



SPACE FOR ROUGH WORK



LANGUAGE COMPREHENSIVE TEST

Questions (1 – 5) :

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

The crowd surged forward through the narrow streets of Paris. There was a clatter of shutters being closed hastily by trembling hands – the citizens of Paris knew that once the fury of the people was excited there was no telling what they might do. They came to an old house which had a workshop on the ground floor. A head popped out of the door to see what it was all about. ‘Get him ! Get Thimonier ! Smash his devilish machines !’ yelled the crowd.

They found the workshop without its owner. M. Thimonier had escaped by the back door. Now the fury of the demonstrators turned against the machines that were standing in the shop, ready to be delivered to buyers. They were systematically broken up and destroyed – dozens of them. Only when the last wheel and spindle had been trampled under foot did the infuriated crowd recover their senses.

‘That’s the end of, M’sieur Thimonier and his sewing machines’, they said to one another and went home satisfied. Perhaps now they would find work ; for they were all unemployed tailors and seamstresses who believed that their livelihood was threatened by that new invention.

1. Shutters were being closed hastily because the shopkeepers

- 1) wanted to attack the crowd
- 2) feared their shops would be invaded
- 3) wanted to show their solidarity with the crowd
- 4) wanted to protect Thimonier

2. The people thought that

- 1) Their lives were in danger
- 2) The sewing machines were dangerous
- 3) Thimonier was depriving them of their livelihood
- 4) Thimonier was mad



3. The aim of the crowd was to

- 1) kill Thimonier
- 2) drive Thimonier away
- 3) bring discredit to Thimonier
- 4) scare Thimonier

4. The crowd was protesting against

- 1) The misdoings of Thimonier
- 2) The closure of workshops
- 3) Thimonier keeping the invention a secret
- 4) The newly invented sewing machine

5. The passage throws light on

- 1) What mischief an inventor can do to ordinary people
- 2) How dangerous an invention can prove to be
- 3) Why inventions should be avoided altogether
- 4) How a well-meant invention can be misunderstood

Questions (6 – 10) :

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

It is generally acknowledged that children learn a lot from their parents. It is not so commonly admitted that parents learn a great deal from their children. As adults, it is easy to assume that we are always right, but the laugh was on me one beautiful day.

My daughter Kashmira knew how much I loved flowers. One day when she was nine years, she picked some branches from our neighbour's blossoming fruit tree. Realising she intended to please me, I didn't scold her, but chose a different approach.

"These are lovely, dear, but do you realise that if you had left them on the tree, each of these blossoms would have become a cherry ?"



“No, they wouldn’t have”, she said firmly. “Oh, yes, they would have each of these blossoms would have grown into a cherry”.

“Well okay, mother, if you insist”, she finally conceded, “but they were plums last year”.

6. What is not commonly acknowledged is that

- 1) children learn a lot from their parents
- 2) parents teach their children a great deal
- 3) parents learn a great deal from their children
- 4) children learn a great deal inspite of their parents

7. What the daughter picked from the neighbour’s garden were some

- 1) branches
- 2) flowers
- 3) branches with fruit
- 4) branches with blossoms

8. The mother did not scold the daughter because

- 1) she loved flowers
- 2) she decided to indirectly make her daughter realise her mistake
- 3) she liked cherry blossoms
- 4) she did not understand why her daughter had done so

9. “The laugh was on me” means that

- 1) the mother was caught in the wrong
- 2) the daughter was wrong
- 3) people laughed at the mother
- 4) the mother laughed at herself

10. Ultimately the daughter

- 1) proved that she had not picked the branch with the blossom
- 2) reminded her that she loved flowers
- 3) reminded her that the branch with blossoms was from a plum tree
- 4) proved that those blossoms would not yield any fruit



Questions (11 – 15) :

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :

A Bird Came Down The Walk

Emily Dickinson

A Bird, came down the walk
He did not know I saw
He bit an Angle worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw.

And then, he drank a Dew
From a convenient Grass –
And then hopped sidewise to the wall
To let a Beetle pass –

He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad –
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,
He stirred his velvet Head –

Like one in danger, cautious,
I offered him a crumb,
And he unrolled his feathers,
And rowed him softer Home –

Than Oars divide the Ocean,
Too silver for a seam,
Or Butterflies, off Banks of Noon,
Leap, plashless as they swim.

11. The poet called the grass ‘convenient’ because

- 1) the bird could see the beetle in the grass
- 2) grass is greener on the other side
- 3) the bird could see the worm in the grass
- 4) it was easy for the bird to have dew from it



12. The poet describes the eyes of the bird like this

- 1) like frightened beads
- 2) watery like dew
- 3) like grass
- 4) like butterflies

13. Which of the following is a metaphor ?

- 1) A bird came down the walk
- 2) He stirred his velvet Head
- 3) He bit an angle worm in halves
- 4) And then hopped sideways to the wall

14. The antonyms for 'careless', 'cooked', 'courageous' and 'slow' is

- 1) Convenient, raw, frightened, rapid
- 2) Cautious, hurried, frightened, rapid
- 3) Cautious, raw, hopped, rapid
- 4) Cautious, raw, frightened, rapid

15. The bird did not do which of the following ?

- 1) Let the beetle pass
- 2) Unroll his feathers
- 3) Cook the worm and eat it
- 4) Glance with rapid eyes



Questions (16 – 17) :

The following has six sentences from a paragraph. The first and the last sentences are given. Choose the order in which the four sentences (P,Q,R,S) should appear to complete the paragraph.

16. S₁ There is a touching story of Prof. Hardy visiting Ramanujam as he lay desperately ill in hospital at Putney

S₂

S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆ It is the lowest number that can be expressed in two different ways as the sum of two cubes.

P : 'No Hardy, that is not a dull number in the very least'.

Q : Hardy who was a very shy man, could not find the words for his distress.

R : The number was 1729.

S : The best he could do, as he got beside was "I say Ramanujan, I thought the number of taxi I came down in, was a very dull number".

The proper sequence should be

- 1) PRSQ 2) RQSP 3) SQRP 4) QSRP

17. S₁ Once King Shanthanu met a young and beautiful fisher girl.

S₂

S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆ Devavrata the King's son, asked him the reason of his sadness.

P. He went to the fisherman and asked him for her hand in marriage.

Q. The King was extremely sad and returned to his palace.

R. He fell in love with the fisher girl.

S. The fisherman agreed to it on a condition that the son of his daughter should be the heir to the throne.

The proper sequence should be

- 1) PQRS 2) RPSQ 3) QSPR 4) PSQR



Questions (18 – 19) :

In the following questions the second sentence is missing. Choose the appropriate sentence from the given options to complete it.

- 18.** A) Go to the library and see the clerk.
- B)
- C) Then you are usually given two or three tickets with your name and address on them.
- 1) He stamps the books with a data.
 - 2) The clerk keeps the tickets until you return the books.
 - 3) You will have to sign a form promising to take care of the books.
 - 4) When you have chosen the books you wish to take home, you take them to the clerk with the tickets.
- 19.** A) If we dump sewage into a stream, on a small scale, the stream dissolves it and purifies it.
- B)
- C) But if we dump large quantities of sewage, we end by killing the purifying bacteria and then the stream will lose its power to purify.
- 1) Ten miles downstream the water is pure again.
 - 2) It can no longer deal with the small quantity of sewage which it once accepted.
 - 3) For this overwhelming kind of pollution we need a new term.
 - 4) This system is a great headache now a days.



Questions (20 – 27) :

Choose the word which best fills the blank from the four options given.

20. His opponents launched a political _____ against him.

- 1) regimental
- 2) tirade
- 3) remission
- 4) tiresome

21. In spite of our best efforts, we failed to _____ any new facts from him.

- 1) evoke
- 2) eject
- 3) elicit
- 4) erect

22. The ties that bind a family together are _____ that they can hardly withstand any strain.

- 1) twisted
- 2) tenace
- 3) tentative
- 4) tenuous

23. Being _____, the judge gave a favourable verdict.

- 1) pugnacious
- 2) sagacious
- 3) malicious
- 4) tenacious



24. A restaurant that presents spick and span look will naturally _____ more customers.

- 1) accommodate
- 2) welcome
- 3) avoid
- 4) attract

25. He admired precision in everything, but it never hampered his quick _____

- 1) decision
- 2) dealing
- 3) finalisation
- 4) action

26. One _____ and you know who among them is the culprit.

- 1) peep
- 2) sight
- 3) look
- 4) gaze

27. Authority _____ when it is not supported by the moral purity of its user.

- 1) crumbles
- 2) waits
- 3) empowers
- 4) prevails



Questions (28 – 37) :

In the following passage there are some numbered blanks. Fill in the blanks by selecting the most appropriate word for each blank from the given options :

The recent trend is not towards segregation but (Q. No. 28) _____. More and more handicapped children are now being educated (Q. No. 29) _____ the ordinary schools. The trend towards integration is increasing because of two recent developments. First there has been marked (Q. No. 30) _____ in attitude among both the parents of the (Q. No. 31) _____ children and the professionals who work with them. The second reason is (Q. No. 32) _____ increasing range of aids (Q. No. 33) _____ to enable disabled children to be integrated and gain access to the ordinary curriculum. A few years (Q. No. 34) _____, aids for disabled in education were either non existent or were bulky and expensive. Many of these new aids are now (Q. No. 35) _____ and (Q. No. 36) _____. During the past few years, there has been considerable (Q. No. 37) _____ in this area.

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| 28. 1) unity | 2) joining | 3) integration | 4) separation |
| 29. 1) out | 2) of | 3) for | 4) in |
| 30. 1) migration | 2) change | 3) improvement | 4) show |
| 31. 1) handicapped | 2) school | 3) reason | 4) primary |
| 32. 1) rarely | 2) strongly | 3) rapidly | 4) hardly |
| 33. 1) available | 2) exported | 3) detected | 4) ago |
| 34. 1) hence | 2) ago | 3) noticed | 4) exported |
| 35. 1) big | 2) short | 3) small | 4) easy |
| 36. 1) free | 2) inexpensive | 3) easy | 4) cost |
| 37. 1) difficulty | 2) education | 3) debate | 4) development |



Questions (38 – 40) :

Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs to complete the sentences.

38. I _____ see my friends again.

- 1) look for
- 2) look out
- 3) look forward to
- 4) look into

39. I'm afraid ; we have _____ of apple juice, will an orange juice do ?

- 1) run out
- 2) run into
- 3) run away
- 4) run after

40. Your website has helped me a lot to _____ the good work.

- 1) keep in
- 2) keep out
- 3) keep for
- 4) keep up

Questions (41 – 43) :

Select the meaning of the underlined phrases/idioms.

41. 'When pigs fly she'll tidy up her room'

- 1) in the evening
- 2) something that will never happen
- 3) spending a lot of time
- 4) to do it exactly



42. I let the cat out of the bag about their wedding plans.

- 1) to think about somebody's plan
- 2) to allow the cat to go out of the bag
- 3) agreeing with someone
- 4) to accidentally reveal a secret

43. That girl is so emotional. She'll start crying at the drop of a hat .

- 1) instantly
- 2) accidentally
- 3) badly
- 4) horribly

Questions (44 – 48) :

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks from the given alternatives.

44. Our rich culture inspires us to take _____ in our heritage.

- 1) prided
- 2) proudly
- 3) pride
- 4) proud

45. With the changing times, most of the students have become business like ; they are _____ and want to take only those courses which they find rewarding.

- 1) idealistic
- 2) pragmatic
- 3) enthusiastic
- 4) partial

46. Mohan's career has taken some _____ twists and turns.

- 1) interesting
- 2) interactive
- 3) intuitive
- 4) incentive



47. She was remarkably _____ in singing and dancing.

- 1) conducive
- 2) fluctuating
- 3) intimidate
- 4) accomplished

48. Einstein recognised and _____ to the scientific world the importance of Bose's discovery.

- 1) recommended
- 2) proclaimed
- 3) proposed
- 4) acknowledged

Questions (49 – 50) :

Select the word which means the opposite of the underlined word.

49. Though the murderer was convicted by the District Court, he was _____ by the High Court.

- 1) arrested
- 2) fascinated
- 3) acquitted
- 4) betrayed

50. They tried to make him confident but he still looked _____.

- 1) rejected
- 2) evident
- 3) provident
- 4) diffident

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Ans.	4	1	2	4	3	4	2	3	1	1
Que.	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ans.	3	4	2	4	1	3	1	3	4	2
Que.	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Ans.	1	3	1	2	3	2	4	3	1	4
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