

LANGUAGE COMPREHENSIVE TEST

Questions (1 – 5) :

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

I had hardly settled to work on the next issue of the morninger when the boss stormed into the room raging. Having joined his tabloid only a couple of months ago, I had come to think of him as an urbane, upright and meticulous man. The outburst, caused by a minor slip in the report filed by me yesterday, unnerved me completely. "Was this the man who patted me on the shoulder only the other day for covering the Prime Minister's visit to the state ?" – I asked myself in vain. I wrote out my resignation and walked out of the office in a stupor. (105 words)

1. The boss stormed into the room, raging because _____

- 1) the author was working on the next issue of the morninger
- 2) he came to know that the author had come late
- 3) the author had made some mistake
- 4) the author had not carried out his orders

2. The author left the office in a stupor because _____

- 1) he had not done any mistake
- 2) of the sudden display of temper by the boss
- 3) he felt he had failed utterly in the task
- 4) the boss's behavior towards him had often been harsh

3. The author thought that, the boss of the establishment was _____

- 1) a man of perfection
- 2) a quarrelsome man
- 3) a man of scrupulous nature
- 4) an unpleasant personality

4. From reading of the passage one can conclude that the author worked in _____

- 1) an office collecting and disseminating information about the visits of ministers and VIPs
- 2) a publicity and public relations office run by a ruling political party
- 3) a public relation office run by a ruling political party
- 4) a private company bringing out a weekly news magazine

5. The author was appreciated by the boss because _____

- 1) he walked out of the office in a stupor
- 2) he wrote his resignation and walked out
- 3) the Prime Minister had visited the State
- 4) he had covered the news of Prime Minister's visit to the State

Questions (6 – 10) :

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

My wife, daughter and I were travelling in a rented car through Nottingham, England, on our way to a cousin's home in the northern suburbs, I became thoroughly confused by the maze of circular and one-way streets. Finally, we spotted a policeman and pulled up to ask directions. We were surprised when he removed his tall helmet, opened the back door and slid in beside our daughter. "It'll be much easier to show you", he explained.

Off we went through a series of left and right turns, traffic lights and even a short jaunt up a one-way lane the wrong way. Twenty minutes later we arrived at a main intersection. "Now you'll be all right", announced our guide.

"Just turn here, stay on the road for eight or nine kilometers and you're there." With that, he opened the door, got out, replaced his helmet and strode briskly off. (153 words)

6. The writer was confused by _____

- 1) a network of circular roads
- 2) wrong direction by traffic cops
- 3) confusing road signals
- 4) road map that he had with him



7. The word 'suburbs' means _____

- 1) a remote village
- 2) the city centre
- 3) residential area outside a town
- 4) an industrial town

8. The response of the policeman can be said to be _____

- 1) rude
- 2) greedy
- 3) imposing
- 4) helpful

9. The 'tone' of narration in the paragraph is _____

- 1) euphoric
- 2) ironic
- 3) satiric
- 4) ridiculous

10. The expression "our guide" in the paragraph means _____

- 1) policeman
- 2) cousin
- 3) passerby
- 4) professional guide



Questions (11 – 15) :

Read the following poem and answer the questions given below :

Breakfast

Of all the meals that glad my day
My morning one's the best;
Purveyed me on a silver tray,
Immaculately dressed.

I rouse me when the dawn is bright
I leap into the sea,
Returning with a rare delight
To honey, toast and tea.

My appetite was razor edged
When I was in my prime;
To eggs and bacon I was pledged...

Alas ! the March of Time

For now a genial old gent
With journal on my knee,
I sip and take with vast content
My honey, toast and tea:

So set me up for my delight
The harvest of the bee;
Brown, crispy toast with butter bright,
Ceylon – two cups or three

Let others lunch or dinner praise,
But I regale with glee,
As I regard with grateful gaze
Just honey, toast and tea.

11. For the poet the best meal is

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| 1) dinner | 2) breakfast |
| 3) supper | 4) lunch |



12. Before taking his breakfast, the poet would

- 1) swim in the sea
- 2) have a walk
- 3) have some routine exercises
- 4) run a race

13. His favourite breakfast in old age became

- 1) eggs and bacon
- 2) bread and butter
- 3) honey, toast and tea
- 4) roasted beans and coffee

14. In the poem, the word 'regale' means

- 1) scornful
- 2) doubtful
- 3) delightful
- 4) wreakful

15. Eggs and bacon was his favourite breakfast in his

- 1) childhood
- 2) prime time
- 3) old age
- 4) last time



Questions (16 – 17) :

16. 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.

S₁ The motor car is one of the useful blessings of modern science

S₂

S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆ However, in the modern age economic crisis, a personal car is an expensive blessing.

P : One of these is the pollution it creates.

Q : It has made short and medium distance journeys quite convenient and comfortable.

R : The other is that car journey is quite hazardous.

S : Yes, the blessing of the motor car is not without disadvantages.

- 1) QPRS 2) SPRQ 3) SPQR 4) QSPR

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.

S₁ On entering the hut Jim Corbett first picked Kunwar Singh up and laid him on a string bed.

S₂

S₃

S₄

S₅

S₆ Jim Corbett then asked Kunwar Singh's eldest son to warm two glass of fresh milk and bring it to him as soon as possible.

P : This eased the situation inside the room and the fresh air from the jungle revived Kunwar.

Q : He then threw open the only window of the room to let fresh air in.

R : His breathing became less laboured and more regular.

S : He then sent the mourners, and the priest away too.

- 1) QSRP 2) PRQS 3) SPQR 4) QPRS



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) The mail is first collected from different letter boxes.

B)

C) The sorted mail is then sent to the zonal post office.

1) Then it is delivered to us.

2) The mail is again sorted out at the sorting office.

3) It is then sorted out at the sorting office.

4) From there it is sent to the head post office.

19. A) He took two cigarettes from my case and lit one of them.

B)

C) But when the fit of coughing was over, he replaced it between his lips.

1) Then with a feeble hand he removed the cigarette.

2) He lit one of them and placed it between the lips.

3) Slowly he took a pull at it and coughed violently.

4) Then he continued to draw on it.

Questions (20 – 27) :

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

20. The interior of the concert hall is _____ to the eye.

1) decorative

2) veritable

3) intricate

4) criss cross



21. The reward is a _____ of her service to mankind.

- 1) momento
- 2) memorial
- 3) recognition
- 4) witness

22. A light girl _____ for the electric light switch in the dark.

- 1) groped
- 2) grappled
- 3) gripped
- 4) grovelled

23. A man _____ that he was guilty when he was pardoned.

- 1) claimed
- 2) boasted
- 3) confessed
- 4) predicted

24. He is so _____ in his approach that not a single point ever escapes his attention.

- 1) meticulous
- 2) Casual
- 3) nasty
- 4) deliberate

25. They fired upon the enemy from behind trees, walls and other _____ point they could find.

- 1) Vantage
- 2) Vintage
- 3) Vantage
- 4) Vintige



26. The officers responsible for the _____ coup were punished.

- 1) accolade
- 2) Progressive
- 3) radical
- 4) abortive

27. Although I was _____ of his plans, I encouraged him, because there was no one else who was willing to help.

- 1) skeptical
- 2) remorseful
- 3) fearful
- 4) enciated

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 :

Earthquakes occur (Q. 28) _____ and cause considerable loss of life. They are (Q. 29) _____ preceded by atmospheric changes which (Q. 30) _____ the intellectual faculties of human beings. They create excitement and encourage men to become superstitions. In Peru, where earthquakes are common, the people are stricken (Q. 31) _____ fear, anxiety and helplessness and ascribe everything (Q. 32) _____ superhuman power. In Europe, the people of Italy, Spain and Portugal are more superstitions. It is in these countries that clergy has firmly established (Q. 33) _____ hold. Further, Italy and Spain have produced the greatest painters and sculptors because these fine arts (Q. 34) _____ more to imagination than to intellect. These countries have (Q. 35) _____ produced men of science but their number is (Q. 36) _____ comparison to that of artists and poets. The reasoning faculties of the people of there countries have been weakened, which will be (Q. 37) _____ from the fact that hardly any name of the highest merit is found in the field of natural sciences.

28. 1) Naturally 2) Suddenly 3) Expectedly 4) Slowly
29. 1) inevitably 2) surely 3) usually 4) always



30. 1) effect 2) affect 3) influence 4) damage
31. 1) with 2) of 3) to 4) by
32. 1) on 2) by 3) with 4) to
33. 1) its 2) it's 3) their 4) the
34. 1) pertain 2) relate 3) appeal 4) concern
35. 1) hardly 2) rarely 3) strongly 4) no doubt
36. 1) less 2) small 3) insignificant 4) immaterial
37. 1) evident 2) explained 3) emphasized 4) understood

Questions (38 – 40) :

Choose the appropriate phrasal verbs to complete the sentences.

38. The Minister had to _____ some awkward questions by the reporters.

- 1) fend into
- 2) fend at
- 3) fend out
- 4) fend off

39. He never _____ the loss of his pet.

- 1) got by
- 2) got over
- 3) got rid
- 4) got aside

40. I tried to convince her but I _____ later.

- 1) gave in
- 2) gave out
- 3) gave back
- 4) gave away



Questions (41 – 43) :

Select the meaning of the underlined phrases/idioms.

41. You must keep your head whatever happens.

- 1) be self-respecting
- 2) remain calm
- 3) be honest
- 4) concentrate

42. Our principle is not a man to mince matters.

- 1) to confuse issues
- 2) to say something mildly
- 3) to mix everything together
- 4) to be very modest

43. Don't worry about the silly row. It was just a storm in a tea cup.

- 1) Important matter dealt with ease
- 2) Hot tea being served
- 3) Commotion over a trivial matter
- 4) Confusion and chaos

Questions (44 – 48) :

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

44. Her _____ nature will help her realizing the object of her desire.

- 1) persevering
- 2) receding
- 3) blaming
- 4) fascinating



45. His employer had all along been kind to him, so he _____ by being loyal to him.

- 1) reprimanded
- 2) retaliated
- 3) remained
- 4) reciprocated

46. He always gives _____ excuses for his absence from the office.

- 1) robust
- 2) flimsy
- 3) sturdy
- 4) lame

47. The helpful onlooker was badly injured when he tried to _____ to end the quarrel.

- 1) intimidate
- 2) inter vein
- 3) intervene
- 4) intrude

48. Most of the machines in this factory are _____, so they are inefficient.

- 1) obsolete
- 2) absolute
- 3) modern
- 4) new



Questions (49 – 50) :

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

49. The injection was given to the patient to alleviate the pain.

- 1) elevate
- 2) sharpen
- 3) aggravate
- 4) promote

50. His radical views made him unpopular.

- 1) conservative
- 2) open – minded
- 3) childish
- 4) fundamental

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ANSWER KEYS

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