality. Good prose is like a window pane. I cannot say with certainty which of my motives are the strongest, but I know which of them deserve to be followed. And ... (28)... through my work, I see that it is ... (29)... where I lacked a political purpose that I wrote lifeless books and was ... (30)... into purple passages, sentences without meaning, decorative adjectives and humbug generally.

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| 21. (a) mention | (b) bottom |
| (c) idea | (d) consideration |
| 22. (a) bout | (b) feeling |
| (c) source | (d) condition |

23. (a) driven but (b) driven for (c) creature (d) animal
 (c) driven on (d) driven at
24. (a) help (b) resist (c) transferring (d) neglecting
 (c) like (d) conquer (c) transgressing (d) desecrating
25. (a) feeling (b) sense (c) contingent (b) civilised
 (c) desire (d) instinct (c) complementary (d) crude
26. (a) squall (b) play (c) eradicated (b) erased
 (c) desire (d) look (c) wiped (d) removed
27. (a) overcome (b) change (c) garnish (b) tarnish
 (c) efface (d) deface (c) decorate (d) grandeur

Passage 5 (Bank P.O. 1992)

Fundamentally, all human ... (41)... possess combinations of fixed inherited traits. All men possess the ... (42)... highly developed nervous system, backbone, erect posture, hair etc. Therefore, ... (43)... among men arise only in ... (44)... changes of this ... (45)... pattern. Racial ... (46)... represent one of the finest distinctions and are based on certain ... (47)... differences. Two races may be ... (48)... in hair colour, in eye colour but ... (49)... in stature while two others may be ... (50)... in stature but differ in the colour of eyes and hair.

41. (a) animal (b) beings (c) mind (d) society (e) thinking
 42. (a) same (b) large (c) natural (d) different (e) biological
 43. (a) growth (b) sameness (c) substance (d) variations (e) naturalness
 44. (a) no (b) large (c) minor (d) artificial (e) fundamental
 45. (a) mad (b) basic (c) maddening (d) fluctuating (e) picturesque
 46. (a) hatred (b) clashes (c) tolerance (d) sameness (e) differences
 47. (a) neat (b) minor (c) massive (d) clearcut (e) unnoticeable
 48. (a) alike (b) different (c) beautiful (d) untouched (e) mismatched
 49. (a) same (b) tall (c) close (d) matched (e) different
 50. (a) ugly (b) tall (c) same (d) short (e) uncouth

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (a) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (a) 10. (b)
 11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (d) 14. (a) 15. (b) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (d) 19. (b) 20. (c)
 21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (d) 24. (b) 25. (c) 26. (a) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (d) 30. (c)
 31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (a) 34. (b) 35. (a) 36. (d) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (c)
 41. (b) 42. (a) 43. (d) 44. (c) 45. (b) 46. (e) 47. (d) 48. (a) 49. (e) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 2

Passage 1

(Bank P.O. 1995)

This ... (1)... balance of payment situation must be seen along with an equally ... (2)... problem of deficits in the government's own budget. A growing ... (3)... exists between the government's total ... (4)... and the sum of its current revenue and capital receipts. This gap, which has to be met through either external assistance or ... (5)... deficit finance, has grown over the years. The government ... (6)... cannot resort to indefinitely growing volumes of external assistance of deficit finance to meet the increasing gap between its total ... (7)... and total receipts.

... (8)... these conditions, there has been strong pressure on government to ... (9)... various development programmes, welfare schemes and subsidies. Even if outlay in money terms are not actually cut, the ... (10)... of these programmes may be reduced in real terms or their rate of expansion at least brought down.

1. (a) expanding (b) increasing (c) yawning (d) widening (e) deteriorating
 2. (a) ignored (b) posed (c) understood (d) serious (e) significant
 3. (a) disparity (b) bond (c) gap (d) awareness (e) realisation
 4. (a) resources (b) budget (c) outlay (d) planning (e) receipts
 5. (a) zero (b) planning (c) budget (d) domestic (e) international
 6. (a) perhaps (b) probably (c) willingly (d) obviously (e) notwithstanding
 7. (a) outlay (b) services (c) planning (d) resources (e) expenditure
 8. (a) Taking (b) From (c) Under (d) Above (e) Beside
 9. (a) curtail (b) stop (c) reject (d) promote (e) evaluate

10. (a) services (b) outlay (c) scope (d) effect (e) impact

Passage 2

Interviews are very important for all of us. We must face interviews with confidence. There is ... (11)... any person who at one time or the other has not ... (12)... an interview situation. While ... (13)... are a day to day ... (14)... for people who ... (15)... with others in their daily chores, we are here ... (16)... with interview situations when one is a ... (17)... aspiring for an ... (18)... Such situations, not very ... (19)... happen in one's life, are ... (20)... when the candidate likes to come on top of the situation. This calls for careful study and preparation.

11. (a) perhaps (b) hardly (c) probably (d) possibly
 12. (a) known (b) faced (c) measured (d) seen
 13. (a) interviews (b) discussions (c) meetings (d) seminars
 14. (a) possibility (b) feeling (c) happening (d) experience
 15. (a) interact (b) speak (c) react (d) concern
 16. (a) meeting (b) concerned (c) involved (d) interested
 17. (a) beggar (b) candidate (c) person (d) student
 18. (a) employment (b) estimation (c) elevation (d) establishment
 19. (a) frequent (b) happy (c) important (d) consequent
 20. (a) minutes (b) times (c) hours (d) occasions

Passage 3 (C.B.I. 1993)

Broadly speaking letters may be said to ... (21)... into two classes: the formal and ... (22)... Formal letters ... (23)... of official or business matters and are ... (24)... to an employer, officials of a department or institutions. Letters to the ... (25)... of a newspaper also belong to this class. In fact all ... (26)... using formal pattern is of this category. The ... (27)... has to be precisely stated. It must be ... (28)... in style and quite ... (29)... No ... (30)... element has any place in it.

21. (a) describe (b) fall
(c) escape (d) rise
22. (a) affectionate (b) abusive
(c) personal (d) flattering
23. (a) consist (b) apprise
(c) contain (d) comprise
24. (a) addressed (b) prayed
(c) respected (d) typed
25. (a) printer (b) publisher
(c) salesman (d) editor
26. (a) writings (b) columns
(c) correspondence (d) letters
27. (a) language (b) content
(c) criticism (d) objection
28. (a) lucid (b) florid
(c) high (d) descriptive
29. (a) creative (b) objective
(c) critical (d) subjective
30. (a) unifying (b) divisive
(c) malicious (d) personal

Passage 4

Life is an ... (31) ... series of challenges and opportunities to be seized. You have to plan for exercising the right career choices and ... (32) ... the right opportunities. Planned ... (33) ... rather than a hasty decision is ... (34) ... as far as your career is concerned. You need to ... (35) ... what occupational groups, ... (36) ... and types of organizations seem ... (37) ... to you. An individual today has many more degrees of freedom in determining his or her future. Few of us ... (38) ... this or take full ... (39) ... of this freedom. Most of us let the future be ... (40) ... by what is going to happen rather by personal life goals and plans for the future.

31. (a) enticing (b) exciting
(c) enchanting (d) enhancing
32. (a) catching (b) offsetting
(c) grabbing (d) conceiving
33. (a) delay (b) hindrance
(c) wait (d) procrastination
34. (a) desirable (b) deciphered
(c) inevitable (d) acceptable
35. (a) check (b) classify
(c) divide (d) analyse
36. (a) specifications (b) limitations
(c) qualifications (d) identification
37. (a) worthy (b) needful
(c) suitable (d) necessary

38. (a) reprimand (b) realise
(c) recognise (d) remember
39. (a) advantage (b) enjoyment
(c) privileges (d) compensation
40. (a) determined (b) swayed
(c) deprived (d) led

Passage 5 (S.S.C. 1995)

Dhritrashtra, the elder brother of the Pandu, was blind by birth. When he grew young, he was married to Gandhari. She loved him so ... (41) ... that she ... (42) ... up her own eyes with a cloth. A hundred sons were born to Dhritrashtra and Gandhari. They were called Kauravas. Duryodhana was the ... (43) ... son of Dhritrashtra, who was quite obstinate by nature. When Kunti ... (44) ... to Hastinapur with her five sons, Duryodhana did not ... (45) ... it. He wanted that the Pandavas should live in the forest with their mother, Kunti. In fact he wanted to rule ... (46) ... Hastinapur without any interference in his affairs, although outwardly he made a ... (47) ... of happiness. His mother Gandhari consoled Kunti but her son Duryodhana did not like this at all. Pandavas were so good and ... (48) ... that every one who saw them ... (49) ... them. The people of Hastinapur began to give greater ... (50) ... to the Pandavas than to the Kauravas.

41. (a) closely (b) deeply
(c) keenly (d) excessively
42. (a) closed (b) folded
(c) bound (d) blinded
43. (a) eldest (b) greatest
(c) dearest (d) loveliest
44. (a) refreated (b) retracted
(c) receded (d) returned
45. (a) concede (b) approve
(c) understand (d) like
46. (a) on (b) over (c) upon (d) from
47. (a) show (b) pretention
(c) care (d) pretext
48. (a) feeble (b) attractive
(c) innocent (d) noble
49. (a) glorified (b) praised
(c) respected (d) applauded
50. (a) importance (b) praise
(c) consideration (d) admiration

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (e) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (b)
11. (b) 12. (b) 13. (a) 14. (d) 15. (a) 16. (b) 17. (b) 18. (a) 19. (a) 20. (d)
21. (b) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (a) 25. (d) 26. (c) 27. (a) 28. (a) 29. (b) 30. (d)
31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (d) 34. (a) 35. (d) 36. (a) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (a) 40. (a)
41. (b) 42. (c) 43. (a) 44. (d) 45. (d) 46. (b) 47. (a) 48. (d) 49. (b) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 3**Passage 1** (Stenographers' Exam, 1995)

I want to avoid violence. Non-violence ... (1) ... the first article of my faith. It is also the ... (2) ... article of my creed. But I had to ... (3) ... my choice. I had either to submit ... (4) ... a system which I considered ... (5) ... done irreparable harm to my country, ... (6) ... incur the risk of the mad fury ... (7) ... my people bursting forth, when they ... (8) ... the truth from my lips. I ... (9) ... that my people have sometimes ... (10) ... mad. I am deeply sorry for it.

1. (a) was (b) be (c) is (d) being
2. (a) last (b) common
(c) simple (d) unique
3. (a) make (b) select
(c) prepare (d) do
4. (a) over (b) in
(c) against (d) to
5. (a) is (b) was (c) had (d) has
6. (a) nor (b) but (c) or (d) and
7. (a) with (b) by (c) in (d) of
8. (a) listen (b) get
(c) understood (d) understand
9. (a) know (b) knows
(c) knew (d) known
10. (a) going (b) gone
(c) goes (d) went

Passage 2

Books give us all the information ... (11) ... a man. They show ... (12) ... interest. They are the ... (13) ... to his mind. All the riches of the world ... (14) ... their importance in the face of books. A man with money and ... (15) ... books is a poor man. Books have become so cheap that a library can ... (16) ... be made. Money spent on good books is never ... (17) ... It is a ... (18) ... to read good books. Thus man gains both ... (19) ... and wisdom. You can ... (20) ... your library with

the expenditure of only a few hundred rupees.

11. (a) for (b) from
(c) about (d) of
12. (a) his (b) their
(c) that (d) personal
13. (a) road (b) access
(c) index (d) approach
14. (a) loose (b) fade
(c) lose (d) vanish
15. (a) some (b) with
(c) few (d) without
16. (a) hardly (b) easily
(c) frequently (d) scarcely
17. (a) wasted (b) recovered
(c) justified (d) withdrawn
18. (a) blessing (b) pleasure
(c) obsession (d) addiction
19. (a) skill (b) aptitude
(c) knowledge (d) efficiency
20. (a) form (b) gather
(c) constitute (d) begin

Passage 3 (Bank P.O. 1995)

New industries supported by foreign interests ... (21) ... offer ... (22) ... salaries to their employees at all levels of responsibility than ... (23) ... locally owned industries. They need ... (24) ... people and are ... (25) ... to pay high wages to ... (26) ... them. Local industries often ... (27) ... the high salaries offered by foreign supported industries, arguing that this will ... (28) ... raise all wages to an excessive level. Workers in local industries, seeing the sharp ... (29) ... in job pay will agitate for an improvement in their salaries. This eventually will drain the resources and ... (30) ... their profitability.

21. (a) seldom (b) hardly
(c) never (d) usually

- (e) reluctantly
22. (a) better (b) comparable (c) unreasonable (d) proportionate (e) disproportionate
23. (a) did (b) do (c) their (d) does (e) could
24. (a) less (b) local (c) more (d) several (e) talented
25. (a) bound (b) willing (c) forced (d) reluctant (e) authorised
26. (a) hire (b) bribe (c) retain (d) enrich (e) entertain
27. (a) accept (b) pay (c) protest (d) uphold (e) imitate
28. (a) not (b) hardly (c) artificially (d) considerably (e) unreasonably
29. (a) hike (b) cut (c) decrease (d) difference (e) injustice
30. (a) check (b) lower (c) fulfil (d) enhance (e) augment
- (e) exactly
34. (a) advise (b) control (c) mobilise (d) demand (e) enhance
35. (a) places (b) support (c) festivals (d) grievances (e) celebrations
36. (a) strategy (b) impact (c) publicity (d) importance (e) decoration
37. (a) decided (b) displayed (c) generated (d) manifested (e) reinforced
38. (a) protest (b) honour (c) service (d) memory (e) presence
39. (a) fight (b) activity (c) process (d) beginning (e) meantime
40. (a) absent (b) defeated (c) neglected (d) glorified (e) forbidden

Passage 5 (Asstt. Grade, 1994)

It is not proper to damn a system without understanding it. The Indian bureaucracy may be as bad after all, as it is made out to be. Times without number, it has been ... (41) ... that our bureaucrat is a ... (42) ... creature who has the habit of sitting ... (43) ... the files and also happens to sleep ... (44) ... the remainders. What is worse is ... (45) ... his own word. He turns a ... (46) ... ear to the visitor's request and binds his hands and feet with ... (47) ... tape. However, in all fairness ... (48) ... the bureaucracy, it is necessary to note that a major reason for its ... (49) ... to discharge its functions ... (50) ... throughout has been the concentration of power in the hands of the politicians. The bureaucrat may be a devil, but because he has his own share of difficulties, we would not deny him his due.

41. (a) declared (b) proclaimed (c) said (d) pronounced
42. (a) strange (b) sober (c) sophisticated (d) solid
43. (a) on (b) at (c) by (d) with
44. (a) off (b) by (c) away (d) over

Passage 4

In 1893, Lokmanya Tilak converted the Ganapati festival into a public ceremony. He campaigned ... (31) ... the ... (32) ... circulation of this public celebration throughout Maharashtra. It was ... (33) ... this festival that he could ... (34) ... public ... (35) ... to the nationalist movement. The desired ... (36) ... of this festival was further ... (37) ... by Shivaji festival. It was inaugurated in honour of Chhatrapati Shivaji, the greatest Maratha king, in the ... (38) ... of several thousand people. In the ... (39) ... the Marathas were ... (40) ... and this helped a lot in mounting an attack on the British rule.

31. (a) towards (b) for (c) with (d) withstanding (e) against
32. (a) early (b) slow (c) wide (d) sudden (e) limited
33. (c) through (b) from (c) before (d) indeed

45. (a) minces (b) eats (c) minds (d) shuffles
46. (a) busy (b) cold (c) deaf (d) callous
47. (a) brown (b) blue (c) red (d) green
48. (a) for (b) to (c) with (d) of
49. (a) adequacy (b) efficacy (c) position (d) inability
50. (a) effectively (b) elegantly (c) evenly (d) equitably

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (c) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (a) 10. (b)
11. (c) 12. (a) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (d) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (d) 20. (a)
21. (d) 22. (a) 23. (c) 24. (e) 25. (b) 26. (c) 27. (c) 28. (e) 29. (d) 30. (b)
31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (a) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (b) 37. (e) 38. (e) 39. (d) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (a) 43. (a) 44. (d) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (c) 48. (b) 49. (d) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 4

Passage 1 (Asstt. Grade, 1995)

Some people believe that marriages are made in heaven. One cannot say ... (1) ... this is true or not. However, in America now many ... (2) ... who get married seek to evolve a fool proof ... (3) ... to ensure that the marriage survives. However, the idea of married persons ... (4) ... the burden of domestic chores, instead of all the dirty work being dumped on the woman has ... (5) ... been propagated by the feminist ... (6) ... and it has gradually, if grudgingly, been ... (7) ... This arrangement may work on a temporary basis but taking ... (8) ... of a particular domestic work on a permanent basis will pose problems of its own. For instance, taking out the rubbish may ... (9) ... make a refreshing change from washing baby's nappies. However, a contract is a contract and must be ... (10) ... You may not like it but this is what life is coming out to be in the most modern of the countries in the world.

1. (a) whether (b) still (c) however (d) that
2. (a) pairs (b) men (c) couples (d) women
3. (a) method (b) project (c) plan (d) system
4. (a) executing (b) dividing (c) undertaking (d) sharing
5. (a) long (b) sometimes (c) always (d) occasionally

6. (a) group (b) lobby (c) section (d) faction
7. (a) affirmed (b) approved (c) accepted (d) favoured
8. (a) control (b) care (c) charge (d) duty
9. (a) occasionally (b) often (c) intermittently (d) rarely
10. (a) respected (b) executed (c) maintained (d) obeyed

Passage 2

Begin with a strong, ... (11) ... keen desire to the object which you want to achieve. If your desire is weak, momentary or ... (12) ... your achievements will also be likewise and there may be no ... (13) ... at all. But if you go after your ... (14) ... with energy, determination, persistence and an ever-present, ... (15) ... burning, clear-cut, definite desire, nothing under the sun can keep you from success. Remember that only ... (16) ... the depth of your desire depends the swiftness of your progress towards success. Persistence and dogged ... (17) ... will guarantee success against all ... (18) ... No matter what happens, keep cool and keep trying. Never give up. The hardest man to beat is the one who will not ... (19) ... He will ... (20) ... the seeming setbacks and ultimately crown himself with success.

11. (a) persistent (b) consistent (c) resistant (d) continuous

12. (a) frugal (b) immediate
(c) transient (d) uncertain
13. (a) requirements (b) achievements
(c) consequences (d) repercussions
14. (a) goal (b) destination
(c) desire (d) incentive
15. (a) biting (b) diminishing
(c) gnawing (d) decaying
16. (a) over (b) upon
(c) at (d) on
17. (a) determination (b) end
(c) destination (d) aim
18. (a) obstacles (b) odds
(c) hindrances (d) impediments
19. (a) quit (b) forgo
(c) leave (d) shirk
20. (a) occupy (b) conquer
(c) invade (d) confiscate

Passage 3 (N.D.A. 1995)

It is regrettable that the press, radio and television still tend too often to present old age in an unhappily one-sided way. I believe that they do this from the ... (21) ... of motives. They are trying to ... (22) ... the conscience of society to the ... (23) ... of those elderly people who refuse help, who are lonely, destitute, ill, ... (24) ... institutionalised and so on. I am ... (25) ... the media achieve ... (26) ... response and some amelioration of the situation for some of these people.

21. (a) worst (b) best (c) wildest
22. (a) awaken (b) disturb (c) pinch
23. (a) crisis (b) plight (c) misery
24. (a) bed-ridden (b) forgotten (c) lost
25. (a) worried (b) sure (c) uncertain
26. (a) some (b) little (c) any

Passage 4

Sericulture is fast becoming a household industry in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh. Having ... (27) ... economic significance, sericulture has become an employment ... (28) ... for the poor and weaker sections of society ... (29) ... widows. Being a pollution free industry with little energy ... (30) ... and very little ... (31) ... period, the industry quickly ... (32) ... the income of those engaged in this. Sericulture has surely been a ... (33) ... of new hope and aspiration to thousands of families ... (34) ... in this profession who are

- looking for a bright future in the ... (35) ... new cottage industry.
27. (a) tremendous (b) enormous
(c) immense (d) extensive
28. (a) capacity (b) potential
(c) contingency (d) consistency
29. (a) including (b) engaging
(c) embibing (d) excluding
30. (a) necessity (b) essentiality
(c) requirement (d) inevitability
31. (a) gestation (b) lactation
(c) development (d) ripening
32. (a) compensates (b) increases
(c) supplements (d) concentrates
33. (a) messenger (b) harbinger
(c) carrier (d) vector
34. (a) engaged (b) entailed
(c) inculcated (d) entangled
35. (a) relatively (b) comparatively
(c) consecutively (d) temporarily

Passage 5 (B.S.R.B. 1995)

Scientific psychology recognises a ... (36) ... truth that no two individuals are ... (37) ... in this world ... (38) ... equality is a fostered norm of civil society, the truth is that men ... (39) ... unequals in ... (40) ... hues or degrees.

36. (a) clear (b) real (c) simple
(d) direct (e) broken
37. (a) alike (b) close (c) liked
(d) equal (e) correct
38. (a) when (b) since (c) as
(d) neither (e) even though
39. (a) will (b) are (c) is
(d) was (e) were
40. (a) high (b) total (c) no
(d) varying (e) almost

Passage 6 (U.D.C. 1993)

We will be crushed if civil ... (41) ... is started. It will be a ... (42) ... to the clock. The technique of ... (43) ... against it has been ... (44) ... We may have to wait ... (45) ... a year or more, for a suitable ... (46) ... to be created. Any hasty ... (47) ... may result in complete ... (48) ... Labour troubles will ... (49) ... to violence and there will be ... (50) ... discord.

41. (a) riot (b) disturbance
(c) war (d) disobedience
42. (a) damage (b) reversal
(c) setback (d) rewinding

43. (a) defence (b) protection
(c) fighting (d) guarding
44. (a) learnt (b) practised
(c) rehearsed (d) perfected
45. (a) at least (b) minimum
(c) for (d) approximately
46. (a) condition (b) climate
(c) atmosphere (d) weather
47. (a) decision (b) work
(c) deed (d) action
48. (a) demoralization (b) doom
(c) disobedience (d) disaster
49. (a) draw (b) take
(c) lead (d) grow
50. (a) labour (b) communal
(c) religious (d) community

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (a)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (a) 15. (c) 16. (b) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (a) 20. (b)
21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (b) 26. (a) 27. (a) 28. (b) 29. (a) 30. (c)
31. (a) 32. (c) 33. (b) 34. (a) 35. (a) 36. (c) 37. (a) 38. (e) 39. (b) 40. (d)
41. (d) 42. (c) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (a) 46. (c) 47. (d) 48. (d) 49. (c) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 5

Passage 1 (C.B.I. 1995)

It looks like the trail that leads to a magical land. The path climbs out of the forest ... (1) ... white and yellow butterflies flutter ... (2) ... the hanging creepers. It emerges on a ... (3) ... meadow basking in the sun ... (4) ... this is no fairy-tale country. The ... (5) ... inhabitants of the meadows ... (6) ... barely living human skeletons, with sunken, fevered ... (7) ... and clothed in filthy and ... (8) ... rags. They are the refugees who have ... (9) ... to flee deeper into Thailand, and have ... (10) ... instead to stay close to their Cambodian homeland, in spite of all the dangers and hardships they face everyday.

1. (a) that (b) when
(c) where (d) which
2. (a) among (b) at
(c) on (d) in
3. (a) stony (b) beautiful
(c) gaudy (d) dry
4. (a) As (b) And
(c) But (d) So
5. (a) happy (b) only
(c) erstwhile (d) cheerful
6. (a) were (b) are
(c) have (d) being
7. (a) eyes (b) ears
(c) feet (d) hand
8. (a) fluttered (b) cluttered
(c) tattered (d) battered
9. (a) denied (b) asked
(c) wanted (d) refused

10. (a) wondered (b) refused
(c) chosen (d) needed

Passage 2

... (11) ..., even in Delhi, however, takes place in small ... (12) ... shanties, where workers wear no ... (13) ... clothing, and the process can be as ... (14) ... as chopping the material, making it into long strings, and then beads, which can be later ... (15) ... One has never seen any ... (16) ... of ventilation in any of these factories, and the air often has an acrid, ... (17) ... odour which even the workers ... (18) ... about, given a chance. In the 'vata' where plastic is melted, to put it simplistically, the workers often ... (19) ... over and inhale freely. Yet, such shanties are not small operations, and many of them are fit to be called small industries. The unrecognised, even ... (20) ... status given to them forces them to behind iron fences, for reasons financial as well as to carry on unhindered.

11. (a) Reviving (b) Recycling
(c) Restoring (d) Replenishing
12. (a) clandestine (b) concentrated
(c) closed (d) isolated
13. (a) conservative (b) sheathing
(c) protective (d) enclosing
14. (a) cumbersome (b) crude
(c) strong (d) difficult
15. (a) moulded (b) structured
(c) manufactured (d) differentiated
16. (a) privileges (b) resources
(c) emoluments (d) facilities

17. (a) sweet (b) penacious
(c) pungent (d) purverse
18. (a) complain (b) comply
(c) assert (d) criticise
19. (a) rely (b) rest
(c) lean (d) bend
20. (a) lawful (b) humble
(c) illegitimate (d) unestimated

Passage 3 (Bank P.O. 1994)

One fairly well knows that ...(21)... of technological ...(22)... has been a shortage of jobs. As a result of automation and computerisation, which made ...(23)... progress over the last decade, managements have ...(24)... employment levels.

With the ...(25)... of globalisation loosening government controls all over the world, competition and performance judged on bottom line results is sweeping across numerous jobs. These factors and ...(26)... of mere survival are making voluntary retirement schemes a permanent feature of organisation ...(27)... exercises. What is ...(28)... is on its way to ...(29)... compulsory. When a reasonable provision for alimony is made by the organisation, it ...(30)... a character of mutual consent.

21. (a) fall (b) area
(c) upshot (d) increase
- (e) expansion
22. (a) parks (b) research
(c) education (d) innovation
(e) upgradation
23. (a) slow (b) rapid
(c) wider (d) steady
(e) insignificant
24. (a) frozen (b) trained
(c) increased (d) descended
(e) established
25. (a) forces (b) revival
(c) economics (d) competition
(e) advancement
26. (a) urge (b) desire
(c) difficulties (d) competitions
(e) compulsions
27. (a) slimming (b) building
(c) growing (d) reducing
(e) developing
28. (a) choice (b) offered
(c) selective (d) voluntary
(e) inevitable

29. (a) offering (b) becoming
(c) obtaining (d) graduating
(e) establishing
30. (a) needs (b) acquires
(c) signifies (d) misses
(e) envelopes

Passage 4 (Assistant Grade, 1993)

The fact is that democracy is the only ...(31)... system that can preserve the Indian entity, constitute its whole beyond the sum of the various fragments that go into its making and ...(32)... its invaluable genius of stumbling along ...(33)... a humane order. If democracy in India is done ...(34)... with, India itself will ...(35)... in the morass of the various particularities that ...(36)... it. Universal adult ...(37)... and a periodic ...(38)... of the popular mandate ...(39)... by the government is ...(40)... for democracy and hence India's integrity.

31. (a) viable (b) fundamental
(c) possible (d) acceptable
32. (a) suggest (b) promote
(c) encourage (d) inspire
33. (a) with (b) towards
(c) to (d) for
34. (a) off (b) up
(c) away (d) out
35. (a) vanish (b) sink
(c) surrender (d) finish
36. (a) form (b) define
(c) outline (d) constitute
37. (a) sensibility (b) education
(c) participation (d) franchise
38. (a) survey (b) appearance
(c) action (d) renewal
39. (a) obtained (b) gained
(c) secured (d) reserved
40. (a) dispensable (b) indispensable
(c) obvious (d) desirable

Passage 5

There is no ...(41)... about the fact that travelling broadens the mind. It is a ...(42)... of education. People who have not travelled may be ...(43)... to frogs living in a well. Just like the frogs, they begin to ...(44)... that their village, or town, or city is the ...(45)... world. This way of thinking makes them ...(46)... minded and parochial. Those people who read books, magazines and newspapers come to ...(47)... something about the world outside, but this is not the same thing as seeing the outside world with one's own eyes. To see the

beautiful Taj Mahal ...(48)... moonlight is an experience and lesson in ...(49)... beauty that no ...(50)... book or magazine can provide.

41. (a) proof (b) hesitation
(c) doubt (d) picture
42. (a) site (b) way
(c) method (d) means
43. (a) similar (b) compared
(c) matched (d) like
44. (a) believe (b) credulous
(c) mean (d) rely
45. (a) complete (b) entire
(c) whole (d) full
46. (a) narrow (b) constricted
(c) restricted (d) intelligent
47. (a) believe (b) see
(c) know (d) think
48. (a) from (b) with
(c) of (d) by
49. (a) admirable (b) aesthetic
(c) commendable (d) remarkable
50. (a) figured (b) coloured
(c) illustrated (d) remarkable

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (c)
11. (b) 12. (a) 13. (c) 14. (b) 15. (a) 16. (d) 17. (c) 18. (a) 19. (c) 20. (c)
21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (b) 24. (a) 25. (a) 26. (e) 27. (c) 28. (d) 29. (b) 30. (c)
31. (a) 32. (b) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (d) 37. (d) 38. (a) 39. (b) 40. (b)
41. (c) 42. (d) 43. (b) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (a) 47. (c) 48. (d) 49. (b) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 6

Passage 1 (S.B.I.P.O. 1995)

The cities are ...(1)... up and urban unemployment steadily grows. Very probably there is an equal measure of ...(2)... in the countryside. The poorest quarter of the population in developing lands ...(3)... being left almost entirely behind in the vast ...(4)... of the modern technological society. The "marginal men", the ...(5)... strugglers for survival on the ...(6)... of farm and city, may ...(7)... more than two billion. Can we ...(8)... any human order surviving with so ...(9)... a mass of ...(10)... piling up at its base?

1. (a) filling (b) piling
(c) growing (d) enlarging
(e) developing
2. (a) diversity (b) imbalance
(c) shortage (d) employment
(e) worklessness
3. (a) risks (b) suffers
(c) believes (d) condemns
(e) endeavours
4. (a) result (b) struggle
(c) surface (d) abundance
(e) transformation
5. (a) brave (b) honest
(c) aged (d) ultimate
(e) wretched
6. (a) surface (b) ground
(c) fringes (d) environment

(e) background

7. (a) mount (b) extent
(c) project (d) number
(e) account
8. (a) argue (b) hope
(c) suspect (d) imagine
(e) question
9. (a) far (b) long
(c) little (d) many
(e) gross
10. (a) misery (b) humility
(c) generation (d) population
(e) degradation

Passage 2

The ...(11)... of a survey by the National Institute of ...(12)... health give ...(13)... for ...(14)... According to the survey about 14 million people in India are affected by ...(15)... mental ...(16)... at any point of time. In the case of mentally ill, it is ...(17)... enough difficult to ...(18)... them, let alone ...(19)... them. The most ...(20)... are those in the ...(21)..., for whatever ...(22)... for the mentally sick exist are concentrated around major urban centres.

11. (a) verdicts (b) measures
(c) findings (d) decisions
(e) judgements
12. (a) social (b) mental
(c) physical (d) psychical
(e) spiritual

13. (a) cause (b) food
(c) support (d) purpose
(e) reinforcement
14. (a) fear (b) alarm
(c) vexation (d) discontent
(e) dissatisfaction
15. (a) fatal (b) serious
(c) strong (d) important
(e) dangerous
16. (a) disorder (b) confusion
(c) dislocation (d) involvement
(e) perturbation
17. (a) hardly (b) never
(c) seldom (d) often
(e) occasionally
18. (a) cure (b) identify
(c) select (d) recognise
(e) rehabilitate
19. (a) treat (b) cure
(c) guide (d) advise
(e) facilitate
20. (a) serious (b) careless
(c) abandoned (d) indifferent
(e) neglected
21. (a) poor (b) urban
(c) rural (d) forest
(e) suburban
22. (a) avenues (b) remedies
(c) facilities (d) advantages
(e) solicitations

Passage 3 (Central Excise, 1993)

After an absence of thirty years, I decided to visit my old school again. I had ... (23)... to find changes, but not a ... (24)... different building. As I walked up ... (25)... school drive, I wondered for a ... (26)... if I had come to the ... (27)... address. The grimy, red-brick fortress with ... (28)... tall windows that had looked down ... (29)... on the playground and playing fields ... (30)... been swept away. In its place ... (31)... a bright, modern block raised from ... (32)... ground on great concrete stilts.

23. (a) known (b) expected
(c) hoped (d) imagined
(e) entirely
24. (a) entirely (b) barely
(c) completely (d) very
(e) my
25. (a) our (b) my
(c) the (d) a
(e) while
26. (a) moment (b) while
(c) instance (d) period
(e) actual
27. (a) school (b) actual
(c) right (d) exact
(e) its
28. (a) her (b) its
(c) the (d) some
(e) seriously
29. (a) pleasantly (b) seriously
(c) grimly (d) sorrowfully
(e) attentively

30. (a) did (b) has
(c) have (d) had
(e) stood
31. (a) stood (b) was
(c) appeared (d) rose
(e) solid
32. (a) solid (b) a
(c) the (d) low

Passage 4

The ... (33)... of today is a huge financial undertaking with the same outlook as any other limited company. The ... (34)... staff have to make circulation, and if they do not they will soon be ... (35)... by those who can. Their independence therefore suffers a grave limitation. It is further ... (36)... by the fact that a newspaper is as much an advertising medium as a vehicle for ... (37)... It is said that the ... (38)... which the public pays for its newspaper covers no more than a third of the ... (39)... of production; the other two-thirds is accounted ... (40)... by advertisement revenue.

33. (a) hospital (b) newspaper
(c) theatre (d) library
(e) performing
34. (a) performing (b) editorial
(c) company (d) teaching
(e) sustained
35. (a) sustained (b) treated
(c) supplanted (d) cured
(e) destroyed
36. (a) destroyed (b) deepened
(c) curtailed (d) aggravated
(e) training
37. (a) training (b) news
(c) business (d) patients
(e) cost
38. (a) cost (b) tax
(c) fee (d) price
(e) expenses
39. (a) expenses (b) cost
(c) sale (d) amount
(e) into
40. (a) into (b) in
(c) from (d) for

Passage 5 (Bank P.O. 1993)

Most experts agree that even people who think they are sleeping enough would ... (41)... be better off with more ... (42)... As evidence of a general sleep deficit, they ... (43)... the use of the bedside alarm clock used by people to ... (44)... their waking hours. The most relentless robber of ... (45)... is the complexity of every day life. Whenever pressures from work, family and community ... (46)... many people ... (47)... with sleep. Another ... (48)... of sleep is the shift work. The ... (49)... of round-the-clock entertainment, especially all-night television, also takes its ... (50)...

41. (a) mainly (b) probably
(c) suddenly (d) attentively
(e) meaningfully

42. (a) rest (b) work
(c) time (d) energy
(e) freedom
43. (a) prove (b) cite
(c) ignore (d) explain
(e) overlook
44. (a) widen (b) disturb
(c) prolong (d) improve
(e) minimise
45. (a) stress (b) sleep
(c) leisure (d) pleasure
(e) motivation
46. (a) mount (b) unite
(c) happen (d) diminish
(e) disappear
47. (a) depend (b) desist
(c) detach (d) deprive
(e) dispense
48. (a) study (b) product
(c) thief (d) drawback
(e) contributor
49. (a) telecast (b) viewing
(c) deficiency (d) requirement
(e) availability
50. (a) toll (b) credit
(c) risk (d) pressure
(e) enjoyment

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (e) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (a) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (e) 10. (d)
11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (a) 14. (b) 15. (b) 16. (a) 17. (d) 18. (b) 19. (b) 20. (e)
21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (b) 24. (c) 25. (c) 26. (a) 27. (c) 28. (b) 29. (c) 30. (d)
31. (a) 32. (c) 33. (b) 34. (b) 35. (c) 36. (c) 37. (b) 38. (d) 39. (b) 40. (d)
41. (b) 42. (a) 43. (b) 44. (d) 45. (b) 46. (a) 47. (e) 48. (c) 49. (e) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 7**Passage 1 (Central Excise, 1992)**

The feeling of insecurity among the people has increased even though there is ... (1)... use of the para-military and the military. The excesses ... (2)... by the two forces, particularly by the first, do not ... (3)... the type of anger it should because they are seen ... (4)... those who are trying to disintegrate the country. Even a ... (5)... for more say in the administration is shouted down. Human rights organisations and Civil liberty activists are considered a ... (6)..., if not unpatriotic. Even the ... (7)... cases of cruelty are not pursued by the government ... (8)... the inquiry should ... (9)... the forces and ... (10)... the instrument on which it has come to depend.

1. (a) free (b) reduced
(c) little (d) liberal
(e) cleared
2. (a) cleared (b) committed
(c) condoned (d) displayed
(e) resist
3. (a) resist (b) evoke
(c) convey (d) suppress
(e) obeying
4. (a) obeying (b) ignoring
(c) supporting (d) fighting
(e) demand
5. (a) demand (b) desire
(c) prayer (d) plea

Passage 2

Political parties have a right to ... (11)... the electorate but when wooing ... (12)... into bribing, the very ... (13)... of democracy is defeated. Although it is illegal to buy votes, parties in power often ... (14)... to unhealthy tactics to keep sections of the electorate happy. Not only do they make ... (15)... promises but they announce various ... (16)... and relief to ... (17)... sections on the eve of an election. The people still ... (18)... the way in which Prime Minister Indira Gandhi tried to ... (19)... votes for her party by laying ... (20)... for various projects just before a general election. Over the years, the ... (21)... of the ruling party towards the electorate has not changed.

11. (a) win (b) woo
(c) obviate (d) conquer
(e) overcome
12. (a) revives (b) dangles
(c) regenerates (d) degenerates
(e) reverberates
13. (a) reason (b) view
(c) outcome (d) purpose
(e) reverence
14. (a) resort (b) restore
(c) revert (d) render
(e) reciprocate
15. (a) furious (b) lavish
(c) luxurious (d) affirmative
(e) rejuvenating
16. (a) bribes (b) facilities
(c) assurances (d) concessions
(e) opportunities
17. (a) varying (b) every
(c) hitherto (d) different
(e) differentiating
18. (a) remember (b) commend
(c) brandish (d) exonerate
(e) commemorate
19. (a) gain (b) collect
(c) secure (d) gather
(e) manage
20. (a) stepping (b) beginning
(c) basis (d) foundation
(e) commensurate
21. (a) bent (b) shift
(c) aspect (d) attitude
(e) inclination

Passage 3

(Bank P.O. 1996)

To the curious and the ... (22)... the sea still presents the challenge of the unknown, for ignorance is still the ... (23)... characteristic of man's relation to the sea. But now, more than ever, necessity ... (24)... us onward in our exploration of the sea. We now have submarines capable of ... (25)... submergence for many months ... (26)... missiles capable of ... (27)... many times greater than that ... (28)... by World War II. For ... (29)... reasons, therefore, we need ... (30)... to learn more about the ... (31)... of ocean bottom, about deep ocean currents, temperature, density and so on.

Another necessity ... (32)... us to learn to master the sea. That necessity is food. The lives of two-third of the world's people are wholly ... (33)... by that basic

necessity; they are ... (34)... by hunger and by the weakness and disease which hunger generates.

22. (a) outgoing (b) watchful
(c) intelligent (d) courageous
(e) formidable
23. (a) critical (b) valuable
(c) remarkable (d) outstanding
(e) distinguishing
24. (a) makes (b) goads
(c) excites (d) propels
(e) projects
25. (a) steady (b) deadly
(c) durable (d) turbulent
(e) provocative
26. (a) guiding (b) directing
(c) holding (d) providing
(e) subjecting
27. (a) expansion (b) projection
(c) domination (d) aggression
(e) destruction
28. (a) forced (b) witnessed
(c) wrought (d) conceived
(e) experienced
29. (a) strategic (b) historical
(c) academic (d) deliberate
(e) traditional
30. (a) wilfully (b) cautiously
(c) urgently (d) judiciously
(e) drastically
31. (a) velocity (b) tenacity
(c) resources (d) topography
(e) distribution
32. (a) wants (b) presses
(c) involves (d) provides
(e) threatens
33. (a) dictated (b) projected
(c) developed (d) challenged
(e) galvanised
34. (a) salvaged (b) governed
(c) oppressed (d) perturbed
(e) controlled

Passage 4

(N.D.A. 1994)

A university stands for humanism, reason and the adventure of ideas. It stands for the onward ... (35)... of the human race ... (36)... higher objectives. If the universities ... (37)... their duty adequately, then it ... (38)... well with the nation and ... (39)... people. But if the temple of learning itself becomes a home of narrow

bigotry and petty objectives, ... (40)... will the nation prosper?

35. (a) motion (b) march (c) progress
36. (a) towards (b) on (c) for
37. (a) finish (b) obey (c) discharge
38. (a) was (b) will be (c) is
39. (a) the (b) her (c) their
40. (a) when (b) why (c) how

Passage 5

The joint family gave way to the ... (41)... family. Despite the ... (42)... that it offers, children feel ... (43)... lonely and frustrated leading to psychiatrist problems, pressures and ... (44)... A cross-section of children were interviewed, and they matter-of-factly ... (45)... problems, at the same time ... (46)... showing the way to ... (47)... solutions. Tell your children about your work. Young as they are, they ... (48)... where you have been all day. Explain to them 'Mummy has a teaching job. She teaches little children to read and write' or 'Daddy works in a factory. The factory makes scooters'. At least now the child ... (49)... a mental

picture of how you spend the day. There develops a certain ... (50)... in that knowledge.

41. (a) lonely (b) individual
(c) nuclear (d) self-centred
42. (a) seclusion (b) privacy
(c) isolation (d) separation
43. (a) neglected (b) avoided
(c) disregarded (d) segregated
44. (a) burdens (b) complexities
(c) complications (d) controversies
45. (a) marked (b) declared
(c) pin-pointed (d) designated
46. (a) inadvertently (b) unknowingly
(c) obviously (d) painstakingly
47. (a) reasonable (b) plausible
(c) remarkable (d) referred
48. (a) wonder (b) amaze
(c) feel (d) estimate
49. (a) constructs (b) inculcates
(c) develops (d) establishes
50. (a) security (b) assurance
(c) solace (d) restfulness

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a) 6. (a) 7. (b) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (a)
11. (b) 12. (d) 13. (d) 14. (a) 15. (b) 16. (d) 17. (d) 18. (a) 19. (c) 20. (d)
21. (d) 22. (b) 23. (c) 24. (b) 25. (a) 26. (c) 27. (e) 28. (b) 29. (a) 30. (c)
31. (d) 32. (b) 33. (a) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (a) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (b) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (b) 45. (c) 46. (a) 47. (b) 48. (a) 49. (c) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 8

Passage 1

(S.S.C. 1995)

Children are loved by all human beings. But ... (1)... this world of human ... (2)... there is no ... (3)... nuisance than a boy ... (4)... the age of fourteen. He is neither ornamental ... (5)... useful. It is impossible to ... (6)... affection on him as on a ... (7)... boy and he is always getting ... (8)... the way. If he talks with a childish lisp he is called a baby, and if he answers in a grown up way he is called impertinent. Then he is ... (9)... the unattractive, growing age. He grows out ... (10)... his clothes, with indecent haste. His voice begins to break and loses its childish charm.

1. (a) of (b) on
(c) for (d) in

2. (a) affairs (b) life
(c) beings (d) world
3. (a) worst (b) bad
(c) worse (d) better
4. (a) at (b) of
(c) on (d) in
5. (a) and (b) or
(c) nor (d) so
6. (a) show (b) shower
(c) repose (d) showering
7. (a) tiny (b) big
(c) small (d) little
8. (a) through (b) in
(c) on (d) off
9. (a) with (b) on
(c) of (d) at

10. (a) of (b) from
(c) beyond (d) through

Passage 2

We need never feel dull in the country. No matter how often we walk ... (11)... the same road, over the same ... (12)... or through the same woodland paths, ... (13)... is always something new, something fresh to ... (14)... It may be a little plant that ... (15)... up since last we visited the ... (16)..., a hedge that was just a lot of ... (17)... sticks may now be ... (18)... with flowers. We may find a bird's ... (19)... deep in a bush, if we are ... (20)... not to frighten the birds, as the days pass, see first the little legs and then the baby birds.

11. (a) at (b) into
(c) down (d) off
12. (a) fields (b) lanes
(c) corner (d) regions
13. (a) there (b) here
(c) this (d) it
14. (a) see (b) smell
(c) scan (d) spot
15. (a) did come (b) has come
(c) would come (d) comes
16. (a) site (b) spot
(c) village (d) place
17. (a) twisted (b) brown
(c) thick (d) tall
18. (a) protected (b) shrouded
(c) covered (d) surrounded
19. (a) cell (b) hole
(c) hive (d) nest
20. (a) anxious (b) attentive
(c) thoughtful (d) careful

Passage 3 (Bank P.O. 1994)

Decisions may be ... (21)... at either through initiative or through inertia. Many misfortunes in the world come across the bridge of indecision. Power corrupts but weakness also corrupts. The fruits of weakness like fear, bitterness and suspicion can ... (22)... in a paralysis of decision. Inner division can produce indecision, and indecision results by weakness of character.

An occasional wrong decision may be sometimes ... (23)... to indecision. The ... (24)... man is often self-centred. He fears making a ... (25)... and the fear paralyses him. When indecision grips a nation, free men feel the need for an ... (26)... ruler and they are prepared to ... (27)... democracy

overboard. In certain large democracies, the governments rule with a ... (28)... majority. They often know what decisions would be beneficial in the long run, but they ... (29)... to take them lest they be unpopular. Their ... (30)... to carry the opposition and to rally people to a larger purpose, makes them ineffective rulers.

21. (a) aimed (b) looked
(c) arrived (d) deferred
(e) formulated
22. (a) drown (b) result
(c) exist (d) indulge
(e) entangle
23. (a) useful (b) preferable
(c) acceptable (d) susceptible
(e) questionable
24. (a) dishonest (b) common
(c) selfish (d) indecisive
(e) trustworthy
25. (a) decision (b) query
(c) mistake (d) presentation
(e) submission
26. (a) indecisive (b) energetic
(c) eccentric (d) optimistic
(e) autocratic
27. (a) regard (b) accept
(c) throw (d) cultivate
(e) sacrifice
28. (a) derisive (b) slender
(c) vast (d) winning
(e) substantial
29. (a) like (b) fail
(c) prefer (d) decide
(e) hesitate
30. (a) desire (b) skill
(c) apathy (d) inability
(e) indifference

Passage 4

The Universities in India must learn to ... (31)... individuality, variety and dissent ... (32)... a climate of tolerance. Dissent there is, even now, but usually of a sensational kind. The general tendency however, is, to produce the 'organisation man' who is ... (33)... to challenge the accepted pattern of social behaviour and social institutions at the intellectual level and who is ... (34)... often anxious to worm himself into the good ... (35)... of the people who count so that he may be able to 'get on' in life.

31. (a) ignore (b) create
(c) suppress (d) establish

Passage Completion

- (e) encourage
32. (a) within (b) from
(c) but (d) before
(e) without
33. (a) free (b) naive
(c) afraid (d) willing
(e) ignorant
34. (a) never (b) less
(c) too (d) rarely
(e) hardly
35. (a) graces (b) looks
(c) charm (d) influence
(e) connection

Passage 5

(C.D.S. 1994)

Many of us believe that science is something modern, ... (36)... the truth is that ... (37)... has been using science for ... (38)... very long time. However, it has ... (39)... a greater effect on human lives in the last 25 ... (40)... 30 years than in the hundreds of years ... (41)... the invention of the plough. The ... (42)... gifts of science have made modern life ... (43)... and comfortable. But science has ... (44)... the same time created new problems. One of these, which may become ... (45)... in the years to come, is ... (46)... of 'jet-lag'. With

the coming of modern jets, flying at more than 900 kilometres an hour, the world ... (47)... very small indeed. Today if you ... (48)... New Delhi at 4.00 in the morning, you ... (49)... eat an early breakfast in the sky ... (50)... Kabul, and be in London by about 1.30 p.m.

36. (a) unless (b) if (c) though
37. (a) people (b) man (c) men
38. (a) the (b) a (c) that
39. (a) have (b) had (c) has
40. (a) and (b) or (c) either
41. (a) from (b) for (c) since
42. (a) marvellous (b) costly
(c) inexpensive
43. (a) dull (b) exciting (c) aimless
44. (a) at (b) in (c) within
45. (a) bad (b) worse (c) good
46. (a) those (b) this (c) that
47. (a) can become (b) became
(c) has become
48. (a) leave (b) will leave
(c) would leave
49. (a) will (b) can (c) must
50. (a) at (b) on (c) over

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (a)
11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (a) 14. (a) 15. (b) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (c) 19. (d) 20. (d)
21. (c) 22. (b) 23. (b) 24. (d) 25. (a) 26. (e) 27. (c) 28. (c) 29. (e) 30. (d)
31. (e) 32. (a) 33. (c) 34. (c) 35. (a) 36. (c) 37. (b) 38. (b) 39. (b) 40. (b)
41. (c) 42. (a) 43. (b) 44. (a) 45. (b) 46. (c) 47. (c) 48. (a) 49. (b) 50. (c)

PRACTICE SET 9**Passage 1**

(S.B.I.P.O. 1994)

'Quit India' came not from the lips but the aching heart of millions. In this open rebellion, the Indian ... (1)... reached its climax. The British were not only ... (2)... by it, but also were obliged to quit unilaterally. The importance of Quit India can be ... (3)... from Lord Linlithgow's statement, "I am engaged here, in meeting by far the most ... (4)... rebellion since that of 1857, the gravity and extent of which we have so far ... (5)... from the world for

reasons of military security". Still more significant was Churchill's gloomy disclosure to the King Emperor that, "the idea of ... (6)... of power had become an admitted ... (7)... in the minds of British party leaders", although his public statements were diametrically opposite. The ... (8)... created by Quit India made the British ... (9)... that they could no longer keep India in ... (10)...

1. (a) patriotism (b) freedom
(c) liberation (d) revolution

- (e) leadership
2. (a) attacked (b) inspired
(c) enfeebled (d) threatened
(e) impressed
3. (a) established (b) diffused
(c) gauged (d) determined
(e) invigorated
4. (a) trivial (b) serious
(c) auspicious (d) praiseworthy
(e) magnificent
5. (a) elicited (b) excluded
(c) abstained (d) concealed
(e) prevented
6. (a) transfer (b) seizure
(c) grabbing (d) retainment
(e) enhancement
7. (a) fantasy (b) tactics
(c) occurrence (d) inevitability
(e) disillusionment
8. (a) anarchy (b) violence
(c) taboos (d) exigencies
(e) vengeance
9. (a) anxious (b) realise
(c) imagine (d) pretend
(e) apprehend
10. (a) exile (b) power
(c) bondage (d) suspense
(e) abeyance

Passage 2

I am not writing this in praise of police, or to ...(11)... police, nor to hold them up as paragons of ...(12)... I ...(13)... want people to put the problem in proper ...(14)... and not be carried away by individual or ...(15)... incidents, for ...(16)... the entire police force, to ...(17)... that they are all callous brutes and torturers. There is increasingly a ...(18)... in the media to outrageously highlight individual ...(19)... in a manner which gives an impression about the entire police force having become thoroughly cruel ...(20)... of the people.

11. (a) eulogise (b) repent
(c) raise (d) regard
12. (a) beauty (b) esteem
(c) virtue (d) goodness
13. (a) rarely (b) merely
(c) hardly (d) usually
14. (a) perspective (b) idea
(c) form (d) ideal
15. (a) rare (b) stray
(c) misleading (d) unusual

16. (a) humbling (b) degrading
(c) condemning (d) disregarding
17. (a) impress (b) assert
(c) establish (d) instil
18. (a) tendency (b) habit
(c) nature (d) occupation
19. (a) occurrences (b) incidents
(c) accidents (d) instances
20. (a) tyrants (b) brutes
(c) oppressors (d) torturers

Passage 3 (Section Officer's Exam, 1993)

Why is it that the CRP, BSF and the Army give a better account of themselves than the state police? It is the structure of the state police that needs to be looked ...(21)... In a district or city, where there is a separate police force, a majority of the policemen are ...(22)... in police stations. The police station staff is often over-extended and no ...(23)... is available at that level. It is the state force that has to be called ...(24)... But it takes time to ...(25)... forces. If the law and order situation ...(26)... simultaneously at many places, there is manpower ...(27)... Thus once rioting breaks ...(28)..., it takes time to bring it under control so that there is a time ...(29)... between the first incident and the appearance of the adequate force to ...(30)... the situation. The public hue and cry about the delayed arrival of the police force is not unjustified.

21. (a) through (b) on
(c) into (d) at
22. (a) detained (b) deployed
(c) deputed (d) employed
23. (a) reserve (b) force
(c) company (d) squad
24. (a) upon (b) up (c) at (d) on
25. (a) move (b) arrange
(c) mobilise (d) prepare
26. (a) worsens (b) proliferates
(c) degenerates (d) aggravates
27. (a) default (b) shortage
(c) shortcoming (d) failure
28. (a) away (b) in (c) off (d) out
29. (a) lag (b) interval
(c) delay (d) difference
30. (a) control (b) restrain
(c) step (d) prevent

Passage 4

In earlier days, a handicraftsman, the typical labourer, received a certain ...(31)... from the work he did. His efforts were mostly to his own ...(32)... He saw the fruits of his own work in the ...(33)... object he produced. More-over, the ...(34)... of this object ...(35)... demanded his adaptability or inventiveness to overcome the ...(36)... which arose. In a real sense one can speak of his being educated by his ...(37)... Today all is ...(38)... A standardised job is done in a standardised ...(39)... and a standardised job for a standardised ...(40)...

31. (a) satisfaction (b) reward
(c) remuneration (d) consolation
32. (a) advantage (b) profit
(c) benefit (d) betterment
33. (a) complete (b) full
(c) perfect (d) whole
34. (a) making (b) creating
(c) attempting (d) discovering
35. (a) often (b) generally
(c) mostly (d) invariably
36. (a) doubts (b) obstructions
(c) riddles (d) difficulties
37. (a) trade (b) labour
(c) talent (d) attempt
38. (a) changed (b) disappeared
(c) reversed (d) revolutionised
39. (a) method (b) mode
(c) manner (d) fashion
40. (a) pay (b) salary

(c) wage

(d) remuneration

Passage 5

(U.D.C. 1994)

To change the hearts of the ...(41)... in such a way as to make it ...(42)... for them to indulge in these ...(43)... without changing the ...(44)... of the governments that rule over ...(45)... is an impossibility. When ...(46)... reaches that point it will ...(47)... to be human; it will become a ...(48)... of supermen of gods and it will no ...(49)... need the guidance of ...(50)... of the type of Mahatma Gandhi.

41. (a) crowd (b) groups
(c) men (d) mobs
42. (a) impossible (b) likely
(c) unlikely (d) possible
43. (a) cruelties (b) misdeeds
(c) brutalities (d) actions
44. (a) stands (b) hearts
(c) minds (d) decisions
45. (a) you (b) us (c) them (d) people
46. (a) life (b) nature
(c) humanity (d) behaviour
47. (a) continue (b) cease
(c) start (d) begin
48. (a) committee (b) government
(c) organisation (d) body
49. (a) less (b) further
(c) more (d) longer
50. (a) men (b) man
(c) god (d) gods

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (e) 5. (d) 6. (a) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (c)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (b) 14. (a) 15. (b) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (a) 19. (d) 20. (c)
21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (b) 24. (a) 25. (c) 26. (a) 27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (a) 30. (a)
31. (a) 32. (d) 33. (c) 34. (b) 35. (a) 36. (d) 37. (b) 38. (c) 39. (c) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (a) 43. (c) 44. (b) 45. (c) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (d) 49. (d) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 10

Passage 1

(NABARD, 1994)

Do women ...(1)... leadership differently than men do? And if so, will feminine leadership ...(2)... where ...(3)... leadership does not? A recent study suggests somewhat paradoxically that female managers ...(4)... their male ...(5)... even

when the personal characteristics of both are very ...(6)... Of the two schools of thought, the structuralist theory argues that men and women do not receive the same treatment in the workplace and that stamping out ...(7)... bias would stamp out the observed ...(8)... In contrast, the

socialisation theory contends that men and women experience work differently because men see work as more ... (9) ... to their lives. These ... (10) ... explanations apart, today business appears to be undergoing a feminisation of leadership.

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| 1. (a) exercise | (b) tolerate |
| (c) empower | (d) authorise |
| (e) undertake | |
| 2. (a) compete | (b) affect |
| (c) succeed | (d) progress |
| (e) dominate | |
| 3. (a) masculine | (b) benevolent |
| (c) traditional | (d) charismatic |
| (e) authoritarian | |
| 4. (a) out-cast | (b) out-do |
| (c) out-live | (d) out-work |
| (e) out-stand | |
| 5. (a) superiors | (b) employees |
| (c) managers | (d) subordinates |
| (e) counterparts | |
| 6. (a) similar | (b) unique |
| (c) minimal | (d) distinct |
| (e) constant | |
| 7. (a) class | (b) culture |
| (c) gender | (d) category |
| (e) employment | |
| 8. (a) equalities | (b) variations |
| (c) distortions | (d) resemblances |
| (e) discriminations | |
| 9. (a) trivial | (b) central |
| (c) needy | (d) desperate |
| (e) preliminary | |
| 10. (a) identical | (b) analogical |
| (c) discriminating | (d) contradictory |
| (e) corresponding | |

Passage 2

U.S. policy ... (11) ... human rights has been a major irritant in Asia. A case can be successfully made out that ... (12) ... in the history of the world have the human ... (13) ... of so many people improved so ... (14) ... over so short a period of time as has happened in China in the last decade. Over a billion people now enjoy two ... (15) ... meals a day and a standard of living they could hardly have imagined a few years ago. Most have access to basic ... (16) ... Life expectancy at birth is longer in Shanghai today than it is in New York. At the same time ... (17) ... conditions prevail in many areas as it always has in pre-industrial ... (18) ... Over time, with the

spread of prosperity and political pluralism will surely come ... (19) ... in these conditions. Meanwhile identifying human rights as a major issue for confrontation further ... (20) ... the problem instead of alleviating it.

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| 11. (a) regarding | (b) about |
| (c) involving | (d) after |
| 12. (a) ever | (b) seldom |
| (c) never | (d) often |
| 13. (a) situation | (b) condition |
| (c) state | (d) concept |
| 14. (a) dramatically | (b) theatrically |
| (c) exhaustively | (d) drastically |
| 15. (a) rare | (b) square |
| (c) full | (d) standard |
| 16. (a) facilities | (b) privileges |
| (c) amenities | (d) accessories |
| 17. (a) tough | (b) harsh |
| (c) strong | (d) rough |
| 18. (a) societies | (b) traditions |
| (c) customs | (d) festivities |
| 19. (a) improvements | (b) reshuffling |
| (c) attainment | (d) settlement |
| 20. (a) accentuates | (b) alleviates |
| (c) endangers | (d) diminishes |

Passage 3 (B.S.R.B. 1995)

During the World War I, penicillin was ... (21) ... on six patients. The ... (22) ... were very much ... (23) ... but unfortunately due to the ... (24) ... of penicillin two patients died. This tragic incident proved that it ... (25) ... essential to ... (26) ... the medicine ... (27) ... large quantities. After many months of tireless efforts, a flawless ... (28) ... of extracting penicillin in large quantities was evolved. ... (29) ... the manufacture and use of it became ... (30) ...

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| 21. (a) invented | (b) given |
| (c) tested | (d) suggested |
| (e) recommended | |
| 22. (a) impact | (b) results |
| (c) actions | (d) dangers |
| (e) conditions | |
| 23. (a) bright | (b) improving |
| (c) deteriorating | (d) encouraging |
| (e) discouraging | |
| 24. (a) abundance | (b) shortage |
| (c) inefficiency | (d) weaknesses |
| (e) over-supply | |
| 25. (a) was | (b) is |
| (c) were | (d) must |
| (e) have been | |
| 26. (a) test | (b) prove |
| (c) give | (d) inject |

Passage Completion

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| (e) produce | |
| 27. (a) in | (b) by |
| (c) with | (d) over |
| (e) into | |
| 28. (a) term | (b) quality |
| (c) utensil | (d) technique |
| (e) experiment | |
| 29. (a) While | (b) As |
| (c) Soon | (d) Early |
| (e) Before | |
| 30. (a) safe | (b) risky |
| (c) famous | (d) recognised |
| (e) widespread | |

Passage 4

Many large business ... (31) ... undergo a ... (32) ... ritual of ... (33) ... young engineers and management trainees from ... (34) ... institutions. Once the selection gets over, the corporate managers are faced with the problem of ... (35) ... the new ... (36) ... into the cultural set-up of their company. These are several psychological and sociological problems involved in passing from one social system to ... (37) ... For the new recruits, as some of you would be, it is a transition from the world of books, academics and exams to an environment where you have to learn from your ... (38) ... and understand how to ... (39) ... to people and be successful in carrying out the ... (40) ... given to you.

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| 31. (a) centres | (b) agreements |
| (c) deals | (d) organizations |
| 32. (a) timely | (b) early |
| (c) traditional | (d) regular |
| 33. (a) recruiting | (b) selecting |
| (c) managing | (d) choosing |
| 34. (a) famous | (b) large |
| (c) prestigious | (d) various |
| 35. (a) assimilating | (b) suiting |
| (c) fixing | (d) appointing |
| 36. (a) incomers | (b) entrants |
| (c) selections | (d) newcomers |

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| 37. (a) other | (b) rest |
| (c) another | (d) next |
| 38. (a) activities | (b) habits |
| (c) mistakes | (d) experiences |
| 39. (a) attach | (b) endear |
| (c) relate | (d) manage |
| 40. (a) errands | (b) responsibilities |
| (c) trifles | (d) assignments |

Passage 5 (Transmission Executives' 1994)

The Ganga all through its route is filled with innumerable points of interest. Its inspiring beauty, its spiritual value, its purity has no ... (41) ... But what distinguishes it so much is the ... (42) ... help it has been in bringing ... (43) ... a sense of unity among the ... (44) ... and thousands of people who live ... (45) ... it. For, from ancient times, the river has been a bond ... (46) ... the provinces that ... (47) ... on its banks. The people who lived in these ... (48) ... spoke different; ... (49) ... different customs and ate different ... (50) ... of food. All this should have made them strangers to one another. But it did not.

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| 41. (a) rivals | (b) adversaries |
| (c) enemies | (d) opponents |
| 42. (a) copious | (b) voluminous |
| (c) spacious | (d) tremendous |
| 43. (a) up | (b) round |
| (c) in | (d) about |
| 44. (a) dozens | (b) hundreds |
| (c) lakhs | (d) millions |
| 45. (a) at | (b) alongside |
| (c) by | (d) covering |
| 46. (a) merging | (b) covering |
| (c) uniting | (d) mixing |
| 47. (a) lie | (b) stretch |
| (c) rest | (d) stand |
| 48. (a) palaces | (b) ... |
| (c) sites | (d) loungings |
| 49. (a) followed | (b) obeyed |
| (c) pursued | (d) chased |
| 50. (a) forms | (b) types |
| (c) sets | (d) categories |

ANSWERS

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| 1. (a) | 2. (c) | 3. (a) | 4. (b) | 5. (e) | 6. (a) | 7. (c) | 8. (e) | 9. (b) | 10. (d) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (c) | 13. (b) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) | 16. (c) | 17. (b) | 18. (a) | 19. (a) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (b) | 23. (d) | 24. (b) | 25. (a) | 26. (e) | 27. (a) | 28. (d) | 29. (c) | 30. (e) |
| 31. (d) | 32. (d) | 33. (a) | 34. (c) | 35. (a) | 36. (b) | 37. (c) | 38. (d) | 39. (c) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (a) | 42. (d) | 43. (d) | 44. (b) | 45. (d) | 46. (c) | 47. (b) | 48. (c) | 49. (a) | 50. (b) |

PRACTICE SET 11

Passage 1

(Assistant Grade, 1993)

History is an interesting subject but that which ... (1) ... history, properly so called, is in great part ... (2) ... from works on the subject. Only of late years have historians ... (3) ... giving us, in any considered quantity, the truly valuable information. As in the past ages the ... (4) ... was everything and the people nothing. So, in past histories, the ... (5) ... of the king fill the picture, to which the national life forms but an ... (6) ... background. While only now, when the ... (7) ... of nations rather than the rulers is becoming the ... (8) ... idea, are historians beginning to ... (9) ... themselves to the phenomenon of social progress. What we are ... (10) ... about, is the natural history of society. We want all facts which help us to understand how a nation has grown.

1. (a) creates (b) constitutes
(c) assumes (d) regards
2. (a) refuted (b) concealed
(c) withdrawn (d) omitted
3. (a) launched (b) started
(c) instituted (d) introduced
4. (a) king (b) leader
(c) queen (d) representative
5. (a) autobiographies (b) sayings
(c) doings (d) thoughts
6. (a) entire (b) obscure
(c) interesting (d) active
7. (a) goodwill (b) relevance
(c) concern (d) welfare
8. (a) rampant (b) dominant
(c) potent (d) impressive
9. (a) occupy (b) avail
(c) address (d) dwell
10. (a) involved (b) worried
(c) interested (d) concerned

Passage 2

To spoil a heritage is not difficult but to maintain it in its ... (11) ... form is becoming ... (12) ... difficult. While it was in tune with the times to hold the Republic Day parades marking the ... (13) ... of India as the new Republic, and while it is lovely to see families and children gathering around the ... (14) ... of India Gate during summer evenings, none of these things have ... (15) ... the formal design of the place or its ... (16) ... and atmosphere.

One must ... (17) ... the carefully crafted geometry of the hexagon that

served as the basic ... (18) ... on which Edwin Lutyens designed New Delhi. It is sad that ... (19) ... the entire area north of the Central Vista has been destroyed by development, so that the surroundings of Connaught Place look like a jungle of ill-conceived, fire prone multi-storeyed buildings of ... (20) ... character reflecting the lust and greed of the new predators who have arrived on the Indian urban scene.

11. (a) true (b) real
(c) original (d) actual
12. (a) infinitely (b) increasingly
(c) incessantly (d) introvertly
13. (a) incoming (b) entrance
(c) emergence (d) appearance
14. (a) proximity (b) premises
(c) pavilion (d) precincts
15. (a) suffocated (b) mutilated
(c) mentioned (d) differentiated
16. (a) ambience (b) sanctity
(c) beauty (d) splendour
17. (a) appreciate (b) praise
(c) eulogise (d) affirm
18. (a) magnificence (b) foundation
(c) base (d) module
19. (a) virtually (b) overtly
(c) obviously (d) distinctly
20. (a) ominous (b) dubious
(c) prejudicial (d) foreboding

Passage 3

(B.S.R.B. 1996)

"One thing scientists have discovered", notes Thomas Dreier, is ... (21) ... often-praised children become more ... (22) ... than often-blamed ones. There's a creative element in praise."

Good leaders know that. Fundamentally, their job is to ... (23) ... others make the most of themselves. Viewed in strictly ... (24) ... terms, that is their greatest ... (25) ... to their companies. People, employees, are a great untapped ... (26) ... of energy. Leaders who can tap this source are ... (27) ... to any organisation.

It doesn't elaborate ... (28) ... to bring out the best in people. If you ... (29) ... their work, they'll ... (30) ... give you the best that's in them.

21. (a) when (b) since
(c) that (d) quite
- (e) because
22. (a) adamant (b) notorious
(c) rebellious (d) whimsical

Passage Completion

- (e) intelligent
23. (a) help (b) tell
(c) order (d) provide
(e) prevent
24. (a) casual (b) useful
(c) narrow (d) sensible
(e) commercial
25. (a) plight (b) right
(c) handicap (d) privilege
(e) contribution
26. (a) wastage (b) reservoir
(c) utilization (d) conservation
(e) consumption
27. (a) available (b) tolerable
(c) valuable (d) disastrous
(e) troublesome
28. (a) baits (b) pains
(c) troubles (d) benefits
(e) incentives
29. (a) share (b) ignore
(c) perform (d) recognize
(e) advertise
30. (a) seldom (b) usually
(c) probably (d) reluctant
(e) occasionally

Passage 4

The magic is ... (31) ... all over again. India, the land ... (32) ... legendary diamonds, precious stones, gold and silver, will once again become the treasury of the world. ... (33) ... exports of gems and jewellery reach an all time high value of U.S. \$5000 million in the year 1996. ... (34) ... next year, seven out of every ten diamonds sold in the world's gem market, will be ... (35) ... in India. Six thousand jewellery export companies will ... (36) ... from the scores of seepz areas-export promotion zones set up by the government - to ... (37) ... with the world's best designers to ... (38) ... masterpieces of jewellery for connoisseurs and collectors. To ... (39) ... this, the jewellery trade will ... (40) ... an annual domestic sale figure of \$7 million.

31. (a) coming (b) happening
(c) appearing (d) revoking
 32. (a) for (b) with
(c) of (d) along
 33. (a) as (b) when
(c) though (d) instead
 34. (a) Till (b) Until
(c) By (d) Upto
 35. (a) made (b) crafted
(c) created (d) formed
36. (a) function (b) form
(c) start (d) initiate
 37. (a) fight (b) drive
(c) compete (d) comply
 38. (a) create (b) form
(c) shape (d) cut
 39. (a) rank (b) top
(c) supercede (d) mastermind
 40. (a) gain (b) receive
(c) beckon (d) achieve

Passage 5

(Bank P.O. 1993)

First ... (41) ... in all human relationships are crucially important. If ... (42) ... well, they can ... (43) ... the process of ... (44) ... social relationships between ... (45) ... and, at the same time, lay the foundation for future productive and ... (46) ... beneficial ... (47) ... Equally important is the business of closing an encounter. The ... (48) ... of social relationships, even if only temporary, can ... (49) ... strong emotions, since participants have usually ... (50) ... some of their most inner feelings and thoughts to each other.

41. (a) encounter (b) knowledge
(c) appearance (d) association
- (e) friendship
42. (a) treated (b) handled
(c) enacted (d) performed
(e) functioned
43. (a) begin (b) exhibit
(c) project (d) execute
(e) manage
44. (a) retarding (b) augmenting
(c) maintaining (d) exhilarating
(e) strengthening
45. (a) nations (b) spouses
(c) persons (d) friends
(e) organisations
46. (a) mutually (b) latently
(c) qualitatively (d) intellectually
(e) temperamentally
47. (a) rewards (b) positions
(c) advantages (d) applications
(e) transactions
48. (a) duration (b) quality
(c) association (d) termination
(e) advantages
49. (a) evoke (b) display
(c) suppress (d) manifest
(e) establish
50. (a) projected (b) revealed
(c) repressed (d) appreciated
(e) approached

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (c) 10. (d)
 11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (b) 16. (a) 17. (a) 18. (d) 19. (a) 20. (b)
 21. (c) 22. (e) 23. (a) 24. (e) 25. (e) 26. (b) 27. (c) 28. (e) 29. (d) 30. (b)
 31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (a) 37. (c) 38. (a) 39. (b) 40. (d)
 41. (d) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (e) 45. (c) 46. (a) 47. (c) 48. (d) 49. (a) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 12

Passage 1

(I. Tax, 1995)

Leadership is one element, probably the most important element, of the overall managerial job. For managerial effectiveness, leadership quality is ... (1)... Leadership is not status or ... (2)... but rather it is having ... (3)... over others. Managers are required to ... (4)... the objectives; leadership is exercised to ... (5)... them. Leadership is an individual ... (6)... and is proportional to individual's own personal ... (7)... to get people to do as he ... (8)... Thus leadership can stimulate and ... (9)... people to get their willingness and ... (10)... for achieving the proposed objectives of the organisation.

1. (a) fitting (b) desirable (c) suitable (d) preferable
 2. (a) power (b) superiority (c) energy (d) command
 3. (a) influence (b) authority (c) control (d) dominance
 4. (a) achieve (b) complete (c) acclaim (d) discharge
 5. (a) fetch (b) retain (c) attain (d) meet
 6. (a) tactic (b) technique (c) power (d) ability
 7. (a) resources (b) plans (c) sources (d) devices
 8. (a) demands (b) wishes (c) thinks (d) slots
 9. (a) compel (b) motivate (c) incite (d) instigate
 10. (a) sympathy (b) commitment (c) conviction (d) endorsement

Passage 2

The ... (11)... citizen who has to get everyday jobs done by various municipal and government departments is ... (12)...

driven up a tree first ... (13)... them, second explaining to them what is ... (14)... and lastly, getting the job done.

If this week I ... (15)... some personal experience in this column, it is because I can document them. It is not to ask for any special ... (16)... or voice personal ... (17)... but to bring into public view the experiences of hundreds, if not thousands of citizens, everyday of the year and express the collective ... (18)... of all of them. Because one's usual experience is that when such complaints are ... (19)... in such columns, the departments rush to ... (20)...

11. (a) average (b) ordinary (c) usual (d) normal
 12. (a) seldom (b) often (c) usually (d) always
 13. (a) meeting (b) informing (c) contacting (d) conniving
 14. (a) essential (b) demanded (c) desired (d) required
 15. (a) revive (b) recount (c) remember (d) reevaluate
 16. (a) facilities (b) luxuries (c) comforts (d) privileges
 17. (a) enmities (b) grievances (c) follies (d) mistakes
 18. (a) woes (b) misdeeds (c) misfortunes (d) disasters
 19. (a) said (b) debated (c) voiced (d) given
 20. (a) repair (b) restroke (c) manage (d) mend

Passage 3

(S.B.I.P.O. 1995)

Nations which have ... (21)... upon programmes of economic development often run into unsuspected barriers which threaten, and often ... (22)... the ... (23)... needed growth of

the economy. Industrialisation ... (24)... productivity fails to respond and the nations' goals of a rising standard of living for its people are ... (25)...

21. (a) initiated (b) insisted (c) decided (d) embarked (e) progressed
 22. (a) cut (b) halt (c) activate (d) enlighten (e) deteriorate
 23. (a) hopefully (b) alarmingly (c) positively (d) deceptively (e) desperately
 24. (a) lowers (b) falters (c) deviates (d) dissolves (e) fluctuates
 25. (a) fulfilled (b) suspended (c) criticised (d) frustrated (e) postponed

Passage 4

The Constitution of Independent India and the various laws ... (26)... to meet the Constitutional obligations have fortified the position of woman vis-a-vis the man. But it is ... (27)... on paper only. The myth that more and more women are getting higher education and are occupying position of responsibility in all walks of life is falsified by the ... (28)... of dowry deaths and divorce cases filed in the ... (29)... courts. One look at the national dailies will tell the ... (30)... tale of the Indian women, woman-who ... (31)... a child is bargained for a bridal price or when she grows up serves as a supplier of dowry for her husband's family or who, as a widow immolates herself on her husband's ... (32)... to be ... (33)... as sati.

Our study about woman's place in Indian society is mainly based on urban, professional and educated Indian women. Deep in the rural heartland of the country, the rapidly changing world has not even touched the ... (34)... of the life of a woman. Most men of orthodox families take ... (35)... in revealing that their ... (36)... folk stay in 'purdah', a shield that ... (37)... a woman of the joys of free Nature. Still more alarming are the ... (38)... of atrocities of women ... (39)... incidents at Bantala, Singur and Birati are ... (40)...

26. (a) drawn (b) enacted (c) created (d) just (e) all (f) something
 28. (a) many (b) rise (c) number (d) civil (e) social (f) criminal

30. (a) horrifying (b) sordid (c) painful
 31. (a) since (b) as (c) being
 32. (a) corpse (b) woods (c) pyre
 33. (a) appreciated (b) marked (c) acclaimed
 34. (a) end (b) edge (c) fringe
 35. (a) fame (b) pride (c) boast
 36. (a) women (b) woman (c) woman's
 37. (a) prohibits (b) checks (c) deprives
 38. (a) events (b) incidents (c) accidents
 39. (a) Fresh (b) New (c) Recent
 40. (a) intensifying (b) fearful (c) shocking

Passage 5 (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)

It is difficult to find a person who would put in a good word for the kind of bureaucracy we have in India. Incidentally, things may now be seen as coming to a head. ... (41)... the attainment of Independence, India ... (42)... from time to time several ... (43)... power Committees or Commissions to ... (44)... administration. In spite of all this, the impression ... (45)... that the Indian variety of bureaucracy has been slow and slothful. Fact is that the ... (46)... of bureaucracy happens to be ... (47)... the same all over the world. Even in the U.S.A. Presidents have ... (48)... a great deal of concern. ... (49)... the manner in which bureaucracy has been functioning at various levels. In spite of all this, not much change can be ... (50)... in the near future. One may feel like hanging one's head in despair unless one believes in some super-human power that looks after our universe.

41. (a) Till (b) Since (c) With (d) From
 42. (a) appointed (b) arranged (c) selected (d) framed
 43. (a) super (b) great (c) multiple (d) high
 44. (a) revive (b) reform (c) transform (d) perform
 45. (a) subsists (b) insists (c) persists (d) consists
 46. (a) function (b) growth (c) structure (d) behaviour
 47. (a) structurally (b) practically (c) strictly (d) precisely
 48. (a) declared (b) asserted (c) voiced (d) waged

49. (a) at (b) on (c) with (d) from (c) affected (d) admitted
50. (a) accepted (b) expected

ANSWERS

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (c) 6. (d) 7. (a) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (b)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (c) 14. (d) 15. (b) 16. (d) 17. (b) 18. (a) 19. (c) 20. (d)
21. (d) 22. (a) 23. (e) 24. (b) 25. (d) 26. (b) 27. (b) 28. (c) 29. (a) 30. (b)
31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (c) 34. (c) 35. (b) 36. (a) 37. (c) 38. (b) 39. (c) 40. (c)
41. (b) 42. (a) 43. (d) 44. (b) 45. (c) 46. (c) 47. (b) 48. (c) 49. (c) 50. (b)

PRACTICE SET 13

Passage 1

(C.B.I. 1990)

Something has happened in the last twenty years that surely must ... (1)... anything that has happened before. Some historians are already saying that thrust ... (2)... space represents a vital turning point in history. Moon flights are considered ... (3)... less than steps in human evolution ... (4)... to the time when life on earth emerged from the sea and established itself on land. Of course, not everyone ... (5)... enraptured by space. Critics have often said that space flight has been an ... (6)... use of resources that should have ... (7)... to feeding, clothing and housing people. There is, however, no proof that if we had ... (8)... been working on space we would have done anything of great human value. In fact, research and exploration have a ... (9)... spin-offs, quite apart from the fact that they demonstrate that ... (10)... is alive and insatiably curious.

1. (a) recede (b) precede (c) transcend (d) terminate
2. (a) into (b) in (c) upon (d) on
3. (a) probably (b) sufficiently (c) certainly (d) nothing
4. (a) matching (b) comparable (c) contrasting (d) exceeding
5. (a) being (b) had been (c) was (d) has been
6. (a) benevolent (b) appropriate (c) extravagant (d) economical
7. (a) gone (b) reserved (c) allotted (d) devoted
8. (a) possibly (b) seldom (c) occasionally (d) not
9. (a) relevant (b) remarkable (c) renounced (d) renowned
10. (a) individual (b) one (c) human (d) man

Passage 2

Politicians must ... (11)... that today's young generation will step into their shoes tomorrow. They must ... (12)... fanaticism and should ... (13)... communal or casteist ... (14)... which leads to rioting ... (15)... change, though a necessity, is not practically ... (16)... but at least a gradual ... (17)... of the violent trend has to be brought about. Hatred has to be shed at all costs as soon as possible before it's too late to turn back ... (18)... from drawing board or debating stage to ... (19)... is the only hope for the Indian child today. Only if this transition is made can the Indian child live in a place where the mind is ... (20)... fear and the head is held high.

11. (a) realise (b) recognise (c) relish (d) refer
12. (a) leave (b) reject (c) dispose (d) denounce
13. (a) incite (b) provoke (c) kindle (d) inspire
14. (a) creations (b) passions (c) views (d) thoughts
15. (a) Great (b) Dominant (c) Overpowering (d) Radical
16. (a) possible (b) feasible (c) realisable (d) accomplished
17. (a) reversal (b) transformation (c) aversion (d) retreat
18. (a) Change (b) Transition (c) Retrace (d) Demarcation
19. (a) incorporation (b) application (c) implementation (d) inculcation
20. (a) without (b) bereft (c) beside (d) over

Passage 3

(Bank P.O. 1995)

The world economy is in recession — the deepest and the most widespread ... (21)...

Passage Completion

the 1930s. There are ... (22)... of ... (23)... in the industrial countries, but most serious economic ... (24)... anticipate that rates of growth and levels of economic activity will remain low.

In all that has been written about world ... (25)... the ... (26)... have been overwhelmingly and narrowly economic. Few have ... (27)... the human consequences in more than a superficial manner. Not a single international study has ... (28)... the session's ... (29)... on the most vulnerable half of the world's population — the children.

The need for ... (30)... clearly the ... (31)... between world economic conditions and child welfare has thus become even more urgent in the last few years. The world scale of current child distress also makes it artificial to restrict the analysis of causes to the ... (32)... level.

21. (a) by (b) for (c) in (d) since (e) before
22. (a) tips (b) risks (c) studies (d) glimmers (e) histories
23. (a) impact (b) recovery (c) downfall (d) slackness (e) development
24. (a) surveys (b) findings (c) analysts (d) students (e) journalists
25. (a) wars (b) conflicts (c) economy (d) recession (e) development
26. (a) aims (b) glimpses (c) emphasis (d) suppositions (e) preoccupations
27. (a) taught (b) delved (c) manifested (d) propagated (e) investigated
28. (a) planned (b) analysed (c) prepared (d) understood (e) highlighted
29. (a) impact (b) study (c) analysis (d) overtures (e) undercurrents
30. (a) curbing (b) chalking out (c) propagating (d) implementing (e) bringing out
31. (a) linkages (b) fallouts (c) contrasts (d) similarities (e) dependence

32. (a) highest (b) low (c) political (d) international (e) national

Passage 4

Tea prices in the domestic ... (33)... continue to rule high in the ... (34)... year despite the expectation of a ... (35)... production as compared to the previous year. According to a preliminary assessment ... (36)... on the weather ... (37)... in recent months, tea output in the next year may reach 740 million kg as ... (38)... 700 million kg last year. During the past three months, tea prices have generally shown an ... (39)... Unlike last year, when tea prices rose dramatically, this year, prices seem to have ... (40)... at a rather high level. In the subsequent four months, the ... (41)... average price showed a downtrend but in September, the prices have ... (42)... hardened to a considerable extent.

33. (a) market (b) area (c) sector (d) profit (e) production
34. (a) last (b) first (c) current (d) second (e) earlier
35. (a) lower (b) large (c) higher (d) maximum (e) optimum
36. (a) shared (b) based (c) carried (d) strategy (e) conducted
37. (a) pattern (b) forecast (c) conditions (d) outbreak (e) outbursts
38. (a) to (b) per (c) above (d) against (e) compared
39. (a) upgrade (b) uptrend (c) reduction (d) increment (e) downtrend
40. (a) stabilised (b) surfaced (c) increased (d) moderated (e) synchronised
41. (a) annual (b) weekly (c) daily (d) quarterly (e) monthly
42. (a) now (b) then (c) since (d) never (e) again

Passage 5

(Bank P.O. 1995)

The year 1973 ... (43) ... a watershed in the economic ... (44) ... of young male high school graduates in the United States. In the twenty four years ... (45) ... to this date, the medium income of 25 to 34 year old males ... (46) ... highest level of educational attainment was a high school diploma ... (47) ... from \$14,483 to \$24,482 (in constant 1987 dollars). This increase was the ... (48) ... of the rapid growth of the U.S. economy ... (49) ... this period. As the expression goes, the rapidly growing economy was like a rising tide that ... (50) ... all boats. This rapid ... (51) ... in income permitted several generations of young high-school educated men to enjoy a higher standard of living ... (52) ... their fathers had.

43. (a) took (b) began
(c) marked (d) arranged
(e) substituted
44. (a) prospects (b) outcome
(c) history (d) thinking
(e) preparation
45. (a) as (b) ahead

- (c) hence (d) prior
(e) subsequent
46. (a) since (b) where
(c) when (d) whose
(e) though
47. (a) started (b) increased
(c) demanded (d) continued
(e) reduced
48. (a) result (b) strength
(c) reason (d) demand
(e) expectation
49. (a) from (b) after
(c) during (d) outside
(e) between
50. (a) cracked (b) lifted
(c) sunk (d) boasted
(e) threatened
51. (a) outcome (b) increase
(c) decrease (d) exchanged
(e) deterioration
52. (a) when (b) from
(c) to (d) before
(e) than

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (d) 6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (d)
11. (a) 12. (d) 13. (a) 14. (b) 15. (d) 16. (a) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (a)
21. (d) 22. (b) 23. (d) 24. (c) 25. (c) 26. (a) 27. (b) 28. (b) 29. (a) 30. (e)
31. (c) 32. (e) 33. (a) 34. (c) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (c) 38. (d) 39. (b) 40. (a)
41. (e) 42. (e) 43. (c) 44. (a) 45. (d) 46. (d) 47. (b) 48. (a) 49. (c) 50. (b)
51. (b) 52. (e)

PRACTICE SET 14

Passage 1

(C.B.I. 1994)

The first problem to be tackled was that of feeding the huge population of the country after Independence. It became ... (1) ... to adopt ... (2) ... for agricultural development. The ... (3) ... of multipurpose ... (4) ... with the development of ... (5) ... as one of its ... (6) ... components was the ... (7) ... step towards the provision of ... (8) ... infrastructure. It was realised that ... (9) ... is the basic ... (10) ... in developing agriculture. The total irrigation potential was, therefore, increased.

1. (a) essential (b) desirable
(c) notional (d) optional
2. (a) crops (b) families
(c) regions (d) strategies
3. (a) relocation (b) renovation
(c) construction (d) visualisation
4. (a) offices (b) organisations
(c) agencies (d) projects
5. (a) markets (b) irrigation
(c) villages (d) fields
6. (a) major (b) financial
(c) minor (d) subsidiary
7. (a) last (b) least
(c) first (d) intermediate

8. (a) modern (b) agricultural
(c) productive (d) industrial
9. (a) electricity (b) rain
(c) fertiliser (d) water
10. (a) input (b) indicator
(c) ingredient (d) obstacle

Passage 2

Ancestors and dead relations were believed to punish ... (11) ... for sins, both of commission and ... (12) ... The ancestors were the guardians of ... (13) ... society's morality, and they chastised those ... (14) ... failed in their duty. The explanation ... (15) ... heard was: 'He told lies about the ... (16) ... and the ancestors killed him', or ... (17) ... uncle's ghost killed him because he ... (18) ... to look after his children or his ... (19) ... felt disgraced by his conduct, ... (20) ... killed him.

11. (a) friends (b) acquaintances
(c) people (d) descendants
12. (a) mission (b) omission
(c) permission (d) remission
13. (a) some (b) any
(c) the (d) a
14. (a) who (b) have
(c) what (d) which
15. (a) seldom (b) inevitably
(c) always (d) often
16. (a) land (b) wealth
(c) property (d) riches
17. (a) their (b) his
(c) that (d) the
18. (a) objected (b) tried
(c) rejected (d) failed
19. (a) 'spirits' (b) 'tribesmen'
(c) 'friends' (d) 'ancestors'
20. (a) they (b) ghosts
(c) someone (d) enemies

Passage 3

(F.B.I. 1995)

Motivating employees with traditional authority and financial ... (21) ... has become increasingly ... (22) ... as employees become economically secure and their dependency on any one particular organisation ... (23) ... According to expectancy theorists, the motivation to ... (24) ... increases when an employee feels his ... (25) ... in an instrument for obtaining desired rewards. Nevertheless, in many organisations today employees are ... (26) ... to organisational rewards just by being employed. Unions, governmental regulations, and the nature of the job itself in some cases ... (27) ... management from ... (28) ... financial rewards to performance. People may be attracted to join and remain in

organisations to receive organisational rewards, but ... (29) ... motivated to join an organisation is ... (30) ... the same as being motivated to exert effort in an organisation.

21. (a) matters (b) curbs
(c) incentives (d) guidelines
(e) restrictions
22. (a) expensive (b) simple
(c) difficult (d) unrealistic
(e) illegitimate
23. (a) lasts (b) perishes
(c) endangers (d) increases
(e) decreases
24. (a) earn (b) work
(c) learn (d) expect
(e) depend
25. (a) training (b) strength
(c) behaviour (d) performance
(e) reliability
26. (a) entitled (b) exposed
(c) entrusted (d) subjected
(e) empowered
27. (a) compels (b) vitiates
(c) leaves (d) prevents
(e) encourages
28. (a) relating (b) donating
(c) attaching (d) establishing
(e) announcing
29. (a) having (b) being
(c) posing (d) getting
(e) finding
30. (a) only (b) just
(c) not (d) absolutely
(e) undoubtedly

Passage 4

Civilisation means outward ... (31) ... whereas culture means inward perfection. We may be ... (32) ... today, but we are not cultured. We have trains, aeroplanes and all the modern modes and ... (33) ... This is ... (34) ... on the road of materialism but we have lost our finer emotions. Civilisation has ... (35) ... mystery and romance out of the heart of nature and ... (36) ... her beauty and magic. It has placed ... (37) ... power in the hands of man, making him a ... (38) ... With a single atom or hydrogen bomb, he can rain death and ... (39) ... on millions of innocent creatures. Thus, he is out to ... (40) ... himself with his own hands.

31. (a) success (b) capability
(c) progress (d) enhancement

32. (a) perfect (b) educated
(c) decent (d) civilised
33. (a) means (b) resources
(c) equipments (d) gadgets
34. (a) advancement (b) heading
(c) movement (d) progress
35. (a) dug (b) destroyed
(c) plucked (d) marred
36. (a) damaged (b) destroyed
(c) disreputed (d) soiled
37. (a) immaterial (b) boundless
(c) infinite (d) unlimited
38. (a) ruthless (b) wild
(c) animal (d) brute
39. (a) destruction (b) dearth
(c) gloom (d) sadness
40. (a) stab (b) murder
(c) kill (d) strangle

Passage 5 (Stenographer's Exam, 1995)

Each species has its special place or habitat. An ... (41) ... bird watcher can look at ... (42) ... forest, meadow, lake, swamp or field and ... (43) ... almost exactly what birds he ... (44) ... find there ... (45) ... birds are found all over the world; others ... (46) ...

themselves to certain areas. Still ... (47) ... migrate from one country to another in ... (48) ... in search of warmth and ... (49) ... and then return in spring, ... (50) ... the season is more favourable.

41. (a) active (b) advanced
(c) expert (d) experienced
42. (a) certain (b) a
(c) some (d) the
43. (a) calculate (b) prophesy
(c) suggest (d) predict
44. (a) will (b) might
(c) must (d) should
45. (a) All (b) Most
(c) Some (d) More
46. (a) involve (b) confine
(c) entrust (d) keep
47. (a) some (b) others
(c) few (d) they
48. (a) autumn (b) spring
(c) summer (d) winter
49. (a) food (b) fruit
(c) crops (d) seeds
50. (a) when (b) after
(c) until (d) while

ANSWERS

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (b) 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (c)
11. (d) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (a) 15. (d) 16. (a) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (d) 20. (a)
21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (e) 24. (b) 25. (d) 26. (a) 27. (d) 28. (a) 29. (b) 30. (b)
31. (c) 32. (d) 33. (c) 34. (a) 35. (c) 36. (b) 37. (d) 38. (d) 39. (b) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (c) 46. (b) 47. (a) 48. (d) 49. (a) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 15

Passage 1

(S.S.C. 1992)

People talk of ... (1) ... to him in statues of bronze or marble or pillars and thus they ... (2) ... him and ... (3) ... his message. What tributes shall we ... (4) ... to him that he would have appreciated? He has shown us the way to live and the way to die and if we have not ... (5) ... that lesson, it would be better that we ... (6) ... no memorial to him, for the only fit memorial is to follow ... (7) ... in the path he showed us. To him India was dear because she had ... (8) ... throughout the ... (9) ... certain ... (10) ... truths.

1. (a) epitaphs (b) tributes
(c) memorials (d) praises

2. (a) depreciate (b) ridicule
(c) overthrow (d) mock
3. (a) belie (b) refute
(c) berate (d) decry
4. (a) extend (b) pay
(c) offer (d) give
5. (a) accepted (b) understood
(c) realised (d) followed
6. (a) constructed (b) built
(c) erected (d) raised
7. (a) strictly (b) willingly
(c) readily (d) reverently
8. (a) adhered (b) represented
(c) offered (d) followed
9. (a) period (b) world
(c) ages (d) country
10. (a) durable (b) immortal
(c) higher (d) immutable

Passage 2

A man-eating tiger is a tiger that has been ... (11) ... through stress of circumstances ... (12) ... its control to adopt a diet alien to it. The stress of ... (13) ... is, in nine cases out of ten, wounds, and in the tenth case old age. The wound that has caused a ... (14) ... tiger to take to man-eating might be the result of a carelessly fired shot and ... (15) ... to follow up. Human beings are not the ... (16) ... prey of tiger, and it is only when the tigers have been ... (17) ... through wounds or old age that, in order to live, they are compelled to take to a ... (18) ... of human flesh. A tiger when ... (19) ... its natural prey, which it does either by stalking or lying in wait for it, depends for the success of its attack on its speed and to a lesser ... (20) ... on the condition of its teeth and claws.

11. (a) compelled (b) incited
(c) encouraged (d) perpetuated
12. (a) behind (b) before
(c) beyond (d) after
13. (a) environment (b) conditions
(c) circumstances (d) situations
14. (a) special (b) particular
(c) singular (d) definite
15. (a) failure (b) hinderance
(c) lack (d) remainder
16. (a) superficial (b) eternal
(c) ephemeral (d) natural
17. (a) incapacitated (b) inactivated
(c) enfeebled (d) indefinite
18. (a) food (b) diet
(c) meal (d) breakfast
19. (a) murdering (b) stabbing
(c) killing (d) devouring
20. (a) extent (b) amount
(c) quantity (d) degree

Passage 3

(S.B.I. P.O. 1993)

Conventional medical wisdom does not advise taking ... (21) ... vitamins as pills and capsules. On the contrary, there was a strong lobby which ... (22) ... the supplementary intake of vitamins. This used to leave the ... (23) ... person confused. However, modern research is ... (24) ... a surprise. More and more scientists are beginning to ... (25) ... that ... (26) ... medical view on vitamins has been ... (27) ... Evidence shows that ... (28) ... extra vitamins plays a role in assuring vitality and ... (29) ... health than was ... (30) ... thought.

21. (a) all (b) some
(c) extra (d) strong

- (e) insoluble
22. (a) criticised (b) projected
(c) advocated (d) facilitated
(e) communicated
23. (a) sick (b) medical
(c) average (d) educated
(e) scientific
24. (a) trying (b) holding
(c) inventing (d) practising
(e) manufacturing
25. (a) trust (b) forget
(c) refute (d) forget
(e) suspect
26. (a) all (b) modern
(c) indigent (d) allopathic
(e) traditional
27. (a) limited (b) feasible
(c) practical (d) correct
(e) confusing
28. (a) taking (b) buying
(c) marketing (d) swallowing
(e) manufacturing
29. (a) useful (b) manly
(c) optimal (d) stronger
(e) pleasurable
30. (a) now (b) even
(c) seriously (d) occasionally
(e) previously

Passage 4

With Jeans becoming a household ... (31) ... with whom all sections of the population ... (32) ... the Indian jeans market has become a happy hunting ground for the dukes of denimwear. Hitherto a product that was ... (33) ... to the basic Indian ... (34) ... with changing lifestyles a large section of the population has ... (35) ... to wearing jeans. With the jeans revolution gripping India, the ... (36) ... jeans juggernauts have arrived in the country to launch a battle with the Indian manufacturers. Like the 'cola war' India is now ... (37) ... for another 'mother of all battles' to be fought between the kings of denim - Lee, Levi Strauss, Lee Cooper, Pepe, Wrangler who have ... (38) ... their brands in a ... (39) ... to wrest a share of the 2000 crore jeans market. These international invaders have camped in India with an aggressive marketing and advertising ... (40) ... they have launched an advertising blitzkrieg of a kind India has never seen before.

31. (a) errand (b) commodity

- (c) fashion
32. (a) affiliate (b) adjoin
(c) enjoin (d) intimidate
33. (a) alien (b) stranger
(c) new (d) unaccustomed
34. (a) attire (b) ethics
(c) designing (d) scheme
35. (a) reverted (b) graduated
(c) rivetted (d) enshrined
36. (a) whereabouts (b) roundabout
(c) underworld (d) global
37. (a) bracing (b) enjoining
(c) embracing (d) acquiring
38. (a) loosened (b) unleashed
(c) disclosed (d) commenced
39. (a) bid (b) competition
(c) try (d) jest
40. (a) manipulations (b) plans
(c) manoeuvres (d) enticements

Passage 5 (Assistant Grade, 1994)

The Earth is one of the known planets that circle the sun. In ... (41)... times, the men who studied the ... (42)... noticed that while certain heavenly ... (43)... seemed fixed in the sky, others seemed to ... (44)... about. The latter they named planets or wanderers. ... (45)... astronomers have discovered that the four planets, Jupiter,

Saturn, Uranus ... (46)... Neptune, are surrounded by poisonous gases and are so ... (47)... that any living thing attempting to ... (48)... on them would instantly be frozen to death. Of the five remaining ... (49)..., Venus most closely ... (50)... the Earth in size.

41. (a) past (b) antique
(c) ancient (d) modern
42. (a) light (b) stars
(c) earth (d) sun
43. (a) bodies (b) objects
(c) things (d) entities
44. (a) jump (b) roam
(c) run (d) move
45. (a) Upstart (b) Future
(c) Modern (d) New
46. (a) or (b) and
(c) nor (d) etc.
47. (a) cold (b) lukewarm
(c) dull (d) frigid
48. (a) squat (b) land
(c) walk (d) stay
49. (a) constellations (b) stars
(c) planets (d) meteors
50. (a) imitates (b) negates
(c) resembles (d) identifies

ANSWERS

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (b) 6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (c) 10. (d)
11. (a) 12. (c) 13. (c) 14. (b) 15. (a) 16. (d) 17. (a) 18. (b) 19. (c) 20. (a)
21. (c) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (a) 26. (b) 27. (d) 28. (a) 29. (c) 30. (e)
31. (b) 32. (a) 33. (a) 34. (a) 35. (b) 36. (d) 37. (a) 38. (b) 39. (a) 40. (c)
41. (c) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (d) 45. (c) 46. (b) 47. (a) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (c)

Now, work out Practice Sets 16 to 22 as per the following instructions.

Directions : In each of the given passages at certain points, a choice of some words marked (a), (b), (c) and / or (d) is given. Choose the best word from these and indicate your choice.

PRACTICE SET 16

Passage 1 (C.D.S. 1993)

Some scholars were exploring the forests of Middle America. They discovered, during their exploration some buildings which were in ruins. These buildings were ... (1)... (a) surely / (b) reasonably / (c) apparently ruined by the encroaching forest. It was also clear that these buildings were no ordinary structures. They were remnants of

a ... (2)... (a) great / (b) new / (c) ordinary civilisation. The scholars got interested. They excavated more and discovered ... (3)... (a) for / (b) at / (c) to their utmost surprise, the remains of a flourishing civilisation—the Maya's ... (4)... (a) while / (b) as / (c) when they named it. Thus, it was as late as in ... (5)... (a) the / (b) then / (c) at 19th century that the secrets of a new civilisation were ... (6)... (a) unmatched

Passage Completion

/ (b) unearthed / (c) unparalleled. For sometime the scholars believed that the Mayans must have ... (7)... (a) being / (b) become / (c) been the descendants of the ancient Egyptians or one of the lost tribes of Israel; or perhaps a brand of the South East-Asia's immigrants. However they could not come to an unanimous decision. Nevertheless, the fact remains that even today the Mayan culture is one of ... (8)... (a) the / (b) a / (c) an most fascinating ancient civilisations. The civilisation was situated in the ... (9)... (a) tail / (b) heart / (c) head of Middle America. It covered an area equivalent to France, ... (10)... (a) but / (a) yet / (c) and spread across Guatemala, Belize and some parts of Mexico Honduras. It started in 2500 B.C. and continued its progress till 34 ... (11)... (a) decades / (b) centuries / (c) years later. Throughout its period of progress, the people struggled against the invading ... (12)... (a) civilisation / (b) forests / (c) enemies. They used to burn the plants and make the land ... (13)... (a) good / (b) fertile / (c) properly for cultivation. Their staple food was maize. But even while ... (14)... (a) doing / (b) fighting / (c) struggling for existence, they found time to build remarkable buildings for ... (15)... (a) it / (b) which / (c) that they used mortar, sandstone and volcanic rock. The buildings do tell us about the technological advances they had attained.

Passage 2

Taj Mahal, a breath taking embodiment of humanity, love and creativity, a unique exercise in architectural excellence and a constant source of inspiration and exuberance for the world. Countless men and women the world over travel miles to ... (16)... (a) appreciate / (b) adore / (c) analyse the medieval masterpiece and ... (17)... (a) revere / (b) repeat / (c) rehabilitate its mesmeric ambiance. Soon, all this is set to change. Taj is dying a slow, ... (18)... (a) frightening / (b) cursing / (c) choking death. Rising air pollution is slowly ... (19)... (a) clinching / (b) enhancing / (c) flinching its pristine splendour. At ... (20)... (a) stake / (b) fire / (c) verge is the tourism industry, officially claimed as the largest bread earner for the town's eight lakh populace.

... (21)... (a) Since / (b) For / (c) From many years, the town is fast being pulled downwards in a relentless ... (22)...

(a) circle / (b) sphere / (c) spiral of environmental decay and human misery. The alarming ... (23)... (a) downfall / (b) decline / (c) depopularisation in tourism has activated an insipid bureaucracy. Pushed by the hoteliers, it has been trying to work ... (24)... (a) up / (b) over / (c) out intelligent plans for boosting tourism. Besides unemployment in Agra has created an army of touts. There are lumpen youth who ... (25)... (a) draw / (b) squeeze / (c) notch out hefty commissions by ... (26)... (a) leading / (b) fetching / (c) summoning unsuspecting tourists to selected hotels.

Like unemployment, pollution is ... (27)... (a) epidemic / (b) endemic / (c) geographic in Agra. The Supreme Court ... (28)... (a) summoned / (b) demanded / (c) ordered the closure of polluting industrial units in Agra until they ... (29)... (a) agreed / (b) abided / (c) complied with the environmental standard. But this hasn't ended Agra's ... (30)... (a) threats / (b) ravages / (c) woes.

Passage 3 (Translators' Exam, 1994)

Apart from the great pleasure the cinema gives us as a means of entertainment, it is in many ways an ... (31)... (a) engagement / (b) enjoyment / (c) education / (d) entertainment in itself. The film companies from time to time produce historical pictures and these pictures are of great ... (32)... (a) assistance / (b) enjoyment / (c) diversion / (d) entertainment to the teacher of history. A couple of hours ... (33)... (a) wasted / (b) given / (c) stayed / (d) spent in the company of historical ... (34)... (a) heroes / (b) characters / (c) models / (d) personages dressed in the proper ... (35)... (a) livery / (b) manner / (c) attire / (d) wardrobe of the period can ... (36)... (a) give / (b) relate / (c) grant / (d) teach us far more than we can ... (37)... (a) learn / (b) deduce / (c) draw / (d) begot from a whole week's reading of a historical text-book. Some educational film companies ... (38)... (a) squander / (b) devote / (c) spend / (d) deploy their time to the filming of the habits and customs of animals and many other branches of scientific life. We can see the ... (39)... (a) dropping / (b) hatching / (c) falling / (d) rolling of the eggs of the fish and their ... (40)... (a) formation / (b) increment / (c) development / (d) enlargement into large fishes.

Passage 4

Democracy has its dangers, the greatest of which is that it may be the rule of ignorance. Citizens who are not ... (41)... (a) *barely* / (b) *sufficiently* / (c) *highly* / (d) *perfectly* intelligent and educated are ... (42)... (a) *sure* / (b) *deliberately* / (c) *unlikely* / (d) *likely* to commit errors of judgement in the casting of votes. The best men may thus ... (43)... (a) *fail* / (b) *succeed* / (c) *try* / (d) *desire* to get elected. Elections are usually a ... (44)... (a) *kind* / (b) *process* / (c) *matter* / (d) *result* of propaganda. Another criticism of democracy is that it is wanting ... (45)... (a) *of* / (b) *for* / (c) *at* / (d) *in* efficiency. For prompt and effective action, unity of action is ... (46)... (a) *enough* / (b) *dispensable* / (c) *essential* / (d)

superfluous. In a multitude of minds, much ... (47)... (a) *profitable* / (b) *unprofitable* / (c) *detailed* / (d) *exhaustive* discussion takes place, whereas unity of control is needed for vigorous national life. This criticism, however, is not very ... (48)... (a) *unfair* / (b) *absurd* / (c) *strong* / (d) *convincing* because in times of war the British Prime Minister usually ... (49)... (a) *gains* / (b) *wields* / (c) *demand* / (d) *misuses* the powers of a dictator. Another criticism of democracy in times of war is that secrecy in military affairs becomes difficult, if not ... (50)... (a) *easy* / (b) *probable* / (c) *impossible* / (d) *obscure*, and that the Opposition usually lowers the morale of the people by its condemnation of the actions of the Cabinet.

ANSWERS

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|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (c) | 2. (a) | 3. (c) | 4. (b) | 5. (a) | 6. (b) | 7. (c) | 8. (a) | 9. (b) | 10. (c) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (b) | 13. (b) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) | 16. (b) | 17. (a) | 18. (c) | 19. (c) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (c) | 23. (b) | 24. (c) | 25. (c) | 26. (a) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (c) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (a) | 33. (d) | 34. (d) | 35. (e) | 36. (d) | 37. (a) | 38. (b) | 39. (b) | 40. (c) |
| 41. (b) | 42. (d) | 43. (a) | 44. (a) | 45. (d) | 46. (c) | 47. (b) | 48. (d) | 49. (b) | 50. (c) |

PRACTICE SET 17

Passage 1

(B.S.R.B.1994)

The story of Helen Keller is so much the history of her teacher ... (1)... [(a) who (b) when (c) that (d) how (e) where] one must lightly sketch Annie's background. She was the child ... (2)... [(a) to (b) of (c) from (d) about (e) with] poor Irish immigrants, her mother ... (3)... [(a) had (b) would (c) were (d) was (e) has] died ... (4)... [(a) when (b) hence (c) as (d) when (e) since] she was eight. Her father had ... (5)... [(a) given (b) left (c) reared (d) deserted (e) developed] the three children. ... (6)... [(a) Neatly (b) Plainly (c) Luckily (d) Sadly (e) Hardly] Annie, born nearly blind, had been ... (7)... [(a) send (b) sent (c) sending (d) handed (e) come] to state infirmity.

Passage 2

The year was 1913. The Wright brothers had just ... (8)... (a) *failed* / (b) *involved* / (c) *succeeded* in making an aeroplane which ... (9)... (a) *hardly* / (b) *highly* / (c) *really* flew. I was deeply interested in ... (10)... (a) *flying* / (b) *science* / (c) *history* and was

making my own ... (11)... (a) *toys* / (b) *experiments* / (c) *judgements* with flying machines. I really ... (12)... (a) *relied* / (b) *believed* / (c) *disbelieved* in that little machine I had ... (13)... (a) *hatched* / (b) *strapped* / (c) *patched* together and I decided it was time to prove its merits.

Passage 3

(N.D.A. 1991)

Three-fourth of the surface of our planet is covered by the sea. It both separates and unites the various races of mankind. The sea is the great highway ... (14)... [(a) at (b) along (c) in] which man may journey ... (15)... [(a) for (b) at (c) on] his will. The sea appeals to man's ... (16)... [(a) love (b) dislike (c) fear] of the unknown and knowledge. There is, said to be far ... (17)... [(a) most (b) much (c) more] living matter in the sea than there is in all the ... (18)... [(a) places (b) rest (c) sections] of the world. Sea water is full of millions of ... (19)... [(a) tiny (b) new (c) huge] plants.

Passage Completion

Passage 4

The need today is for a will for ... (20)... [(a) hope (b) optimism (c) pessimism (d) tolerance], expressing life and creativity. Reason here does not ... (21)... [(a) match (b) go (c) rhyme (d) connect] with morosity and optimism is not an escape from reality. Today the need is for true meaning and the ... (22)... [(a) overlying (b) underlying (c) intimate (d) overbearing] influence of the ecological ... (23)... [(a) method (b) technique (c) trend (d) pathway] takes us back to unadulterated colours ... (24)... [(a) enabling (b) allowing (c) offering (d) reincarnating] us to rediscover a fusion with nature.

Passage 5

(C.D.S. 1994)

Be very wary of opinions that flatter your self-esteem. Both men and women, nine times out of ten, are firmly convinced ... (25)... (a) *at* / (b) *on* / (c) *of* the superior excellence of their own sex. That is abundant on ... (26)... (a) *few sides* / (b) *all* / (c) *both*. If you are a man, you can ... (27)... (a) *work* / (b) *point* / (c) *say* out that most poets are men, and many eminent scientists are male; if you are a woman you can retort that ... (28)... (a) *so* / (b) *they* / (c) *also* are most criminals. The question is inherently insoluble but self-esteem conceals this from most ... (29)... (a) *men* / (b) *women* / (c) *people*. We are all, whatever part of the world we come from, persuaded that ... (30)... (a) *his* / (b) *her* / (c) *our* nation is ... (31)... (a) *superior* / (b) *better* / (c) *inferior* to all others. Seeing that each nation has its characteristic ... (32)... (a) *values* / (b) *points* / (c) *merits* and demerits, we adjust our standard of values so as to make out that the merits possessed ... (33)... (a) *by* / (b) *for* / (c) *in* our nation are the really important ones while its demerits are ... (34)... (a) *commonly* / (b) *rarely* / (c) *comparatively* trivial. Here again the rational man ... (35)... (a) *should* / (b) *will* / (c) *could* admit that the question is one to

which there is no demonstrably right ... (36)... (a) *answer* / (b) *angle* / (c) *reply*. It is more difficult to deal with ... (37)... (a) *an* / (b) *the* / (c) *a* self-esteem man as man, because we cannot argue out the matter with some non-human mind. The only way ... (38)... (a) *to* / (b) *of* / (c) *from* dealing with his general human conceit is to remind man of his unimportance in the universe, that man is a brief episode in the life of a small ... (39)... (a) *orbit* / (b) *star* / (c) *planet* in a little corner of the universe.

Passage 6

Embroidery is the ... (40)... (a) *embellishment* / (b) *craft* / (c) *emblaze* / (d) *threading* of any material with patterns or ... (41)... (a) *sketches* / (b) *pictures* / (c) *practices* / (d) *designs* done with a needle. No ... (42)... (a) *matter* / (b) *wonder* / (c) *doubt* / (d) *sooner* the Romans called it 'needle painting'. In India, each region developed a ... (43)... (a) *design* / (b) *plan* / (c) *style* / (d) *system* of its own. In the state of Himachal Pradesh the embroidery has a distinctive charm and is deeply rooted in the 'Pahari' culture, from which it has ... (44)... (a) *devised* / (b) *derived* / (c) *cultivated* / (d) *originated* its designs, colour combinations and techniques. Embroidery is essentially a child of the landscape and is, therefore, as ... (45)... (a) *varied* / (b) *cultured* / (c) *strong* / (d) *huge* in its richness and beauty as ... (46)... (a) *culture* / (b) *heritage* / (c) *beauty* / (d) *nature* is in her manifold representations. It is difficult to ... (47)... (a) *trace* / (b) *represent* / (c) *follow* / (d) *study* the history of 'Pahari' embroidery because cloth is a ... (48)... (a) *mortal* / (b) *perishable* / (c) *knitted* / (d) *delicate* material. From the available specimens it can be ... (49)... (a) *opined* / (b) *surmised* / (c) *found* / (d) *summarised* that the inhabitants of picturesque Himachal Pradesh practised this ... (50)... (a) *skill* / (b) *tradition* / (c) *craft* / (d) *style* till the first decade of the 20th century.

ANSWERS

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| 1. (c) | 2. (b) | 3. (a) | 4. (a) | 5. (d) | 6. (c) | 7. (b) | 8. (c) | 9. (c) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (b) | 13. (c) | 14. (b) | 15. (b) | 16. (a) | 17. (c) | 18. (b) | 19. (a) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (c) | 22. (b) | 23. (c) | 24. (a) | 25. (c) | 26. (c) | 27. (b) | 28. (a) | 29. (c) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (c) | 33. (a) | 34. (c) | 35. (a) | 36. (a) | 37. (c) | 38. (b) | 39. (c) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (d) | 42. (b) | 43. (c) | 44. (b) | 45. (a) | 46. (d) | 47. (a) | 48. (b) | 49. (b) | 50. (c) |

PRACTICE SET 18

Passage 1

(C.D.S.1995)

Though attacks on hospital staff must be deplored, there seems to be no limit to negligence in public hospitals. The recent death of a patient ... (1)... (a) *within* / (b) *in* / (c) *inside* a public hospital, allegedly as a ... (2)... (a) *result* / (b) *follow up* / (c) *reason* of being administered kerosene ... (3)... (a) *inspite of* / (b) *instead of* / (c) *along with* a saline glucose solution, has alarmed health ... (4)... (a) *protectors* / (b) *supervisors* / (c) *officials*. Despite its free mandate, the inquiry committee has ... (5)... (a) *refused* / (b) *failed* / (c) *decided* to fix responsibility and it is doubtful ... (6)... (a) *when* / (b) *how* / (c) *whether* the police inquiry will discover anything ... (7)... (a) *spectacular* / (b) *new* / (c) *strange*. This kerosene incident and the removal ... (8)... (a) *from* / (b) *of* / (c) *off* the wrong eye of a young girl ... (9)... (a) *at* / (b) *on* / (c) *in* another hospital are not the only ... (10)... (a) *symbols* / (b) *instances* / (c) *illustrations* of quasi-criminal callousness. Often it is ... (11)... (a) *almost* / (b) *undoubtedly* / (c) *certainly* as unsafe to enter public hospitals ... (12)... (a) *as* / (b) *instead* / (c) *so as* to go untreated. The basic requirement of ... (13)... (a) *orderliness* / (b) *calmness* / (c) *cleanliness* is the first casualty in the wards. ... (14)... (a) *On* / (b) *In* / (c) *At* a renowned hospital, bacteria contamination was so ... (15)... (a) *intense* / (b) *deep* / (c) *acute* that 96 percent of the patients suffered from post-hospitalisation infection.

Passage 2

There is a reader who displays the utmost enthusiasm on meeting you. He appears so warm and gratified that you think that here, after all, you have met your ideal reader. It has always been your ... (16)... (a) *idea* / (b) *hope* / (c) *feeling* that you would come across this ... (17)... (a) *good* / (b) *wonderful* / (c) *ideal* person some day, a man who by his very ... (18)... (a) *enthusiasm* / (b) *warmth* / (c) *contact* would make you feel that you ... (19)... (a) *did* / (b) *were doing* / (c) *have been doing* some important work, vital ... (20)... (a) *to* / (b) *for* / (c) *on* human welfare, that it ... (21)... (a) *turns out* / (b) *turns over* / (c) *turns on* to be a very short-lived ... (22)... (a) *experience* / (b) *gratification* / (c) *satisfaction*. Disillusionment is actually round ... (23)...

(a) *this* / (b) *the* / (c) *a* corner. While you are hoping ... (24)... (a) *because* / (b) *for* / (c) *that* you are about to have the ... (25)... (a) *pleasure* / (b) *joy* / (c) *happiness* of listening to his ... (26)... (a) *reaction* / (b) *behaviour* / (c) *view* to your latest weekly effort he ... (27)... (a) *says* / (b) *tells* / (c) *asks* suddenly, 'I am proud to meet you' ... (28)... (a) *yet* / (b) *still* / (c) *but* may I know what you ... (29)... (a) *usually* / (b) *invariably* / (c) *generally* write about? This is an unanswerable ... (30)... (a) *statement* / (b) *pronouncement* / (c) *question*.

Passage 3

(N.D.A. 1995)

Gandhiji's epithet is not just horrific; it tells the truth about him. He was indeed a 'great soul'. He may have been the ... (31)... (a) *greatest* / (b) *man* / (c) *smallest* of any that have made ... (32)... (a) *their* / (b) *sudden* / (c) *our* appearance in our time. He ... (33)... (a) *had* / (b) *was* / (c) *bore* undoubtedly the peer of the ... (34)... (a) *known* / (b) *available* / (c) *greatest* souls of previous ages from ... (35)... (a) *which* / (b) *those* / (c) *whom* we have surviving records of ... (36)... (a) *outstanding* / (b) *poor* / (c) *ordinary* personalities.

Passage 4

With increased ... (37)... (a) *faith* / (b) *confidence* / (c) *trust* / (d) *zeal* I took another step. Next moment I was ... (38)... (a) *hardly* / (b) *utmost* / (c) *surely* / (d) *almost* thrown off balance as the wind-crust suddenly gave ... (39)... (a) *way* / (b) *away* / (c) *up* / (d) *in* and I sank through it upto my ... (40)... (a) *waist* / (b) *knee* / (c) *head* / (d) *foot*. It took me a little ... (41)... (a) *effort* / (b) *time* / (c) *while* / (d) *rest* to get my breath back. Then I gradually pulled my leg out of the ... (42)... (a) *depression* / (b) *hole* / (c) *ditch* / (d) *pit*. I was almost upright ... (43)... (a) *then* / (b) *again* / (c) *after* / (d) *soon* when the wind-crust under the ... (44)... (a) *second* / (b) *upper* / (c) *other* / (d) *lower* foot gave way.

Passage 5

(N.D.A. 1990)

It is not true to say that stress and anxiety are experiences of recent origin for mankind. Every era has been an age of anxiety. A few hundred years ago, for example ... (45)... (a) *here* / (b) *then* / (c) *there* was no threat of nuclear war ... (46)...

(a) *but* / (b) *yet* / (c) *still* there was the terrible danger of ... (47)... (a) *a* / (b) *the* / (c) *that* plague, which quite literally destroyed whole ... (48)... (a) *continents* / (b) *populations* / (c) *departments*. And everything in human life is ... (49)... (a)

impossible / (b) *uncertain* / (c) *unbearable* and contingent - you may be rich ... (50)... (a) *always* / (b) *now* / (c) *today* and poor tomorrow, or healthy or sick; this has been true throughout history.

ANSWERS

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| 1. (b) | 2. (a) | 3. (b) | 4. (b) | 5. (b) | 6. (c) | 7. (a) | 8. (b) | 9. (c) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (a) | 13. (a) | 14. (b) | 15. (c) | 16. (b) | 17. (b) | 18. (b) | 19. (c) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (a) | 22. (c) | 23. (b) | 24. (c) | 25. (a) | 26. (a) | 27. (a) | 28. (b) | 29. (c) | 30. (c) |
| 31. (a) | 32. (a) | 33. (b) | 34. (c) | 35. (a) | 36. (a) | 37. (b) | 38. (d) | 39. (a) | 40. (b) |
| 41. (c) | 42. (b) | 43. (b) | 44. (c) | 45. (c) | 46. (a) | 47. (b) | 48. (b) | 49. (b) | 50. (c) |

PRACTICE SET 19

Passage 1

(I.E.S. 1994)

Every bird has feathers, and nothing that is not a bird can show any trace of them. The whole body of the birds is fitted to the habit of flying. We have long envied the bird and its power to fly. In fact, it was the bird that 1. [(a) trained (b) taught (c) demonstrated] us to build our aeroplanes after the 2. [(a) strength (b) structure (c) shape] of their wings and bodies. The bird's wings 3. [(a) have served (b) serve (c) can serve] as propellers, for they have both lifting and 4. [(a) driving (b) soaring (c) flying] power. The tail is the rudder and helps to 5. [(a) soar (b) dive (c) steer]. It also serves the important function of 6. [(a) support (b) brake (c) anchor] when the bird alights. Some birds, like the birds of 7. [(a) prey (b) passage (c) paradise], soar and remain in the air a long time 8. [(a) with (b) at (c) on] motionless wings. They can sail in or 9. [(a) spiral (b) circle (c) tangent] to a great height. Others dart like 10. [(a) herons (b) swallows (c) swans].

Passage 2

During my service I have dealt with problems of 11. [(a) serious (b) intentional (c) assertive (d) evasive] lawlessness. I have had to order arrests, 12. [(a) spread (b) split (c) disperse (d) acquit] unruly crowds, deal with dangerous criminals, even of a nature where a hand grenade was thrown at me. I can 13. [(a) vow (b) vouch (c) confess (d) observe] without fear of 14. [(a) dispute (b) contradiction (c) counteraction (d) contention] from any

reasonable quarter that when one is 15. [(a) dealing (b) indulging (c) involved (d) entangled] with blatant lawlessness, 16. [(a) fright (b) terror (c) threat (d) anticipation] of serious crime, it is 17. [(a) awkward (b) unexpected (c) absurd (d) incredible] to expect that the situation can be tackled by 18. [(a) pleading (b) begging (c) beckoning (d) pestering] to the law breakers and criminals to be 19. [(a) confiscated (b) contained (c) arrested (d) capsized] without use of force, by not handcuffing where the criminal is a dangerous outlaw and can be 20. [(a) expected (b) anticipated (c) believed (d) emancipated] to play with his life in assaulting to free himself.

Passage 3

(Railways, 1994)

I noticed George Ramsay at the restaurant. He was staring into space. He looked as though the burden of the whole world sat on his shoulders.

I 21. [(a) agreed (b) suspected (c) believed] at once that his unfortunate brother 22. [(a) will cause (b) was causing (c) had been causing] trouble again. I suppose every family has a black 23. [(a) wolf (b) sheep (c) goat]. Tom had been a 24. [(a) sweet (b) bitter (c) sore] trial to his family 25. [(a) in (b) for (c) since] twenty years. He had begun life decently enough; he went 26. [(a) to (b) for (c) into] business, married and had two children. The Ramsays were 27. [(a) wholly (b) perfectly (c) utterly] respectable people, and there was every 28. [(a) point (b) cause (c)

reason] to suppose that Tom Ramsay would have a successful and 29. [(a) honourable (b) bad (c) profitable] career. But one day without warning, he 30. [(a) wrote (b) announced (c) said] that he did not like to work, and that he was not suited 31. [(a) with (b) for (c) to] marriage. He wanted to enjoy 32. [(a) others (b) idleness (c) himself]. He would listen 33. [(a) with (b) in (c) to], no advice. He left his wife and his 34. [(a) relatives (b) house (c) job]. He had 35. [(a) no (b) little (c) a little] money and he spent two happy years in the various capitals of Europe. Rumours of his 36. [(a) whereabouts (b) doings (c) habits] reached his relations from time to time and they were 37. [(a) disappointed (b) shocked (c) deeply]. He certainly 38. [(a) will have (b) had (c) has] a very good time. They shook their heads and asked what 39. [(a) will happen (b) happened (c) would happen] when his money was spent. They soon found out that he was broke and wanted to 40. [(a) settle (b) go (c) come back] home.

Passage 4

The human mind seems to have built in 41. [(a) ideas (b) prejudices (c) safeguards (d) interests] against original thought, for instance, we 42. [(a) having been (b) may have (c) had (d) have] equipped with a wonderful 43. [(a) capacity (b) capability (c) sense (d) sensibility] for accepting evidence which agrees with our 44. [(a) thoughts (b) conceptions (c) preconceptions (d) views]. Almost unconsciously we allow our thinking to be 45. [(a) rooted (b) biased (c) fixed (d) based] on what we first thought, or were 46. [(a) said (b) spoke (c) told (d) expressed] when we approached the subject. If 47. [(a) when (b) sometimes (c) only (d) frequently] man could be freed from the yoke 48. [(a) on (b) in (c) under (d) off] his age-old assumptions, prejudices, traditional imagery and 49. [(a) negation (b) certainty (c) negativeness (d) positiveness] about what is right and what is wrong 50. [(a) they (b) he (c) man (d) men].

ANSWERS

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| 1. (b) | 2. (c) | 3. (b) | 4. (a) | 5. (c) | 6. (b) | 7. (a) | 8. (a) | 9. (a) | 10. (b) |
| 11. (a) | 12. (c) | 13. (b) | 14. (b) | 15. (a) | 16. (c) | 17. (c) | 18. (a) | 19. (c) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (b) | 23. (b) | 24. (b) | 25. (b) | 26. (c) | 27. (b) | 28. (c) | 29. (c) | 30. (b) |
| 31. (b) | 32. (c) | 33. (c) | 34. (c) | 35. (c) | 36. (b) | 37. (b) | 38. (b) | 39. (c) | 40. (c) |
| 41. (c) | 42. (a) | 43. (a) | 44. (d) | 45. (b) | 46. (c) | 47. (c) | 48. (d) | 49. (b) | 50. (b) |

PRACTICE SET 20

Passage 1

(C.D.S. 1995)

India will find herself again when freedom opens out new horizons. Future will then fascinate her far more than the immediate past of frustration and humiliation. She will go 1. [(a) in (b) forward (c) up] with confidence, rooted in herself and yet eager to learn from others and cooperate with them. Today she swings 2. [(a) amidst (b) among (c) between] a blind adherence to her old customs and a slavish imitation of foreign ways. In 3. [(a) both (b) neither (c) either] of these can she find relief or life or growth. It is obvious that she has come out of her 4. [(a) shell (b) groove (c) cell] and take full part 5. [(a) in (b) between (c) off] the life and activities of the modern age. It should be equally 6. [(a) patent (b) obvious

(c) important] that there can be no real cultural or spiritual growth based on imitation. Such imitation can only be 7. [(a) linked (b) confined (c) ascribed] to a small number which cuts itself 8. [(a) down (b) out (c) off] from the masses and the 9. [(a) springs (b) lakes (c) wells] of national life. True culture derives its 10. [(a) inspiration (b) ideal (c) force] from every corner of the world, but it is 11. [(a) original (b) indigenous (c) home-grown] and has to be 12. [(a) identified (b) based (c) dependent] on the wide mass of the people. Art and literature remain 13. [(a) inert (b) static (c) lifeless] if they are 14. [(a) continually (b) blindly (c) rapidly] thinking of foreign models. The day of a 15. [(a) communal (b) tribal (c) narrow] culture confined to a small fastidious group is past.

We have to think in terms of the people generally, and their culture must be a continuation and development of past trends and also represent their new urges and creative tendencies.

Passage 2

When in 1939, Trinity College offered me the Newton Mathematics Prize Scholarship I thought Dad was going to burst, he was so 16. [(a) arrogant (b) vainglorious (c) proud]. We all drove up to the University city 17. [(a) from (b) across (c) for] the weekend to check my future digs, before 18. [(a) running (b) prancing (c) strolling] round the colleges' cloisters and through Great Court. The 19. [(a) dark (b) only (c) peculiar] cloud on this otherwise 20. [(a) tarnished (b) unilluminated (c) unblemished] horizon was the thunderous one of Nazi Germany. 21. [(a) Prescription (b) Conscriptio (c) Subscription] for all those over twenty was being 22. [(a) debated (b) nominated (c) amended] in Parliament, and I couldn't wait to play my 23. [(a) part (b) battle (c) life] if Hitler dared to plant 24. [(a) as much as (b) as much so (c) as long as] a toe on Polish soil. My first year at Cambridge 25. [(a) disappeared (b) spent (c) went] well, mainly because I was being 26. [(a) mastered (b) tutored (c) brought up] by Horace Badford who, along with his wife Victoria, were 27. [(a) considered (b) admired (c) counted] to be the pick of the bunch 28. [(a) at (b) among (c) of] a highly talented group of mathematicians who 29. [(a) liked (b) are (c) were] teaching at the University at that time. Although Mrs. Badford was rumoured to have won the Wrangler's prize for coming out in flying colours, her husband explained that she was not given the 30. [(a) costly (b) prestigious (c) respectable] award, simply because she was a woman.

Passage 3 (Stenographers' Exam, 1994)

Kunti was a worshipper of the Sun-god. One day she 31. [(a) summoned (b) invited (c) invoked (d) attracted] the Sun-god with the help of a prayer-charm. This prayer-charm has been given to her

by a sage. As a result the Sun-god 32. [(a) appeared (b) stood (c) flashed (d) came] before her. Seeing the Sun-god before her she got 33. [(a) amused (b) frightened (c) unconscious (d) demoralised] as she had never expected so. Consequently she began to 34. [(a) wave (b) stammer (c) tremble (d) faint] with fear. She did not know what to do. Hence, she prayed to the Sun-god to go back to his kingdom in the sky, but the Sun-god 35. [(a) warned (b) fondled (c) loved (d) chided] Kunti passionately. When he left for his kingdom in the sky, he 36. [(a) gave (b) left (c) deserted (d) discarded] Kunti with a son in her womb. In due course of time Kunti became the mother of a very beautiful and 37. [(a) ugly (b) freak (c) strange (d) promising] child. He was born with an armour as shining as 38. [(a) silver (b) glass (c) gold (d) steel] itself. Besides he had strange, shining ear rings in his ears. This, as a result of the 39. [(a) promise (b) wish (c) donation (d) compliment] granted to her by the Sun-god. Thus, Karna was born to Kunti even while she was unmarried. It was but natural, but she was extremely 40. [(a) sorry (b) disturbed (c) annoyed (d) amused] in her mind.

Passage 4

The problem of adult literacy is 41. [(a) making (b) giving (c) causing (d) compelling] rise to considerable 42. [(a) anger (b) annoyance (d) anxiety (d) disappointment]. The number of young people who leave school without the 43. [(a) power (b) skill (c) cleverness (d) ability] to read is rapidly 44. [(a) increasing (b) collecting (c) crowding (d) widening]. It would seem that if urgent 45. [(a) actions (b) cures (c) solutions (d) steps] are not taken to 46. [(a) increase (b) accelerate (c) improve (d) stop] this situation, we shall soon be living 47. [(a) in (b) with (c) by (d) for] a population 48. [(a) equal (b) similar (c) like (d) resembling] to that of the middle 49. [(a) years (b) centuries (c) ages (d) periods] when only a small number of people were 50. [(a) literate (b) literacy (c) literal (d) littoral].

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (a) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (a)
 11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (b) 14. (b) 15. (c) 16. (c) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (a) 20. (c)
 21. (b) 22. (a) 23. (a) 24. (a) 25. (c) 26. (b) 27. (a) 28. (c) 29. (c) 30. (b)
 31. (c) 32. (a) 33. (b) 34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (b) 37. (c) 38. (c) 39. (b) 40. (b)
 41. (b) 42. (c) 43. (b) 44. (a) 45. (d) 46. (c) 47. (a) 48. (b) 49. (c) 50. (a)

PRACTICE SET 21

Passage 1

(N.D.A.1996)

When I got off the plane at Heathrow airport, I had the first taste of English hospitality. For I was immediately bounded off to a hospital. No, not because I was 1. [(a) senseless (b) ill (c) wicked] but to find out whether I was. And truth to say, it wasn't 2. [(a) actually (b) factually (c) materially] a hospital, but only the sick bay at the airport. Someone at the immigration counter had taken it into his 3. [(a) judgement (b) head (c) mind] that I was too thin and an instant X-ray would be in order. Needless to say, I much 4. [(a) resented (b) liked (c) respected] this extra attention. I would much rather have walked away like the other passengers. The X-ray 5. [(a) extracted (b) demanded (c) took] an extra half-hour of my time. This did not 6. [(a) please (b) annoy (c) excite] me as much as the discovery that the famous British sense of humour was by no means ubiquitous.

Passage 2

Operation Flood Scheme was 7. [(a) devoted (b) launched (c) created (d) visualised] with the primary objective to 8. [(a) locating (b) bringing (c) linking (d) joining] rural milk producers with urban milk consumers, by 9. [(a) creating (b) providing (c) generating (d) exposing] viable producers' cooperatives in the milk sheds, and thus 10. [(a) providing (b) enabling (c) activating (d) offering] rural milk producers earn higher income from milk. The programme 11. [(a) leads (b) motivates (c) relates (d) covers] some 72 lakh members in nearly 61,600 village societies 12. [(a) dispersed (b) spread (c) distributed (d) situated] over diverse ecologies in 174 milk sheds. These cooperatives procure an average of 90 lakh litres of milk a day to

13. [(a) attend (b) satisfy (c) meet (d) control] the evergrowing urban demand for fresh milk of the country.

Passage 3

(Assistant Grade, 1991)

Our scientific spirit must be shocked not only by the 14. [(a) comparison (b) existence (c) contrasts (d) phenomenon] of fabulous 15. [(a) wealth (b) resources (c) prosperity (d) property] and 16. [(a) growing (b) grovelling (c) rampant (d) common] poverty, but also by those of intense holiness and 17. [(a) prevailing (b) popular (c) blind (d) religious] superstition. In our relations with one another, we have 18. [(a) failed (b) succeeded (c) refused (d) attempted] to apply scientific and social wisdom. The failure is 19. [(a) wrapped (b) wrought (c) written (d) writ] large 20. [(a) for (b) among (c) on (d) in] our society. Some social 21. [(a) obligations (b) functions (c) ceremonies (d) abuses] like untouchability are 22. [(a) resisted (b) tolerated (c) approved (d) allowed] simply because the spirit in us is oppressed by the force of 23. [(a) custom (b) society (c) habit (d) opinion]. These are practised by 24. [(a) somewhat (b) otherwise (c) very (d) fairly] kindly persons who have ceased to feel and whose understanding is 25. [(a) substantiated (b) subsidized (c) sanctified (d) stupefied] by tradition. There are millions in our country today who use scientific 26. [(a) machines (b) apparatus (c) devices (d) discoveries] and yet 27. [(a) revere (b) declare (c) decry (d) consider] superstition as mystical revelation and adhere to absurd social customs 28. [(a) with (b) in (c) for (d) on] the name of tradition.

Passage 4

For freshers stepping out from the 29. [(a) cloistered (b) populated (c) crowded] world of Archie and Tintin into hurly burly of university, there is this undiluted 30. [(a) anticipation (b) excitement (c) demarcation] and thrill about seeking the new and the 31. [(a) finding (b) search (c) probe] for one's destiny. Much like a toddler taking his first 32. [(a) tentative (b) new (c) uncertain] steps. But then there is also this sense of 33. [(a) ominous (b) illusion (c) foreboding], fear and nervousness about the unexpected. Fed on horror stories about ragging and the like, it is with a fair bit of 34. [(a) trepidation (b) hesitation (c) fluster] that many a youngster set foot on the campus.

Passage 5

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What is an earthquake and how is it caused? In the early history of the earth, when it was cooling down the rocks deep in the earth's crust created huge 'islands' which floated on the softer and hotter rocks below just as wood floats on water. Slowly these islands began to 35. [(a) move (b) drift (c) float] apart to make the land masses we call 36. [(a) countries (b) continents (c) mountains]. But even now these 'islands' are not stable. Their continued but imperceptibly slow movements create stress in the rocks many miles below the 37. [(a) surface (b) covering (c) exterior]. Whenever a rock splits below, it sends a 38. [(a) tremor (b) shock (c) stir] above, i.e., causes an earthquake. There are several zones in the world where earthquakes are more likely to occur. The recent earthquake in Garhwal was 39. [(a)

produced (b) caused (c) created] in such a zone or fault-line. Scientists believe that there are three other causes which lead to occurrences of earthquakes. At intervals the gravitational 40. [(a) energy (b) pulls (c) powers] of the sun and the moon in certain situations combine to exert a stronger-than-normal influence on the earth.

Passage 6

There is a special need today for 41. [(a) evolving (b) generating (c) producing (d) emerging] a new system of education in India which is in tune with the major values of natural tradition and 42. [(a) loyalty (b) unity (c) integration (d) brotherhood]. Feeling of the Indian mind from 43. [(a) outside (b) foreign (c) alien (d) strange] cultural subjugation is very urgent. So long as a foreign language 44. [(a) left (b) remained (c) stayed (d) kept] the medium of higher 45. [(a) learning (b) knowledge (c) effort (d) literature] in the country, it would be 46. [(a) impossible (b) difficult (c) tough (d) competent] to conceive of the rise of national consciousness. After 26th January, 1965 when Hindi was 47. [(a) declared (b) announced (c) stated (d) established] by the Constitution to be the official language of the Indian Union, it met with wide 48. [(a) agreement (b) approval (c) acceptance (d) endorsement] and was 49. [(a) endorsed (b) signified (c) described (d) identified] by all the members. It is 50. [(a) important (b) necessary (c) inevitable (d) significant] that among the members there was a majority of those whose mother tongue was not Hindi.

ANSWERS

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31. (b)	32. (c)	33. (c)	34. (b)	35. (a)	36. (c)	37. (b)	38. (c)	39. (b)	40. (a)
41. (c)	42. (a)	43. (d)	44. (b)	45. (c)	46. (a)	47. (c)	48. (d)	49. (a)	50. (b)
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