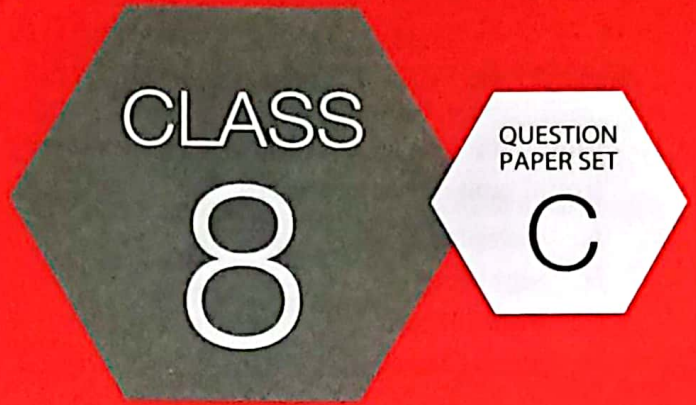


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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 22, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

1. Most of the issues discussed in the meeting were trivial, and only a few were _____.
A. complexity
B. significant
C. anonymous
D. irrelevance
2. I had a heavy lunch. I am feeling _____ now.
A. drowsy
B. desperate
C. destitute
D. despondent
3. Micky _____ two books this year from a new publishing house.
A. get along
B. brought out
C. brought up on
D. drew off
4. We are _____ to have you _____ here to make this event a great success.
A. sure, come
B. pleased, over
C. proud, leave
D. happy, arrive
5. The telephone _____ several times before I answered it.
A. has rung
B. is ringing
C. would rang
D. had rung
6. On the advice of his father, he reconciled _____ his wife.
A. with
B. to
C. into
D. by
7. Everybody attributed his success _____ sheer hard work.
A. upon
B. to
C. up
D. down
8. The authorities have also _____ the roadside shops to prevent unnecessary crowding.
A. clamped with
B. clamping by
C. clamped down on
D. clamp upon
9. The dispute _____ settled between you and I.
A. should easily
B. would has easily
C. could easily
D. can be easily
10. The _____ half of this film is like Ekta Kapoor's serial.
A. latter
B. later
C. letter
D. latest
11. The arrangements for the birthday party were _____ nice. One could not help but appreciate them.
A. secretly
B. morbidly
C. quietly
D. extremely
12. As the festival approaches, the number customers _____.
A. will increased
B. will have increased
C. is increased
D. increases

13. The income tax raid was too sudden _____.

- A. so that the man escaped
- B. for the man escaping
- C. then the man escaped
- D. for the man to escape

14. Although she is visually disabled, she is very fast _____ calculations.

- A. for
- B. about
- C. of
- D. at

15. If you really want to do something, you will find _____ way. If you don't, you'll find _____ excuse.

- A. a, an
- B. a, the
- C. the, a
- D. the, the

16. Read over your answers _____ correct all mistakes before you pass them up.

- A. nor
- B. and
- C. as
- D. so

17. Sam _____ me coming to his table; he smiled and _____ me a chair.

- A. looked, give
- B. saw, offered
- C. met, set
- D. found, took

18. I felt I needed to talk to you about _____ we are going on the trip or not.

- A. that
- B. whether
- C. because
- D. neither

19. My mother asked the stranger _____.

- A. what is the purpose of your coming
- B. what was the purpose of your coming
- C. what the purpose of his coming was
- D. that what is your purpose of coming

20. The young boy was _____ off with a strong warning to not steal again.

- A. called
- B. let
- C. set
- D. send

21. That building _____ twelve apartments with all the latest amenities.

- A. resides
- B. comprises
- C. outlays
- D. assembles

22. The teacher ordered Jack to leave the room and _____ him to return.

- A. persisted
- B. refused
- C. stopped
- D. forbade

FOR QUESTIONS 23 AND 24, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

23. The country needs a stable government to tackled the challenges it faces today.

- A. The country needs a
- B. stable government to
- C. tackled the challenges
- D. it faces today.

24. The moment of the train was so soothing that all the passengers slept very well.

- A. The moment of the train
- B. was so soothing
- C. that all the passengers
- D. slept very well.

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

25. A. Ferocious
B. Fluctuate
C. Continantel
D. Detiriorate

26. A. Recallitrant
B. Penurious
C. Pretenteious
D. Prevariecate

FOR QUESTIONS 27 AND 28, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

27. Intermittent
- A. Incessant
 - B. Frequent
 - C. Sporadic
 - D. Perpetual

28. Uncouth
- A. Elegant
 - B. Compensate
 - C. Translucent
 - D. Loutish

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

29. Wile
- A. Naivete
 - B. Trickery
 - C. Artifice
 - D. Gimmick

30. Mitigate
- A. Extenuate
 - B. Alleviate
 - C. Augment
 - D. Ordinary

READING

FOR QUESTIONS 31 TO 35, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

At one time, communication may have been described as talking and perhaps reading. But since then, communication's definition has completely transformed. The Internet has played a key role in the technological development that aids and produces communication.

Before the Internet was introduced to the public in the mid-90s, most people used telephones and postal mail to communicate. For businesses and organizations, internal computer networking, television, radio, newspapers, conferences, meetings, and faxes were also essential keys to communication, advertising, and the distribution of information.

Now, just over a decade later, the majority of information, education, and communication is now accessible over the Internet—and to the majority of homes across the country. There are many aspects of communication and society that have been affected by this transition to an Internet-powered world.

As noted before, many people, when not speaking in person, communicated over the phone or by sending postal letters. Because of broadband Internet service, there have been a number of newer methods to communicate, some of which have become increasingly popular recently to the point where they are now also being implemented by businesses.

Email, now almost considered an "old school" method of communication, has significantly reduced the need for postal mail—for personal and business communication—to the point where post offices have been downsizing, even closing in some small towns. Many businesses use email to advertise (sometimes considered spam) and to notify customers of everything from sales to bills due.

Chat and instant messaging are mostly used for interpersonal communication. This method of communication is an informal way to meet new people, keep in touch with friends and family, or maintain long-distance relationships. Internet messaging

in all forms is often a preferred method of communication to phone calls, letters, and face-to-face communication because of its laid-back, informal nature.

Social networking is by far the most popular and fastest-growing communication method made possible by broadband Internet service. It started out as a way for people to find old friends, stay in touch with current ones, and meet new ones. It has now grown into a prolific communication tool for both personal and business use. You can organize groups, notify people of events, send mass email messages, chat, and so much more. Facebook, Twitter, and Myspace are currently the most popular social networking sites and have attracted billions of users. Many businesses have used social networking for advertising and marketing purposes and seen great results.

Communication has changed significantly because of Internet services. Many times, an email or instant message is much less invasive than a phone call or personal visit. You can send messages at any time of the day, and conversations lack the "awkward silence" often occurring during a telephone conversation. People can respond to an Internet message in their pyjamas, which would be very uncomfortable if the communication was in person.

Internet communication can also be done while multitasking and is not much inhibited by surrounding noises or environments, which means that people can multitask while they are communicating. Since the computer and the Internet are also used for finding news and information, buying goods and services, and obtaining educational and recreational material, communicating while you are connected to the Internet is convenient and easy.

31. Read the statements I and II and select the correct option.
Statement I : The Internet has played a vital role in economic development.
Statement II : There are a lot of social sites that attract billions of people.
- A. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
B. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
C. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.
D. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
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32. Select the incorrect statement about the Internet and communication.
- A. Before the Internet was introduced in the mid-80s, people used telephones and sent messages through the postal mail.
B. People can respond to the messages according to their convenience at home.
C. People can multitask while communicating on the Internet.
D. Many businesses have used social networking sites for advertising as well as marketing their products.
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33. Internet messaging in all forms is preferred to _____.
- A. phone calls
B. face-to-face communication
C. sending letters
D. all of these
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34. "Awkward Silence" refers to "_____".
- A. to be silent during conversation on the phone
B. to not respond to a message
C. to be silent during face-to-face conversation
D. to not talk because of the poor network
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35. Choose the option which is not a synonym of the word 'prolific'.
- A. Bountiful
B. Fructuous
C. Exiguous
D. Fecund

FOR QUESTIONS 36 TO 40, READ THE PASSAGE AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW.

One of the things most people do not know is that there are several different types of diabetes and that diabetes is a disease that will stay with you for the rest of your life. There is no cure for diabetes, which means that once a person is informed that he has diabetes, this condition will follow him for the rest of his or her life.

Coming to terms with the fact that one has diabetes may be psychologically difficult sometimes, especially if the person has no experience with long and difficult diseases and illnesses. The mental strain and the difficulty of grasping the new situation might sometimes cause a state of confusion and anger, denial, and expressions of mood swings. While this is all normal and understandable, an adult behaving in such a way may be problematic to explain to young children or even friends and colleagues.

As in all other difficult situations, family and close friends can always be a source of great comfort and relief, and if you can find some people who also discovered in later stages of life that they had diabetes, that will help too. The idea of companionship between patients of many diseases can help the patient realize that there are ways to deal with the news and that people have done that before him.

Dealing with the discovery of diabetes is not as crashing as other fatal diseases that we know and hear about on a daily basis, but for a healthy individual, this may come as a complete shock, and any person who is not well-informed about diabetes to begin with may take this as a devastating realization. It is important to stress that diabetes is something that you can live with and that there is increasing

awareness around the world about diabetic patients and their needs, as well as the medical attention that diabetics require.

The fact that there are three different kinds of diabetes should make it clear that everyone needs to know about it since it is not an illness that is limited to young people only; diabetes can be discovered later in life, and the risks associated with a lack of treatment for diabetes are high. The lack of knowledge about diabetes causes future patients to panic or not relax about their condition, which is dangerous to their health in both cases. To summarize what has been said in this article so far, the discovery of diabetes at a later stage of life can be a shock. Family and friends should try their best to support the diabetic and to help him or her realize that this is a disease that requires daily attention and is potentially dangerous if not treated properly. Overall, the level of awareness in the general public of the disease and diabetics in general should be addressed, and any individual should try his or her best to explain the dangers of the illness to others, not only to increase awareness but also to try and improve society's treatment of diabetics.

36. Read the statements I and II and select the correct option.

Statement I : If a diabetic has no experience with any long and difficult diseases, he or she has to face some psychological difficulties.

Statement II : Family and friends make the diabetic person realise that this doesn't require daily attention.

- A. Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect.
- B. Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct.
- C. Both the Statements I and II are correct.
- D. Both the Statements I and II are incorrect.

37. Select the incorrect statement about a diabetic person.

- A. Diabetes is not a disease that only comes with age.
- B. It is only the concerned authority's responsibility to make the general public aware of diseases or illnesses due to diabetes.
- C. Any person who is not well-informed about diabetes may take this as a devastating realisation.
- D. The idea of companionship may help a patient cope with the situation.

38. When a person learns that he or she is diabetic, he or she _____.

- A. will accept his illness willingly
- B. might have stress, which can lead to a state of confusion and anger
- C. might not be shocked
- D. will not accept his illness and stays alone

39. Which of the following causes diabetes?

- A. Stress
- B. No exercise
- C. Busy life style
- D. All of these

40. Which of the factor(s) will be helpful to reduce the stress and difficulties of a diabetic?

- A. The family and friends should try their best to support the diabetic and to help him or her realise that this is a disease that requires daily attention.
- B. The idea of companionship between patients with many diseases can help the patient realise that there are ways to deal with the news and that people have done that before him.
- C. The general public should be aware of the causes of diabetes beforehand.
- D. All of these

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

FOR QUESTIONS 41 TO 45, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH CONVERSATION.

41. Sandy : Do you know I have switched my job again?

Laura : Why can't you stick to one company instead of dashing from _____?

- A. pillar to pillar
- B. post to post
- C. pillar to post
- D. post to pillar

42. John : Hey Tim, I am very glad to make a deal with you. I like honest people like you.

Tim : Same here, dear. I believe in _____ dealing.

- A. directed
- B. honesty
- C. fairly and truly
- D. fair and square

43. Nayika : I _____ my mother if I can stay at your place for the completion of project work.

Sheena : I am happy that we _____ together.

- A. asks, shall have working
- B. asked, will be working
- C. being asked, will be worked
- D. ask, shall working

44. Mary : _____ you please come to attend my birthday party tonight?

Tom : I will surely come.

- A. Would
- B. Should
- C. May
- D. Might

45. Romy : During Christmas, even the elderly _____.

- A. spill red wine
- B. paint the town red
- C. paint the house blue
- D. make their mark

ACHIEVERS SECTION

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO FILL IN THE BLANK.

46. In _____ of foreign affairs, there is always an element of risk involved in _____ one might do.

- A. defence, wrong
- B. case, whatever
- C. view, whichever
- D. many, doing

47. There was a serious _____ between the two friends.

- A. alteration
- B. aberration
- C. alliteration
- D. altercation

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Extravaganza

- A. Simplicity

- B. Realism
- C. Falsification
- D. Spectacular

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Modicum

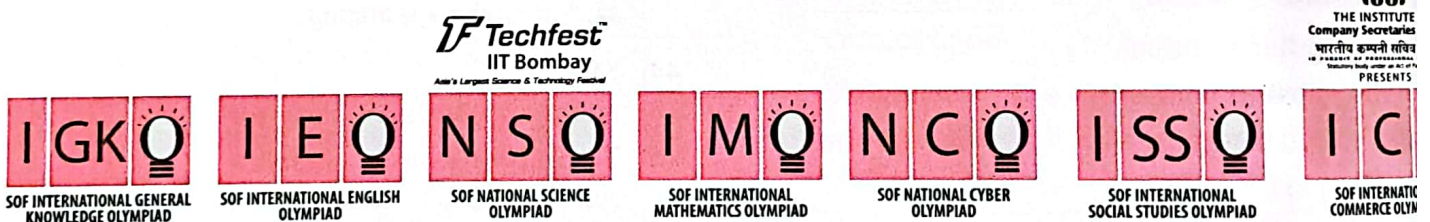
- A. Brazenness
- B. Immodesty
- C. Snippet
- D. Abundance

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Abhishek : After my recent financial troubles, that raise was a real _____.

Avinash : I am happy to hear this.

- A. under the weather
- B. shot in the arm
- C. tongue-in-cheek
- D. coup de grace



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