

QUE. (ENGLISH)

[EXAM YEAR 2018]

Most people lead the lives that circumstances have thrust upon them. But Wilson had boldly taken the course of his life into his own hands. At 35, he had quit his job to lead a pleasant life on an exotic island with just enough money to last for twenty five years. Once, fifteen years after he had been on island, I happened to meet him and enquired about his financial situation. He said, "It will carry me on till I am sixty". "But one cannot be sure of dying at sixty", I said. "Well ..." he replied, "it depends on oneself, doesn't it"?

Direction: Read the above passage carefully and answer the questions from 01 to 03.

01. According to the author, most people

(A) Do not allow circumstances to affect their lives

(B) Have fatalistic attitude towards life

(C) Do not know how to cope with their situation

(D) Do nothing to change the condition they live in

02. Wilson's boldest decision was that he

(A) Quit his job

(B) Saved a lot of money to lead a pleasant life

(C) Preferred to live in isolation

(D) Wanted to live without depending on others

03. ".....depends on oneself" suggests that Wilson at 60, would

(A) Depend on his own resources

(B) Surrender him to destiny

(C) Take away his own life

(D) Carry on living in the same way

04. Out of the alternatives given, choose the one that can be substituted for 'an official statement that allows people who have been put in prison for crimes against the state to go free.

(A) atavism

(B) amnesty

(C) anomaly

(D) alimony

05. Find out the correctly spelt word from the following:

(A) neccessary

(C) neccasery

(B) necessary

(D) necessary

06. 'He is employed..... the Manuscripts Department..... the British Museum'

Choose the prepositions in correct order to fill in the blanks in the above sentence.

(A) in, at

(C) in, in

(B) at, in

(D) on, at

07. Choose the correct sentence

(A) If I have time, I should visit the exhibition.

(B) If I have time, I would visit the exhibition.

(C) If I have time, I shall visit the exhibition.

(D) If I have time, I shall have visited the exhibition.

Direction for questions 08 -10: In each question there is a passage of six sentences. The first and the sixth are given in the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up and labelled PQRS. Find out the proper order for the four sentences.

08. S1: Satyajit Ray made several films for children.

S6: But today few think of Ray as a maker of children's films.

P: latter film-makers have followed his lead.

Q: Today other nations are making children's films in a big way.

R: This was at a time when no director considered children as

potential audience. S: Ray was, thus, a pioneer in the field.

(A) PSRQ

(B) RSPQ

(C) RSQP

(D) SQRP

09. S1: The heart is the pump of life

S6: All this was made possible by the invention of the heart-lung machine.

P: They have succeeded in heart transplants.

Q: Now a days surgeons are able to stop a patient's heart and carry out complicated operations.

R: A few years ago it was impossible to operate on a patient whose heart was not working properly.

S: If the heart stops, we die in about five minutes.

(A) SQPR

(B) SRQP

(C) SPRQ

(D) SRPQ

10.S1: Janaki said on the phone that she would report for duty the next day.

S6: Eventually we reported to the police.

P: We waited for a few days and then decided to go to her place.

Q: But she did not.

R: We found it locked.

S: Even after that we waited for her for quite a few days.

(A) PRSQ

(C) QPRS

(B) QPSR

(D) SQPR

[EXAM YEAR 2019]

11. Choose the correctly spelt word from the following:

(A) Aparthied

(B) Apartheid

(C) Aparthed

(D) Aparthad

12. They..... get wet if it.....

Choose the most appropriate words to fill in the blanks in the above sentence.

(A) Will/rains

(B) Will/rain

(C) Will/rained

(D) Would/rains

13. Choose the most appropriate answer:

'Is swimming good for health'?

In the above sentence, the underlined word swimming is used as:

(A) Present Progressive (Present continuous)

(B) Gerund

(C) Present participle

(D) Past participle

14. Choose one word substitute for one who is centre of attraction:

(A) Centrefugal

(B) Centripetal

(C) Cynosure

(D) Cytocentric

In questions 15-17, each passage consists of six sentences. The first (S1) and the sixth (S6) are given the beginning. The middle four sentences in each have been removed and jumbled up. These are labelled PQRS. Choose one of the four alternatives given below every passage which would be the most logical sequence of the sentences in the passage.

15. S1: The coming of the computer sparked the need for remotely operated controls.

S6: The code is based on binary digits.

P: It is silicon chip that is at the heart of the remote control.

Q: This produces an infra-red beam, which is made up electromagnetic waves. of

R: When you press the button on the remote control, the chip sets off an electric vibration.

S: The beam carries a coded signal such as switch on, raise volume, etc.

(A) PQRS

(B) PQSR

(C) PRQS

(D) RPQS

16.S1:Health is the most valuable of all earthly possessions.

S6: The man who does not overeat rises early in the morning at ease with himself.

P: To enjoy good health we should refrain from excess in eating.

Q: Otherwise we will not get sound sleep.

R: We would eat only moderately and not devour whatever we get.

S: Without it all other possessions are worthless,

(A) QSRP

(B) QSPR

(C) SPRQ

(D) SPQR

17. S1: There was a dacoit who used to rob rich people.

S6: He robbed rich people again.

P: Once the Police managed to capture him.

Q: He was sent to prison for 10 years, but he managed to escape.

R: He helped the poor and the needy from the money so obtained.

S: The court which tried him found him to be guilty.

(A) RPSQ

(B) RSQP

(C) RPQS

(D) PQRS

[EXAM YEAR 2021]

Direction: Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions from 18-20:

Sportsmanship can be conceptualized as an enduring and relatively stable characteristic or disposition such that individuals differ in the way they are generally expected to behave in sports situations. In general, sportsmanship refers to virtues such as fairness, self control, courage and persistence and has been associated with interpersonal concepts of treating others and being treated fairly,

maintaining self control in dealing with others and respect for both authority and opponents. Sportsmanship is also looked at as being the way one reacts to a game or sport or player.

The four elements of sportsmanship are often shown as being in good form, the will to win, equity and fairness. All the four elements are critical and a balance must be found among all four for true sportsmanship to be illustrated. These elements may also cause conflict, as a person may desire to win more than play in equity and fairness, thus resulting in a clash within the aspects of sportsmanship. This will cause problems as the person believes he is being a good sportsman but he is defeating the purpose of this idea as he is ignoring the two key components of being sportsman like, when the athletes become too self centered, the idea of sportsmanship is dismissed.

Today's sporting culture in particular, the base of elite sport, places great importance on the idea of competition and winning and thus sportsmanship has taken a back seat. As a result, in most, if not all sports, sportsmen at the elite level, make the standards on sportsmanship and no matter

whether they like it or not, they are seen as leaders and role models in the society.

Since every sport is rule driven, the most common offence of bad sportsmanship is the act of cheating or breaking rules to gain an unfair advantage. A competitor who exhibits poor sportsmanship after losing a game or contest is often called a 'sore loser', while a competitor, who exhibits poor sportsmanship even after winning is typically called a 'bad winner'. Sore loser behaviour includes blaming others for the loss, not accepting responsibility for personal actions that contributed to the defeat, reacting to the loss in an immature or improper fashion, making excuses for the defeat and citing unfavourable conditions or other petty issues as reasons for the defeat.

A bad winner acts in a shallow fashion after his or her victory such as by gloating about his or her win, rubbing the win in the face(s) of the opponent(s) and lowering the opponent(s)'s self esteem by constantly reminding the opponent(s) of his/her poor performance in comparison (even if the opponent(s) competed well). Not showing respect to the other team is considered to being a bad sportsman and could lead to demoralizing effects.

18. According to the passage, 'conflict in the four elements' of sportsmanship can occur when a player has

(A) adopted unfair means and is caught

(B) a desire to win that exceeds playing in equity and fairness

(C) not understood the rules of the game

(D) made repeated attempts to demoralize the opponent

19. The 'shallow fashion' of a 'bad winner' does not include

I. gloating about one's own win

II. building up the opponent(s)'s self esteem

III. comparing oneself with exemplary performance

IV. constantly reminding the opponent about his/her poor performance

(A) I

(B) II and III

(C) I and II

(D) IV

20. Sportsmanship in today's sporting culture has taken a back seat. The underlined phrase means

(A) stepped back

(B) has been seated at the back

(C) got out of unfavourable conditions

(D) didn't accept responsibility

21. Prithi entered the house hurriedly. She wondered what made the room fill with smoke! The underlined words in the sentences respectively are

(A) noun and verb

(B) uncountable noun and adjective

(C) countable noun and uncountable noun

(D) uncountable noun and verb

22. It is important indulging in bad habits. life without

(A) enjoy

(B) to enjoy

(C) enjoying

(D) enjoyment of

23. P. and was at once convinced

Q. he sent a few copies of the book to well-known poetry

R. Shaw read the first few lines of the volume

S. and awaited their reaction

T. that what he was reading was real poetry;

Which of the following will be correct order of above phrases ?

(A) RPTQS

(B) QSTPR

(C) RSPQT

(D) QPRST

24. 1. Materially, advertisements do us no good.

P. The advertisements tread closely on their heels and destroy its effect.

Q. Spiritually, they are one of the worst avoidable evils.

R. Our buildings are covered with prints and pictures that distract and weary us.

S. Architects might give their designs dignity or the beauty of pattern.

6. They have but one requirement; that their intrusion should be conspicuous.

Which of the following will be correct order of above phrases ?

(A) RQPS

(B) RQSP

(C) QRPS

(D) QRSP

25. Your..... to complete the given task on time explains your accountability towards your job.

(A) inability

(B) inability

(C) inability

(D) disability

26. Swami Vivekanand delivered several..... speeches in many European countries. (Fill in the blank with the correct word.)

(A) remarkebel

(B) remerkeble

(C) rimarkable

(D) remarkable

27. 1.The list of horror goes on.

P. And one in every five is malnourished.

Q. This is because real clinics, ill equipped to deal with even small ailments, ethics don't work or simply don't exist.

R. No one has been able to figure out a way to reduce the speed that is at the root of India's over population problems, a baby born every second.

S. There is such a shortage of treatment centres that premier hospitals are choked with patients who show up to treat their cough and cold.

6. Kalyan Banerjee, a consultant at the hospital is worried.

Which of the following will be correct order of above phrases ?

(A) SPRQ

(C) SQPR

(B) RSPQ

(D) RPSQ

[EXAM YEAR 2022]

28. What type of sentence is the following sentence?

Shopping online, Craig bought gifts for everyone in his family.

A. Simple sentence

B. Compound sentence

C. Complex sentence

D. Compound-Complex sentence

92. Choose the correct option from given:-

Word by word reading is-

A. the practice of reading in an impersonal manner.

B. critical analysis of what one reads.

C. slow and unenthusiastic reading.

D. reading slowly when one is unfamiliar with the language.

30. Choose one word for the following sentence:-

One who loves mankind is called-

A. Optimist

B. Philanthropist

C. Optometrist

D. Truant

31. Choose one of best expresses the given sentence in indirect/direct speech-

He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?"

A. He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the question

B. He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question

C. He requested the interviewer to repeat the question

D. He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the question

32. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence.

A. Rohan! you need to perform well.

B. Rohan, you need to perform well.

C. Rohan you need to perform well.

D. Rohan; you need to perform well.

33. Choose the correct preposition from the given:-

I went----- my previous notes before starting to write out the rough draft.

A. before

B. over

C. into

D. across

34. Choose the correct option from the given:-

The competency that involves the ability to hear and utilize the sounds in spoken words while reading, is called-

- A. fluency
- B. comprehension
- C. phonemic awareness
- D. phonies

35. Choose the correct model verb from the given:-

Before this year, I----- move out of my parents' house because I did not have a job.

- A. may not
- B. cannot
- C. should not
- D. could not

36. Change the voice of the following sentence:-

They drew a circle in the morning.

- A. A circle was being drawn by them in the morning
- B. A circle was drawn by them in the morning
- C. In the morning a circle have been drawn by them
- D. A circle has been drawing since morning

37. Choose the correct antonym of the given word:-

GENUINE

- A. spurious
- B. plutonic
- C. innocent
- D. real

[EXAM YEAR 2023]

Read the following passage:

After dinner, all the gang turned out to hunt for turtle eggs on the bar. They went about poking sticks into the sand and when they found a soft place they went down on their knees and dug with their hands. Sometimes they would take fifty or sixty eggs out of one hole. They were perfectly round, white things, a trifle smaller than an English Walnut. They had a famous fried-egg feast that night and another on Friday morning. After breakfast they went whooping and prancing out of the bar and chased each other round and round, shedding clothes as they went, until they were naked and then continued the frolic far away up the shoal water of the bar, against the stiff current, which later tripped their legs from under them from time to time, and greatly increased the fun. And now and then they stood in a group and splashed water in each other's faces with their palms, gradually approaching each other with averted faces, to avoid the straggling sprays and finally gripping and struggling till the best man ducked his neighbour and then they all went under in a tangle of white legs and arms and came up blowing, sputtering. laughing and gasping for breath at one and the same time..

Now answer question nos. from 38 to 40 based on the above passage.

38. What effect did the stiff current have upon the gang?

- A. It splashed water in each other's faces.
- B. It tripped their legs from under them.
- C. It greatly increased the fun.

D. Both B and C.

39. In the given passage the word 'bar' appears thrice. What is the meaning of it?

A. a straight piece (as of wood or metal) that is longer than it is wide and has any of various uses (as for a lever, support, barrier, or fastening)

B. a submerged or partly submerged bank (as of sand) along a shore or in a river often obstructing navigation

C. a solid piece or block of material that is longer than it is wide

D. something that obstructs or prevents passage, progress or action

40. Read the line, 'They were perfectly round, white things, a trifle smaller than an English walnut'.

This line describes the -

- A. The breakfast
- B. The famous fried-egg feast

C. The turtle eggs

D. Splashing of water

41. Given is a statement-

Rajesh is opening a new pizza shop next week.

In light of the given statement, read the following arguments:-

- I. It indicates present time.
- II. It indicates futurity.

Now choose the correct option:-

A. Only Argument I is correct

B. Only Argument II is correct

C. Both the Arguments I and II are correct

D. Both the Arguments I and II are incorrect

42. Punctuate the given sentence-

what a great shot

- A. What a great shot?
- B. What a great shot!**
- C. What? a great shot.
- D. What, a great shot?

43. There are some definite stages to writing an 'argumentative essay'. Here are some of them, but they are not in the proper order:-

I. Writing the first draft

II. Introduction of the argumentative text

III. Developing a perspective

IV. Final draft

V. Peer-feedback and editing

Now, arrange them in the proper order.

A. I-II-II-IV-V

B. II-I-III-IV-V

C. II -III- I-IV-V

D. II-III-I-V-IV

44. Give the one word for the following expression-

'an official written record of what is discussed or decided at a formal meeting'.

A. Report

B. Summary

C. Reportage

D. Minutes.

45. While writing a paragraph, we keep 'cohesion and coherence' in mind.

A. Cohesion is the sense connection

B. Coherence is the logical connection

C. Both A and B

D. 'Cohesion and coherence' mean the same idea

46. Read the following statement from a notarized rent agreement:-

"The tenant shall pay the rent in advance."

Here the word 'shall' expresses-

A. Futurity

B. Volition

C. Legal binding

D. Indication

47. Which of the following is not a member of word family 'wit'?

A. witty

B. witness

C. outwit

D. witticism