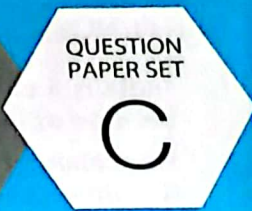




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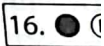
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Q.16: Fill in the blank.

Please teach my dog _____ a ball.

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

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FOR QUESTIONS 1 TO 16, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

1. India is a country that is rich in _____ because of its distinct cultures and religions.
 - A. calamity
 - B. diversity
 - C. adversity
 - D. negativity

2. The person _____ we met yesterday at the gala is the CEO of the company I used to work for.
 - A. which
 - B. who
 - C. whom
 - D. what

3. My younger brother _____ presumes that I am a person capable of doing anything.
 - A. often
 - B. loudly
 - C. frequent
 - D. ever

4. The news of my uncle's demise caused a _____ mood for everyone in our family.
 - A. blooming
 - B. mirthful
 - C. energetic
 - D. dismal

5. I challenged myself to finish my homework within _____ hour so that I could go out to play with my friends.
 - A. a
 - B. an
 - C. the
 - D. no article

6. The Japanese book 'Ikigai' is _____ 'our reason for being'. It focuses on describing our lives' value or worth.
 - A. beside
 - B. of
 - C. about
 - D. among

7. _____ I reached class late, I finished my test before everyone else.
 - A. Although
 - B. So
 - C. Except
 - D. Because of

8. We _____ if we could get some advice on this crucial matter from you.
 - A. will hoping
 - B. are hoping
 - C. was hoping
 - D. were hoping

9. After their divorce, they _____ each other at a business event yesterday.
 - A. came along
 - B. came above
 - C. came across
 - D. come between

10. What were you doing for so long? It _____ have been done by now.
 - A. can
 - B. should
 - C. must be
 - D. will

11. The printing work _____ the whole night because the book had to be published the next day.
 - A. continues
 - B. continue
 - C. continued
 - D. continuing

12. Our friends will _____ for us at the airport, so we should hurry.
 - A. be waiting
 - B. waiting
 - C. have waited
 - D. been waited

13. The criminal _____ on the spot by the police officer.
 - A. has encountered
 - B. was encountered

- C. have been encountered
- D. were being encountered

14. Aman's _____ of others is an expression of his nobility.

- A. treatment
- B. costume
- C. notice
- D. value

15. It _____ started raining, so take an umbrella with you if you don't want to get wet.

- A. than
- B. just
- C. now
- D. before

16. Naman said to me, "I may join you on movie night this weekend."
Naman told me that _____.

- A. he can join us on movie night that weekend
- B. he may join me on movie night this weekend
- C. I might join him on movie night that weekend
- D. he might join me on movie night that weekend

FOR QUESTIONS 17 AND 18, CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE MEANING FOR THE FOLLOWING IDIOM/PROVERB.

17. 'Have an axe to grind' means _____.

- A. to talk about an issue
- B. to cut the log with an axe
- C. to do something for selfish reasons
- D. to think about others' welfare

18. 'To bear the palm' means _____.

- A. to be the winner
- B. to give away the prize
- C. to lose something
- D. to plant a palm tree

FOR QUESTIONS 19 AND 20, CHOOSE THE PART OF THE SENTENCE THAT HAS AN ERROR.

19. Living without hurting others' feelings should been the objective of everyone's life.

- A. Living without hurting

- B. others' feelings
- C. should been the objective
- D. of everyone's life.

20. All these people are waiting in this line to get an autograph by Virat Kohli.

- A. All these people
- B. are waiting in this line
- C. to get an autograph
- D. by Virat Kohli.

FOR QUESTIONS 21 AND 22, CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

21. Both roads lead to the railway station, so you can choose either.
Which type of pronoun is used in the given sentence?

- A. Relative pronoun
- B. Demonstrative pronoun
- C. Distributive pronoun
- D. Emphatic pronoun

22. I may attend your wedding, but I am not sure as of now.

Which type of adverb is used in the given sentence?

- A. Adverb of place
- B. Adverb of time
- C. Adverb of manner
- D. Adverb of degree

FOR QUESTIONS 23 AND 24, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION FOR THE UNDERLINED WORD.

23. This library has a vast variety of works by 19th century authors and poets.

- A. Noun
- B. Pronoun
- C. Adjective
- D. Adverb

24. The manager assured me that I would understand the concept bit by bit, so I didn't have to stress out.

- A. usually
- B. initially
- C. gradually
- D. heavily

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

25. A. Adjasent
B. Adgacent
C. Adjacent
D. Adjacent
26. A. Civilsation
B. Civilisation
C. Civelisation
D. Civilesation

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

27. Thesis
A. Premise
B. Opinion
C. Certainty
D. Theory

28. Unanimous
A. Split
B. Consistent
C. United
D. Combination

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

29. Callow
A. Sophisticated
B. Puerile
C. Mature
D. Initiated
30. Capacious
A. Cramped
B. Minuscule
C. Scarcity
D. Abundant

READING

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

How many times have you stared at a person who looked different? The person could be largely overweight, have some sort of physical deformity, be too tall or too short, etc., but whatever it was about them, they were different from you.

I have to admit, I used to stare at people different from me. That was until I spent time with someone very close to me who got stares all day long. I realized that this person dealt with more uncomfortable situations in a day than most of us deal with in a lifetime!

In our house, the word "fat" is a naughty word. So is "big". So is anything that could be potentially uncomfortable for anyone else. With a 5-year-old, however,

there is always going to be a situation like what happened a few years ago when we were in line at the grocery store. The pimply young cashier intrigued my son, and Jeremy yelled out, "he has ouchies on his face". Well, what can you do?

Today was an opportunity for a good lesson regarding special needs children. I took my son to the doctor for a physical, and being flu season, there were several children there with physical and mental disabilities that are considered "high risk". Right across from us was a man with his son in a very elaborate wheel chair. The chair secured the boy, who probably couldn't sit up on his own. The boy spoke very slowly and was severely mentally and physically challenged.

But his eyes lit up when I asked the dad if I could introduce my son to him.

Jeremy had been staring at him and told me he couldn't talk, so I asked the dad if we could meet him. The dad seemed happy too, so I crossed the room to sit down right by him and asked the boy his name. He said, "Tim". I said, "Hi Tim, this is Jeremy." Then I asked, "How old are you, Tim?" He said, "Ten". While I talked with him, I rubbed his leg gently, and I could see he was trying to put his hand out for me to grab it. I asked Jeremy to tell Tim how old he was.

The conversation was short but sweet. The nurse then called them in, and the dad looked at me and thanked me, and we said goodbye.

On the way home, I was able to explain to Jeremy that Tim has feelings just like any kid who wants to fit in. He wants to have friends and experience life, and love his family. He doesn't want to be laughed at or pointed at just because he is different. And he doesn't want to be "special". He just wants to be "normal".

I felt good about having the opportunity to introduce Jeremy to Tim. I want him to feel as comfortable talking with someone in a wheel chair as he would with anyone who was able-bodied. I want him to know that everyone, no matter who they are or what their circumstances, wants to be acknowledged and not ignored, talked with and not stared at, and they want people just to be comfortable and not intimidated.

I don't know if it made an impression on Jeremy today, but I feel that it did. We'll continue to speak with whoever comes along our path, no matter how different they are from us.

Teaching our children not to stare is probably impossible. But teaching them to share a conversation with people who are different is truly remarkable!

31. Choose a suitable title for the given passage.
- Teaching Children to Treat Everyone the Same
 - Children and Their Approach to Disabled Individuals
 - Special Children's Lifestyle
 - Childhood Lesson on Being Different from Others
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32. The phrase 'lit up' as used in the passage reveals _____.
- Jeremy's anger
 - the father's anger
 - Tim's happiness
 - Jeremy's happiness
-
33. What can you infer from the line "Teaching our children not to stare is probably impossible"?
- Children are born to stare at people all the time.
 - Children are curious beings, so they stare at things and people.
 - Children are born rude, so they love staring at people.
 - Children are born wild, so they see everything as 'interesting'.
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34. What does the speaker want us to do to make kids familiar with children/people who are different?
- To always prioritise them in every activity
 - To make them feel special and different
 - To encourage them to make a conversation with them
 - To ensure different people are given special treatment
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35. Choose the statement which is incorrect according to the passage.
- The dad seemed reluctant to allow the writer to interact with his disabled son.
 - At the grocery store, the young cashier intrigued Jeremy.
 - The writer encouraged her son to be comfortable around people who are different.
 - The writer believes that teaching kids to treat everyone the same should be done from an early age.

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

The biggest festival of the year, a day dedicated to religion and reverence, a reason to rejoice for the young and the old, Christmas, is not just confined to cakes, trees and gifts. Since the incredible aura and significance of the occasion are one of their kinds, it should be celebrated in an exceptional manner. But what could be more wonderful merriment than going out for Christmas vacation?

Celebrating Christmas vacations away from home is not all about adding a different dimension to your merriment; it is also a brilliant idea to explore some of the most delightful places on earth. It is once-in-a-lifetime experience to celebrate this great day at ideal Christmas fete destinations.

When there is talk about celebrating Christmas away from home, the first thing people fear is the expense. Christmas vacations are commonly deemed to be quite expensive. But besides the overpriced places such as New York, London, Paris, etc., there are several other amazing but economical destinations to hit.

Christmas celebration is exclusive and memorable at several historical destinations. You can celebrate with traditional and cultural partying at the "Great American Main Street City", Thomasville, Georgia. The horse-drawn carriage, carolers, special Christmas parade, and Victorian food together make up a wonderful revelry for the occasion.

In order to cheer up Christmas with music, delectable refreshments, shopping and holiday teas, Amelia Island in Florida is just the right place. Christmas festivity at Amelia is basically centered on a Historic Tour of Christmas Bed and Breakfasts.

Traditional Christmas celebrations can also be enjoyed at Colonial Williamsburg

in Virginia. The illustrious merriment is inaugurated with a "Grand Illumination" that comprises candles, cressets, music and fireworks. This is supplemented with various other festive events, such as cooking classes over holiday dishes by Colonial Williamsburg's pastry and culinary chefs, special music concerts with 18th century replica instruments and classes on decoration.

Christmas celebrations can be really cool on the ice-laden streets of New England. Apart from usual partying, adventurous activities such as skiing, snowshoeing, sled riding, etc., are a superb way to celebrate the day. The Killington Ski Resort in Killington, Vermont, is a perfect hub for these doings.

Christmas is incomplete, especially for kids without a Santa. What can be a more outstanding Christmas present to your child than a visit to Canterbury's Winter Wonderland in Lapland, a Santa's paradise? By virtue of Santa and his gifts and many other activities like skidoo-riding, tobogganing, etc., children not only acquire a real feel of the festival but also get to move out of their houses and enjoy their vacations in a wonderful place.

And for everyone who loves the sights and lights of the Christmas season, you need not go further, for every street and corner in the United States will be and are always decorated to the maximum. So, there's a greater chance for you to click those selfies and family 'candid' photos to show off to friends and family afterwards.

36. The horse-drawn carriage and Christmas parade can be enjoyed in the state of _____.
- A. Vermont
 - B. Georgia
 - C. Florida
 - D. Virginia

37. According to the passage, what is the first thing people worry about when it comes to celebrating Christmas out of the home?

- A. Expense
- B. Destination
- C. Lodging
- D. Weather

38. Choose the correct statements based on the passage.

1. Visiting Santa is an important part of Christmas revelry.
 2. Christmas is confined to baking cakes, decorating Christmas trees and giving gifts to family members.
 3. Christmas vacations are a must for all families to enjoy the holiday.
 4. Christmas celebration is dedicated to religion and reverence.
- A. 3 and 4 only

- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 1 and 4 only

39. What can one find in Williamsburg in Virginia?

- A. Shopping and holiday teas
- B. Cooking and decoration classes and special music concerts
- C. Traditional and cultural partying
- D. Adventurous activities such as skiing, snowshoeing, sled riding, etc.

40. Why did the speaker say New York and Paris are 'overpriced'?

- A. Because they only have costly and branded items on sale.
- B. Because they are full of celebrities.
- C. Because they are costly compared to other places.
- D. Because they do not allow poor people to celebrate Christmas there.

SPOKEN AND WRITTEN EXPRESSION

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

41. Krish: It's been a long time since we have gone _____ together.

Paula: Right, let's go hiking in the mountains this weekend.

- A. wherever
- B. anywhere
- C. whenever
- D. nowhere

42. Simran: Mom, can I have my own room in our new house?

Mom: Yes, you and your brother _____ separate rooms.

- A. will having
- B. could had
- C. may been having
- D. will have

43. Rachel: I can't go to see a movie tonight. You go and take your friends with you.

Sam: _____, I will ask my friends and see if they are free tonight.

- A. Already
- B. Almost
- C. Alright
- D. Adversely

44. Father: You should stop daydreaming and building _____. Work hard to achieve your goals.

- A. status quo
- B. castles in the air
- C. deja vu
- D. gilded cage

45. Tia: I will only agree to this deal if all the agreement papers are in _____.

- A. white and red
- B. green and purple
- C. yellow and red
- D. black and white

FOR QUESTIONS 46 AND 47, CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE.

46. Your _____ reaction towards the opposition party _____ that you were wrong.

- A. shocking, prove
- B. unexpected, proved
- C. minor, will be proved
- D. major, proving

47. I was mesmerised by the _____ of the carvings and designs I saw in the palaces of Jaisalmer.

- A. detailed
- B. simplified
- C. meticulous
- D. intricacy

48. CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANTONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

Inexorable

- A. Relentless
- B. Adamant
- C. Remorseful
- D. Compulsory

49. CHOOSE THE CORRECT SYNONYM OF THE GIVEN WORD.

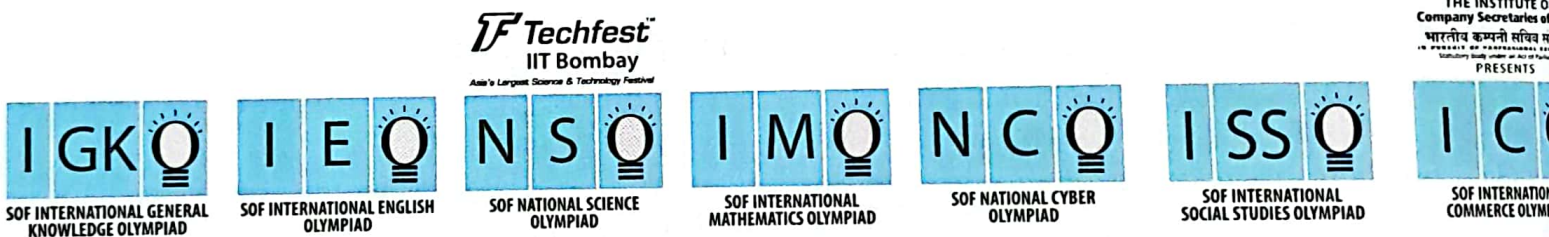
Obfuscate

- A. Enlighten
- B. Illuminate
- C. Explicate
- D. Complicate

50. CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION.

Aman: In comparison to Riya in dancing, not a single student in the entire school has a _____ of winning.

- A. snowball effect
- B. snowball's chance in hell
- C. sights set on
- D. ship sailed



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