

Words and Expressions

batter	— maltreat; beat; injure; badly punish	مارنا۔ پیٹنا۔ زخمی کرنا
brutality	— cruelty; ruthlessness; violence; atrocity	ظلم۔ تشدد
cell	— room for holding a prisoner; lockup	جیل کی کوٹھڑی
creed	— belief; faith; doctrine	ایمان۔ عقیدہ
crooked	— twisted; curved, bent	ٹیزھی
curvaceous	— curved; bent; winding	پرپیچ۔ خم دار
despair	— hopelessness; depression	مایوسی۔ ناامیدی
discord	— conflict; disharmony; disagreement; dispute	بے آہنگی۔ ناموافقت۔ جھگڑا۔ اختلاف
exalt	— elevate; raise	بلند کرنا۔ اونچا کرنا
frustration	— disappointment; failure	مایوسی۔ ناکامی
ghetto	— a minority area that experiences discrimination; isolated or segregated area	اقلیتی علاقہ
battered hamlet	— beaten; thrashed; maltreated; victimized — a small village or group of houses; a small settlement	انتہائی ظلم و تشدد کا شکار چھوٹا گاؤں۔ بستی
heighten	— raise; rise	بلند کرنا
hew	— cut; carve	کاٹنا۔ تراشنا
interposition	— intervention; interference; interruption	مداخلت
jangle	— make a harsh, discordant sound; clang; conflict	تیز ناگوار آواز پیدا کرنا
molehill	— hillock; small mound of earth; hump	مٹی کا ڈھیر۔ ٹیلہ
nullification	— cancellation; negation; rejection	منسوخی۔ انکار
oasis	— fertile land in desert; sanctum	نخلستان
oppression	— cruelty; tyranny; persecution	ظلم، جبر، تشدد
peak	— mountaintop; crest; summit	چوٹی
persecution	— oppression; maltreatment; torture; cruelty	ظلم۔ تشدد، اذیت
pilgrims	— one who travels to a sacred place; devotees; pioneers; early American settlers	اولین امریکی آبادکار
presently	— currently; at present	اس وقت۔ اب
quest	— search; pursuit	تلاش۔ جستجو
redemptive	— liberating; bringing redemption; delivering	نجات دلانے والی

slum	- a poor area	پسماندہ بستی۔ غریب آبادی
spiritual	- hymn; a religious song sung by black slaves in America	جشنی غلاموں کا مذہبی گیت
stagger	- flounder; falter; stumble ; astonish; shock, shake	ڈگمگادینا۔ ہلا دینا
sweltering	- burning; blazing	تیقی ہوئی۔ گرم
symphony	- harmony; musical composition	ہم آہنگی۔ دھن
transform	- change; convert	تبدیل کر دینا۔ بدل دینا
tribulation	- hardship; suffering; ordeal	مشکل۔ اذیت
unearned	- undeserved; unjustified	ناحق۔ بلا جواز
unmindful	- unaware; oblivious	بے خبر۔ غافل
veterans	- person with experience; old-timer; seasoned	ماہر۔ تجربہ کار شخص
wallow	- flounder; stagger	لڑکھڑانا۔ بھٹکانا
content	- essence; measure; elements; substance	

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

- I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations.
A) displeased B) unaware
C) unaffected D) unharmed
- Some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations.
A) redemption B) imprisonment
C) criminal charges D) hardships
- Your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution.
A) interest B) determination
C) search D) liking
- Your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution.
A) ill-treated B) hopeless
C) encouraged D) discriminated
- Your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution.
A) struggle B) cruelty
C) hindrance D) complaints
- Your quest for freedom left you staggered by the winds of police brutality.
A) calmed B) shaken
C) balanced D) urged
- Your quest for freedom left you staggered by the winds of police brutality.
A) investigation B) clemency
C) noncooperation D) atrocity
- You have been the veterans of creative suffering.
A) inexperienced fellows
B) retired officials
C) experienced soldiers
D) wise men
- Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.
A) undeserved B) justified
C) effortless D) free
- Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. (Board 2010) 11611010
A) retaliating B) liberating
C) painful D) unjust
- Go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities.
A) posh areas B) rural areas
C) poor areas D) urban areas

12. Go back to the slums and ghettos of our cities.
A) privileged areas
B) criminal areas
C) posh localities
D) discriminated areas
13. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.
(Board 2010)
A) frolic
B) stagger
C) live
D) stay
14. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.
A) oppression
B) injustice
C) hopelessness
D) deprivation
15. In spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment I still have a dream.
A) disappointments
B) triumph
C) hardships
D) problems
16. One day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed.
A) renounce
B) demonstrate
C) get rid of
D) understand
17. One day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed.
A) being
B) presence
C) quest
D) belief
18. We hold these truths to be self-evident.
A) hidden
B) final
C) very clear
D) decisive
19. We hold these truths to be self-evident.
A) deny
B) occupy
C) catch
D) consider
20. The sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit together.
A) peasant
B) present
C) earlier
D) oppressed
21. Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression...
A) blazing
B) bearing
C) shining
D) stagnating
22. Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression.
A) imprisonment
B) nullification
C) disregard
D) cruelty
23. Mississippi will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.
A) chartered
B) changed
C) expanded
D) covered
24. Mississippi will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice
A) state
B) nation
C) creed
D) sanctum
25. My four little children will be judged by the content of their character.
A) oddity
B) simplicity
C) contentment
D) elements
26. The governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of nullification and interposition.
A) lately
B) currently
C) shortly
D) actually
27. The governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of nullification and interposition.
A) oozing
B) closing
C) drying
D) moving
28. The governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification.
A) hatred
B) confirmation
C) interruption
D) opposition
29. The governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification.
A) glorification
B) self-praise
C) rejection
D) confession
30. One day, every valley shall be exalted.
A) elevated
B) demolished
C) dumped
D) evacuated
31. The crooked places will be made straight.
A) cracked
B) broken
C) twisted
D) smooth
32. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
A) mankind
B) negroes
C) white Americans
D) slaves
33. With this faith we will be able to stand up for freedom together.
(a) wallow
(b) dream of
(c) defend
(d) ring
34. We will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.
A) mutual
B) conflicting
C) peaceful
D) usual

35. We will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a symphony.
A) opinions B) conflicts
C) distractions D) trials
36. We will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony.
A) poem B) essay
C) harmony D) poetry
37. Land of the pilgrims' pride.
A) saints B) visitors
C) pioneers D) ancestors
38. Let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.
A) echo B) buzz
C) transform D) trickle
39. Let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.
A) polished B) shining
C) wonderful D) huge
40. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California.
A) straight B) enormous
C) winding D) towering
41. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California.
A) valleys B) ranges
C) mountains D) caves
42. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.
A) sandbank B) valley
C) dale D) hillock
43. Let it ring from every village and hamlet.
A) a city B) capital
C) small settlement D) town
44. All of us will be able to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual.
A) hymn B) saint
C) pilgrim D) ballad

Answers

1. B	7. D	13. B	19. D	25. D	31. C	37. C	43. C
2. D	8. C	14. C	20. C	26. B	32. A	38. A	44. A
3. C	9. A	15. A	21. A	27. A	33. C	39. D	
4. A	10. B	16. B	22. D	28. C	34. B	40. C	
5. B	11. C	17. D	23. B	29. C	35. B	41. C	
6. B	12. D	18. C	24. D	30. A	36. C	42. D	

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. "You have come here out of great trials and tribulations" means that you have come here after _____.
A) attending a fair
B) facing great persecution and grief
C) great honours
D) great travels
2. "You have been the veterans of creative suffering" means that you have been the _____.
A) experienced soldiers of intellectual suffering
B) assets of a nation
C) vanguard of a country
D) army personnel
3. "This nation will live out the true meaning of its creed" means _____.
A) Negroes will leave the country
B) They will come up to the level of others
C) They will prove their worth
D) They will remain a minority
4. What is Martin Luther's dream?
A) equality of high and low
B) rule of the blacks
C) negation of whites
D) the practice of brotherhood
5. Which one is the desert state sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression?
A) Georgia B) Mississippi
C) Alabama D) Virginia
6. What does the governor of Alabama do?
A) creates interferences
B) makes interruptions
C) uses sweet words
D) helps the blacks
7. What will be exalted?
A) hill B) mountain
C) valley D) river

8. "Every hill and mountain shall be made low" means _____.
 A) all high and low will become equal
 B) hills and mountains will be levelled
 C) there will be no distinction of classes
 D) the low classes will rise up
9. The glory of whom shall be revealed?
 A) President B) Governor
 C) the Lord D) Mayor
10. What is the beautiful symphony of brotherhood?
 A) a violin
 B) a guitar
 C) the beautiful song of brotherhood
 D) musical composition of brotherhood
11. What left the Negroes battered and staggered?
 A) former slave owners
 B) racial discrimination
 C) police brutality
 D) the governor's interposition
12. Let us not wallow in _____.
 A) the valley of despair
 B) the mountain of despair
 C) the heat of injustice and oppression
 D) slums and ghettos of Northern cities
13. Of which cities the slums and ghettos have been mentioned by Martin Luther?
 A) Eastern cities B) Northern cities
 C) Southern cities D) Western cities
14. Martin Luther King Jr. refers to the red hills of _____.
 A) Louisiana B) South Carolina
 C) Georgia D) Alabama
15. Martin Luther King dreams that one day his four little children will be judged by _____.
 A) the colour of their skin
 B) their past history
 C) the content of their character
 D) their social standing
16. We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men _____.
 A) have their differences
 B) are created equal
 C) experience creative suffering
 D) are not equal
17. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, _____.
 A) old Negro Spiritual
 B) the true meaning of our creed
 C) a symphony of brotherhood
 D) a stone of hope
18. All black men and white men will be able to sing in the words of _____.
 A) former slave owners
 B) American dream
 C) symphony of brotherhood
 D) old Negro spiritual
19. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and _____ shall see it together.
 A) all Americans
 B) sons of former slaves
 C) all flesh
 D) black men
20. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of _____.
 A) Pennsylvania B) Georgia
 C) New York D) Tennessee
21. How many children did Martin Luther King have?
 A) two B) four
 C) five D) seven

Answers

1.	B	4.	D	7.	C	10.	C	13.	B	16.	B	19.	C
2.	A	5.	B	8.	A	11.	C	14.	C	17.	D	20.	A
3.	B	6.	A	9.	C	12.	A	15.	C	18.	D	21.	B

Questions from the Textbook

- Q.1 What was the cause of Negroes' discontentment?** (Board 2014)
Ans. The Negroes felt discontented because they were the victims of racial discrimination in America. They were not granted their rights and were subjected to oppression and injustice.
- Q.2 What are the qualities of the veterans of creative suffering?** (Board 2014)
Ans. According to Martin Luther King Jr., the veterans of creative suffering undergo trials and tribulations with great patience. They believe that unearned suffering is redemptive.
- Q.3 What is the dream of Martin Luther King Jr.?** (Board 2007, 08, 15)
Ans. Martin Luther King Jr. dreams of the end of racial discrimination and racial segregation of the Negroes in America. He dreams of a society where people will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.
- Q.4 What should be the faith of the Negroes?**
Ans. According to Martin Luther King Jr., the Negroes should believe that their unearned suffering is redemptive and that day is not far when the Negroes will be treated at par with the white Americans.
- Q.5 What was the necessity of pleading the case of the Negroes' freedom?**
Ans. It was necessary to plead the case of Negroes' freedom, because otherwise it would have been very dangerous for peace in society. America could not become a great nation without giving rights to all sections of the society.
- Q.6 What should be the criterion of judgement for a person?** (Board 2007, 16)
Ans. A person should not be judged by the colour of his skin but by the content of his character. The criterion of judgment must not be the nobility of birth but the nobility of worth.
- Q.7 Do the Negroes enjoy liberty in all parts of their country?**
Ans. The Negroes did not enjoy liberty in all parts of their country some years ago, but now the racial discrimination has ended to a great extent and they enjoy equal rights with the white Americans.
- Q.8 From which part of the country did the Negroes gather there?**
Ans. The Negroes came mostly from the southern states of America to join the peaceful movement of civil rights. Some of them came from the slums and ghettos of the Northern cities.
- Q.9 Write down the song in your own words.**
Ans. The song of the Negroes expresses the feelings of liberty, ancestral pride, and the American land which is pilgrims' pride. There is also a longing for the Negroes' freedom in the song.
- Q.10 What is the effect of the repetition of words in the speech of Martin Luther King Jr.?**
Ans. The repetition of words "I have a dream" keeps the attention of the audience alive and focussed. It emphasizes the subject-matter and adds to the rhythm of the speech.

Additional Questions

- Q.11 What according to Martin Luther King can speed up the freedom of the Negroes?**
Ans. According to him, Negroes can speed up their freedom if they remain united and persistent in their efforts, believing that one day their situation will change.
- Q.12 What was the condition of the Negroes in the days of Martin Luther King Jr.?**

OR

What kind of oppression were the Negroes subjected to?

The Negroes were deprived of their basic rights. They were treated as slaves. They were subjected to persecution, imprisonment, and police brutality.

Q.13 Write a few lines on racial discrimination.

Ans. It is discrimination or prejudice based on the belief that some races are innately superior to others. Racial discrimination is a practice of depriving people of their basic rights on the basis of race and colour. It serves to maintain economic advantage and social superiority of the politically dominant race.

Q.14 What measures would you take to ensure justice to all sections of the society?

Ans. I would make sure that laws of the country do not infringe on the freedom of any section of the society and that the state institutions follow these laws in letter and spirit. I would make sure that nobody violates the individual's right of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Q.15 What are the services of Martin Luther King for the Negroes? (Board 2018)

Ans. Martin Luther King was a key spokesman and leader in the Civil Rights Movement. King sought equality and human rights for African Americans, and all victims of injustice through peaceful protests. In 1964, King won the Nobel Peace Prize for combating racial inequality through nonviolent resistance.

Punctuation Exercises

1) **Unsolved:**

i have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal

Solved:

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal."

2) **Unsolved:**

i have a dream that one day even the state of mississippi a desert state sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice

Solved:

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

3) **Unsolved:**

this is our hope this is the faith with which i return to the south with this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope

Solved:

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope.

4) **Unsolved:**

let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of new york let freedom ring from the heighting alleghenies of pennsylvania

Solved:

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heighting Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.