

READING COMPREHENSION

PASSAGE

I was saved from sin when I was going on thirteen. But not really saved. It happened like this. There was a big revival at my Auntie Reed's church. Every night for weeks there had been much preaching, singing, praying, and shouting, and some very hardened sinners had been brought to Christ, and the membership of the church had grown by leaps and bounds. Then just before the revival ended, they held a special meeting for children, "to bring the young lambs to the fold." My aunt spoke of it for days ahead. That night I was escorted the front row and placed on the mourners' bench with all the other young sinners, who had not yet been brought to Jesus.

My aunt told me that when you were saved you saw a light, and something happened to you inside! And Jesus came into your life! And God was with you from then on! She said you could see and hear and feel Jesus in your soul. I believed her. I had heard a great many old people say the same thing and it seemed to me they ought to know. So I sat there calmly in the hot, crowded church, waiting for Jesus to come to me.

The preacher preached a wonderful rhythmical sermon, all moans and shouts and lonely cries and dire pictures of hell, and then he sang a song about the ninety and nine safe in the fold, but one little lamb was left out in the cold. Then he said: "Won't you come? Won't you come to Jesus? Young lambs, won't you come?" And he held out his arms to all us young sinners there on the mourners' bench. And the little girls cried. And some of them jumped up and went to Jesus right away. But most of us just sat there.

A great many old people came and knelt around us and prayed, old women with jet-black faces and braided hair, old men with workgnarled hands. And the church sang a song about the lower lights are burning, some poor sinners to be saved. And the whole building rocked with prayer and song.

Still I kept waiting to see Jesus. Finally all the young people had gone to the altar and were saved, but one boy and me. He was a rounder's son named Westley. Westley and I were surrounded by sisters and deacons praying. It was very hot in the church, and getting late now. Finally Westley said to me in a whisper: "God damn! I'm tired of sitting here. Let's get up and be saved." So he got up and was saved.

Then I was left all alone on the mourner's bench. My aunt came and knelt at my knees and cried, while prayers and song swirled all round me in the little church. The whole congregation prayed for me alone, in a mighty wail of moans and voices. And I kept waiting serenely for Jesus, waiting, waiting-but he didn't come. I wanted to see him, but nothing happened to me. Nothing! I wanted something to happen to me, but nothing happened.

I hear the songs and the minister saying: "Why don't you come? My dear child, why don't you come to Jesus? Jesus is waiting for you. He wants you. Why don't you come? Sister Reed, what is this child's name?" "Langston," my aunt sobbed. "Langston, why don't you come? Why don't you come and be saved? Oh, Lamb of God! Why don't you come?"

Now it was really getting late. I began to be ashamed of myself, holding everything up so long. I began to wonder what God thought about Westley, who certainly hadn't seen Jesus either, but who was now sitting proudly on the platform, swinging his knickerbockered legs and grinning down at me, surrounded by deacons and old women on their knees praying. God had not struck Westley dead for taking his name in vain or for lying in the temple. So I decided that maybe to save further trouble, I'd better lie, too, and say that Jesus had come, and get up and be saved.

So I got up. Suddenly the whole room broke into a sea of shouting, as they saw me rise. Waves of rejoicing swept the place. Women leaped in the air. My aunt threw her arms around me. The minister took me by the hand and led me to the platform. When things quieted down, in a hushed silence, punctuated by a few ecstatic "Amens," all the new young lambs were blessed in the name of God. Then joyous singing filled the room.

That night, for the last time in my life but one-for I was a big boy twelve years old-I cried. I cried, in bed alone, and couldn't stop. I buried my head under the quilts, but my aunt heard me. She woke up and told my uncle I was crying because the Holy Ghost had come into my life, and because I had seen Jesus. But I was really crying because I couldn't bear to tell her that I had lied, that I had deceived everybody in the church, that I hadn't seen Jesus, and that now I didn't believe there was a Jesus any more, since he didn't come to help me.

1. All of the following are false with respect to the passage, except that :
 - A. the ritual of being saved from sin was a genuine one.
 - B. the ritual of being saved from sin was man-made and did not have a good basis.
 - C. Jesus had really come and saved the author.
 - D. the crying of the author in the night was owing to the joy of having seen the Lord.
2. What was the final condition of the author, as made out by passage ?
 - A. It was that of triumph for having deceived everyone.
 - B. It was that of uncontrollable joy of having seen Jesus.
 - C. It was that of regret and remorse for having told a lie and committed a wrong act.
 - D. It was that of fear of God's wrath and punishment.
3. The practice of 'being saved from sin', as made out by the passage, was essentially :
 - A. religious with only the devout participating.
 - B. social with interaction and mixup of one and all.
 - C. superstitious and did not have a reasonable basis.
 - D. necessary for one to purge all sins and attain Godhood.
4. The passage comes out with :
 - A. the unshakeable belief that deliverance from sin takes place in a holy place, like the Church.
 - B. the hold of the minister on the devotees.
 - C. no fear of sin and the practice of seeking deliverance turning out to be a dry affair.
 - D. None of the above.
5. The passage ends up on a note of :
 - A. hope.
 - B. despair
 - C. cynicism
 - D. faith.
6. The passage has been handled in a manner which is :
 - A. critical.
 - B. idolatory.
 - C. eulogising.
 - D. devotional.
7. A suitable title for the passage is :
 - A. Ask And You Shall Be Given.
 - B. (2) Repentance Cleans All Sins.
 - C. (3) Superstitions And Blind Beliefs—A Curse.
 - D. (4) Church—A Place For Purification.
8. The passage is at best an extract from :
 - A. the childhood memoirs of a person.

- B. the confessions of a sinner.
- C. a book on religious practices and their significance.
- D. the experiences of a devotee coming face to face with divinity.

9. The passage relates to :

- A. philosophy.
- B. religion.
- C. legal practices.
- D. church orthodoxy.

10. The apt conclusion derivable from the passage is that :

- A. the minister of the church has a final say.
- B. people ought to be more circumspect and not believe blindly.
- C. the might of Divinity can be forced to be felt in dry, routinal religious practices.
- D. God has designated the authorities in a church and people should listen them and obey their instructions.

ANSWER KEY

1.(B) 2.(C) 3.(C) 4.(A) 5.(A) 6.(A) 7.(C) 8.(A) 9.(D) 10.(B)

FILL IN THE BLANKS

11. _____ the first sign of illness, see your doctor.

A) With B) On C) In D) At

12. We are looking forward _____ your visit _____ pleasure.

A) for / with B) to / in C) at / by D) to / with

13. Darwin said that people were related _____ monkeys.

A) to B) with C) in D) of

14. Vitamin D is essential _____ the growth of bones and teeth and is found _____ fish, liver, oil and milk.

A) _____ to / at B) of / in C) on / with D) for / in

ANSWERS

11-D

12-D

13-A

14-D

15. To keep the wolf from the door.

- A. To keep away from extreme poverty
- B. To keep off an unwanted and undesirable person
- C. To keep alive
- D. To hold the difficulties and dangers in check

Ans: A

16. To have brush with.

- A. To start painting
- B. To have good and pleasing terms
- C. To be impressed
- D. To have a slight encounter

Ans: D

17. Swan-song.

- A. Music as sweet as a song of birds
- B. A melodious song in praise of someone

- C. Praise of a woman by her lover
D. Last work of a poet or musician before death

Ans: D

18. Hard-Pressed.

- A. Bewildered
B. Insulated
C. Hard discipline
D. In difficulties

Ans: D

CHOOSE THE CORRECT SENTENCE

Directions : Each set of the following sentences comprises four alternatives labelled as 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D'. Candidate is required to select the most suitable alternative which conveys the exact meaning in accordance with the correct grammatical rules.

19. A. I went yesterday to the bank to collect the pass book.
B. I went to the, bank to collect, the pass book.
C. yesterday to collect the pass book I went to the bank.
D. To collect the pass book yesterday I went to the bank.
20. A. The principal appointed him as a peon in the college.
B. The principal appointed him a peon in the college.
C. As a peon the Principal appointed him in the college.
D. The principal as a peon appointed him in the college.
21. A. The team is confident to win the match.
B. The team is confident of winning the match.
C. The team is confident of win the match.
D. The team is confident for winning the match.
22. A. He is one of the best policeman who has ever lived.
B. He is one of the best policeman who have ever lived.
C. He is one of the best policemen that have ever lived.
D. He is one of the best policeman that has ever lived.
23. A. My sister is the poet and the philosopher.
B. My sister is a poet and the philosopher.
C. My sister is a poet and a philosopher.
D. My sister is a poet and philosopher.
24. A. Meena seldom or ever refuses an invitation.
B. Meena seldom or always refuses an invitation.
C. Meena seldom or never refuses an invitation.
D. Meena seldom if never refuses an invitation.
25. A. There is no meaning in what you say.
B. There is no meaning in that you say.
C. There is no meaning as to what you say.
D. There is no meaning that you say
26. A. I hope you will excuse my leaving early.
B. I hope you will excuse me leaving early.
C. I hope you will excuse mine leaving early.
D. I hope you will excuse leaving early.

ANSWERS

19	A
20	B
21	B
22	C
23	D
24	C
25	A
26	A

SENTENCE IMPROVEMENT

27. Thomas Eakins' powerful style and his choices of subject—the advances in modern surgery, the discipline of sport, the strains of individuals in tension with society or even with themselves—was as disturbing to his own time as it is compelling for ours.

- (A) was as disturbing to his own time as it is
(B) were as disturbing to his own time as they are

- (C) has been as disturbing in his own time as they are
- (D) had been as disturbing in his own time as it was
- (E) have been as disturbing in his own time as

The correct answer is B.

28. Inspired by the Helsinki Accords and outraged by the harsh sentences meted out to a group of Czech rock musicians called the Plastic People of the Universe, Charter 77 was established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals to be a human rights group.

- (A) Charter 77 was established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals to be
- (B) Charter 77 had been established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals as
- (C) Charter 77, established by dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals, was
- (D) dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals established Charter 77 as
- (E) dissident writers, philosophers, and other professionals had established Charter 77 to be

The correct answer is D.

29. As well as heat and light, the sun is the source of a continuous stream of atomic particles known as the solar wind.

- (A) As well as heat and light, the sun is the source of a continuous stream
- (B) Besides heat and light, also the sun is the source of a continuous stream
- (C) Besides heat and light, the sun is also the source of a continuous streaming
- (D) The sun is the source not only of heat and light, but also of a continuous stream
- (E) The sun is the source of not only heat and light but, as well, of a continuous streaming

The correct answer is D.

30. The psychologist William James believed that facial expressions not only provide a visible sign of an emotion, actually contributing to the feeling itself.

- (A) emotion, actually contributing to the feeling itself
- (B) emotion but also actually contributing to the feeling itself
- (C) emotion but also actually contribute to the feeling itself
- (D) emotion; they also actually contribute to the feeling of it
- (E) emotion; the feeling itself is also actually contributed to by them

The correct answer is C.

31. Reporting that one of its many problems had been the recent extended sales slump in women's apparel, the seven-store retailer said it would start a three-month liquidation sale in all of its stores.

- (A) its many problems had been the recent
- (B) its many problems has been the recently
- (C) its many problems is the recently
- (D) their many problems is the recent
- (E) their many problems had been the recent

The correct answer is A.

32. In developing new facilities for the incineration of solid wastes, we must avoid the danger of shifting environmental problems from landfills polluting the water to polluting the air with incinerators.

- (A) landfills polluting the water to polluting the air with incinerators
- (B) landfills polluting the water to the air being polluted with incinerators
- (C) the pollution of water by landfills to the pollution of air by incinerators
- (D) pollution of the water by landfills to incinerators that pollute the air
- (E) water that is polluted by landfills to incinerators that pollute the air

The correct answer is C.

33. According to research covering the last decade, the average number of rooms added by high-end hotel chains was lower than what the hotel industry average did for this period, but their occupancy and room rates grew faster than the average hotel.

- (A) than what the hotel industry average did for this period, but their occupancy and room rates grew faster than
- (B) than the hotel industry average for this period, but occupancy and room rates grew faster for these chains than for
- (C) as compared to the hotel industry average for this period, but occupancy and room rates for them grew faster than with
- (D) as compared to what the hotel industry average had been for this period, but occupancy and room rates for these chains grew faster than did
- (E) as compared to the hotel industry average for this period, but their occupancy and room rates grew faster than they did for

The correct answer is B.

34. Recently discovered fossil remains strongly suggest that the Australian egg-laying mammals of today are a branch of the main stem of mammalian evolution rather than developing independently from a common ancestor of mammals more than 220 million years ago.

- (A) rather than developing independently from
- (B) rather than a type that developed independently from
- (C) rather than a type whose development was independent of
- (D) instead of developing independently from
- (E) instead of a development that was independent of

The correct answer is B.

CRITICAL REASONING

35. Division manager: I want to replace the Microton computers in my division with Vitech computers.

General manager: Why?

Division manager: It costs 28 percent less to train new staff on the Vitech.

General manager: But that is not a good enough reason. We can simply hire only people who already know how to use the Microton computer.

Which of the following, if true, most seriously undermines the general manager's objection to the replacement of Microton computers with Vitechs?

- (A) Currently all employees in the company are required to attend workshops on how to use Microton computers in new applications.
- (B) Once employees learn how to use a computer, they tend to change employers more readily than before.
- (C) Experienced users of Microton computers command much higher salaries than do prospective employees who have no experience in the use of computers.
- (D) The average productivity of employees in the general manager's company is below the average productivity of the employees of its competitors.
- (E) The high costs of replacement parts make Vitech computers more expensive to maintain than Microton computers.

The correct answer is C.

36. Which of the following most logically completes the argument below? When mercury-vapor streetlights are used in areas inhabited by insect-eating bats, the bats feed almost exclusively around the lights, because the lights attract flying insects. In Greenville, the mercury-vapor streetlights are about to be replaced with energy-saving sodium streetlights, which do not attract insects. This change is likely to result in a drop in the population of insect-eating bats in Greenville, since

- (A) the bats do not begin to hunt until after sundown
- (B) the bats are unlikely to feed on insects that do not fly
- (C) the highway department will be able to replace mercury-vapor streetlights with sodium streetlights within a relatively short time and without disrupting the continuity of lighting at the locations of the streetlights
- (D) in the absence of local concentrations of the flying insects on which bats feed, the bats expend much more energy on hunting for food, requiring much larger quantities of insects to sustain each bat
- (E) bats use echolocation to catch insects and therefore gain no advantage from the fact that insects flying in the vicinity of streetlights are visible at night

The correct answer is D.

37. There is a great deal of geographical variation in the frequency of many surgical procedures—up to tenfold variation per hundred thousand people between different areas in the numbers of hysterectomies, prostatectomies, and tonsillectomies. To support a conclusion that much of the variation is due to unnecessary surgical procedures, it would be most important to establish which of the following?

- (A) A local board of review at each hospital examines the records of every operation to determine whether the surgical procedure was necessary.
- (B) The variation is unrelated to factors (other than the surgical procedures themselves) that influence the incidence of diseases for which surgery might be considered.
- (C) There are several categories of surgical procedure (other than hysterectomies, prostatectomies, and tonsillectomies) that are often performed unnecessarily.
- (D) For certain surgical procedures, it is difficult to determine after the operation whether the procedures were necessary or whether alternative treatment would have succeeded.
- (E) With respect to how often they are performed unnecessarily, hysterectomies, prostatectomies, and tonsillectomies are representative of surgical procedures in general.

The correct answer is B.

38. Rats injected with morphine exhibit decreased activity of the immune system, the bodily system that fights off infections. These same rats exhibited heightened blood levels of corticosteroids, chemicals secreted by the adrenal glands. Since corticosteroids can interfere with immune-system activity, scientists hypothesized that the way morphine reduces immune responses in rats is by stimulating the adrenal glands to secrete additional corticosteroids into the bloodstream. Which of the following experiments would yield the most useful results for evaluating the scientists' hypothesis?

- (A) Injecting morphine into rats that already have heightened blood levels of corticosteroids and then observing their new blood levels of corticosteroids
- (B) Testing the level of immune-system activity of rats, removing their adrenal glands, and then testing the rats' immune-system activity levels again
- (C) Injecting rats with corticosteroids and then observing how many of the rats contracted infections
- (D) Removing the adrenal glands of rats, injecting the rats with morphine, and then testing the level of the rats' immune-system responses
- (E) Injecting rats with a drug that stimulates immune-system activity and then observing the level of corticosteroids in their bloodstreams

The correct answer is D.

39. Curator: If our museum lends Venus to the Hart Institute for their show this spring, they will lend us their Rembrandt etchings for our print exhibition next fall. Having those etchings will increase attendance to the exhibition and hence increase revenue from our general admission fee. Museum Administrator: But Venus is our biggest attraction. Moreover the Hart's show will run for twice as long as our exhibition. So on balance the number of patrons may decrease. The point of the administrator's response to the curator is to question

- (A) whether getting the Rembrandt etchings from the Hart Institute is likely to increase attendance at the print exhibition

- (B) whether the Hart Institute's Rembrandt etchings will be appreciated by those patrons of the curator's museum for whom the museum's biggest attraction is Venus
- (C) whether the number of patrons attracted by the Hart Institute's Rembrandt etchings will be larger than the number of patrons who do not come in the spring because Venus is on loan
- (D) whether, if Venus is lent, the museum's revenue from general admission fees during the print exhibition will exceed its revenue from general admission fees during the Hart Institute's exhibition
- (E) whether the Hart Institute or the curator's museum will have the greater financial gain from the proposed exchange of artworks

The correct answer is C.

40. Which of the following best completes the passage below?

At a recent conference on environmental threats to the North Sea, most participating countries favored uniform controls on the quality of effluents, whether or not specific environmental damage could be attributed to a particular source of effluent. What must, of course, be shown, in order to avoid excessively restrictive controls, is that

- any uniform controls that are adopted are likely to be implemented without delay
- (B) any substance to be made subject to controls can actually cause environmental damage
- (C) the countries favoring uniform controls are those generating the largest quantities of effluents
- (D) all of any given pollutant that is to be controlled actually reaches the North Sea at present
- (E) environmental damage already inflicted on the North Sea is reversible

The correct answer is B.