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Word and Structure Knowledge (30 Questions), **Reading** (10 Questions), **Spoken and Written Expression** (5 Questions) and **Achievers Section** (5 Questions).
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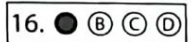
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Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

- A. to fetch B. learn C. show D. to learn

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WORD AND STRUCTURE KNOWLEDGE

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

1. _____ is a literary device that refers to a particular person, place, or event either indirectly or through implication.
A. Oxymoron B. Allusion
C. Paradox D. Euphemism

2. An ode is a type of poem that _____ for a particular occasion or that speaks to a particular person or thing.
A. had written B. is being writing
C. is written D. was wrote

3. Amitabh Bachchan is a big name in the Indian film industry, and his achievements are _____; no other actor has achieved the same fame till now.
A. resembled B. paralleled
C. inflammable D. formidable

4. 'The Shadow Lines' by Amitav Ghosh is undoubtedly one of his best works, for which he _____ with the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1990.
A. was being apportioned
B. was felicitated
C. had awarded
D. is allocated

5. _____ come out of the cabin when he was called again for an urgent meeting to discuss some confidential matters.
A. As had he B. As soon as he has
C. Hardly had he D. As long as had he

6. _____ knowledge of farming that he possessed proved beneficial for him and his family during the inflationary period.
A. The few B. Some
C. Little D. The little

7. Sanjay looked very happy and _____ when he got to know that his proposed schemes to improve efficiency were _____ during the meeting.
A. satisfied, stall
B. thrill, rejected
C. relieved, approved
D. overwhelming, received

8. How much a person earns is as important as _____.
A. where he does earn
B. why does he earn of all
C. when does he earn so
D. how he earns it

9. _____ of basic necessities, the slum dwellers suffered a lot because of the flood in the Yamuna River.
A. Having been deprived
B. Had been depriving
C. Has deprived
D. Have been depriving

10. Experience teaches everyone not to ignore _____ man, high or low, or _____ great or small, and it's up to us how we implement it in our lives.
A. the, anything B. some, any
C. any, some D. any, anything

11. Both the parties have been fighting over an agreement; ultimately, they agreed to meet at the conference to _____ their differences.
A. jump at B. vent at
C. iron out D. went out

12. The _____ behavior of all her family members towards one another makes the home atmosphere very _____ to all-round development.
A. heated, conducive
B. cordial, unfavorable
C. cordial, conducive
D. hostile, propitious

13. The situation you are in is _____ I expected. If you had confided in me about it, I would have definitely helped you.
A. worst than
B. much worse than
C. more worst than
D. the worse than

14. The employment rate has seen a surge this year. _____ there are many who are still unemployed.

- A. whether
C. nonetheless
B. as well
D. yet only

15. A country with a corrupt, _____ government can never see the light of development and will always remain backward compared to others.

- A. despotic
C. constitutional
B. patriotic
D. democratic

16. Mayank, _____ his friends, was riding his motorcycle rashly last night _____ he was stopped by the officers and had to pay a heavy fine.

- A. with along, unless
B. along with, until
C. as well, since
D. including, although

17. _____ supermarket down _____ lane was raided by government officials for charging more than _____ MRP, which is why it was shut down.

- A. The, the, the
B. A, the, a
C. The, no article, an
D. The, a, no article

18. We should associate ourselves with good-natured people only because the qualities we acquire _____ our company.

- A. depend on
C. depends over
B. depends upon
D. depend in

19. The fact that the reigning Indian rulers were _____ made it easier for the British to establish an empire in India.

- A. disjoin
C. disunited
B. disorient
D. disintegrates

20. He couldn't help but contain his tears when he _____ the plight of the villagers who _____ out from their homes by a devastating hurricane.

- A. witnessed, had driven
B. witness, were driven
C. witnessed, had been driven
D. witnesses, was driven

21. An _____ is a collection of poems, stories, etc. that have been written by different people and published together in a book.

- A. anthology
C. anomaly
B. anthropology
D. anthocodium

22. I just cannot believe your words that you were _____ of the repercussions.

- A. thorough of ignorance
B. thoroughly ignorance
C. thoroughly ignorant
D. thorough in ignorance

FOR QUESTIONS 23 AND 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT MEANING OF THE FOLLOWING IDIOM/PROVERB.

23. 'To set the Thames on fire' means _____.

- A. to put more oil into fire
B. to achieve something remarkable
C. to pour water on fire
D. to criticise oneself

24. 'To take up the hatchet' means _____.

- A. to not work hard and get desirable results
B. to be calm in every situation
C. to prepare for or go to war
D. to have a reason for maintaining peace

FOR QUESTIONS 25 AND 26, CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

25. Perfidious

- A. Traitorous
C. Devout
B. Squelch
D. Fervid

26. Staccato

- A. Felicitous
C. Discordant
B. Melodious
D. Dulcet

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

27. Quibbling

- A. Nuanced
C. Piddling
B. Finical
D. Manifest

28. Peremptory

- A. Autocratic
C. Tractable
B. Tyrannic
D. Regimental

FOR QUESTIONS 29 AND 30, CHOOSE THE OPTION WITH CORRECT SPELLING.

29. A. Echincocosis
C. Echniccocosis
B. Echinococosis
D. Echinccoosis

30. A. Gilendespring
C. Gilendasprang
B. Gelandissprang
D. Gelandesprung

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

We're always telling children that books and reading are good for them, but have we ever really thought about why that's true? Exactly what do older children get out of reading novels? What do younger kids get from being read to? Does reading matter?

Reading is an important skill that needs to be developed in children. Not only is it necessary for survival in the world of schools and (later on) universities, but in adult life as well.

The more children read, the better they become at reading. It's as simple as that. The more enjoyable the things they read are, the more they'll stick with them and develop the reading skills that they'll need for full access to information in their adult lives. Reading should be viewed as a pleasurable activity—a source of entertaining tales and useful and interesting factual information.

The more young children are read to, the greater their interest in mastering reading. When parents read aloud to children, the children also hear correct pronunciation as they see the words on the page, even if they can't yet read the words on their own.

Through books, children can also learn about people and places from other parts of the world, improving their understanding of and concern for all of humanity. This, in turn, contributes to our sense that we truly live in a "global village" and may help us bring about a more peaceful future for everyone. This can happen through nonfiction, but perhaps even more importantly, reading novels that are set in other places and time periods can give children a deeper understanding of others through identification with individual characters and their plights.

Books also give kids the opportunity to flex their critical thinking skills in areas such as, problem solving, the concepts of cause and effect, conflict resolution, and accepting of responsibility for one's actions. Mysteries allow children to follow clues to their logical conclusions and to try to outguess the author. Even for very young children, a simple story with a repetitive refrain or a simple mystery to solve gives them a confidence boost. Children can predict the patterns and successfully solve the riddles.

Although reading is thought of as the quintessential solitary activity, in certain circumstances, reading can be a social activity. For example, a parent or grandparent reading a story aloud, whether from a traditional printed book or from an e-book, can be a great opportunity for adult and child to share some quiet, relaxed quality time together away from the rush and stresses of the business of daily living. At school or at a library story hour, books can bring children together and be part of a positive shared experience. For some pre-schoolers this may be their primary opportunity to socialize and learn how to behave around other children or how to sit quietly for a group activity.

It may sound funny, but e-books can be a way for children to improve their fine motor skills and their hand-eye coordination as they click around a child-friendly website or click the backward and forward buttons of online story pages. They may also be picking up valuable computer skills that they'll need in school and later in life.

If a child wants to hear the same story over and over again, don't worry about it. Children take comfort in the familiarity and predictability of a beloved story that they know by heart. There's no harm in that. Reread old favourites and, at the same time, introduce your children to new stories. Your child's mind and heart have room for both.

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

Statement I : Books are not only a great source of knowledge but also develop social skills in children.

Statement II : E-books help children improve their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination.

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

32. One advantage of reading, according to the writer, is that children _____.

- A. will not be outside playing under the sun
- B. will learn to disregard the importance of books and stories
- C. can learn about people and places from other parts of the world
- D. can know more about how books are created

33. How can books help pre-schoolers?

- A. Books help pre-schoolers learn the importance of sharing.
- B. Books give a pre-schooler the opportunity to socialise and interact with others.
- C. Books provide a chance for pre-schoolers to have an interactive and attractive skill development learning experience.
- D. Books provide a medium for pre-schoolers to learn to be away from their parents.

34. What did the writer suggest about children asking for the same stories to be read again?

- A. Rereading the same stories should not be done.
- B. Rereading stories can be encouraged as long as it does not involve the children as active participants.
- C. Rereading is encouraged, as the familiarity and predictability of a beloved story they already know provide comfort to children.
- D. Rereading stories prevents children from expanding their interest in trying out new stories.

35. Which word in the passage means the same as 'paradigmatic'.

- A. Predictability
- B. Circumstance
- C. Quintessential
- D. Pleasurable

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

The basic system of Wi-Fi is very simple. In a Wi-Fi-enabled network, computers with Wi-Fi cards connect wirelessly to an access point or router. This access point or router is internet-enabled in the usual way, connected to the internet using a cable or DSL modem. Any PC or laptop with a Wi-Fi card that is within a radius of 200 feet (60 meters) from the access point can access the internet. However, a distance of 100 feet (30 meters) is considered ideal for good-quality access. An area surrounding an access point that provides wireless access is called a wireless hotspot.

A Wi-Fi-enabled work environment helps workers stay connected for longer and even interact with their co-workers effortlessly.

A wireless access point has the risk that anyone can access the information if they get within an accessible distance. Therefore, it is important to take security precautions while setting up a Wi-Fi network in your organization. The degree of security depends on the nature of the information your organization handles. If it is highly sensitive information, you will need to take customized security measures.

You can access the internet from your Wi-Fi-enabled device from wherever you are, as long as you are within range of a base station or source. Thus, the workers can move about with their gadgets from their cabin down the corridor to the conference room without losing connection. You can also access your company's network from your own laptop or PDA, even when

- C. Having a good knowledge and understanding of modern technology
- D. Having all the latest technological developments in one's possession

38. Choose the statements that are incorrect according to the passage.

1. The degree of security depends on the nature of the information an organisation handles.
 2. Wi-Fi is faster and it is more cost-effective for the company to set up a wireless network than a wired connection.
 3. Wi-Fi uses radio technology for communication, and mostly operates at 2 or 8 GHz frequencies.
 4. Security is also applicable when one needs to access a public hotspot using their laptop or other devices.
 5. The problem with Wi-Fi technology is the range but this does not apply to Wi-Fi phones.
- A. 3 and 5 only B. 1 and 4 only
C. 2, 4 and 5 only D. 2, 3 and 4 only

39. What is the one drawback of Wi-Fi phones as compared to cell phones?

- A. Wi-Fi phones need to be connected to a cable to be usable.
- B. Wi-Fi phones need Wi-Fi connectivity to be usable.
- C. Both can be used to make calls and send text messages anywhere.
- D. Wi-Fi phones are bulky and difficult to carry everywhere.

40. What is one hitch of Wi-Fi that the passage mentions?

- A. Wi-Fi connectivity is difficult in some areas and locations.
- B. The range of the Wi-Fi makes it impossible to roam beyond its coverage.
- C. The strength of the Wi-Fi makes it difficult to be used by a large group of people at the same time.
- D. Technological developments constrict the smooth functioning of Wi-Fi connections.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Andrew : Sir, give me a chance. I will triple the sales within 3 months.

Boss : I know you well, Andrew; don't try _____.

- A. to put something on hold
- B. to bite off more than you can chew
- C. to went behind the bars
- D. to lean on myself

42. Micky : I was brought up with this upbringing to _____, however harsh the truth is, rather than bootlicking others.

- A. made others' blood boil
- B. bounce on factual
- C. call a spade a spade
- D. bell the cat

43. Tourist : How long will it take for us to go around the Taj Mahal?

Guide : _____

- A. It depends on how much you are paying for it.
- B. I am new here. I can't tell you.
- C. It depends on how much time is at your disposal.
- D. Do you want to stay here?

44. Penelope : May I have a look at some gift items for girls, please?

Shopkeeper : _____

- A. Most welcome, ma'am. May I know what kind of gifts you are considering?
- B. You may see yourself. I am very busy.
- C. You have to buy more than the price of ₹ 10,000.
- D. You must go to the next shop. Do you understand?

45. Jenny : Claudia, I was _____ when you refused to recognise me at the shopping center.

Claudia : I'm really sorry, dear. I thought you were someone else.

- A. cut to the quick
- B. over and above
- C. cut upon the edges
- D. hurt about and across

ACHIEVERS SECTION

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

46. I was in a state of _____ because I was having mixed feelings about leaving the country for better job opportunities.

- A. aquiline
- B. ambrosia
- C. annihilate
- D. ambivalence

47. The father in the church preached that no man is evil; it is his doings that are. One needs to _____ those actions to make oneself better.

- A. anneal
- B. ameliorate
- C. abjured
- D. alimony

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Contumelious

- A. Laudatory
- B. Sycophantic
- C. Vitriolic
- D. Encomiastic

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Farraginous

- A. Promiscuous
- B. Patchwork
- C. Multifarious
- D. Homogeneous

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Roger : It is well said that _____ because when there is improvement in the general economy, it will benefit all businesses and individuals.

- A. sail close to the wind
- B. a rising tide lifts all boats
- C. the tip of the iceberg
- D. nipping something in the bud



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