

Words and Expressions

accursed	– dammed; cursed; doomed	نہ موم۔ نفرت زدہ
acrobat	– a gymnast entertainer; gymnast	بازی گر۔ جسمانی کرتب دکھانے والا
ambition	– desire for success; aim or goal	کامیابی کی امنگ۔ مقصد۔ منزل
applause	– clapping; cheering; show of appreciation	داد، ستائش خصوصاً تالیوں کے ذریعے
argue	– put forth reasons; contend	دلیل دینا۔ بحث کرنا
band	– musicians playing together	سازندوں کا طائفہ
exhibit	– display; show; reveal; demonstrate	دکھانا۔ اظہار کرنا
gilded	– golden	سنہرا
glitter	– glimmer; sparkle or shimmer; glisten	چمکنا
hurdle	– frame for runner to jump; race over barriers	رکاوٹ، رکاوٹوں والی دوڑ
inaugurate	– induct; swear in; initiate; launch	عہدے وغیرہ کا حلف لینا
just	– fair; morally correct; reasonable; proper; justified	معقول۔ منصفانہ۔ جائز
lean	– bend; rest against something for support	جھکنا۔ سہارا لینا
magnificent	– splendid; grand; glorious	شاندار
melancholy	– sad; gloomy	اداس، افسردہ
motive	– purpose; cause; motivation; reason	مقصد، وجہ
mourn	– lament; express sadness; grieve	افسردہ ہونا۔ غمگین ہونا
preach	– advocate; propagate	پرچار کرنا
silly	– stupid; childish; ridiculous	احتمقانہ۔ مضحکہ خیز
splendid	– magnificent; superb; impressive; fine; glorious	شاندار
utter	– speak; tell	کہنا۔ (آواز وغیرہ) نکالنا
utterly	– completely; entirely; absolutely	مکمل طور پر
victorious	– successful; triumphant	فتح مند۔ کامیاب

Multiple Choice Questions

I. Choose the correct synonym.

1. Our talk at the club was of **opportunity** and determination. (Board 2007)
- A) hard work B) chance
C) test. D) interest

2. Our talk at the club was of opportunity and **determination**.
- A) honesty B) diligence
C) resolution D) clarity

3. ...so long as he sticks to it.
A) adheres to B) remembers
C) abandons D) tests
4. His parents probably used to say the very things that we have been saying now.
A) occasionally B) perhaps
C) always D) seldom
5. But, whatever his motive was, he hit on a most extraordinary ambition.
A) strategy B) sketch
C) business D) purpose
6. But, whatever his motive was, he hit on a most extraordinary ambition.
A) usual B) unusual
C) common D) expensive
7. He hit on a most extraordinary ambition.
A) came by B) rejected
C) stuck to D) advocated
8. It was nothing less than to be appointed court acrobat.
A) clown
B) prime courtier
C) gymnast entertainer
D) circus employee
9. And as a matter of fact, its customs weren't so silly as you suppose.
A) habits B) legislations
C) functions D) traditions
10. He told them how the glory of their country would be increased.
A) greatness B) army
C) masses D) value
11. The glory of their country and its ancient throne would be increased.
A) scene B) royal seat
C) legislature D) power
12. He wore down the opposing arguments.
A) accepted B) overcame
C) explained D) presented
13. He wore down the opposing arguments.
A) conflicting B) cogent
C) friendly D) political
14. He wore down the opposing arguments.
A) appeals B) calls
C) arrangements D) statements
15. He had power enough to preach his ambition openly.
A) anonymity B) frailty
C) influence D) motivation
16. He had power enough to preach his ambition openly.
A) advocate B) confound
C) follow D) conceal
17. ...a young athlete at Court, exhibiting perfect physical fitness.
A) quitting B) acquiring
C) demanding D) displaying
18. How such an example would strengthen their soldiers.
A) lower B) diminish
C) entrust D) reinforce
19. ...and enable them finally to win the just rights of the nation.
A) local B) recent
C) fair D) royal
20. ...and enable them finally to win the just rights of the nation in victorious battle.
A) successful B) horrible
C) furious D) abortive
21. ...and enable them finally to win the just rights of the nation in victorious battle against their accursed neighbours.
A) damned B) greedy
C) mean D) brave
22. He had only to stick for a few more days to that wild idea of his.
A) cruel B) great
C) common D) unusual
23. It only remained then to inaugurate him.
A) announce B) promote
C) induct D) nominate
24. The post of court acrobat was duly created.
A) initially B) timely
C) lately D) properly
25. They let me see the great ceremony.
A) battle B) custom
C) trial D) function
26. Gorgios' clothes were magnificent.
A) loose B) cheap
C) tottered D) grand
27. A tight-fitting suit of red velvet, all gay with gold buttons.
A) colourful B) bright
C) red D) yellow
28. shining with lines of gold lace that wound and twisted about it.
A) latched B) stitched
C) curled D) sound

29. The great throne room was turned into a kind of **gymnasium**.
A) exercise hall B) dining hall
C) shopping hall D) trial room
30. A raised **platform** at one end.
A) roof B) wall
C) stage D) chair
31. Great curtains of red and gold were **hung** along the walls.
A) decorated B) placed
C) lifted D) suspended
32. The high swings of acrobats hung down with **gilded** ropes from the ceilings.
A) decorated B) hard
C) golden D) thin
33. Lights **glittered**, a band in pale green played softly.
A) glimmered B) drooped
C) dimmed D) darkened
34. A band in **pale** green and gold played softly.
A) natural B) bright
C) yellow D) dull
35. It was indeed a **splendid** scene.
A) magnificent B) worthy
C) gloomy D) precious
36. Everything there was **utterly** put in the shade.
A) incidentally B) completely
C) abruptly D) partiality
37. Everything there was utterly **put in the shade**.
A) focused B) highlighted
C) concealed D) outshone
38. The old man appeared for the **crowning** of his life's work.
A) rejection B) listening
C) rewarding D) understanding
39. His thin figure was made all the more **melancholy** by the tight-fitting uniform.
A) gloomy B) uncanny
C) wonderful D) beautiful
40. As though tired by his long **patience** and the work of a lifetime.
A) transition B) expedition
C) tolerance D) experience
41. He walked slowly and **leaned** on a gilded stick.
A) pointed B) stumbled
C) bent D) climbed
42. And Jorkens uttered a quiet sigh, so clearly **mourning** over some lost ambition.
A) lamenting B) remembering
C) questioning D) answering
43. Gentle **applause** broke out from every hand for Gorgios.
A) curse B) clapping
C) dislike D) abuse
44. He looked up for a moment with a **slightly** sad expression.
A) very B) great
C) sheer D) a little
45. Gentle applause **broke out** from every hand.
A) smashed B) lauded
C) started D) received
46. And so having made his **bows**, he was led to a seat.
A) mind B) heart
C) service D) compliments
47. And Jorkens **uttered** a quiet sigh.
A) stopped B) heaved
C) retained D) resisted
48. And Jorkens uttered a quiet **sigh**.
A) word B) noise
C) lamentation D) exclamation
49. Jorkens said that a man could succeed if he was **determined**.
A) resolute B) passionate
C) convinced D) conceived

Answers

1. B	7. A	13. A	19. C	25. D	31. D	37. D	43. B	49. A
2. C	8. C	14. D	20. A	26. D	32. C	38. C	44. D	
3. A	9. D	15. C	21. A	27. B	33. A	39. A	45. C	
4. B	10. A	16. A	22. D	28. C	34. D	40. C	46. D	
5. D	11. B	17. D	23. C	29. A	35. A	41. C	47. B	
6. B	12. B	18. D	24. D	30. C	36. B	42. A	48. C	

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. Jorkens said that a man who wanted to succeed had to be _____.
A) an athlete B) a determined person
C) a lucky man D) a hardworking person
2. The man who keeps on wins _____.
A) the reward B) the race
C) the shield D) the trophy
3. He'd be skating champion if he really gave _____.
A) some money B) his passion
C) all his time to it D) his energies
4. He hit on a most extraordinary ambition, to be appointed _____.
A) an inspector B) a magistrate
C) a clerk D) a Court acrobat
5. At the age of sixteen he had won the _____.
A) high jump
B) the hurdles
C) the hundred yards race
D) high jump, the hurdles and the hundred yards
6. Gorgios probably wanted to _____.
A) make his country powerful
B) prove his parents wrong
C) wear a splendid uniform
D) create a post of Court acrobat
7. When Gorgios was inaugurated, the people applauded because he _____.
A) had achieved his ambition
B) looked splendid in his uniform
C) performed on the hurdles and swings
D) defeated his enemies
8. The great throne-room had been turned into a kind of _____.
A) royal court B) gymnasium
C) skating-rink D) race track
9. Terbut _____.
A) asked Jorkens what his own ambition was
B) believed Jorkens' story
C) disagreed with Jorkens
D) improved Jorkens' story
10. Gorgios achieved his ambition by _____.
A) building a skating-rink
B) going into politics (Board 2018)
C) getting an opportunity
D) winning the hundred yards
11. Jorkens believed that _____ was required for success:
A) financial resources B) opportunity
C) courage D) determination
12. Gorgios' uniform was a tight-fitting suit of _____.
A) gold velvet B) blue velvet
C) red velvet D) green velvet
13. The subject discussed at the club was _____.
A) courage and determination
B) opportunity and determination
C) politics
D) royal courts
14. Gorgios' thin figure was worn by _____.
A) age B) fatigue
C) hard work D) worries
15. Gorgios' thin figure was made all the more _____ by the tight-fitting uniform.
A) robust B) cheerful
C) exhausted D) melancholy
16. Jorkens uttered a quiet sigh, mourning over _____.
A) some misadventure
B) some lost ambition
C) unfulfilled desires
D) some unsuccessful business
17. Gorgios achieved his ambition in almost _____.
A) forty years B) fifty years
C) sixty years D) seventy years
18. Gorgios told his people that a young athlete at Court would _____.
A) be appointed soon
B) fight their wicked neighbours
C) strengthen their soldiers
D) intimidate other nations
19. When Gorgios hit upon the ambition of becoming Court acrobat, he was about _____.
(Board 2015)
A) 16 B) 17
C) 18 D) 19
20. When Gorgios was appointed Court acrobat, his parents were _____.
A) happy B) dead
C) proud D) surprised

21. Gorgios said that a man would be skating champion of the Sahara if he really _____.
 A) made enough money
 B) practised hard
 C) gave all his time to it
 D) performed well
22. When Gorgios came by his ambition, he was _____.
 A) a member of royal court
 B) new in politics
 C) a young soldier
 D) a young athlete
23. It took Gorgios some years to _____.
 A) preach his ambitions openly
 B) be a sportsman
 C) prepare the country for war
 D) be an acrobat
24. As the years went by Gorgios _____.
 A) gained popularity
 B) lost popularity
 C) wore down opposition
 D) faced more opposition
25. Gorgios looked up for a moment with a slightly _____ expression towards the royal platform.
 A) jubilant
 B) triumphant
 C) sad
 D) tense

Answers

1. B	5. D	9. C	13. B	17. C	21. C	25. C
2. B	6. B	10. B	14. A	18. C	22. D	
3. C	7. A	11. D	15. D	19. A	23. A	
4. D	8. B	12. C	16. B	20. B	24. C	

Questions from the Textbook

- Q.1** What was the subject discussed at the club in "The Reward"? (Board 2015)
Ans. It was a debate that whether opportunity was important for success or determination. The arguments were unevenly divided. To some, it was opportunity while others believed it was determination. And then Jorkens came up with a convincing story.
- Q.2** What did Terbut think of Jorkens' argument?
Ans. Terbut did not agree with Jorkens on his support for determination. He thought that only opportunity was required for success.
- Q.3** How does Jorkens convince that a man can become a skating champion of the Sahara?
Ans. According to him, if a person has a strong resolve, he would make money and build a skating rink in the Sahara and organize a competition there. He would become a skating champion.
- Q.4** How did Gorgios persuade his people to make his country strong? (Board 2007)
Ans. He told his people that an expert acrobat could lift the spirit of the soldiers to fight against their enemies, in order to make their country strong.
- Q.5** What was the view point of Gorgios' parents? (Board 2008, 14)
Ans. Gorgios' parents believed that a timely opportunity was as much required for success as a strong will-power.
- Q.6** What were the arrangements for Gorgios' inaugural ceremony? **OR**
 Describe the scene of Gorgios' inauguration. Write five sentences.
Ans. Gorgios was dressed in magnificent clothes. The great throne room was turned into a kind of gymnasium. Great curtains of red and gold were hung along the walls. The high swings of acrobats were hung down with gilded ropes. A band in pale green and gold played softly.

- Q.7 How did Gorgios feel on the eve of his inauguration?** (Board 2010)
Ans. It was rather a pyrrhic victory but all the same it gave him a sense of fulfillment. He had mixed feelings. He was delighted to have achieved his ambition and felt sad for not being strong enough to give an actual performance.
- Q.8 Did Gorgios use any short-cut to achieve his ambition?** (Board 2014)
Ans. No, he did not use any shortcut. Rather he worked hard for sixty years on his desired goal and finally achieved it.
- Q.9 For how long did Gorgios struggle to achieve his ambition?**
Ans. He had to work for more than sixty years to achieve his ambition of becoming a court acrobat.

Additional Questions

- Q.10 Was there already a post of Court acrobat in the country?**
Ans. No, there was no post of Court acrobat in the country. It was a new concept.
- Q.11 How was the idea of an acrobat accepted?**
Ans. It took Gorgios a long time to establish the importance of having an acrobat at the Court. He went into politics and told people that the post of Court acrobat would add to the glory of their country and uplift the spirit of their soldiers.
- Q.12 Why was no actual activity expected of Gorgios?**
Ans. When Gorgios was appointed Court acrobat, he was about 76 years old. He was too old to undergo physical rigours and perform any acrobatic feats.
- Q.13 What lesson does the story "The Reward" teach?** (Board 2018)
Ans. The story teaches us the lesson that determination and perseverance are the only roads to success. One who keeps running wins the race.
- Q.14 How old was Gorgios when he won the competition at school and when did he achieve his ambition?**
Ans. He was 16 years old when he won the competition at school. He achieved his ambition at the age of about 76.
- Q.15 How was the post of court acrobat created? OR How did Gorgios become the court acrobat?** (Board 2018)
Ans. Gorgios went into politics. When he had enough power, he started preaching his ambition openly. He finally persuaded his people to create the post of a court acrobat.
- Q.16 What lesson did Gorgios learn very late in his life?**
Ans. He learned very late in his life that his parents were right after all. He now realized that a timely opportunity was as important for success as determination.
- Q.17 What was the main objective of Gorgios? OR** (Board 2008)
What was Gorgios' ambition?
Ans. Gorgios' ambition was to become a court acrobat. He wanted to increase the glory of his country through this example.

Punctuation Exercises

- 1) **Unsolved:**
well there was opportunity argued terbut if he was born a good athlete
Solved:
'Well, there was opportunity,' argued Terbut, 'if he was born a good athlete.'
- 2) **Unsolved:**
anything jorkens replied so long as he sticks to it and sticks to it hard enough and long enough
anything whatever
Solved:
'Anything,' Jorkens replied, 'so long as he sticks to it, and sticks to it hard enough and long enough. Anything whatever.'
- 3) **Unsolved:**
life is like a race jorkens went on in which they tire after a while and sit down or get interested
in something else instead the man who keeps on wins the race
Solved:
'Life is like a race,' Jorkens went on, 'in which they tire after a while and sit down, or get interested in something else instead. The man who keeps on wins the race.'
- 4) **Unsolved:**
and suppose a man wanted to be skating champion of the sahara said terbut and could not
afford the money to get there
Solved:
'And suppose a man wanted to be skating champion of the Sahara,' said Terbut, 'and couldn't afford the money to get there.'
- 5) **Unsolved:**
hed make the money said jorkens and hed build a skating rink in the sahara and organize a
competition there hed be skating champion all right if he really gave all his time to it
Solved:
'He'd make the money,' said Jorkens. 'And he'd build a skating-rink in the Sahara and organize a competition there. He'd be skating champion all right, if he really gave all his time to it.'
- 6) **Unsolved:**
but wait a moment said jorkens you dont remain an athlete all your life and he still had to get
the post created
Solved:
'But wait a moment,' said Jorkens. 'You don't remain an athlete all your life, and he still had to get the post created.'
- 7) **Unsolved:**
and jorkens uttered a quiet sigh so clearly mourning over some lost ambition that he himself
had given up that not even terbut asked him what it was
Solved:
And Jorkens uttered a quiet sigh, so clearly mourning over some lost ambition that he himself had given up, that not even Terbut asked him what it was.