



পরীক্ষায় কীভাবে প্রশ্ন হয় এবং উত্তর দিতে হয় তা দেখে নাও। এরপর উপরের ওপর প্রদত্ত আলোচনাটি ভালোমতো পড়ো। এবার প্র্যাকটিস অংশে  
সাম্প্রতিক বিষয়াবলিসহ Completing Stories সমূহ অনুশীলন করো।

► পরীক্ষায় যেভাবে প্রশ্ন হয়—

**Read the beginning of a story. Add at least ten new sentences to complete it. Give a suitable title to it.** 10

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**প্র্যাকটিস অংশ // Ques. No. 11**

**1. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

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**Mir Mugdho: A Symbol of Courage**

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**2. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

A few days ago, in the dead of night, Sajib and Bristi's younger daughter Tultul, who is four years old, had a fever, headache, joint pain, and was vomiting. As her condition worsened, they had to take her to the hospital. The next morning, the doctor said, "Your daughter has dengue....

**Ans.**

**Two Sisters' Battle with Dengue**

A few days ago, in the dead of night, Sajib and Bristi's younger daughter Tultul, who is four years old, had a fever, headache, joint pain, and was vomiting. As her condition worsened, they had to take her to the hospital. The next morning, the doctor said, "Your daughter has dengue, and it's a bit serious." After two days, when Tultul started feeling a little better, the parents asked the doctor to discharge Tultul from the hospital. The doctor discouraged them but eventually allowed it as they were eager to leave. However, he gave them strict instructions. He told them to keep Tultul under a mosquito net and give her liquid food. He also advised them to clean their surroundings and use mosquito repellents. Unfortunately, they didn't follow these instructions. They

didn't use a mosquito net, didn't give Tultul proper food, and neglected to clean the house. They also didn't follow the prescription duly. As a result, Tultul's condition worsened again. Moreover, their other daughter Mitul, who is ten years old, also got dengue. Now, Tultul is in the ICU, and the Mitul is in the emergency room of the hospital.

**3. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

One day a crow became very thirsty. He flew from place to place in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for water .....

**Ans.**

**A Thirsty Crow**

One day a crow became very thirsty. He flew from place to place in search of water. But he found no water. He continued his search for water. At last, he saw a jar. He peeped into the jar and saw that there was a little water at the bottom of the jar. He tried to drink water but his bill could not reach it. He tried again and again but in vain. He became very sad and hopeless. Suddenly, he saw some small pieces of stone near the jar. A good idea came into his head. He picked up the stones and dropped them into the jar one by one. As a result, the water came up to the brim. The crow then drank water from it to his heart's content and flew away with a joyful mind.

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**Bread Dividing by a Cunning Monkey**

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Once the house of a rich man was infested with rats. The house became like the house of Hamelin. There were rats everywhere. They made hole here and there. They tore papers, clothes etc. They always made noise and the members of the house could not sleep for it. So, one day, the house master brought a cat to kill the rats. The cat began to kill the rats every day .....

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**Who's to Bell the Cat?**

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**A Kind Lion and a Grateful Mouse**

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**8. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

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**Ans.**

**Grapes are Sour**

Once a hungry fox was searching for food in the forest. After a while, he came to a vineyard. He was very tempted at the sight of the ripe grapes. The grapes were hanging very high. He wished to have a delicious meal of the ripe grapes. He could not resist his temptation to have the taste of the ripe grapes. So, he jumped and jumped to reach the grapes. But the bunches of the ripe grapes were too high for the fox to reach. The fox tried again and again, but failed each time. The poor fox became very tired as he repeatedly and ceaselessly jumped to reach the bunches of the ripe grapes. He took some rest and then tried his best again but in vain. At last, he could understand that there was no hope of getting the grapes. So, he went away dejectedly and broken heartedly. He consoled himself by murmuring, "The grapes are sour. So, do not wish to eat them."

**9. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

Once there was a clever fox in a jungle. One day, when the fox was walking through jungle, he fell into a trap. He could somehow get out of the trap, but he had to leave .....

**Ans.**

**A Fox without a Tail**

Once there was a clever fox in a jungle. One day, when the fox was walking through jungle, he fell into a trap. He could somehow get out of the trap, but he had to leave his tail behind. Without a tail he looked strange and he felt sad. But the fox was very cunning and hit upon a plan. He invited all the foxes to come to a meeting. All the foxes of the jungle attended the meeting. The fox felt importance when he saw the foxes in his meeting. Then the fox said, "My dear friends, listen to me, please. I've invented a new thing; the tails of ours are useless. They look ugly and are always dirty. So, we should cut off our tails." All the foxes listened to the cunning fox. One of the wise old foxes was also listening. He said, "My friend, your plan is very interesting but foolish. As you've lost your tail, you want us to cut off our tails." At this the fox without a tail felt ashamed and left the place quickly.

**10. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

One day a crow stole a piece of meat. It flew away and sat on the branch of a tree. Suddenly, a fox ....

**Ans.**

**A Sly Fox and a Foolish Crow**

One day a crow stole a piece of meat. It flew away and sat on the branch of a tree. Suddenly, a fox noticed the meat in the crow's beak. The sight of the piece of meat made his mouth full of water. He thought for sometimes. He hit upon a plan to have it. He said to the crow, "Oh beautiful Crow! Your complexion is so fair. I think you can sing nicely. Would you please sing a song for me?" At first, the crow did not want to sing. But as the fox carried on praising her she felt proud of her tongue. Finally, she started to sing a song. But no sooner had she opened her mouth than the piece of meat fell off from her mouth. The clever fox took it and ran away. The crow had paid a heavy price for his foolishness.

**11. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

Once, there lived two friends named Mr. Grasshopper and Mr. Ant. But they were different by nature from each other. Mr. Ant was very hard working but Mr. Grasshopper was very lazy and imprudent. During the summer, Mr. Ant was very hard working .....

**Ans.****Mr. Ant and Mr. Grasshopper**

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**12. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

Once an ant was very thirsty. He went to a pond to drink water. When he began to drink water, a wave swept him away. He was about to drown. There was a tree on the bank of the pond and a dove was sitting on a branch of the tree .....

**Ans.****An Ant and a Dove**

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**13. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

One day, a dog stole a morsel of meat from a butcher's shop. He was very glad to have it and thought of a hearty meal at home that evening. With the piece of meat in his mouth he proceeded towards home. On his way home, he had to cross a river. There was a narrow plank across it .....

**Ans.****Grasp All, Lose All/Result of Greed**

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**14. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

A crow said to a goose, "Really, how beautiful you are! What a fair complexion you have! If I were as white as you are! How bad it is for me to be black!" .....

**Ans.****An Ambitious Crow and a Goose/An Ambitious Crow and His Sad End**

A crow said to a goose, "Really, how beautiful you are! What a fair complexion you have! If I were as white as you are! How bad it is for me to be black!" The crow noticed that the goose always stays in the water. He thought that he would be as white as the goose if he stays in water. So, he got into water. He then got out of water but found him as black as he was before. Again, he thought that he would be on the water for a long time as the goose does. Thinking so, he started staying in the water day after day. He used to collect food flying here and there when he was on the land. Now he was starving as he did not go out in search for food. Eventually, he died due to his starvation for a long time. So, before following others, its ultimate results should be justified.

**15. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the King Edward-I of England. Being defeated for six times, he lost his hope.....

**Ans.****Perseverance is the Key to Success**

Robert Bruce was the king of Scotland. His army was defeated again and again against the King Edward-I of England. Being defeated for six times, he lost his hope. Naturally he was sad. He took shelter in a remote cave. Once he was lying in the cave. Then he saw a spider trying hard to reach the ceiling of the cave. The spider failed again and again to succeed. But he did not give up hope. Bruce saw the spider climbing to the ceiling after some unsuccessful attempts. This dauntless spider inspired Bruce to shake off the darkness of despair. He gathered an army of strong men and attacked his enemies. The enemies courted defeat and Bruce regained his kingdom. It taught us that 'perseverance is the key to success'.

**16. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

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**Ans.****Sheikh Saadi's Wit/Tit for Tat**

The king of Iran used to invite the great poet Sheikh Saadi very often to his court. Once on his way to the king's court, the poet took shelter in a noble man's house for a night. He was then wearing a very ordinary and cheap cloth. The nobleman could not recognize him and did not behave well with him. On the next day, Sheikh Saadi left the place for the court of the king and was received with honour. He stayed there for a few days and received rich gifts from the king. On his way back to home, he again visited that rich man's house wearing a costly and gorgeous dress. This time, the rich man treated him with the best of the foods and comfort. While eating, he was surprised to see the rich delicious food and understood the rich man's attitude. Sheikh Saadi then instead of eating the food, started putting them into the pockets of his rich cloth. Being astonished, the rich man asked him about his mysterious behaviour. The poet answered that the given food was for his dress as he failed to get same manners when he was in very simple dress. The rich man realized his earlier folly and became ashamed.

**17. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

Once upon a time there was a king called Midas. He was very rich. Yet he always longed for more riches. Moreover, he was very fond of gold. He thought if he had the golden touch, he would be .....

**Ans.****King Midas: The Golden Touch**

Once upon a time, there was a king called Midas. He was very rich. Yet, he always longed for more riches. Moreover, he was very fond of gold. He thought if he had the golden touch, he would be the happiest man. A wise God granted his wish promptly. One morning, he got up early and started walking around in his garden as usual and touched a white rose in the garden. Then he saw, to his utter surprise, that the flower had turned into a piece of white gold. He was amazed and touched another plant which, in an instant, turned into gold. It was really amusing to him. He started playing with his new found blessing. Right at this moment, his only daughter entered the garden. When he embraced his daughter to share his delight with her, to his sheer grief he found her being turned into a statue of gold. He became very shocked at this and prayed to God to take back the destructive blessing. After few moments, the girl came to life. The king became happy.

**18. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

There lived a woodcutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a pond. Suddenly, his axe fell into the pond. The pond was very deep. The woodcutter did not know how to swim or dive. So, he was sitting there sadly .....

**Ans.****An Honest Woodcutter and a Beautiful Fairy**

There lived a woodcutter in a village. One day he was cutting wood near a pond. Suddenly, his axe fell into the pond. The pond was very deep. The woodcutter did not know how to swim or dive. So, he was sitting there sadly. Then a wonderful thing happened. A beautiful fairy appeared before the woodcutter. She asked him in a sweet voice, "Why are you so sad? Why are you not cutting wood?" The woodcutter replied sorrowfully, "My axe has fallen into the pond. I can't cut wood now." The fairy then showed him an axe made of silver and asked him if it was his axe. The woodcutter saw the axe and said, "It's not my axe." The fairy showed him another axe made of gold and asked, "Is this the axe that you lost?" The woodcutter said, "No, it's not. My axe is made of iron. It was old." The fairy showed him the lost axe with a wooden handle. The woodcutter then said happily that it was his axe. The fairy became very pleased and gave him the gold and the silver axes too. Then the woodcutter became rich and began to live happily.

**19 Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

There were two friends. They lived in a certain village. They were very intimate with each other. One day, the two friends were passing through a jungle. They promised that they would help each other at time of danger .....

**Ans.**

**A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed**

There were two friends. They lived in a certain village. They were very intimate with each other. One day the two friends were passing through a jungle. They promised that they would help each other at time of danger. Suddenly, they saw a bear coming towards them. Both of them got afraid. One of them knew how to climb up a tree. He climbed up a nearby tree without thinking about his friend. The other was fatty and did not know how to climb up a tree. But he knew that a bear does not touch a dead body. So, he fell flat on the ground like a dead person and stopped breathing. The bear came near him, smelt him all over the body and thought him to be a dead man. So, without touching him, it went away slowly and gently. The friend who was on the tree saw everything. He got down from the tree, went to his friend and asked him eagerly, "Oh! Dear, what did the bear whisper to your ear?" In reply, the friend said, "The bear advised me not to trust a friend who leaves his friend alone in time of danger."

**20. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

A farmer had four sons. They always quarrelled. This made the farmer unhappy. The neighbours were also disturbed every now and then for their loud shouts. The farmer tried to bring them into their sense but failed. At last, he thought of a plan .....

**Ans.**

**Unity is Strength**

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**21. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

There lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful goose. The goose laid an egg of gold everyday. The farmer was very greedy. He thought that .....

**Ans.**

**A Greedy Farmer**

There lived a farmer in a village. He had a wonderful goose. The goose laid an egg of gold everyday. The farmer was very greedy. He thought that there were many eggs in the belly of the goose. He wanted to have all the eggs at a time to become rich overnight. One day, he hit upon a plan that he would kill the goose and get all the eggs of gold from its belly. He told his wife about his plan. His wife who was wise but not greedy said to her husband, "Don't be greedy. Be happy with what we've." But the farmer did not listen to his wife. He killed the goose with a sharp knife. Then he cut open its belly. But alas! He found no eggs in it. Thus, the greedy farmer lost his useful goose.

**22. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

Once there was a small boy named Bayazid. His mother was ill. One night he was studying by the side of the bed of his mother. All on a sudden, his mother woke up, raised her head and told her son to give her a glass of water .....

**Ans.**

**Bayazid's Love for His Mother**

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**23. Read the beginning of the story. Now, complete it in your own way.**

There was a poor boatman in a village. He was illiterate. He used to row boat from morning till evening only to meet his both ends. There was no meaning of knowledge to him. Once in the month of Baishakh, a scholar got into his boat .....

**Ans.**

**A Scholar and a Boatman**  
There was a poor boatman in a village. He was illiterate. He used to row boat from morning till evening only to meet his both ends. There was no meaning of knowledge to him. Once in the month of Baishakh, a scholar got into his boat. The scholar was enjoying his journey very much because the weather was very fine. It was almost dark and the scholar was gossiping with the boatman. "Did you have any knowledge about the creation of the universe?" the scholar asked. "No," the boatman replied. The scholar got astonished and said, "Without the knowledge of astronomy, half of your life is spoilt." The boatman became sad and thought of the uselessness of his life. The scholar again asked the boatman, "Do you know the history of human civilization?" The boatman replied the same. This time, the scholar told the boatman that he had already spoilt three-fourths of his life and he could not come to any use to the society. The boatman remained silent and kept on rowing the boat in a sad mood. Suddenly, the weather became gusty. The sky became overcast with clouds. There was darkness all around. Then it started to rain heavily with lightening. The boat was about to capsize. The scholar was trembling with fear. The boatman asked the scholar, "Sir, do you know how to swim?" Hearing the question, the scholar started to cry and replied in negative. Now, the boatman said, "Alas! Your life is totally spoilt. Pray to God for your safety."

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**Ans.****The Greatness of Giashuddin Azam Shah**

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The Quazi called for the Sultan and said, "According to the law of the country, you shall be punished. But if you can please the widow by giving her compensation for the loss, you may get rid of the due punishment." The Sultan gladly did it and the widow was satisfied. Then the Quazi got down from his seat and showed the Sultan due respect.

The kind Sultan then drew out his sword and said, "Listen to me, Mr Quazi, if you had failed to do justice to the widow, I would have cut off your head with this sword." The Quazi also drew out his cane and said, "If you had disobeyed my justice, I would have beaten you with this cane." The Sultan thanked the Quazi for his brave and true judgement and embraced him.

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**Ans.****A Liar Shepherd**

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