

Instructions:

All the questions are compulsory.

Question Numbers	Question Type	Count	Points per Questions	Total
1 - 40	Multi choice	40	1	40
Grand Total				40

1 - 5 are based on Passage - I

Read the passage given below.

(1) Have you ever failed at something so miserably that the thought of attempting to do it again was the last thing on your mind?

(2) If your answer is yes, then you should understand that you are not a robot. Unlike robots, we human beings have feelings, emotions, and dreams. We are all meant to grow despite our circumstances and limitations. Flourishing and trying to make our dreams come true feels great when life goes our way. But what happens when it does not? What happens when you fail despite all your hard work? Do you stay down and accept defeat or do you get up again? If you tend to persevere and keep going, you have what experts call 'grit'.

(3) Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scary human experiences. But it is also one of the most educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life. Did you know that perseverance (grit) is one of the seven qualities that has been described as the key to personal success and betterment in society? The other six are curiosity, gratitude, optimism, self-control, social intelligence, and zest. Thomas Edison is an example of grit for trying more than 1,000 times to invent the light bulb. If you are reading this with the lights on in your room, you will realize the importance of his success. When asked why he kept going despite hundreds of failures, he merely stated that they had not been failures, they were hundreds of attempts towards creating the light bulb. This statement not only revealed his grit but also his optimism for looking at the bright side.

(4) Grit can be learned to help you become more successful. One of the techniques that help is mindfulness. Mindfulness is a practice that makes an individual stay at the moment by bringing awareness of his or her experience without judgment. This practice has been used to quieten the noise of fears and doubts. Through this simple practice of mindfulness, individuals have the ability to stop the self-sabotaging downward spiral of hopelessness, despair, and frustration.

(5) What did you do to overcome the negative and self-sabotaging feelings of failure? Reflect on what you did, and try to use those same powerful resources to help you today.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the below question

- The reason why you are not a robot is that: 1 Pt.
 - You fail miserably at tasks
 - Failure and success can affect your emotions
 - You work hard
 - You have limitations
- What is the tone of the following context: "Falling down or failing is one of the most... educational, empowering, and essential parts of living a successful and fulfilling life."? 1 Pt.
 - Humorous
 - Optimistic
 - Horrorifying
 - Solemn
- Which of the following is relevant for the title of the passage. 1 Pt.
 - Dreams Always Come True
 - Failure and Grit Go Hand in Hand
 - Humans vs Robots
 - Falling Down and Getting Up

4. Which of the following sentences makes the correct use of “grit”, as used in the passage? 1 Pt.
- A) Get rid of that grit in your shoes.
 - B) She had a bit of grit in her eye.
 - C) The road had been covered with grit.
 - D) Her grit never made her give up.
5. What do you understand from this line, “Falling down or failing is one of the most agonizing, embarrassing, and scary human experiences.”? 1 Pt.
- A) Falling down makes us angry.
 - B) Failure can deeply affect our emotions
 - C) Stay positive and be optimistic
 - D) Self-control is empowering

6 - 10 are based on Passage - II

Read the passage given below.

The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seatbelt, lifting heavy objects correctly, or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline, and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that’s filled with carelessness.

We can think it’s kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of “Yeah! That’s me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!” It’s become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we’re driving. If we go over one side, we’ll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don’t even realize how lines help to keep us safe.

I’m not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself “I know I have limits and that I’ve reached them, but I’m going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it.” I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff, and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, “It’s just stress.” That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don’t like what you do or can’t handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, traveling, doing speaking engagements, and so on— simply exhausting myself. Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.

You and I don’t have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don’t have to apologize for it. We’re not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure.

On the basis of understanding of the passage, answer

6. Which of the characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context: “I know I have limits and that I’ve reached them, but I’m going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it.”? 1 Pt.
- 1. negligent
 - 2. indecisive
 - 3. spontaneous
 - 4. reckless
 - 5. purposeless
 - 6. patient
- A) 2 and 5
 - B) 3 and 6
 - C) 1 and 4
 - D) 2 and 3
7. The reason why living on the edge has become popular, is because of the 1 Pt.
- A) Constant need for something different.
 - B) Population being much younger.
 - C) Exhausting effort to make changes.
 - D) Strong tendency to stay within our limits.
8. The phrase “potentially harmful circumstances” refers to circumstances that can 1 Pt.
- A) Certainly, be dangerous.
 - B) Be fairly dangerous.
 - C) Be possibly dangerous.
 - D) Seldom be dangerous.

9. Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'outlook', as used in the passage. 1 Pt.
1. A person's evaluation of life
 2. A person's experiences in life
 3. A person's point of view towards life
 4. A person's regrets in life
 5. A person's general attitude to life
- A) (1) and (4)
B) (2) and (3)
C) (3) and (5)
D) (4) and (5)
10. Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes. 1 Pt.
1. It's all about the quality of life and finding a happy balance between work and friends.
 2. To go beyond is as wrong as to fall short.
 3. Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
 4. Balance is not something you find, it's something you create.
- A) Option (1)
B) Option (2)
C) Option (3)
D) Option (4)
11. Despite looking for her _____, I couldn't find her. 1 Pt.
- A) Somewhere
B) Anywhere
C) Everywhere
D) Nowhere
12. When Juan was two, he _____ already speak very well. 1 Pt.
- A) Might
B) Could
C) Can
D) Should
13. Nancy said, "I may leave tomorrow." 1 Pt.
- A) Nancy said that she might leave the next day.
B) Nancy said that she might leave tomorrow.
C) Nancy asked if she should leave the next day.
D) Nancy informed me to leave tomorrow.
14. Neither you nor your sister should _____ to them. 1 Pt.
- A) Talk
B) Talks
C) Talked
D) Talking
15. I _____ working all afternoon and have just finished the assignment. 1 Pt.
- A) Have been
B) Had been
C) Shall be
D) Am
16. He _____ in the States but he still does not have a command over the English language. 1 Pt.
- A) Have been living
B) Has been living
C) Have lived
D) Living

17 - 20 are based on Writing Skills

Answer all the questions with reference to the context below.

You are Raman/Priya a resident of 404, Indrapuram, Ghajiabad (U.P). Residents of your sector are worried and in trouble due to the open manholes for they lead to deadly accidents. Write a letter to the Editor of The National Daily, Ghajiabad highlighting the issues and suggesting ways to sort out the problem.

17. **Which of the following is the correct sender's address?** 1 Pt.
- A) The Editor, The Hindustan Times, Ghajiabad
 - B) 404, Indrapuram, Ghajiabad (U.P)
 - C) Neither a nor b
 - D) Only a
18. **Select the appropriate Subject?** 1 Pt.
- A) Benefits of open manholes
 - B) Problem of open manholes
 - C) Request for opening of manholes
 - D) None of these
19. **Which one of the following is the most suitable salutation for this letter?** 1 Pt.
- A) Dear editor
 - B) Dear and lovable sir
 - C) Dear sir
 - D) None of these
20. **How will you sign off this letter?** 1 Pt.
- A) Your loving friend, Raman/Priya
 - B) With love, Raman/Priya
 - C) A concerned citizen, Raman/Priya
 - D) Yours faithfully, Raman/Priya
21. **Who is the author of the lesson 'A Letter to God'?** 1 Pt.
- A) G.L. Fuentes
 - B) J.k. Rowling
 - C) William Shakespeare
 - D) Roald Dahl
22. **Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money in the envelope?** 1 Pt.
- A) he was too sad to acknowledge it
 - B) he had unwavering faith in God
 - C) he was an ungrateful man
 - D) None of the above
23. **How does Nelson Mandela define the meaning of courage?** 1 Pt.
- A) Triumph over fear
 - B) Triumph over love
 - C) Triumph over selfish
 - D) Triumph over poverty
24. **Who, according to Mandela is not free?** 1 Pt.
- A) Oppressor
 - B) Oppressed
 - C) Both 1 and 2
 - D) None of the above

25. Why didn't the pilot turn the aeroplane back towards Paris? 1 Pt.
- A) He wanted to meet his family
 - B) He wanted to go on a holiday
 - C) He did not want to miss the breakfast
 - D) He did not like Paris
26. The pilot was flying from _____ to _____. 1 Pt.
- A) England, France
 - B) England, India
 - C) France, England
 - D) France, India
27. What was the topic of the essay written by Anne? 1 Pt.
- A) My Diary
 - B) A Chatterbox
 - C) A letterbox
 - D) None of the above
28. How does Anne explain his father? 1 Pt.
- A) Most Adorable father
 - B) Most Angry Father
 - C) Most delicate Father
 - D) None of the above
29. Why does Wanda say that she has a hundred dresses? 1 Pt.
- A) Because she has.
 - B) To counter other girls.
 - C) She loves to rant.
 - D) None of the above
30. What did the drawing and colouring contest mean for the girls and boys? 1 Pt.
- A) Designing dresses and motorboats
 - B) Designing interiors and bikes
 - C) Designing dresses and bikes
 - D) Designing interiors and motorboats
31. What were Maddie's thoughts as they go to Boggins Heights? 1 Pt.
- A) Tell her nobody would make fun of her name.
 - B) Tell that her nature was very rude.
 - C) Tell that she was ugly
 - D) None of the above
32. How did the dust of snow affect the poet? 1 Pt.
- A) It made him energetic
 - B) It changed his mood
 - C) It made him superior
 - D) None of the above
33. Name the poetic device used in the line "Some say the world will end in fire". 1 Pt.
- A) Metaphor
 - B) Imagery
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Oxymoron

34. What described "tiger in a jungle"? 1 Pt.
- A) Locked in concrete cell
 - B) His strength behind bars
 - C) Ignoring visitors
 - D) Baring his white fangs
35. Name the literary device used in "Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily over-there it is in the water!" 1 Pt.
- A) Metaphor
 - B) Simile
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Anaphora
36. Why is the narrator tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest? 1 Pt.
- A) Because he loved Tricki
 - B) He thought Mrs. Pumphrey wouldn't take good care of Tricki
 - C) They would lose all Luxuries like eggs, wine, and brandy
 - D) None of the above
37. "a queer way to earn money".What is the meaning of the word "queer"? 1 Pt.
- A) Strange
 - B) Famous
 - C) Rare
 - D) Illegal
38. "The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of ____" 1 Pt.
- A) Bare feet
 - B) Shoes
 - C) Tyres
 - D) None of the above
39. What are the two negative creatures that Frost used as carriers of positivity? 1 Pt.
- A) Snow, dust
 - B) Hemlock tree, snow
 - C) Snow, crow
 - D) Hemlock tree, crow
40. What problem does Mrs. Pumphrey think Tricki has? 1 Pt.
- A) Diarrhea
 - B) Malnutrition
 - C) Allergies
 - D) All of the above