

01. English Usage

30 questions, 1 mark each

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Bathtubs have a very curious history. The bathtub has been in existence for thousands of years. Given its long history, the modern day bathtub is very different from its predecessors. The bathtub originated in ancient Rome as a social gathering place. It did not become the private bathtub, common in American households, until the early 20th century. From its early beginnings in Rome, to cast iron horse troughs, and eventually to the modern day bathtub, it is clear that the bathtub has had quite an evolution. The Romans are famous for being one of the first civilizations to bathe. Starting in around 500 BC, Roman citizens were encouraged to bathe daily in one of the many public bathtubs. The Romans used the public baths as a place for social events and as a chance to get to know other people. Their public baths were fairly large and most commonly made of marble. The Romans used lead or bronze pipes to fill the tubs with water. Contrary to popular belief, the habit of bathing continued after the collapse of the Roman Empire, and was common throughout the Middle Ages. Bathing eventually went out of fashion at the beginning of the Renaissance period, only to resurface in the 19th century. In 1883, the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company and the Kohler Company began producing cast-iron tubs. These companies advertised their tubs as horse troughs – large tubs where horses could drink – because this was seen as a more marketable product than a bathtub.

Q 01. Choose the word that is **closest in meaning** to the word "predecessors" given in the passage?

- Ops:
- A. creator
 - B. author
 - C. founder
 - D. ancestors

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Q 02. The tone of the passage is:

- Ops:
- A. Romantic
 - B. Laudatory
 - C. Caustic
 - D. Humanistic

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Q 03. The passage is most likely an excerpt from:

- Ops:
- A. Fashion magazine
 - B. Newspaper article
 - C. Interior magazine
 - D. Storybook

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Q 04. What is the main idea of the passage?

- Ops:
- A. The bathtub has been in existence for thousands of years
 - B. The Romans used the public baths as a place for social events and as a chance to get to know other people.
 - C. From its early beginnings in Rome, eventually to the modern day bathtubs has had quite an evolution.
 - D. The Romans are famous for being one of the first civilizations to bathe.

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

A robot is a machine. But it is not just any machine. It is a special kind of machine. It is a machine that moves. It follows instructions. The instructions come from a computer. Because it is a machine, it does not make mistakes. And it does not get tired. And it never complains. Unless you tell it to! Robots are all around us. Some robots are used to make things. For example, robots can help make cars. Some robots are used to explore _____ places. For example, robots can help explore volcanoes. Some robots are used to clean things. These robots can help vacuum your house. Some robots can even recognize words. They can be used to help answer telephone calls. Some robots look like humans. But most robots do not. Most robots just look like machines. Long ago, people imagined robots. Over 2,000 years ago, a famous poet imagined robots. The poet's name was Homer. His robots were made of gold. They cleaned things and they made things. But they were not real. They were imaginary. Nobody was able to make a real robot. The first real robot was made in 1961. It was called Unimate. It was used to help make cars. It looked like a giant arm. In the future, we will have even more robots. They will do things that we can't do. Or they will do things that we don't want to do. Or they will do things that are too dangerous for us.

05. State whether the following statement is true or false.

A robot is a machine, thus it can also make mistakes.

- ps: A. TRUE
B. FALSE
C. Cannot be determined

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06. Which of the following options best fits the blank given in the passage?

- ps: A. clean
B. dark
C. bright
D. dangerous

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Q 07. Choose the most apt title for the passage from the options given below.

- Ops: A. Story of a Robot
B. The Robot - Unimate
C. Robots
D. Robot - a machine

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Q 08. Choose the word that is **closest in meaning** to the word "imaginary" given in the passage?

- Ops: A. genuine
B. dreamy
C. fictional
D. ordinary

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Q 09. Choose the best replacement for the underlined part of the sentence.

But it is also common knowledge that this money does not stay stash in tax havens.

- Ops: A. to stash
B. stashed
C. stashing
D. for stash

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Q 10. Choose the correct sequence of the given words/phrases so that it forms a logical sentence.

1. killing six people and injuring four
2. crashed into a heavy vehicle
3. monday morning an SUV carrying 10 people
4. in the wee hours of a

Ops: A. 4123
B. 4231
C. 4321
D. 4213

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Q 11. Choose the correct sequence of the given words/phrases so that it forms a logical sentence.

1. functions - so you may not use the brake
2. the lack of sleep impairs a
3. at the right time or take a crucial turn
4. person's troubleshooting capacity and cognitive

Ops: A. 2314
B. 2431
C. 2134
D. 2413

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Mark the options that contain the word(s) that fit(s) in the respective blanks most appropriately.

A restaurant in Israel has hit upon a novel way to try and end years of 1. The manager said that the offer was meant as a response to growing 2 by extremists on both sides. He believes the powers of the humble chickpeas paste should not be 3. Good food can truly bring people closer together and 4 conflicts.

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Q 12. Which of these best fits blank 1?

- Ops: A. rivalry
B. conflict
C. loyalty
D. understanding

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Q 13. Which of these best fits blank 2?

- Ops: A. action
B. intolerance
C. unity
D. power

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Q 14. Which of these best fits blank 3?

- Ops: A. underestimated
B. expected
C. overrated
D. unexpected

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Q 15. Which of these best fits blank 4?

- Ops: A. reserve
B. repose
C. reprise
D. resolve

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Q 16. Choose the option which best expresses the given sentence in Passive voice.

The fish was sold for 10 \$

- Ops: A. Selling fish for 10 \$
B. The fish was being sold for 10 \$
C. They sold the fish for 10 \$
D. They were selling the fish for 10 \$

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In the 1 temperatures of the arctic, barely anything grows. It was therefore 2 for us to witness a whole 3 of green grass 4 in the still freezing icy winds.

Q 17. Which option best fits blank 1?

- Ops: A. rustic
B. frigid
C. subaltern
D. frigate

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Q 18. Which option best fits blank 2?

- Ops: A. turbid
B. surmising
C. surprising
D. tantalising

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Q 19. Which option best fits blank 3?

- Ops: A. shir1dig
B. splash
C. swath
D. sepulchre

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Q 20. Which option best fits blank 4?

- Ops: A. smarting
B. gobling
C. galloping
D. billowing

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Q 21. Choose the correct sequence of the given words/phrases so that it forms a logical sentence.

1. he was made to wait for hours in the line with 10,000 other contestants
2. after releasing his talent he finally decided to go for the auditions
3. somehow he managed to put up a show and impress the judges
4. when finally his turn came up, he was totally exhausted

Ops: A. 1324
B. 4123
C. 2143
D. 2134

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Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

The destructive process of mountaintop removal mining (MTR) has caused permanent damage to Appalachia. Although the law requires that mining companies restore the mountaintops after the mining has been completed, the 1.5 million acres of mountains that have already been removed cannot be regrown, re-built, or replaced. The companies do secure the rock formations to prevent erosion and landslides, but their efforts cannot recreate the once-beautiful mountain landscape. Furthermore, while companies are usually vigilant about securing the rock formations, they seem less interested in restoring the native vegetation. MTR operations clear enormous tracts of forest; some experts estimate that over 2000 square miles of forests in the Appalachian region will have been razed by mining companies by 2012. Instead of replanting the native trees and shrubs that have been cleared, many companies opt to plant cheap, fast-growing, non-native plants, such as *Lespedeza cuneata*, which is officially classified by the USDA as an invasive weed. Environmental hazards are not only created in preparing a mountaintop for mining, they also continue once the coal has been extracted. After the blast, the excess mountaintop—which miners refer to as "overburden"—is usually dumped into nearby valleys or streams.

The overburden contains a variety of toxic substances, including explosive residue, silica, and coal dust. These substances are filled with sulfur, lead, mercury, and other chemicals. Over 700 miles of streams in Appalachia have been contaminated by this dumping. Although the mining companies have built structures known as "sludge dams" that are intended to contain the toxic runoff.

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Q 22. Which of the following statements is **not** true according to the passage?

- Ops: A. The companies do secure the rock formations to prevent erosion and landslides.
B. The overburden is usually dumped into nearby valleys or streams.
C. The MTR companies recreate the beautiful mountain landscape after the mining is completed.
D. Companies seem less interested in restoring the native vegetation.

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Q 23. What is the role of the last paragraph in the given passage?

- Ops: A. It builds on a previous idea.
B. It sums up the main idea of the paragraph
C. It counters a previous point to show contrast.
D. It introduces an idea.

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Q 24. What does the word "vigilant" mean in the context of the passage?

- Ops: A. attentive
B. nervous
C. afraid
D. distressed

Q 25. Choose the most apt title for the passage from the options given below.

- Ops: A. Sludge dams
B. Destructive process of MTR
C. Environmental Hazards
D. Damage to Appalachia

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Q 26. Choose the option which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect speech.

She said to me, "I will marry you."

- Ops: A. She told me that she will be marrying me.
B. She says me that she will marry me.
C. She told me that she would marry me.
D. She says me that she would marry me.

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Q 27. Choose the option which best expresses the given sentence in Indirect speech.

My father said, "I shall go to London tomorrow."

- Ops: A. My father said that he will be going to London the next day.
B. My father said that he will go to London the next day.
C. My father said that he will be gone to London tomorrow.
D. My father said that he will go for London tomorrow.

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Q 28. Which part of the sentence given below has an error in it?

In order to live an happy life / all you need to do is forgive the / past, accept the present / and welcome the future.

- Ops:
- A. all you need to do is forgive the
 - B. in order to live an happy life
 - C. past, accept the present
 - D. and welcome the future

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Q 29. Which part of the sentence given below has an error in it?

The life of a famous / person are usually filled / with disappointments / and unhappy endings.

- Ops:
- A. person are usually filled
 - B. with disappointments
 - C. and unhappy endings
 - D. the life of a famous

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Q 30. Which part of the sentence given below has an error in it?

The great leaders of the / country always preached / peace and unity for one / to succeed on his mission.

- Ops:
- A. country always preached
 - B. to succeed on his mission
 - C. peace and unity for one
 - D. the great leaders of the

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