

1. Bob decided to try his skates, for he had received a pair of shiny new ones for Christmas. His dog, Spot, went with him. When Bob reached the pond, he did not stop to test the ice. He was having a delightful time when suddenly Spot began to bark, for his keen ears had caught the sound of cracking ice. Bob did not heed him but kept on skating. Suddenly the ice gave way. Spot dashed to the place where his little master had disappeared and with some difficulty succeeded in pulling him out. Spot was a \_\_\_\_\_ dog.

- (a) honest
- (b) faithful
- (c) leader
- (d) cultured
- (e) notorious

**Directions (2-3): Which of the following words is nearest in the meaning to words as given in bold letters?**

**2. AFFLUENT**

- (a) Penurious
- (b) Impecunious
- (c) Destitute
- (d) Deprived
- (e) Opulent

**3. NARROWED**

- (a) Wide
- (b) Broad
- (c) Spacious
- (d) Capacious
- (e) Constricted

**Directions (4-5): Which of the following words is farthest in the meaning to words as given in bold letters?**

**4. DOCTRINE**

- (a) Creed
- (b) Dogma
- (c) Belief
- (d) Conviction
- (e) Scepticism

**5. ENROLLED**

- (a) Catalogue
- (b) Directory
- (c) Expatriate
- (d) Avow
- (e) Volunteer

**Directions (6-15):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Seed quality is an..(6)..aspect of crop production. For ages, farmers have traditionally been selecting and..(7)..good quality seed, since it was in their interest to do so. They knew and understood the importance of quality seed in production.

However, with the advent of green revolution technology, based..(8)..on high-yielding dwarf varieties of wheat and rice, mainstream thinking changed. Agricultural scientists, for reasons that remain..(9).., began to doubt, the ability of farmers to maintain seed quality..(10)... Aided by the World bank, the ministry of agriculture launched of national seeds project in 1967. Under the project, spread into three phases, seed processing plants were..(11)..up in nine states. Six states were covered under phase three. All the huge processing plants were..(12)..to do was to provide 'certified' seeds of food crops, mainly self-pollinating crops, to farmers. In mid-1980s, the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the philippines concluded a study which..(13)..that there was hardly any difference in the crop yields from transplanted rice and form the crop shown by broadcasted seeds. one would wonder why, in the first instance, were the, farmers, asked to..(14)..over to transplanting paddy? The answer is simple-probably, to help the mechanical industries grow. since rice, is the staple food in Asia, tractor sales could any grow if there was a way to move the machine in the rice fields. No wonder, the sales of tractors, puddlers, reapers and other associated..(15)..soared in the rice growing areas.

**6.** (a) Irrational (b) main (c) brilliant (d) important (e) empathetic

**7.** (a) maintaining (b) trusting (c) selling (d) processing (e) creating

**8.** (a) necessarily (b) exceptionally (c) primarily (d) regularly (e) truly

**9.** (a) unexplained (b) doubt (c) some (d) true (e) sad

**10.** (a) himself (b) sometimes (c) proper (d) improve (e) themselves

**11.** (a) established (b) created (c) set (d) wound (e) thought

**12.** (a) tried (b) mattered (c) meaning (d) supposed (e) expect

13. (a) renounced (b) showed (c) meaning (d) supposed (e) expect

14. (a) shift (b) make (c) turn (d) mull (e) switch

15. (a) sell (b) equipment (c) people (d) technique (e) creatures

**Directions (16-20): In each of the given questions, a pair of words has been given which is then followed by three statements. Find the statements where both the words grammatically and contextually fit in the given statements.**

**16. Equip: Arm**

(a) A vassal needed economic resources to \_\_\_\_\_ the cavalry he was bound to contribute to his lord to fight his frequent wars.

(b) Readers may not even notice some of the more \_\_\_\_\_ elements like word balloons that get cut off by the panel borders.

(c) The stick was used to launch the missile with more force and accuracy than could be accomplished by simply hurling it with the \_\_\_\_\_ alone

(a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Both A & B

(d) Both B & C (e) All of the above

**17. Ponder: Study**

(a) Take a few minutes and \_\_\_\_\_ the question before you jump to a conclusion.

(b) Conjoint repression of civil and religious liberty had made thoughtful men \_\_\_\_\_ matters of church polity.

(c) The purpose of this \_\_\_\_\_ is to document the structure of a warm front in northeast Europe.

(a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Both B & C

(d) Both A & B (e) None of these

**18. Anomaly: Departure**

(a) Since my son has a history of failing classes, his good grades are a welcome \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) It was quite an/a \_\_\_\_\_ when the temperature reached 101 degrees in December in Michigan.

(c) The attention of the council was drawn to an/a \_\_\_\_\_ in the existing arrangements for patients suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

(a) Only A (b) Only B (c) Only C

(d) Both A & C (e) All (A), (B), (C)

**19. Accolade: Recognition**

- (a) Facebook has lost a federal appeal in a lawsuit over facial \_\_\_\_\_ data, setting the company up to face a massive damages payment over its privacy practices.
- (b) A majority of workers with university degrees say they won't enrol in new training unless they get \_\_\_\_\_ for prior training and experience.
- (c) For their exceptional bravery the firefighters received \_\_\_\_\_ from both local and national officials
- (a) All A, B & C (b) Both A & B (c) Both B & C
- (d) Only C (e) None of these

**20. Pinnacle: Height**

- (a) He's about the same \_\_\_\_\_ and weight but he's younger.
- (b) Edward reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of the political world when he was elected prime minister of his country
- (c) At last we could see Ambadji on a \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of us
- (a) Both A & C (b) Both B & C (c) Both A & B
- (d) All A, B, C (e) Only B

### ANSWERS

**1. (b);** Among the given options, “faithful” is the most suitable answer choice to define the nature of the dog which was loyal towards its owner. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Honest: free of deceit; truthful and sincere.

Faithful: remaining loyal and steadfast

Cultured: characterized by refined taste and manners and good education

Notorious: famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed.

**2. (e)** is the most suitable answer choice

**3. (e)** is the most suitable answer choice

**4. (e)** is the most suitable answer choice

**5. (c)** is the most suitable answer choice

**6. (d)** is the most suitable answer choice

**7. (a)** is the most suitable answer choice

**8. (c)** is the most suitable answer choice

**9. (a)** is the most suitable answer choice

**10. (e)** is the most suitable answer choice

**11. (c)** is the most suitable answer choice

**12. (d)** is the most suitable answer choice

**13. (b)** is the most suitable answer choice

**14. (e)** is the most suitable answer choice

**15. (b)** is the most suitable answer choice

**16. (a);** Here, only in sentence (A) both the words fit in to form a contextually and grammatically correct statement. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Equip: “supply with the necessary items for a particular purpose.”

Arm: “each of the two upper limbs of the human body from the shoulder to the hand.”

AND “a thing comparable to an arm in form or function, typically something that projects from a larger structure.”

**17. (d);** Here, only in sentences (A) & (B), both the words fit in to form a contextually and grammatically correct statement. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Study: a detailed investigation and analysis of a subject or situation.

Ponder: think about (something) carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion

**18. (e);** Here, both the words fit in all the three statements to make the sentences grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Anomaly: “something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected.”

Departure: “a deviation from an accepted, prescribed, or usual course of action”/ “the action of leaving, especially to start a journey

**19. (c);** Here, only in sentences (A) & (B), both the words fit in to form a contextually and grammatically correct statement. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Accolade: “an award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit.”/ “a touch on a person's shoulders with a sword at the bestowing of a knighthood”

Recognition: “identification of someone or something or person from previous encounters or knowledge”/ “acknowledgement of the existence, validity, or legality of something”/ “appreciation or acclaim for an achievement, service, or ability”

**20. (e);** Both the words fit in only in statement B to form a grammatically and contextually correct statement. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Pinnacle: the most successful point; the culmination/ a high, pointed piece of rock

Height: the measurement of someone or something from head to foot or from base to top.