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## Instructions

Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

Passage:

Once upon a time, there was a royal elephant which used to reside in the premises of the king's palace. The elephant was very dear to the king, so he was well-fed and well treated. There was also a Dog who lived near the Elephant's shed. He was very weak and skinny. He was always fascinated by the smell of rich sweet rice being fed to the royal elephant. One day, the Dog could no longer resist the aroma of the rice and somehow managed to sneak into the Elephant's shed. He ate the grains of sweet rice that fell from the Elephant's mouth. He liked the rice so much, that he started going there daily to eat the rice. For days, the huge Elephant didn't notice the small dog as he was busy enjoying the delicious food. Gradually, the dog grew bigger and stronger eating such rich food. Finally the Elephant noticed him and allowed him access to the food. The Elephant enjoyed the company of the Dog and started sharing his food with him. They also started spending time with each other and soon became good friends. They ate together, slept together and played together. While playing, the Elephant would hold the Dog in his trunk and swing him back and forth. Soon neither of them was happy without the other. They became great friends and didn't want to be separated from each other.

Then one day, a man saw the Dog and asked the Elephant-keeper, "I want to buy this Dog. What price do you want for it?" The Elephant keeper didn't own the Dog but sold it and extracted a sum of money from this deal. The man took the Dog to his home village, which was quite far away. The King's Elephant became very sad after this incident. He missed his friend a lot and started neglecting everything. He didn't want to do anything without his dear friend, so he stopped eating, drinking and even bathing. Finally, the Elephant-keeper reported this to the King;

however he didn't mention anything about the Dog. The King had a wise minister, who was known for his keen understanding of animals. The King ordered the minister, "Go to the Elephant shed and find out the reason for the Elephant's condition". The intelligent minister went to the Elephant shed and found the Elephant very sad. He examined the Elephant and asked the Elephant keeper, "There is nothing wrong with this Elephant's body, then why does he look so sad? I think this Elephant is grief stricken, possibly due to the loss of a dear friend.

Do you know if this Elephant shared a close friendship with anyone? The Elephant-keeper said, "There was a Dog who used to eat, sleep and play with the Elephant. He was taken by a stranger three days ago". The minister went back to the King and said, "Your majesty, in my opinion, the royal Elephant is not sick, but he is lonesome without his dear friend, the Dog". The King said, "You're right, friendship is one of the most wonderful things of life. Do you know where that Dog is?" The Minister replied, "Elephant keeper has informed me that a stranger took him away and he doesn't know his whereabouts". The King asked, "How can we bring back my Elephant's friend and make him happy again?" The Minister suggested, "Your Majesty, make a declaration that whoever has the dog that used to live at the royal Elephant's shed will be penalized". The King did the same and the man who had taken the dog, instantly turned him loose when he heard

the proclamation. As soon as he was freed, the Dog ran back as fast as he could to the Elephant's shed. The Elephant was so delighted to see the Dog that he picked his friend up with his trunk and swung him back and forth. The Dog wagged his tail, while the Elephant's eyes sparkled with happiness. The King was content to see the Elephant happy once again and rewarded the Minister for his wise judgment.

## Question 1

**What was the Minister's diagnosis of the Elephant's condition?**

- A The Elephant hated his keeper
- B The Elephant was lonely
- C The Elephant was starving
- D The Elephant had hurt his leg and was in pain

**Answer: B**

## Question 2

**What method did the Minister suggest to the King to get back the Dog?**

- A To declare that whoever had that particular Dog would be punished
- B To keep a bowl of rice for the dog in the Elephant's shed so that he could be lured back to the palace
- C To command the Elephant keeper to look for the Dog in the village

D To persuade the Elephant to call out to the Dog

Answer: A

**Question 3**

**Why had the Elephant become very sad?**

A He no longer got his daily bowl of rice

B He was unhappy with the King for having sold the Dog

C He missed his friend the Dog

D He was sold to an unknown man by his keeper

Answer: C

**Question 4**

**What did the Elephant-keeper do to the Dog?**

A He sold the Dog to an unknown man for a price

B He hit the Dog as the Dog was eating the Elephant's food

C He killed the Dog

D He complained to the King about the Dog

Answer: A

**Question 5**

**Which of the following would be the most appropriate title for the passage?**

A Friends and Enemies

B The King and the Minister

C The Elephant-keeper

D The Bond of Friendship

Answer: D

**Question 6**

**Why was the Elephant taken care of?**

A He was a very loyal Elephant

B He was weak and the King had a lot of sympathy for him

C He was the strongest Elephant in the Kingdom

D None of these

Answer: D

**Question 7**

**What of the following can definitely be said about the Elephant keeper?**

1. He was greedy 2. He was insensitive 3. He was brave

- A Only (1)
- B Only (2)
- C Only (1) and (2)
- D Only (2) and (3)

**Answer: A**

#### Question 8

**Seeing the Elephant happy the King rewarded the:**

- A Minister
- B Dog
- C Elephant-keeper
- D Owner of Dog

**Answer: A**

#### Question 9

**Why did the Dog start going to the Elephant's shed every day?**

- A He was being fed by the King everyday
- B He liked the Elephant a lot and wanted to become friends with him
- C He was fond of the Elephant's shed
- D He liked the taste of the rice being fed to the Elephant

**Answer: D**

#### Question 10

**What did the Dog do once he was set free?**

- A He ate rice to his heart's content
- B He thanked the King for his kindness
- C He ran away from the Kingdom to a place faraway
- D He ran back to his friend the Elephant

**Answer: D**

#### Instructions

Each of the following sentence of the paragraph has number of blanks marked by question number followed by a set of options. The number marked and underlined represents question number given after the paragraph. And each question has four options to be filled in the respective places in paragraph. Mark the options that best complete the blanks.

It may be that boys find it easier to 11 in a society which is still predominantly controlled by men in spite of growing emancipation of women. It may be that problems exist for the girl 12 the boy escapes because parents are more anxious about their adolescent daughters 13 about their adolescent sons. 14 may be that 15 girl's sensitivity in matters of personal relationship lays her open 16 more anxieties. It may be that the girl's 17 facility in expressing herself in words makes her more willing to write about personal problems.

**Question 11**

- A Fight
- B Sit
- C Adjust
- D Reply

**Answer: C**

**Question 12**

- A When
- B Who
- C Whom
- D Which

**Answer: D**

**Question 13**

- A Adequately
- B That
- C More
- D Than

**Answer: D**

**Question 14**

- A She
- B They
- C It
- D He

**Answer: C**

**Question 15**

- A Many
- B The
- C Few
- D More

**Answer: C**

**Question 16**

- A Than

- B In
- C To
- D As

**Answer: C**

**Question 17**

- A Lesser
- B Greater
- C Fewer
- D Much

**Answer: B**

**Instructions**

Look at the underlined part of the sentence. Below the sentence are given three possible substitutions for the underlined part. If one of them (1), (2) or (3) is better than underlined part, indicate your response against the corresponding alternative (1) (2) (3). If none of the substitution improve the sentence, indicate (4) as your response:

**Question 18**

Only three - fourths of the work is complete.  
Old habits die hard.

- A Die hardly
- B Dies hard
- C Die harder
- D No improvement

**Answer: D**

**Question 19**

Hardly had he entered the police station than the police officer began to beat him.

- A Before
- B When
- C Since
- D No improvement

**Answer: B**

**Instructions**

Identify the incorrect sentence among the alternatives

**Question 20**

- A The patient died before the doctor arrived.
- B You, Shashi and I have finished our studies.

- C The Indian team defeated the Australian by an innings.
- D Few men are free from fault.

**Answer: A**

**Question 21**

- A This is the best that we can do.
- B You and he must bring your books.
- C A great many students have been declared successful.
- D An European lives in my area.

**Answer: D**

**Instructions**

For the following questions answer them individually

**Question 22**

**The correct active voice of the following sentence is:**

**It was expected by the Romans that Carthage would be conquered by them.**

- A The Romans expected that Carthage was conquered by them.
- B The Romans expected that it would conquer Carthage.
- C The Romans expected that they would conquer Carthage.
- D The Romans expected that they will conquer Carthage.

**Answer: C**

**Question 23**

**In the following sentence, one or more mistakes are given. Locate the number of errors and mark accordingly:**

**Work hard in English lest you may fail in this subject.**

- A One mistake
- B Two mistakes
- C Three mistakes
- D Four mistakes

**Answer: B**

**Instructions**

Find out the correctly spelt words.

**Question 24**

- A Apology
- B Appology
- C Appolegy
- D Apollogy

Answer: A

**Question 25**

- A Conscientous
- B Conscientious
- C Consceintious
- D Conscientiuuous

Answer: B

**Question 26**

- A Bouquete
- B Bouquet
- C Boqquet
- D Bouquette

Answer: B

**Question 27**

- A Trecherous
- B Treacherous
- C Treachrous
- D Trehearous

Answer: B

**Instructions**

Choose the correct word to fill up the following sentence.

**Question 28**

Sentence: ..... my friends knew that I was getting married.

- A Not so much
- B Not much of
- C Not many of
- D Not any

Answer: C

**Question 29**

Sentence: Trade unions have lost much of their power in globalized world. .... their political influence should not be underestimated.

- A Even so



- B Even through
- C Even
- D Even though

**Answer: D**

**Question 30**

**Sentence: I told him that he couldn't hope to catch a big fish ..... a small rod like that, but he insisted ..... trying.**

- A Through, on
- B By, about
- C With, about
- D By, on

**Answer: D**

**Instructions**

In the sentence find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer.

**Question 31**

- A The job is much worse than Damini expected
- B If she would have realized
- C How dreadful it was going to be
- D She would not have accepted it.

**Answer: B**

**Question 32**

- A If I will have the time
- B I shall try and make it
- C To the temple this evening to offer prayers
- D For peace and prosperity of my family

**Answer: A**

**Instructions**

In the sentence find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The option of that part is the answer.

**Question 33**

**When you will find (1)/ a solution to this problem (2)/ you will be able (3)/ to get this prestigious project with promotion (4).**

- A (1)
- B (2)
- C (3)

D (4)

Answer: A

**Question 34**

The income derived (1)/ of the ownership (2)/ of land is (3)/ commonly called rent (4).

A (1)

B (2)

C (3)

D (4)

Answer: B

**Question 35**

Sushil and Rupa were sleeping (1)/ in their bed room when a thief (2)/ entered into his house (3)/ and took away many things (4).

A (1)

B (2)

C (3)

D (4)

Answer: C

**Instructions**

For the following questions answer them individually

**Question 36**

Choose the correct word to fill up the following sentence.

Sentence: They needed someone who was both an excellent administrator and a good manager. .... was not easy to find.

A Such a person

B A such person

C Such person

D This person

Answer: A

**Instructions**

The following question select the word which is the exact opposite from the words given below.

**Question 37**

**RELINQUISH**

A Renounce

B Deny

C Possess

D Abdicate

**Answer: C**

**Question 38**

**INDISCRETION**

A Prudence

B Carelessness

C Recklessness

D Inattention

**Answer: A**

**Instructions**

The following question select the word which best expresses the meaning of the word from the words given below.

**Question 39**

**WOBBLY**

A Unsteady

B Cautious

C Critical

D Susceptible

**Answer: A**

**Question 40**

**OMNIPRESENT**

A Nowhere

B Absent

C All-pervading

D Narrow

**Answer: C**

**Instructions**

Complete the sentence using the word or set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

**Question 41**

**In India, Children's Day is celebrated on 14 November to ..... the birth anniversary of Pundit Nehru.**

A Commemorate

B Convince

C Consolidate

D Condone

Answer: A

**Question 42**

When the mental asylum was under renovation, one of its ..... escaped.

- A Comrades
- B Inmates
- C Members
- D Tenants

Answer: B

**Question 43**

After hijacking the plane, the terrorists ..... the hostages in a dilapidated building.

- A Captured
- B Caricatured
- C Captivated
- D Incarcerated

Answer: C

**Question 44**

When the port authorities learnt that the ship's passengers were sick with a terrible plague, they ..... the ship and refused to let it dock.

- A Smothered
- B Nurtured
- C Sanctioned
- D Quarantined

Answer: D

**Question 45**

Due to a conflict of interest, the judge had to ..... herself from hearing the case.

- A Remove
- B Recuse
- C Indulge
- D Quell

Answer: B

**Question 46**

The Khannas were upset by the construction of the new tower across the street, as the building would ..... their once scenic view.

- A Obviate
- B Obfuscate
- C Obstruct
- D Alleviate

**Answer: C**

**Question 47**

The National Hockey tournament was held under the ..... of the Sports Ministry.

- A Aegis
- B Premonition
- C Promulgation
- D Truancy

**Answer: A**

**Question 48**

When Mihir visited his college after ten years, he felt happy and ..... about those early days in the college.

- A Nauseating
- B Nostalgic
- C Nourishing
- D Negating

**Answer: B**

**Instructions**

In the following question, choose the grammatically correct phrase to complete the sentence:

**Question 49**

Every fortnight he goes to Delhi; and he always prefers travelling .....

- A By train
- B In train
- C With train
- D On train

**Answer: A**

**Question 50**

She is looking forward ..... him

- A To meet
- B For meeting

C To meeting

D Meet

**Answer: A**

**Instructions**

For the following questions answer them individually

**Question 51**

**Substitute one word for the following:**

**A person having authority to inquire into grievances of citizens against public authorities**

A Paramour

B Prompter

C Ombudsman

D Arbitrator

**Answer: C**

**Instructions**

Choose the exact meaning of the idioms/phrases.

**Question 52**

**A tall, strong, masculine type of woman**

A Pedant

B Virago

C Amazon

D Feminist

**Answer: C**

**Question 53**

**One who is vowed to unmarried life.**

A Widower

B Bigot

C Celibate

D Bayonet

**Answer: C**

**Instructions**

For the following questions answer them individually

**Question 54**

**He led me ..... the green lawn to the palatial building**

A Upon

B Across

C Along

D On

Answer: A

**Question 55**

The lease of our premises has ..... and we have to vacate it.

A Run out

B Run over

C Run off

D Run down

Answer: C

**Question 56**

Habits : Instincts as

A Work : Play

B Training : Heredity

C Acquired : Cultivated

D Birds : Animals

Answer: C

**Instructions**

There is a certain relation between two given words on one side of sign :: . One word is given on the other side of sign :: . Choose the suitable word to be put with the given word from the following alternatives.

**Question 57**

Aircraft : Air :: Satellite : .....

A Telecommunication

B Television

C Cables

D Outer space

Answer: D

**Question 58**

White : Peace :: Red : .....

A Cleanliness

B Martyr

C Roses

D Violence

Answer: D

**Instructions**

In the following question, choose the grammatically correct phrase to complete the sentence:

**Question 59**

**Sagar went to the Cinema in the afternoon; before that, he ..... lunch.**

A Will have

B Had already got

C Have already got

D Had already had

Answer: D

**Question 60**

**I wouldn't do that if I ..... you.**

A Was

B Were

C Am

D Would be

Answer: B