

#TCS NQT Verbal Ability Previous Year Questions

Previous Year PART- 1

Verbal Ability

Qs 1 to 4: Read the passage given below and answer the questions.

Man-made fibres are to be distinguished from natural fibres such as silk, cotton, and wool.

Natural fibres also consist of polymers (in this case, biologically produced compounds such as

cellulose and protein), but they emerge from the textile manufacturing process in a relatively

unaltered state. Some man-made fibres, too, are derived from naturally occurring polymers.

For instance, rayon and acetate, two of the first man-made fibres ever to be produced, are

made of the same cellulose polymers that make up cotton, hemp, flax, and the structural fibres

of wood. In the case of rayon and acetate, however, the cellulose is acquired in a radically

altered state (usually from wood-pulp operations) and is further modified in order to be

regenerated into practical cellulose-based fibres. Rayon and acetate therefore belong to a

group of man-made fibres known as regenerated fibres.

Another group of man-made fibres (and by far the larger group) is the synthetic fibres.

Synthetic fibres are made of polymers that do not occur naturally but instead are produced

entirely in the chemical plant or laboratory, almost always from by-products of petroleum or

natural gas. These polymers include nylon and polyethylene terephthalate, mentioned above,

but they also include many other compounds such as the acrylics, the polyurethanes, and

polypropylene. Synthetic fibres can be mass-produced to almost any set of required properties.

Millions of tons are produced every year.

Q1. This passage is mainly about _____.

- A. The processing of man-made fibres
- B. The difference between natural and man-made fibres
- C. The mass production of man-made fibres
- D. Different types of man-made fibres

Answer: Option A

Q2. Which statement is correct according to the information in the passage?

- A. Wool cannot be considered as a natural fibre
- B. Natural fibres do not contain any polymers
- C. Synthetic fibres are mass produced in millions of tons
- D. Synthetic fibres are the smallest group of man-made fibres

Answer: Option C

Q3. What by-products are created out of the chemical processing of petroleum or natural gas?

A. Polyester

B. Rayons

C. Acetate

D. Cellulose

Answer: Option A

Q4. About which of the following does the writer say that they were the first man-made fibres?

A. Acetate and rayon

B. Flax and rayon

C. Wool and silk

D. Cotton and hemp

Answer: Option A

Q5. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks by selecting the most appropriate option.

The word “SARI” means “strip of cloth” in Sanskrit. But for the Indian women - and a few men -

who have been _____(1)_____ themselves in silk, cotton or linen for millenia, these swathes

of fabric are more than just simple garments. They are symbols of national pride, ambassadors

for _____(2)_____ design and craftsmanship, and a prime example of the rich differences

in India's 29 states.

Blank 1: A. Trying B. Binding C. Draping D. Fastening

Blank 2: A. Outdated B. Fixed C. Habitual D. Traditional

A. (1) - A, (2) - B

B. (1) - B, (2) - C

C. (1) - D, (2) - A

D. (1) - C, (2) - D

Answer: Option D

Q6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Look carefully, can't you _____ the resemblance between the mother and the daughter?

A. Make out

B. Make up

C. Make off

D. Make away

Answer: Option A

Q7 to Q10 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

The field of behavioral economics blends ideas from psychology and economics, and it can

provide valuable insight that individuals are not behaving in their own best interests.

Behavioral economics provides a framework to understand when and how people make errors.

Systematic errors or biases recur predictably in particular circumstances. Lessons from

behavioral economics can be used to create environments that nudge people toward wiser

decisions and healthier lives.

Behavioral economics emerged against the backdrop of the traditional economic approach

known as rational choice model. The rational person is assumed to correctly weigh costs and

benefits and calculate the best choices for himself. The rational person is expected to know his

preferences (both present and future), and never flip-flop between two contradictory desires.

He has perfect self-control and can restrain impulses that may prevent him from achieving his

long-term goals.

Traditional economics uses these assumptions to predict real human behavior. The standard

policy advice that stems from this way of thinking is to give people as many choices as possible,

and let them choose the one they like best (with minimum government intervention). Because they know their preferences better than government officials do. Individuals are in the best position to know what is best for them.

In contrast, behavioral economics shows that actual human beings do not act that way. People have limited cognitive abilities and a great deal of trouble exercising self-control. People often make choices that bear a mixed relationship to their own preference (happiness). They tend to choose the option that has the greatest immediate appeal at the cost of long-term happiness, such as taking drugs or overeating.

Q7. Which statement best summarises what the writer is saying in the passage?

- A. People are guided according to their individual personalities in their choices and decisions.
- B. People make many wrong choices when they are in a difficult situation.
- C. People need someone to control them and regulate their public behaviour.
- D. People are often confused and irrational in their behaviour when faced with challenges.

Answer: Option A

Q8. In the fifth paragraph the writer states that individuals often

- A. Sacrifice long-term benefits in favour of short-term pleasures.
- B. Get carried away by the influence of powerful pressures.
- C. Overlook short term benefits for long-term advantages.
- D. Are swayed by peer pressure to change their opinions.

Answer: Option A

Q9. What does the writer call the traditional economics model?

- A. Systematic error
- B. Rational choice
- C. Mixed preference
- D. Standard policy

Answer: Option B

Q10. Which of the following action words does the writer use to describe the implicit purpose

of behavioural economics in human behaviour?

- A. To blend
- B. To appeal
- C. To nudge
- D. To restrain

Answer: Option C

Q11. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable options.

Since the early 1900s, many glaciers around the world have been rapidly melting

_____(1)_____. Specifically, since the industrial revolution , carbon dioxide and other

greenhouse gas emissions have raised temperatures, even higher in the poles. _____(2)_____

Scientists project that if emissions continue to rise unchecked, the Arctic could be ice free in the

summer as soon as the year 2040 as ocean and air temperatures continue to rise rapidly.

a. More than a third of the remaining glaciers of the world would have melted by 2030.

b. As a result, glaciers are rapidly melting, calving off into the sea and retreating on land.

c. Human activities are at the root of this phenomenon.

A. (1) c, (2) a

B. (1) c, (2) b

C. (1) b, (2) c

D. (1) a, (2) b

Answer: Option D

Q12. One part of the sentence below may contain grammatical errors. Identify the part. If

there is no error, choose 'No error'

India's chess olympiad gold-winning team captain Vidit Gujrathi says that the experience of

playing against, and defeating Iconic Viswanathan Anand was the most special moment of his

life

A. India's chess olympiad gold-winning team captain

B. No error

C. says that the experience of playing against, and defeating

D. was the most special moment of his life

Answer: Option C

Q13. Trans-Saharan Railway was a project to build a rail line south through Algeria to sub-Saharan Africa (1)_____ But Algiers was comparatively near France and possesses, moreover,

its own means of defence, so that if it and the other parts of French Africa could be firmly knit

together by a railroad there would be little to fear from an outside for. (2)_____ Such a road

would bring the different parts of the country into touch with one another and would greatly

facilitate their economic conquest.

A. Besides the strategic reasons in favor of a Trans-Sahara railroad, there were political and economic ones as well.

B. The southern portions of the French African Empire were practically isolated, the vast

interior religions presenting an almost insurmountable barrier between them and Algiers, so that in case of a war with a strong naval power like England, they would be in great danger.

C. As far back as 1880, some preliminary surveys to the south of Algiers were made by exploring parties.

A. (1)-B, (2)-A

B. (1)-B, (2)-C

C. (1)-C, (2)-B

Answer: Option A

Q14. For the four sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph given below, sentences S1 & S4 are given. From

the options P,Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 & S3.

S-1: US president Donald Trump on wednesday refused to commit himself to allow a peaceful

transfer of power if he lost his November-3 re-election bid, raising the largely unfounded

prospect of widespread fraud in mail in ballots.

S-2:

S-3:

S-4: And as a candidate in 2016, he had refused to say he would accept the outcome of the election if he lost.

P. This is not the first time he was not committal on the issue, taking the stance most recently in an interview to fox news

Q. If it was a fair and free election, Trump claimed, there will be “continuation “ of power, and not transfer

R. President Trump married to Melania Trump, a former model, some years ago

A. QR

B. QP

C. PQ

D. RP

Answer: Option C

Q15. Fill in the blanks with the right options.

Many women in Western society, aware of the power of names to influence identity, are aware

that choosing how to identify themselves after marriage can be a significant decision. _____(1)

_____One fascinating survey reveals that a woman's choice is likely to reveal a great deal

about herself and her relationship with her husband.

_____(2)_____On the other hand,

women who keep their birth names put their personal concerns ahead of relationships and

social expectations.

- a. Women who take their husband's name place the most importance on relationships.
- b. Female forms of address influence others' perceptions as well
- c. They may follow the tradition of taking their husband's last name, hyphenate their own name and their husband's, or keep their birth name.

A. (1) b, (2) a

B. (1) a, (2) b

C. (1) c, (2) a

D. (1) b, (2) c

Answer: Option C

Q16. For the four sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph given below, sentences S1 & S4 are given. From

the options P, Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 & S3.

S-1: INS Vikrant was the first aircraft carrier to be designed by the directorate of Naval design of the Indian Navy

S-2:

S-3:

S-4: Due to this, it became the first ship to be built completely using domestically produced steel

P. The Keel for Vikrant was laid by the Defence Minister at the Cochin shipyard on 28th

February 2009.

Q. It took a longtime to build a warship which was indigenously built by the cochin shipyard

R. About 26,000 tons of different types of steel were manufactured by the Bhilai steel plant,

chhattisgarh and Rourkela Steel plant, Odisha

A. RQ

B. QP

C. QR

D. PR

Answer: Option D

Q17. One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the part. If there is no

error, choose 'No error'.

While I was working, I have received a call from my sister.

A. I have received

B. While I was working

C. a call from my sister

D. No error

Answer: Option A

Q18. Which of the following sentences using formal language?

A. This was really cool, keep them coming!

- B. This just doesn't work for me, you'll have make another submission of the design.
- C. Do not stress yourself, we'll figure it out somehow
- D. You are required to submit the documents for due diligence prior to release of the loan.

Answer: Option D

Q19. The following sentence pair can be combined into one better sentence. Choose the option

that gives the best combination without changing the meaning.

You did not measure the ingredients correctly. Your cake did not come out well.

- A. If you had measured the ingredients correctly your cake would not have come out well.
- B. If you had measured the ingredients correctly your cake would have come out well.
- C. As you had measured the ingredients correctly your cake did not come out well.
- D. Because you had not measured the ingredients correctly your cake would have come out well.

Answer: Option B

Q20. Read the passage carefully. Then select the words/ options listed A to D which best fill in

the blanks:

The Moon should give you a feeling of confidence but will affect your temper, and there will be

a few mood swings and these in turn will bring (1)_____ self-doubt. However, in the final

analysis you should feel hopeful about the future. Optimism breeds success - and attacks (2)

_____employers. Watch out for dictatorial people and take evasive action. If you can stay

out of their way, then you will end the day much happier!

Options:

Blank 1:

1. certainly
2. occasional
3. cowardice
4. many

Blank 2:

1. anger
2. potential
3. by-law
4. dangerous

A. 1-B, 2-C

B. 1-B, 2-B

C. 1-D, 2-B

D. 1-C, 2-C

Answer: Option B

Q21. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate set of words from the options given below.

What did the painter do _____ himself from failing?

When he felt the ladder _____ he grabbed the gutter to save himself from failing

- A. to save/ began slipping
- B. to save/ beginning to slip
- C. for saving/ began to slip
- D. To save/ begin to slip

Answer: Option C

Q22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

"I've achieved a life goal, a dream for myself _____ I had for many years," the winner said.

- A. whom
- B. who
- C. whose
- D. which

Answer: Option D

Q23. One part of the sentence below may contain a grammatical error. Identify the part. If

there is no error, choose 'No error'.

The new suspension bridge over the large lake were inaugurated yesterday with great fanfare and illuminations.

- A. No error
- B. with great fanfare and illuminations
- C. were inaugurated yesterday
- D. The new suspension bridge over the large lake

Answer: Option C

Q24. For the four-sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 and S4 are given. From

the options P, Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S-1: Since the COVID -19 pandemic has disrupted the normal lifestyle of people across the globe, the virtual world has come to the rescue.

S-2

S-3

S-4: Accordingly, various stakeholders such as government and private organizations are trying

their best to assist each other by sprucing up their existing online platforms, apps and providing

training to teachers to use these apps and platforms to the optimum level.

P. Consequently, catering to the needs of all stages of education from pre-primary to university

level online education has emerged as an alternative to ordinary face to face classes

Q. Amongst many institutions, schools have also shifted their base to virtual platforms to conduct classes online.

R. Apart from upskilling teachers on apps, organising counselling sessions for other

stakeholders such as parents and students are some of the important measures taken by these

organizations.

A. PQ

B. RP

C. QP

D. RQ

Answer: Option C

Previous Year Questions PART-2

Q1s to 2: Read the Passage given below and answer questions

It used to be the American shopper that exemplified the state of the world economy. The focus

now should be on the person on the other side of the till. America's retail industry is huge: it

employs 15.9 Mn workers, who represent one in nine American jobs. It is also undergoing

wrenching change, as e-commerce eats into sales. There is no more pressing test of society's

ability to cope with technology's impact on work.

That impact is already visible. For all the benefits that online retailing brings to consumers, it is

causing immense pain to offline rivals. Last year 4,000 American stores closed; this year more

than twice that number may shutter. Standard & Poor's, a rating agency, expects retail defaults

this year to outnumber those in 2009, at the height of the global recession. Some formats—

discount stores, groceries, high-end malls—will continue to thrive.

But many will shrink. The

industry has shed 50,000 net jobs since January. Department stores may need to close more

than 800 stores to reach the productivity levels of 2006. Many outlets are looking for ways to cut

labour costs by embracing automation.

Q1. This passage is mainly about _____

A. Those who regularly do their shopping online.

B. Those who run large businesses and retail stores.

C. Those who run smaller retail shops.

D. Those who cannot afford to buy anything in large retail shops.

Answer: Option C

Q2. What is the significant measure that stores are trying to adopt?

A. Diversifying

B. Shutdown business

C. Merging

D. Automation

Answer: Option D

Q3..Governments have been promising the eradication of child labour in high risk Industries in

India for many years. However almost 100 million children are still at work instead of going to

school, and around 10 million are working in (1)
_____ Industries. India has the

biggest child population of 380million in the world; plus the
(2)_____ number of children

who are forced to earn a living.

Blank 1. A) honorary B)hazardous C)handicraft D)hardware

Blank 2. A)largest B) lowest C)latest D)loudest

1 - D, 2 - C

1 - B, 2 - A

1 - A, 2 - D

1 - C, 2 - B

Answer: 1 - B, 2 - A

Q4.You are going to read a text about an artist.Some sentences are missing from the text.

Choose from the list the most appropriate sentence you do not need in use.

Kahini held her first solo show in 1988, the entire proceeds of which went to the Hellen Keller

Institute for the deaf and Blind in mumbai. (1) _____
Encountering the pathiess terrain

of inner landscape, the artist engages in a restless re-examination of idea and image.

(2) _____ She has also taken part in several art camps.

A. In her fifth solo show with acrylic and oil-on-canvas paintings in the series titled

‘Metamorphosis’ held recently at Mumbai’s Jehangir Art Gallery, she showed for the first time

her abstract work as well.

B. Her work has been acquired by corporate houses and also forms part of private collections.

C. She has participated in a group show along with 50 women artists to celebrate International

Women’s Day.

A. (1)-A, (2)-C

Qs 5 to 9: Read the passage given below and answer questions

Twinkling lights are just visible behind screens where staff are putting the finishing touches to

this year’s Christmas displays, but in other parts of the shop, the lights are still off. John Lewis’s

flagship store in Oxford Street, central London, is bearing the scars of the pandemic.

A restaurant and cafe are closed and there are more staff than customers on the furnishings

floor. The fashion floor is also a depressing sight, with tags flagging big discounts on racks of

unwanted dresses and office wear. Last week it emerged John Lewis had applied for planning

permission to convert entire floors of this shop into office space. It's not hard to see why.

John Lewis, with its employee ownership and reputation for stellar customer service, still holds a

special place in shoppers' hearts. But while sister chain Waitrose, along with other

supermarkets, has thrived in the pandemic, results published last week show the department

store chain is in deep trouble. Huge changes in shopper behaviour, which have been

accelerated by coronavirus, mean the John Lewis website is now responsible for 60% of the

chain's sales – up from 30% pre-Covid. This tilt towards the web means the department stores,

as properties, are now deemed to be worth nearly £500 Mn less than before – a reassessment

in last week's results that sent the group crashing £635 Mn into the red in the first half of its

financial year.

Q5. Which one of the following is NOT a scar of the pandemic?

- A. More floors converted to office space
- B. Putting finishing touches to festive decorations
- C. Lights off in parts of the shop
- D. Fewer customers and more staff

Answer: Option B

Q6. Which business will NOT continue to prosper?

- A. Department stores
- B. Discount stores
- C. High-end Malls
- D. Grocery Stores

Answer: Option A

Q7. What unpleasant announcement will the chairman have to make to the employees?

- A. That they will have a pay cut
- B. That they will not get their annual bonus
- C. That they will not get their salaries
- D. That they will lose their jobs

Answer: Option B

Q8. How do we know that John Lewis had been in prosperous business prior to the COVID

pandemic?

- A. Their website now handles 60% of their business
- B. They paid an annual bonus for sixty-seven years
- C. They have a new Lady Chairman
- D. They were known for their customer services

Answer: Option B

Q9. Which one of the following expressions from the passage means losing money?

- A. Tilt towards
- B. On racks
- C. Sent crashing
- D. In the red

Answer: Option D

Q10. Aisha had been very successful managing her team in Edinburgh and was asked by the

company to lead a remote team for an important two-year project.

Keen to demonstrate her

leadership abilities to the head office, Aisha got her team members together for a remote

meeting. But right from that first meeting, she realised that this was going to be a different

challenge. (1)_____ Lucia kept asking about really specific details, while

Aisha was hoping to use the meeting to get to know the team members and identify priorities.

Archie and Lucia kept accidentally talking at the same time, and when they didn't speak, there

was an uncomfortable silence. Valentina hardly said a word.

(2)_____ Without these

visual clues, Aisha had no idea whether people were interested, lost, confused or bored.

A. No one had their cameras on, so there was none of the usual communication through

body language or facial expressions

B. Compared to face to face meeting the remote team is not preferred by all the managers

C. For a start, Archie was late for the meeting by about 15 minutes because of 'technical problems'.

1 - A, 2- C

1- B, 2- A

1- A, 2- B

1- C, 2-A

Answer: 1- C, 2-A

Q11. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate set of words from the options given

below:

What did the painter do ----- himself from falling?

When he felt the ladder ----- he grabbed the gutter to save himself from falling

- A. to save/ beginning to slip
- B. to savel begin to slip
- C. for saving/ began to slip
- D. to save/ began slipping

Answer: Option A

Q12. One part of the sentence below may contain may error. Identify the part. If there is no

error, choose 'No error'. Everyday life have become more complicated with the advancement in mobile technology.

- A. More complicated with the
- B. Everyday life have become
- C. No error
- D. Advancement in mobile technology

Answer: Option B

Q13. For the four sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph given below, sentences S1 & S4 are

given. From the options P, Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 & S3.

S-1. Gandhi does not reject machinery as such.

S-2.

S-3.

S-4. What he objects to is the craze for machinery, not machinery as such

P. He says that today, machinery merely helps a few to ride on the back of millions.

Q. And adds that the spinning wheel is a machinery, a little tooth-pick is a machine.

R. He observes, "How can I be against machinery when I know that even this body is a most

delicate piece of machinery?"

A. PQ

B. RQ

C. QP

D. QR

Answer: Option B

Q14. The following three sentences can be revised into one better sentence. Choose the

sentence that is the best revision:

I was at the fair. I got lost. I got scared.

A. I am scared after I am lost at the fair.

B. I went to fair and got scared as I was lost.

C. I am lost at the fair so I am too scared.

D. I got lost at the fair and was scared.

Answer: Option D

Q15. Which of the following sentences does NOT use informal language?

- A. Did you locate our office quite easily?
- B. You will be working with different managers during your training.
- C. We shall endeavour to inform you of the position in two weeks time.
- D. Is there anything else you want to ask me?

Answer: Option B

Q16. The lady _____purse was lost lodged a complaint at the police station.

- A. Who
- B. Whose
- C. Whom
- D. Where

Answer: Option B

Q17. You are going to read a text about a man in a photograph. Some sentences are missing

from the text. Choose from the list (A-C) the most appropriate sentence for each gap (1-2) in the

text. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

It was the first photograph that i had ever seen, and its fascinated me. I still remember holding it

at every angle in order to catch the flickering light from the oil lamp on the dresser. (1) _____ I

had never met him but I felt that I knew him. (2) _____ I moved the photograph so that the

shadow lay perfectly around his hollow cheeks. How different he looked!

A. The man in the photograph was unsmiling, but his eyes were kind.

B. I would tell him how wonderful he looked with the shadow that I had seen across his

photograph, and I would most carefully suggest that he grew whiskers.

C. One evening when I was looking at the photograph, as I always did before I went to sleep, I

noticed a shadow across the man's thin face.

A. (1)-A, (2)-C

B. (1)-B, (2)-A

C. (1)-C, (2)-B

D. (1)-C, (2)-A

Answer: (1)-A, (2)-C

Q18. Henry looks carefully into the telescope which let him see far, far away, as far away as the

distant nebulae on the fair edges of the milky way. Henry is an (1)_____. He looks at

the sky and at stars in particular. Even though he spends much of his time looking at detailed

computer reports, which are just lists and the lists are numbers, his (2)_____ thing about his job

is looking through the telescope. And today he is very excited. He isn't sure yet, but he thinks he

has seen a dense cloud which might be the beginning of a new star.

Blank 1. A.astrologer B.astrologist C.astronomer D. astronaut

Blank 2. A. favouring B. pleasant C.pleasing D.favourite

1-C,2-D

1-D,2-B

1-A,2-A

1-B,2-C

Answer: 1-C,2-D

Q19. One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the part.If there is no

error,choose 'No error'.

The board announced that the decision to reduce the syllabus is yet to be approved by the

competent authority.

A. Is yet to be approved by the competent authority

B. No error

C. The decision is to reduce the syllabus

D. The board announced that

Answer: Option B

Q20.The final report on the project was _____into three parts

A. Broken up

B. Broken off

C. Broken away

D. Broken out

Answer: Option A

Q21. For the four sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph given below,
sentences S1 & S4 are

given. From the options P, Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for
S2 & S3.

S-1: Once upon a time an ambassador came to see the king of Sparta
on some official business

S-2:

S-3:

S-4: But he found nothing of that kind

P. The ambassador knew that the king of sparta was also really the
ruler of entire Greece and so

he expected to see massive walls around the city for purpose of
defence

Q: You are looking at the walls ____ ten thousand men, and every man
is a brick

R. After their work was over the king took his visitor on a sight-seeing
tour of the capital city

A. RP

B. RQ

C. QP

D. PQ

Answer: Option D

Previous Year Question PART-3

Q1. For the four sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph given below, sentences S1 & S4 are given. From the options P,Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 & S3.

S-1: The 1940 version of the movie, Pinocchio, is no exception

S-2:

S-3:

S-4: Surprisingly, his character in the movie is not as prominent as it is in the book.

P: Jimmy cricket appears as the talking cricket in the book

Q:The movie is based on a story that appeared as a serial in a newspaper called The Adventures of Pinocchio written by Carlo Collod

R: It was written in 1881 and 1882

A. RQ

B. PQ

C. QP

D. PR

Answer: Option C

Q2. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate pair of words from the options given below.

Information _____ defined as a collection of symbols which, _____ combined, communicates a message or intelligence.

- A. Can be / where
- B. Should / which
- C. Can be / when
- D. Should be / which

Answer: Option C

Q3. One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the part, if there is no error, choose 'No error'

Since sunrise to sunset my grandmother would sit by her wheel spinning and reciting prayers

- A. Since sunrise to sunset
- B. my grandmother would sit by her wheel
- C. No error
- D. spinning and reciting prayers

Answer: Option A

Q4. One part of the sentence below may contain an error, Identify the error.

In the evening, Bhushan took his seat on the window of that empty house.

- A. On the window
- B. In the evening
- C. Of that empty house
- D. Bhushan took his seat

Answer: Option A

Q5. One part of the sentence below may contain an error, Identify the error.

Something about the way he spoke stuck a bell in Lauren's mind.

- A. In Lauren's mind
- B. Something about
- C. Way he spoke
- D. Stuck a bell

Answer: Option D

Q6 to Q9. Directions: Read the following passage:

The much-delayed Indian Premier League starts Saturday without its customary glitz and

glamour, but the Twenty20 tournament is expected to be a welcome relief to cricket fans

during the coronavirus pandemic. The short-form extravaganza normally starts in March but,

along with other major international sporting events, was postponed as countries went into

virus lockdowns. It was then moved to the United Arab Emirates as cases rose in India.

All the eight teams have been in strict, bio-secure 'bubbles' since landing in the UAE, with the

competition set to kick off when defending champions Mumbai Indians take on Chennai Super

Kings in Abu Dhabi on September 19. There will be no gala opening ceremony for the world's

richest T20 league, and the games will be played behind closed doors at three venues including

Dubai and Sharjah.

Yet President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Sourav Ganguly, expects a surge in

viewership for the 13th edition with the matches scheduled for India's evening primetime TV

slots.

"There is a positive in everything." commented Sourav Ganguly.

Q6. Based on your understanding of the passage answer the following questions by choosing the best option

The expression 'Bio-secure bubbles' refers to:

A. Consists of Greek and Iranian characters from history books who die for their country or

kingdoms, often in the pursuit of beautiful women.

B. Safety PPE kit

C. Social distancing methods

D. It consists of a staged dance drama about fairy tales, where heroes and heroines dance

and sing, performed in small villages.

Answer: Option C

‘Bio-secure bubbles’ actually refers to an environment which is cut off from the outside world.

Everyone engaged in the tournament, including the players, support staff and match officials

will be limited only to a few places.

Q7. Which of the following is NOT a relevant criteria for conduct of the 13th IPL series?

A. The Mahabharata teaches readers about the finest aspects of warfare and martial

struggle and how man’s ambition can make or break him in the final race.

B. Venue for IPL will be shifted to the Middle East.

C. The epic works as a tale of good versus evil in the battle between Pandavas and

Kauravas, and also highlights the internal struggle in all of us, which leads to spiritual

wisdom.

D. Matches will be telecast on prime-time slot.

All the answer options are wrong.

Correct Answer: Both Option A and Option C

Q8. Which of the following sentences is indicative of the mood of the general public?

A. All epics extoll the necessity of valour, the beauty of women and the lure of money and

property that is the bane of humankind.

B. All epics teach us that the common man has to learn about the right and wrong of life

only through the stories of the rich and famous.

C. The games will be played behind closed doors at three venues including Dubai and

Sharjah.

D. The much-delayed Indian Premier League starts on Saturday without its customary glitz

and glamour.

All the answer options are wrong.

Answer: All of the answer options are incorrect

The line which mentions the mood of the general public is “The much-delayed Indian Premier

League starts Saturday without its customary glitz and glamour, but the Twenty20 tournament

is expected to be a welcome relief to cricket fans during the coronavirus pandemic.” Thus if we

had ‘relief’ as one of our answer options, it would have been right.

Q9. Saurav Ganguly’s comment ‘There is something positive in everything’, implies that he is

_____.

A. Determined

B. Accident

C. Adversity

D. Optimistic

Answer: Option D

Q10. For the four sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph given below, sentences S1 & S4 are given. From the options P,Q and R, choose appropriate sentences for S2 & S3.

S-1: It is neither the size nor the length of the life which makes man human

S-2:

S-3:

S-4: Man is not like a tree

P: The man may physically attain the size of a giant, yet intellectually he may remain a dwarf

Q: The growth of mind and intellect is never in proportion to the growth of the human body

R: My friend's brother was a dwarf

A. RP

B. RQ

C. QP

D. PR

Answer: Option C

Q11. Choose the pair of options that are appropriate to complete the sentence

Martin Sir had a reputation as the (1) _____ of principals,
but those who knew him
well, said he was a (2) _____ man.

Blank 1: A. mad B.tough C.slovenly D.strictest

Blank 2: A.crazy B.family C.effective D.just

A. 1-B,2-B

B. 1-D,2-A

C. 1-D,2-D

D. 1-C,2-A

Answer: Option C

Q12. Two sentences have been removed from the text below. Read
the text and then match

the missing sentences to fill up Blank 1 and Blank 2. You will need to
choose two options out

of four - P, Q, R, S - provided:

Unlike undergraduate courses where some students do minimal
reading and still succeed,

graduate studies require a student to read large volumes of
information. Reading at graduate

school is the way in which students glean new ideas, theories,
models, etc., that contribute to

their theses and research papers.

(1) For example, a literature review requires a student to read with
great breadth and

depth within his/her research area.

(2) The number of documents to read, analyze and synthesize to compile a literature review can be mind boggling.

Options

P. Graduate students are asked to actively engage with the information they read.

Q. Graduate students do not want to read the books available in libraries.

R. Books are a man's best friend.

S. Then the ideas are synthesized into a unified whole.

A. QS

B. RS

C. SP

D. PS

Answer: Option D

Q13. You are going to read a text about fighting pollution. Some sentences are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A-C) the most appropriate sentence for each gap(1-2) in the

text. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

Aisha had been very successful managing her team in Edinburgh and was asked by the company

to lead a remote team for an important two-year project. Keen to demonstrate her leadership

abilities to the head office, Aisha got her team members together for a remote meeting. But

right from that first meeting, she realised that this was going to be a different challenge.

(1)_____ Lucia kept asking about really specific details, while Aisha was

hoping to use the meeting to get to know the team members and identify priorities. Archie and

Lucia kept accidentally talking at the same time, and when they didn't speak, there was an

uncomfortable silence. Valentina hardly said a word.

(2)_____ Without these visual

clues, Aisha had no idea whether people were interested, lost, confused or bored.

A. No one had their cameras on, so there was none of the usual communication through

body language or facial expressions

B. Compared to face to face meeting the remote team is not preferred by all the managers

C. For a start, Archie was late for the meeting by about 15 minutes because of 'technical problems'.

A. 1 - (A), 2- (C)

B. 1- (B), 2- (A)

C. 1- (A), 2- (B)

D. 1- (C), 2-(A)

Answer: 1- C, 2-A

Q14. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate pair of words from the options given below.

As WHO and partners work together on the response - tracking the pandemic, _____ on

critical interventions, distributing vital medical supplies to those in mind - they are still _____ to

find a vaccine.

A. Advising / race

B. Advising / racing

C. Advise / racing

D. Advised / raced

Answer: Option B

Q15. Which of the following sentences does NOT use informal language?

A. The professor's lecture was way over my head.

B. Can you pick up ice on your way back?

C. Sorry, I could not come by last night.

D. Sorry, I could not attend your party last night.

Answer: Option A

Q16. Direction: Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

Despite the setback caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and schedules being affected, the Indian

Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has continued to slowly pursue its two ambitious missions -

- the Gaganyaan and Chandrayaan-3. Even as officials had said that the staffers were working

from home through the lockdown, several have started heading to their workspaces through

the lockdown 4.

Using the payload on Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, which has three optical heads (unlike the single

optical head of Chandrayaan-1 orbiter), the space agency has a greater resolution and a stereo

view of the moon. The image data will also help them decide and fine tune the point of

touchdown of the lander. Since the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter is working to capacity, the upcoming

mission will only have a lander and rover which will be taken to the moon by a propulsion

module. The chances of success at Chandrayaan-3 are being increased with the space agency

using the robust data acquired by Chandrayaan-2 orbiter. Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space

Centre S Somanth recently iterated that the Human spaceflight programme was significant.

Drawing a comparison with other countries like the USA, he said Human Space Travel is a

capacity we need to create even under stress as the capability will be essential for the future.

Q16. What is the passage about?

- A. Significance of space programs for the future.
- B. Working under constraints
- C. Meeting the target deadlines
- D. Commitment of the scientists at ISRO

Answer: Option A