**Verbal Ability**

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| At this stage of civilisation, when many nations are brought in to close and vital contact for good and evil, it is essential, as never before, that their gross ignorance of one another should be diminished, that they should begin to understand a little of one another's historical experience and resulting mentality. It is the fault of the English to expect the people of other countries to react as they do, to political and international situations. Our genuine goodwill and good intentions are often brought to nothing, because we expect other people to be like us. This would be corrected if we knew the history, not necessarily in detail but in broad outlines, of the social and political conditions which have given to each nation its present character. | |
| **1.** | According to the author of 'Mentality' of a nation is mainly product of its |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 2):**  In each question, an incomplete statement (Stem) followed by fillers is given. Pick out the best one which can complete incomplete stem correctly and meaningfully. | |
| **2.** | He tames animals because he ...... |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 3):**  In each questions below five words are given. Find out that word, the spelling of which is WRONG. The letter of that word is the answer. If all the four words are spelt correctly, the answer is 'E', i.e., "All Correct". | |
| **3.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 4):**  In the following questions four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase *italicised and underlined* in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idiom/phrase. | |
| **4.** | He is in the habit of *throwing dust in his superiors* eyes |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | To put sand into eyes | |  | B. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | To make blind |  | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | To deceive | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | To show false things | |   **Answer:**Option **C** |

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| **Direction (for Q.Nos. 5 - 7):**  Each sentences below consist of a word or a phrase which is **bold**. It is followed by four words or phrases. Select the word or pharse which is closes to the OPPOSITE in meaning of the **bold** word or phrase. | |
| **5.** | Mala was often teased as **corpulent** by her friends. |
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| **6.** | History **abounds** in instances of courage. |
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| **7.** | He is the most **prudent** person. I have ever came across. |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 8):**  In the following questions choose the word which is the exact OPPOSITE of the given words. | |
| **8.** | SHRINK |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 9):**  In each question below, there is a sentence of which some parts have been jumbled up. Rearrange these parts which are labelled P, Q, R and S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence. | |
| **9.** | As a disease   |  |  | | --- | --- | | P : | and breaks up marriages | | Q : | accidents and suicides | | R : | alcoholism leads to | | S : | affecting all ages |   The Proper sequence should be: |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | SRPQ |  | |  | B. | |  | | --- | | RPSQ | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | SRQP | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | RQPS | |   **Answer:**Option **C** |

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| **Direction (for Q.No. 10):**  Pick out the most effective word(s) from the given words to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete. | |
| **10.** | Rohan and Rohit are twin brothers, but they do not look ...... |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 11):**  Nationalism, of course, is a curious phenomenon which at a certain stage in a country's history gives life, growth and unity but, at the same time, it has a tendency to limit one, because one thinks of one's country as something different from the rest of world. One's perceptive changes and one is continuously thinking of one's own struggles and virtues and failing to the exclusion of other thoughts. The result is that the same nationalism which is the symbol of growth for a people becomes a symbol of the cessation of that growth in mind. Nationalism, when it becomes successful sometimes goes on spreading in an aggressive way and becomes a danger internationally. Whatever line of thought you follow, you arrive at the conclusion that some kind of balance must be found. Otherwise something that was good can turn into evil. Culture, which is essentially good become not only static but aggressive and something that breeds conflict and hatred when looked at from a wrong point of view. How are you find a balance, I don't know. Apart from the political and economic problems of the age , perhaps, that is the greatest problem today because behind it there is tremendous search for something which it cannot found. We turn to economic theories because they have an undoubted importance. It is folly to talk of culture or even of god. When human beings starve and die. Before one can talk about anything else one must provide the normal essentials of life to human beings. That is where economies comes in. Human beings today are not in mood to tolerate this suffering and starvation and inequality when they see that the burden is not equally shared. Others profit while they only bear the burden. | |
| **11.** | Suitable title for this passage can be |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Nationalism breeds unity |  | | |  | B. | |  | | --- | | Nationalism - a road to world unity | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | Nationalism is not enough | | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | Nationalism and national problems | |   **Answer:**Option **C** |

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| **Direction (for Q.No. 12):**  In questions given below out of four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given word/sentence. | |
| **12.** | Habitually silent or talking little |
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| **Direction (for Q.No. 13):**  In questions given below, a part of the sentence is *italicised and underlined*. Below are given alternatives to the italicised part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, option 'D' is the answer. | |
| **13.** | You have come here with a view *to insult me*. |
| |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | to insulting me | |  | B. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | of insulting me |  | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | for insulting me | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | No improvement | |   **Answer:**Option **A** |

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| **Direction (for Q.Nos. 14 - 15):**  Read the each sentence to 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. If there is no error, the answer is 'E'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any). | |
| **14.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
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| **15.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | You deserve to be | | |  | B. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | rewarded by your successful |  | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | completion of the entire work | | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | in such a short time. | | |  | E. | |  | | --- | | No error. | |   **Answer:**Option **B** |

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| **Direction (for Q.Nos. 16 - 20):**  Read the each sentence to 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. If there is no error, the answer is 'D'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any). | |
| **16.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | Arun's parents died when he was young and | | |  | B. | |  | | --- | | he looked after his aunt | | |  | C. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | who had no children. |  | | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | No error. | |   **Answer:**Option **B** |

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| **17.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | I could not convince them | | |  | B. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | because they persisted to suggest |  | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | that I was lying. | | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | No error. | |   **Answer:**Option **B** |

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| **18.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
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| **19.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | Even though the shirt is rather expensive | | |  | B. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | but I wish to |  | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | purchase it with my own money. | | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | No error. | |   **Answer:**Option **B** |

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| **20.** | (solve as per the direction given above) |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | A. | |  | | --- | | He is not to blame | | |  | B. | |  |  | | --- | --- | | for what has happened |  | | |  | C. | |  | | --- | | for he is in no way connected with it. | | |  | D. | |  | | --- | | No error. | |   **Answer:**Option **A** |