

Words and Expressions

acknowledge	– admit	تسلیم کرنا
alarmed	– worried; upset	پریشان، گھبراہوا
altogether	– in all; in total	کل، ٹوٹل
conscientiousness	– honesty; carefulness; diligence; dutifulness	احتیاط، توجہ، دیانتداری، فرض شناسی
deeds	– actions; conduct	اعمال
fancy	– think; suppose; consider; believe	سوچنا، سمجھنا
grumble	– complain; express dissatisfaction; mutter	بڑبڑانا، شکایت کرنا
jot	– write quickly; scribble	جلدی جلدی لکھ لینا
judge	– presume; guess; consider; find; think	سمجھنا، اندازہ لگانا
luminosity	– brightness; light	روشنی، چمک
monster	– huge; enormous	بہت بڑا
mount	– increase	بڑھنا
celebrated	– renowned; popular; famous; distinguished	مشہور، نامی گرامی
raffle	– lottery; draw	قرعہ اندازی
rummage sale	– sale of second-hand articles; jumble sale	پرانی اشیاء کی فروخت
sensation	– feeling; sense; thrill	احساس
sentiments	– feelings	جذبات، احساسات
subscription	– contribution; donation	چندہ
throb	– flutter; beat; vibrate	دھڑکنا۔ پھڑپھڑانا
vexing	– puzzling; worrying; disturbing	پریشان کن، عجیب و غریب
virtue	– goodness; uprightness; righteousness	نیکی
volume	– book	کتاب
weary	– tired; exhausted; fatigued	تھکا ہوا
Bovril	– a concentrated essence of beef; also, a trademarked name	سوپ، بجنی

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

1. I had a **vexing** dream.

- A) disturbing B) pleasing
C) destroying D) vague

2. It was about a **fortnight** after Christmas.

- A) two weeks B) four weeks
C) two nights D) four nights

3. A little less virtue and I might have lived longer.
A) goodness B) cunning
C) allowance D) practice
4. I have been a bit too good.
A) beautiful B) handsome
C) pious D) famous
5. The last I saw of London was a long line of electric lamps bordering the Embankment.
A) lining B) ascending
C) descending D) twinkling
6. Later nothing remained but a faint luminosity buried beneath darkness.
A) glowing B) dazzling
C) strange D) dim
7. Later nothing remained but a faint luminosity buried beneath darkness.
A) dreaminess B) flow
C) brightness D) dimness
8. I heard behind me the slow, throbbing sound of wings.
A) fluttering B) chirping
C) whispering D) whistling
9. He had a weary look.
A) fresh B) tired
C) excited D) afraid
10. I judged him to be tired.
A) asked B) presumed
C) answered D) told
11. I judged him to be tired.
A) depressed B) astonished
C) exhausted D) fresh
12. "Yes," he acknowledged, "it is a trying period for me, your Christmas time."
A) grumbled B) admitted
C) answered D) realized
13. It's a trying period for me.
A) easy B) delightful
C) preliminary D) difficult
14. The wonder to me is how you get through it.
A) acquire B) cross
C) complete D) renounce
15. It's really a delightful sensation.
A) occasion B) feeling
C) arrangement D) act
16. You are to be envied.
A) enhanced B) disparaged
C) admired D) relaxed
17. The sweet child giving Bovril to the shivering street arab.
A) suffering B) shoveling
C) trembling D) wandering
18. The good old red-faced squire shoveling out plum pudding to the crowd. 11615018
A) preparing B) distributing
C) selling D) emitting
19. The sweet child giving Bovril with her own dear little hands.
A) clothes B) charity
C) soup D) cake
20. It makes me yearn to borrow a collecting box.
A) desire B) feel
C) manage D) fail
21. All we men and women become generous quite suddenly.
A) happy B) stingy
C) well off D) magnanimous
22. Why noting them down must be a comfort to you.
A) giving B) watching
C) celebrating D) writing
23. I have often thought of keeping a diary jotting them down each day.
A) jumbling B) writing
C) remembering D) arranging
24. It was a bulky looking volume.
A) old B) fresh
C) light D) heavy
25. It was a bulky looking volume.
A) size B) book
C) brochure D) writing
26. I did not really doubt his care.
A) suspect B) imagine
C) see D) trust
27. I did not really doubt his care and conscientiousness.
A) slackness B) generosity
C) delight D) diligence
28. My subscription to the Daily Telegraph's Sixpenny Fund for the Unemployed.
A) contribution B) purchase
C) performance D) arrangement
29. I forget what the particular charity was about.
A) need B) explanation
C) alms-giving D) dinner

30. He interrupted me with the assurance that my attendance had been noted.
A) presence B) indifference
C) innocence D) magnificence
31. "And, of course, you remember my performance in aid of the Fund for Poor Curates," I went on.
A) workers B) orphans
C) countrymen D) priests
32. But I fancy they rather liked my Talbot Champneys.
A) insist B) think
C) measure D) claim
33. Expenses, when you come to add refreshments, mount up.
A) dwindle B) increase
C) emerge D) show up
34. I also reminded him of the four balcony seats I had taken for the monster show.
A) huge B) exciting
C) charitable D) luxuriant
35. The four balcony seats I had taken for the monster show in aid of the Fund for the Destitute British in Johannesburg.
A) charitable B) affluent
C) overseas D) extremely poor
36. Not all the celebrated actors and actresses announced on the posters had appeared.
A) modern B) strayed
C) eminent D) rejoicing
37. All the celebrities one had never heard of – had turned up to a man.
A) arrived B) left
C) declined D) ascended
38. All the celebrities one had never heard of – had turned up to a man.
A) without exception B) except one
C) continuously D) individually
39. There was nothing to grumble at.
A) wink B) stare
C) laud D) complain
40. I could not remember them at a time in their entirety.
A) totality B) sequence
C) truth D) partiality
41. But I did remember the rummage sale to which I sent all my clothes.
A) common sale
B) expensive stalls
C) sale of antiques
D) sale of secondhand items
42. And also the raffle I had joined for motor car.
A) prize B) queue
C) struggle D) lottery
43. The Angel said I really need not be alarmed.
A) unmindful B) boastful
C) informed D) worried

Answers

1. A	7. C	13. D	19. C	25. B	31. D	37. A	43. D
2. A	8. A	14. C	20. A	26. A	32. B	38. A	
3. A	9. B	15. B	21. D	27. D	33. B	39. D	
4. C	10. B	16. C	22. D	28. A	34. A	40. A	
5. A	11. C	17. C	23. B	29. C	35. D	41. D	
6. D	12. B	18. B	24. D	30. A	36. C	42. D	

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. The author had a _____ dream.
A) horrible B) pleasant
C) vexing D) unusual
2. The author had a vexing dream about a _____ after Christmas.
A) week B) fortnight
C) month D) day
3. The author dreamt that he flew out of the window in his _____.
A) sensation B) luminosity
C) nightshirt D) old coat
4. The last the author saw of London was _____ bordering along the Embankment.
A) a long line of electric lamps
B) crowd of grateful villagers
C) faint luminosity
D) people with collecting boxes

5. What did the author hear behind him when he was flying?
☒ A) a throbbing sound
 B) a buzzing sound
 C) a melodious sound
 D) a whistling sound
6. The author judged the Recording Angel to be _____.
☒ A) happy
 B) envious
☒ C) tired
 D) busy
7. What the author likes about Christmas is that it makes everybody _____.
 A) weary
 B) happy
 C) excited
☒ D) good
8. How much had the author contributed to the Daily Telegraph's Six Penny Fund for the unemployed?
☒ A) ten shillings
 B) twenty shillings
 C) six pennies
 D) ten pounds
9. How many charity dinners had the author attended?
☒ A) four
 B) two
 C) six
 D) five
10. How many signed photographs of himself did the author send to a charity bazaar?
 A) six
 B) eight
 C) ten
☒ D) twelve
11. The author sent a dozen photographs of himself, signed, to _____.
☒ A) a charity bazaar
 B) a rummage sale
 C) the monster show
 D) six-penny fund
12. The monster show at His Majesty's was arranged in aid of _____.
 A) the unemployed
 B) poor curates
 C) homeless people
☒ D) the destitute British in Johannesburg
13. The author sent all his old clothes to _____.
 A) the destitute British in Johannesburg
 B) poor curates
 C) a charity bazaar
☒ D) a rummage sale
14. What did the author send to a rummage sale? (Board 2015) 11615057
 A) old furniture
☒ B) old clothes
 C) old shoes
 D) old books
15. What was the child giving to the shivering street Arab?
 A) plum pudding
☒ B) Bovril
 C) a Christmas gift
 D) cake
16. What did the author feel while going up?
 A) curious
 B) vexed
 C) horrified
☒ D) glad
17. The author asked the angel if he had read the notice in _____.
 A) The Daily Telegraph
☒ B) The Morning Post
 C) The Times
 D) The Tribune
18. The author thinks he could have lived longer by _____.
☒ A) being less virtuous
 B) doing good deeds
 C) jotting his good deeds in a diary
 D) keeping off the whirl of life
19. The author had joined a raffle for _____.
 A) fun
 B) charity
☒ C) a motor car
 D) Christmas
20. The good old red-faced squire was shoveling out _____ to a crowd of villagers.
 A) meat broth
☒ B) plum pudding
 C) Bovril
 D) Christmas cake

Answers

1. C	4. A	7. D	10. D	13. D	16. D	19. C
2. B	5. A	8. A	11. A	14. B	17. B	20. B
3. C	6. C	9. A	12. D	15. B	18. A	

Questions from the Textbook

Q.1 At what point of the journey in his dream did the author hear the throbbing sound of wings?

Ans. The author heard behind him the throbbing sound of wings when he had flown so high that everything on earth seemed buried beneath darkness.

Q.2 What time of the year was it when the writer had a vexing dream?

Ans. The writer had a vexing dream one night about a fortnight after Christmas.

Q.3 What does the author like about Christmas? OR
What change does Christmas bring in the people?

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Ans. Everybody becomes good at Christmas. People start doing good deeds and go about repeating lovely sentiments. That is what the author likes about Christmas.

Q.4 Write down the good deeds the author has admitted are a great joy on Christmas. OR
Describe the noble deeds that are always a great joy for the author.

Ans. The author is very happy to recollect his good deeds. He gave five shilling subscription to the Daily Telegraph's Sixpenny Fund, sent a dozen signed photographs of himself to a charity bazaar, and he performed to raise fund for the poor curates. He also remembered the rummage sale to which he sent all his old clothes.

Q.5 Why are noble deeds always a great joy for the author?

Ans. Noble deeds are always a source of joy for man. They bring an eternal bliss and satisfaction. That is why, noble deeds are always a great joy for the author.

Additional Questions

Q.6 What kind of dream did the author have? OR
What did the author see in his dream?

Ans. The author had a vexing dream. He dreamt that he flew out of the window in his nightshirt. He went up and up and had a chat with the Recording Angel.

Q.7 What did the author see below when he was flying upward?

Ans. He saw a long line of electric lamps bordering the Embankment. Later, as he flew higher, he could see nothing but a faint luminosity buried beneath darkness.

Q.8 Why is Christmas time a trying period for the Recording Angel? OR
Why does the Recording Angel remain busy during Christmas time?

Ans. At Christmas time, everybody starts doing good deeds and the Recording Angel remains busy noting them down in his book. That is why Christmas is a trying period for him.

Q.9 Write down the good deeds the author remembered.

Ans. The author contributed to a fund for the unemployed. He attended four charity dinners. He sent his signed photographs to a charity bazaar. He also acted in a popular play staged to raise funds for the poor curates. He sent his old clothes to a rummage sale. The author also joined a raffle for a motorcar.

Q.10 Why did the author often think of keeping a diary?

Ans. The author often thought of keeping a diary to jot down his good deeds daily. He thought it would be a source of joy and pride for his children.

Q.11 Why did the author stay with the angel for so long?

Ans. The author kept up with the angel because he loved to chat about his noble deeds. He also wanted to make sure that all his good deeds were recorded in the Angel's book.

Q.12 How much did the author contribute to the fund for the unemployed?

Ans. He subscribed ten shillings in total. Actually he had contributed five shillings twice because his name was not spelled correctly the first time.

Q.13 Why did the author buy four balcony seats?

Ans. He bought four balcony seats to contribute to the fund for the destitute British in Johannesburg.

Q.14 Why did the author specially remember the monster show held in aid of the fund for destitute British in Johannesburg?

Ans. The author specially remembered the monster show because not all the celebrated actors and actresses announced on the posters had appeared, but all had sent letters full of kindly wishes. However, all the celebrities one had never heard of had turned up to a man.

Q.15 Why did the author join a raffle?

Ans. The author joined a raffle with the hope of winning a motorcar.

Q.16 What is the theme of the story "The Angel and the Author - and Others"?

Ans. Irony runs through the story. The author makes fun of those who become pious and generous only on holy occasions. He also criticizes man's craze for self-praise.

Q.17 Who is the author of the story "The Angel and the Author - and Others"?

Ans. Jerome K. Jerome is the author of the story. He is a famous English humorist.

'Our Boys' was a comedy in three acts, first performed in London at a theatre in 1875.

Talbot Champneys was a character in the play 'Our Boys'.

Punctuation Exercises

1) **Unsolved:**

i am sure it must be i returned the wonder to me is how you get through it all you see at christmas time i went on all we men and women become generous quite suddenly

Solved:

"I am sure it must be", I returned; "the wonder to me is how you get through it all. You see at Christmas time," I went on, "all we men and women become generous, quite suddenly."

2) **Unsolved:**

they are to all of us i said i love to think of all the good deeds i myself have done i have often thought of keeping a diary jotting them down each day it would be so nice for ones children

Solved:

"They are to all of us," I said; "I love to think of all the good deeds I myself have done. I have often thought of keeping a diary - jotting them down each day. It would be so nice for one's children."

3) **Unsolved:**

that book of yours i said i suppose now it contains all the good actions that we men and women have been doing during the last six weeks it was a bulky looking volume

Solved:

"That book of yours," I said, "I suppose, now, it contains all the good actions that we men and women have been doing during the last six weeks." It was a bulky looking volume.

4) **Unsolved:**

as a matter of fact now i come to think of it i added it was ten shillings altogether they spelt my name wrong the first time

Solved:

"As a matter of fact, now I come to think of it," I added. "It was ten shillings altogether. They spelt my name wrong the first time."

5) **Unsolved:**

then i have been to four charity dinners i reminded him i forget what the particular charity was about

Solved:

"Then I have been to four charity dinners," I reminded him; "I forget what the particular charity was about."

6) **Unsolved:**

and of course you remember my performance of talbot champneys in our boys the week before last in aid of the fund for poor curates i went on

Solved:

"And, of course, you remember my performance of Talbot Champneys in "Our Boys" the week before last, in aid of the Fund for Poor Curates," I went on.

7) **Unsolved:**

and also the raffle i had joined for a motor car the angel said i really need not be alarmed that everything had been noted together with other matters i may be had forgotten

Solved:

And also the raffle I had joined for a motor-car. The Angel said I really need not be alarmed, that everything had been noted, together with other matters I, may be, had forgotten.



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