

English Proficiency

General Vocabulary

Skill Based Questions

Q.1. Arrangement:

Directions: Arrange the following words in proper sequence (smallest or the least first).

1. giggled, laughed, smiled, guffawed, chuckled (these words show different ways of laughing).

Ans.
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2. marched, sauntered, strode, walked, shuffled (all these words show speed).

Ans.
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3. timid, terrified, scared (all these words show fear).

Ans.
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Q.2. Analogy Test:

Directions: Clearly write the relationship between the two given words. Identify at least two more analogies similar to the one between the given words.

1. Hug: Affection

Ans.
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2. Dilate : Contract

Ans.
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3. Cupidity : Generosity

Ans.
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4. Anachronous : Time

Ans.
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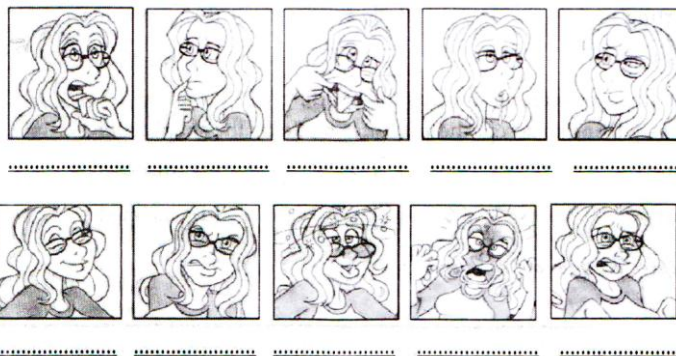
5. Eulogy : Speech

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Q.3. Activity based questions:

Directions: A facial expression results from one or more motions or positions of the muscles of the face. These movements convey the emotional state of the individual to observers. Facial expressions are a form of nonverbal communication. They are a primary means of conveying social information among humans, but also occur in most other mammals and some other animal species. Observe the following pictures of Rohit's various facial expressions. Identify each expression and match it with one of the following expressions given in the box below.

1. **Silly, Incredible, Rage, Fear, Serious, Disgusted, Blank, Confident, Drunk, Fierce.**



Q.3. Double Synonyms:

Directions: In each of the following questions, choose from the given words below the two sentences, that word which has the same meaning and can be used in the same context as the part given in bold in both the sentences.

1. I. His **understanding** of the subject was really good.
II. Vijay had to **hold on** the handle of the door with all his strength.
(a) make (b) power (c) pull (d) grasp
2. I. Some of the edible oils **have** a high cholesterol level.
II. The forest authorities have failed to **control** poaching in that area.
(a) comprise (b) possess (c) restrain (d) contain
3. I. Mrs. Menon **put** all her jewellery in one box carelessly.
II. The equipment had to be **stored** in this ware house at short notice.
(a) stacked (b) dumped (c) stocked (d) stowed
4. I. Avinash was the **first** suspect in that case.
II. The driver decided to **tune** the engine before going to sleep that day.
(a) major (b) suffer (c) counter (d) prime
5. I. Saurabh was **going** to the library when he met me.
II. The newspapers carried the news about the murder with a large **caption**.
(a) starting (b) venturing (c) heading (d) prefixing
6. I. The tree was **leaning** towards the building.
II. I was **willing** to accept the first offer made by the shopkeeper.
(a) sloped (b) disposed (c) bent (d) inclined

Q.5. Multiple usage of A Word:

Directions: In each question four incomplete sentences are given. They can be completed to form meaningful sentences from one of the words given below. Any of these words can fit any number of times in the given four sentences. Fill the appropriate word in each of the blanks. Further fill the word that fits maximum number of times in the given box.

1. reasonable legitimate, legal, illicit, valid

I. Concern about his teenaged daughter is perfectly _____.

II. Your daughter is perfectly _____ in her demand.

III. Smuggling is not _____ in any country.

IV. Only _____ sons are entitled to inherit their father's legacy. []

2. Intense, fatal, mortal, extreme, severe

I. All human beings are _____.

II. His reputation suffered a _____ blow as a result of the sex scandal.

III. It seems the duo have locked themselves in _____ combat.

IV. He harbours a _____ fear that someday the sky is going to fall on his head. []

3. dubious, suspicious, uncertain, dishonest, unlikely

I. He has the _____ distinction of going to jail maximum number of times.

II. It is _____ that anyone survived the accident.

III. He has acquired his richness by _____ means.

IV. According to the police records he is a person of _____ character. []

4. favour, content, whimsy, humour, harmony

I. He was _____ after his salary was hiked.

II. The novel is full of soft and interesting _____.

III. Fat people in general have a good sense of _____.

IV. It is prudent to keep one's boss always good _____. []

5. Productive, rich, creative, prolific, fertile;

I. Thomas Alva Edison had a very _____ brain.

II. Indo-Gangetic plain is considered to be very _____.

III. Conditions in slums are _____ ground for breeding criminals.

IV. A castrated animal is not _____. []

6. earned, flagrant, gross, total, glaring
- I. Her last novel earned her a _____ income of 20 million dollars.
- II. He died because of _____ negligence of hospital staff.
- III. His _____ behaviour betrays his poor upbringing.
- IV. His _____ income is 6 lakh rupees per annum.

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Q.6. Multiple Meanings:

Directions: In each of the following questions a word has been given with FOUR different meanings as per dictionary. Write is sentence for each of the given meanings.

1. Dictionary meaning of Catch

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| A. Capture | B. Grasp with senses or mind |
| C. Deception | D. Thing or person worth trapping |

Match each of the above dictionary meaning with one of the following:

- I. All her friends agreed that Prasad was a good catch.
- II. The proposal sounds very good but where is the catch?
- III. Hussain tries to catch the spirit of India in this painting
- IV. Sorry, I couldn't catch you

2. Dictionary meaning of Deal

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| A. Manage, attend to | B. Stock, sell |
| C. Give out to a number of people | D. Be concerned with |

Match each of the above dictionary meaning with one of the following:

- I. Dinesh insisted on dealing the cards
- II. This contract deals with handmade cards
- III. My brother deals in cards
- IV. I decided not to deal with handmade cards

3. Dictionary meaning of Turn

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| A. Give new direction to | B. Send |
| C. Change in form | D. Opportunity coming successively for each person |

Match each of the above dictionary meaning with one of the following :

- I. It was now his turn to be angry
- II. Leena never turned away a beggar
- III. Ashish asked Laxman to turn his face to the left
- IV. The old school building has been turned into a museum

4. Dictionary Meaning of LAST:
- A. To continue in existence or operation
 - B. To be enough for needs of
 - C. A foot-shaped form on which a shoe is repaired
 - D. At the end; in conclusion

Match each of the above dictionary meaning with one of the following:

- I. The sole was being cut on the last so that it would fit in well
- II. The car lasted much longer than anyone had expected.
- III. Last but not the least, thanks was due to the jury which had done such a good job.
- IV. The provisions would have lasted them less than a fortnight.

5. Dictionary Meaning of DRUM:

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| A. A percussion instrument | B. To beat a drum |
| B. To sound rhythmically | D. To drive or force by steady effort |

Match each of the above dictionary meaning with one of the following:

- I. The musician was testing the drum before the show began.
- II. He had drummed it into her that the event was the chance of a lifetime for her.
- III. The musicians were asked to drum to a faster beat.
- IV. The girl was drumming her fingers on the table nervously.

Q.7. Subjective questions:

1. Defiant means boldly resistant or challenging; Daring.

Can you recollect a situation/ incident when you (or someone else) have felt defiant about something?

Write it briefly. If you haven't encountered any such situation then you shall create an imaginary one.

Ans.

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2. Describe a situation in which you felt that people were hostile?

Ans.

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3. Give an example, that you may have encountered in real life, which describes the following word.

- (i) Sumptuous (ii) Palatial (iii) Mettle (iv) Ubiquitous
(v) Veracity

Ans.
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4. Incredible India Campaign

The first marketing initiative of its kind. Incredible India was conceptualized in 2002 by V Sunil (while he was Creative Director, O & M Delhi), and Amitabh Kant, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism. The primary objective of this branding exercise was to create a distinctive identity for the country. This resulted in the iconic “Incredible India” logo, where the exclamation mark that formed the “I” of India was used to great effect across all communications. The campaign successfully established India as a high-end tourist destination, generating a 16% increase in tourist traffic in the first year.



What's incredible about India in the context of the above picture?

Ans.
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Q.8. Theme based vocabulary:

1. (a) Give 5 words which show an increase in something.
(b) Give 5 words which show a decrease in something.

(a)	Increase	(b)	Decrease

2. (a) Give 5 words which show importance in/ of something (i.e. important).
(b) Give 5 words which does not show importance in/ of something (i.e. not important).

(a)	Important	(b)	Not Important

- 3.** List 5 qualities you would look for if you had to select the ideal:
- (i) Best NCC cadet (ii) Compere for the annual function.

Explain why you feel that this quality is important.

Ans. (i)

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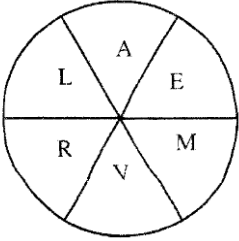
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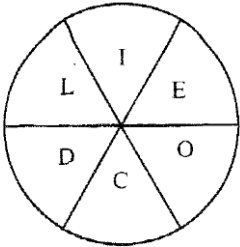
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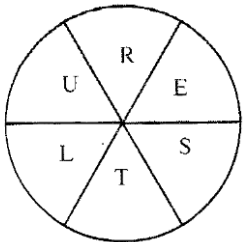
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Q.3. Word formation:

Directions: Given below are 6 alphabets. Form 3, 4, 5 and 6 lettered (as many as you can) words using the given alphabets. One 6 lettered word is compulsory. Use the 6 lettered word and 3 other tough words in sentences of yours.

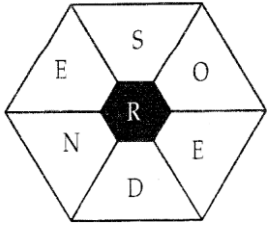
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		5 lettered words	
		6 lettered words	

2.		3 lettered words	
		4 lettered words	
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		6 lettered words	

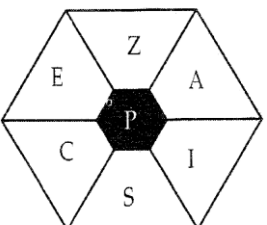
3.		3 lettered words	
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		5 lettered words	
		6 lettered words	

Directions: Given below are 7 alphabets. Form 4, 5, 6 and 7 lettered (as many as you can) words using the given alphabets. One 7 lettered word is compulsory. Each word must contain the central letter. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed.

4. You must form atleast 15 words for a good vocabulary.

	4 lettered words	
	5 lettered words	
	6 lettered words	
	7 lettered words	

5. You must form at least 7 words for a good vocabulary.

	4 lettered words	
	5 lettered words	
	6 lettered words	
	7 lettered words	

Q.10. Sentence Improvement:

Directions: In each of the following sentences, one word has been used wrongly. You have to find that word and replace it with an appropriate word so as to make a meaningful sentence.

1. India has the irony of high saving and low growth rates.

Ans.

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2. The teacher procured the boy's comic which he was reading during the Mathematics period

Ans.
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3. This is a verbatim translation of the speech.

Ans.
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4. The journey may be made by sea or alternately by road.

Ans.
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5. The official informed the Chief Minister of the situation in the town.

Ans.
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6. His residence is on the periphery of Hyderabad.

Ans.
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7. Macbeth is a tragedy of a man who was empowered with great qualities.

Ans.
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8. The most obvious reason for his lack of popularity was his reluctance to find fault with others.

Ans.

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9. Gokhale's patriotic speeches prompted people to dedicate their lives to the nation.

Ans.
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10. In his address to the teachers, the Vice-Chancellor directed certain measures being taken for improving the quality of college education.

Ans.
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Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle for the prefix, 'pre'

CLUES :

- 1.** To say what you think will happen at a future time.
- 2.** A look at a film before it comes out.
- 3.** A time before events were recorded.
- 4.** To get something ready before you need it.
- 5.** To stop something before it happens.
- 6.** A letter pattern that goes at the beginning of a word.
- 7.** Where children might go before they start school.
- 8.** The one before.

