**Q1) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE-Audio**

**Who is the author of the story "The Last Lesson"?**

a) Leo Tolstoy

b) Victor Hugo

c) Alphonse Daudet

d) Rabindranath Tagore

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The author of the story "The Last Lesson" is Alphonse Daudet, a French writer. The story is set in a small village in Alsace during the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71 and was first published in French in 1873.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**TYPE-Audio**

**In what language did Mr. Hamel conduct the last lesson?**

a) German

b) English

c) French

d) Spanish

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Mr. Hamel, the teacher, conducted the last lesson in French. He wanted to teach the importance of French language to the students, as it was going to be banned in schools from the next day.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q3) Why did Franz think that he would not have to attend school that day?**

a) He was sick

b) It was a holiday

c) His teacher was absent

d) He was going to visit his cousin

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Franz thought that he would not have to attend school that day because he had heard that there was a procession in the village, and he assumed that it was a holiday. However, it turned out that the procession was to be held in the afternoon, and the school would be held in the morning as usual.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**How did the students behave during the last lesson?**

a) They were noisy and disruptive

b) They were sad and emotional

c) They were bored and disinterested

d) They were attentive and respectful

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Students were attentive and respectful to their teacher, M. Hamel, as they listened to his passionate lesson about the importance of the French language and education. The students may have also felt a sense of sadness and nostalgia knowing that it was their last lesson with their beloved teacher, who had dedicated his life to their education.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q5) What did Mr. Hamel tell the students about their language and culture?**

a) That they should forget their language and culture

b) That their language and culture were inferior to others

c) That they should be proud of their language and culture

d) That they should learn other languages and cultures instead

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Mr.Hamel emphasized the importance of their language and culture, stating that it was their "soul" and their "very own." He also regretted not having taught them more about their language and literature, and urged them to continue to learn and love their language and culture even after he was no longer able to teach them.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q6) What did Franz learn from the last lesson?**

a) The importance of learning other languages

b) The importance of staying loyal to his country

c) The importance of attending school regularly

d) The importance of preserving his language and culture

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Franz learned from the last lesson the importance of preserving his language and culture, as Mr. Hamel told the students that their language and culture were their identity and they should never forget it.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q7) What was the reason for the ban on teaching French in schools?**

a) French was considered a difficult language to learn

b) French was the language of the enemy country

c) French was not considered useful for students' future careers

d) French was not the official language of the country

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The reason for the ban on teaching French in schools was that France had lost the war, and German authorities wanted to promote German language and culture. French was considered the language of the enemy country, and hence, it was banned in schools.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q8) Answer the following question with reference to the audio**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**The story ‘The Last Lesson’ highlights which human tendency?**

a) Male Chauvinism

b) Procrastination

c) Courage

d) Cowardice

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The story "The Last Lesson" by Alphonse Daudet highlights the human tendency of procrastination. In the story, the main character Franz realizes the importance of his French lessons on the day when he is going to attend his last lesson. He had been avoiding studying French and had been procrastinating for a long time, but on the day of his last lesson, he regrets not having taken his lessons seriously. The story highlights the consequences of procrastination and the importance of valuing education and learning.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What did Franz find written on the blackboard when he entered the classroom?**

a) A list of grammar rules

b) A message from Mr. Hamel

c) A poem in French

d) A farewell note from the students

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: When Franz entered the classroom in the story "The Last Lesson" by Alphonse Daudet, he found a sentence written on the blackboard in chalk. The sentence was "The French language is the most beautiful of all languages." This sentence was a message from Mr. Hamel, Franz's French teacher, who was trying to emphasize the importance of the French language to his students, especially on the last day of school before the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine by the Germans.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q10) What did Mr. Hamel ask the students to do during the last lesson?**

a) To read silently

b) To recite a poem

c) To translate a paragraph

d) To write an essay

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In "The Last Lesson" by Alphonse Daudet, Mr. Hamel, the French teacher, asked the students to recite a passage from their French grammar book during the last lesson. The passage was about participles, and it was the same lesson that Franz had been dreading and procrastinating about. The students were expected to recite the passage from memory, and Mr. Hamel was very patient with them, correcting their mistakes and encouraging them to do their best.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q11) What were the things being taken for granted by the people of Alsace?**

a) Teachers of the school

b) French Language

c) People around

d) Money and power

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The people of Alsace had taken their language, French, for granted. They had also taken for granted their culture, heritage, and the importance of education. They did not realize the value of these things until they were about to lose them due to the annexation of Alsace-Lorraine by the Germans. The things being taken for granted by the people of Alsace were their language, culture, heritage, and the importance of education.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**What did Franz and his classmates realize during the last lesson?**

a) The importance of learning German

b) The importance of being patriotic

c) The importance of Germen

d) The value of their teacher

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Franz and his classmates realized the value of their teacher and the importance of education during their last French lesson. They had taken their education for granted and only realized its value when they were faced with losing it due to a new decree from the government requiring the teaching of only German in French schools. The students were saddened by the news and regretted not paying more attention and putting more effort into their studies.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q13) What did Mr. Hamel do after the students recited the poem?**

a) He scolded them for their mistakes

b) He praised them for their effort

c) He cried silently

d) He left the classroom without saying anything

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: After the students recited the poem, Mr. Hamel praised them for their effort and said that he was happy to see them show respect for their language and culture. He also regretted not teaching them more and better when he had the chance.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q14) What did Franz think when he saw his classmates crying at the end of the lesson?**

a) He thought they were crying because they had to learn German.

b) He thought they were crying because they did not understand the poem.

c) He thought they were crying because they would miss Mr. Hamel.

d) He thought they were crying because they were happy to have their last lesson.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: When Franz saw his classmates crying at the end of the lesson, he realized that they were crying because they would miss Mr. Hamel, their French teacher, and because they had taken their education for granted. They had only realized the importance of their studies and their teacher when it was too late.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q15) What did Franz and his classmates realize when they saw the old men of the village sitting in the back of the classroom?**

a) They realized that the old men were there to learn French.

b) They realized that the old men were there to take the class over.

c) They realized that the old men were there to support Mr. Hamel.

d) They did not realize anything.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: When Franz and his classmates saw the old men of the village sitting in the back of the classroom, they realized that the old men were there to support Mr. Hamel on his last day of teaching.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q16) What did Franz do after the last lesson?**

a) He went home and cried.

b) He went to his friend's house to play.

c) He went to the park to think.

d) He went to the library to learn more French.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: After the last lesson, Franz went home and cried. He was deeply moved by Mr. Hamel's words and realized the importance of the French language and culture. He regretted not having paid more attention in class and not having appreciated the efforts of his teacher. Franz knew that he might never have another opportunity to learn French, and he felt a sense of loss and sadness.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the name of the protagonist in the story "Lost Spring"?**

a) Mukesh

b) Saheb

c) Ramu

d) Lali

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Saheb is the protagonist in the story "Lost Spring". He is a young boy who lives in the slums of Firozabad and dreams of going to school. Despite his difficult circumstances, Saheb is intelligent and resourceful, and he dreams of one day being able to attend school and become successful.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Who is the author of Lost Spring?**

a) James Bond

b) Arundhati Roy

c) Sudha Murthy

d) Anees Jung

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Anees Jung is an Indian author and journalist who is best known for her work on social and cultural issues in India. She was born in Hyderabad, India, in 1944, and has written several books on a range of topics, including child labour, women's rights, and religious conflicts. "Lost Spring" is a short story that was first published in Anees Jung's book "Lost Spring: Stories of Stolen Childhood" in 2000.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q19) What does the author mean by "lost spring" in the story?**

a) The spring season is lost for the children in the slums.

b) The childhood of the children in the slums is lost.

c) The water from the natural springs is lost due to pollution.

d) The season of spring is lost due to global warming.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The author means that the childhood of the children in the slums is lost, just like the spring season that is lost for them. The children are forced to work from a young age and are deprived of the joys of childhood.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q20) This story is an excerpt from which book of the author?**

a) Lost Spring – Stories of Stolen Childhood

b) Unveiling India

c) Breaking the Silence

d) The Song of India

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Lost Spring" is a collection of short stories written by Anees Jung, an Indian author and journalist. The story "Lost Spring" is a part of this collection, along with other stories that deal with the lives of marginalized and disadvantaged people in India.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**TYPE-Audio**

**What does the author analyze in the story?**

a) Rich people

b) Garbage

c) Poor children and their exploitation

d) Her works

Correct Answer: Option (c).

Explanation: The story focuses on the lives of Saheb and Mukesh, two young boys who live in a slum in Delhi and work as ragpickers to support their families. Through the experiences of these children, the author highlights the poverty, inequality, and social injustice that exists in India. The story also sheds light on the complex issues of child labour, poverty, and lack of access to education that affect millions of children in the country.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q22) How does the author feel about the tradition of child labour in Firozabad?**

a) The author supports the tradition of child labour as it helps families earn a living.

b) The author is critical of the tradition of child labour and believes it should be abolished.

c) The author believes that child labour is a necessary evil that cannot be eliminated.

d) The author thinks that child labour is a problem, but there are more pressing issues to address.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The author is critical of the tradition of child labour in Firozabad and believes it is a form of exploitation that robs children of their childhood and future prospects. The author argues that children should be allowed to attend school and receive an education, which will empower them to break the cycle of poverty.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Why is the author calling garbage as ‘gold’ in the story?**

a) Because of jewels in it

b) Because of gems in it

c) Because of gold in it

d) Because of its encashment value

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The author calls garbage as 'gold' because it is a source of income for the ragpickers who live in the slums of Delhi. The author describes how the ragpickers collect trash from the streets, sorting through the waste to find recyclable items such as plastic, glass, and metal. These items are then sold to recycling centres, which pay the ragpickers a small amount of money for their labour.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q24) What is the fate of Mukesh's family in the story?**

a) They are able to escape poverty and start a new life.

b) They are forced to move to another city to find work.

c) They are trapped in poverty and unable to improve their situation.

d) They are able to send their children to school and break the cycle of poverty.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Mukesh's family is trapped in poverty and unable to improve their situation. They are unable to afford education for their children and are forced to work in the same low-paying and hazardous jobs that they did.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**What is the message that the author conveys through the story "Lost Spring"?**

a) Child labour is a necessary evil that cannot be eliminated.

b) Education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

c) Poverty is a problem that cannot be solved.

d) The government should provide more assistance to families living in poverty.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The author conveys the message that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Through the story, the author shows the importance of education and the impact it can have on the lives of children living in poverty.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q26) What is the main theme of the story "Lost Spring"?**

a) The importance of education in breaking the cycle of poverty.

b) The exploitation of children in the carpet weaving industry.

c) The struggle of families living in poverty to survive.

d) The cultural and historical significance of Firozabad.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The main theme of the story "Lost Spring" is the importance of education in breaking the cycle of poverty. The story highlights how education can empower children and families living in poverty and help them improve their situation.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q27) What is the significance of the title "Lost Spring"?**

a) It refers to the loss of childhood and innocence of the children working in the carpet weaving industry.

b) It refers to the loss of the spring season in Firozabad due to the pollution caused by the carpet weaving industry.

c) It refers to the loss of hope and opportunities for the families living in poverty in Firozabad.

d) It refers to the loss of the author's connection to his roots and cultural heritage.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The title "Lost Spring" refers to the loss of childhood and innocence of the children working in the carpet weaving industry. The story shows how children are robbed of their childhood and forced to work in hazardous conditions from a young age.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q28) What efforts can help Mukesh materialize his dream of becoming a car driver?**

a) Hard work

b) Going to garage

c) Guidance of his owner

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Mukesh dreams of becoming a car driver, but his family's poverty and lack of opportunities make it difficult for him to achieve his dream. However, the story suggests that several efforts can help Mukesh materialize his dream of becoming a car driver which includes hard work, going to garage and guidance.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q29) Who is Saheb in the story "Lost Spring"?**

a) A ragpicker

b) A wealthy businessman who owns a carpet factory.

c) The author's childhood friend from Firozabad.

d) A social worker who helps children living in poverty.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Saheb works as a ragpicker, which means he collects and sorts through garbage in search of recyclable materials that he can sell to earn money. As a ragpicker, he spends long hours exposed to the harsh conditions of the landfill, sorting through garbage in search of anything valuable.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q30) What is the metaphorical symbol of Seemapuri in the lesson?**

a) Poverty

b) Exploitation

c) Enjoyment

d) A little hell

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the story, Seemapuri is referred to as a "little hell" which symbolizes the extreme poverty and squalor that the people living there have to endure on a daily basis. The author describes the place as a "dumping ground for people who had been uprooted from their own homes and villages" and were struggling to survive in the city. The conditions in Seemapuri are depicted as harsh, with garbage and filth littering the streets and people living in cramped, unsanitary conditions. The metaphorical symbol of Seemapuri highlights the struggles and hardships faced by the urban poor in India.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q31) What is the significance of the following sentence in the story "Lost Spring": "The child is the father of man"?**

a) It emphasizes the importance of education in breaking the cycle of poverty.

b) It highlights the potential for children to become leaders and change-makers.

c) It suggests that children have a significant impact on shaping society.

d) It represents the loss of childhood and innocence of children forced to work in the carpet weaving industry.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The sentence "The child is the father of man" suggests that children have a significant impact on shaping society. It implies that the values, beliefs, and actions of children have a profound effect on the world they will inherit as adults. The story highlights the importance of investing in the education and well-being of children in order to build a better future.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q32) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Who is the author of Deep Water?**

a) William Shakespeare

b) William George Bernard Shaw

c) William Wordsworth

d) William Douglas

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The author of the story "Deep Water" is William Douglas. The story is actually an excerpt from his autobiography, "Of Men and Mountains," which chronicles his experiences growing up in the Pacific Northwest and his love for mountaineering. "Deep Water" is a particularly memorable chapter in which Douglas recalls his childhood fear of swimming and his efforts to overcome that fear through persistence and determination. The story is a powerful reminder of the importance of facing our fears and never giving up on our dreams.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q33) What is Douglas's fear in the story "Deep Water"?**

a) Swimming in the deep end of the pool.

b) Getting lost in the forest.

c) Public speaking.

d) Dogs.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Douglas's fear is of swimming in the deep end of the pool. The story explores Douglas's fear and his attempts to overcome it by practicing swimming and learning how to float. Over time, Douglas learns to overcome his fear and gains confidence in his ability to swim.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q34) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What does author do to try to overcome his fear in the story "Deep Water"?**

a) He enrols in a swimming class.

b) He avoids situations that trigger his fear.

c) He talks to a therapist.

d) He faces his fear head-on by swimming in the deep end of the pool.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the story "Deep Water," the author, William Douglas, tries to overcome his fear of water by taking swimming lessons. He enrols in a class with other boys and is determined to learn how to swim. However, his fear of water is so strong that he struggles to make progress, despite the encouragement of his instructor and classmates. He practices regularly, but it is not until he has a breakthrough moment when he is able to stay afloat on his own that he finally gains confidence in the water.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q35) What is the climax of the story "Deep Water"?**

a) author successfully swims across the deep end of the pool.

b) author falls and injures himself while attempting to swim across the deep end of the pool.

c) author decides to give up on his goal of swimming across the deep end of the pool.

d) author realizes that he does not actually want to overcome his fear of deep water.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The climax of the story "Deep Water" is when author successfully swims across the deep end of the pool. This is the moment that he overcomes his fear and achieves his goal, which is the culmination of the story's conflict. Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q36) What is the story Deep Water speaking about?**

a) Fear of water and the way to overcome it

b) Fear of people

c) Fear of dogs

d) Fear of swimming

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The story "Deep Water" is about a young boy named Douglas who is afraid of swimming due to a traumatic experience in his childhood. Despite his fear, he tries to hide it from his friends and family and even goes as far as to lie about his swimming abilities to impress them. However, his fear becomes apparent when he is forced to participate in a swimming test at school and he nearly drowns. He then begins to take swimming lessons from a coach named Mr. Hargrave and eventually overcomes his fear, gaining confidence and competence in the water.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q37) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What is the theme of the story "Deep Water"?**

a) Overcoming fear

b) Betrayal

c) Love and romance

d) Political intrigue

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The story "Deep Water" is about the author's personal journey to overcome his fear of deep water and learn how to swim. The theme of the story is overcoming fear, as the author works through his fear of the water and ultimately succeeds in swimming across the deep end of the pool.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q38) At the age of 3 or 4 Douglas visited the beach with his father. What caused a terror in his heart then?**

a) The sight of the sea waves

b) The overpowering force of the waves

c) The colour of the water

d) All of these

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In the story "Deep Water," William Douglas recounts his fear of water and his attempts to overcome it. The story begins with a description of his childhood fear of water, which he traces back to a traumatic experience at the age of three or four when he visited the beach with his father. The sight of the waves and the overpowering force of the water caused a terror in his heart that stayed with him for many years.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q39) What is the tone of the story "Deep Water"?**

a) Light and humorous

b) Dark and suspenseful

c) Romantic and sentimental

d) Satirical and ironic

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The tone of the story "Deep Water" is dark and suspenseful. The story builds tension as William confronts his fear and attempts to overcome it, and there is a sense of danger as he struggles to make it across the deep end of the pool.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q40) What is the significance of the title "Deep Water" in the story?**

a) It symbolizes the protagonist's fear and struggle.

b) It represents the danger and uncertainty of life.

c) It is a metaphor for the unknown and mysterious.

d) All of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The title "Deep Water" is significant in the story because it symbolizes the protagonist's fear and struggle. The deep water represents a challenge for William to overcome, and it is a metaphor for the difficulties he faced in life.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q41) What were the series of emotions and fears that Douglas experienced when he was thrown into the pool?**

a) Fear

b) Confidence

c) Overconfidence

d) Mixed feelings of confidence and fear

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: When Douglas was thrown into the pool, he initially experienced a feeling of confidence as he had been practicing holding his breath and swimming. However, his confidence turned into fear as he reached the middle of the pool and realized that he was not touching the bottom. He then started flailing his arms and gasping for breath, feeling a sense of panic and helplessness. Ultimately, he was rescued by his swimming instructor, and this experience left a lasting impression on him, shaping his attitude towards swimming and water in general.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q42) How did this experience affect the author?**

a) Became fearless

b) Confident

c) Overconfident

d) Became hydrophobic

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The experience of nearly drowning in the pool had a profound impact on the author. Instead of making him fearless or overconfident, it made him extremely fearful of water. He became hydrophobic and avoided water-related activities, including swimming, for a long time after the incident.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q43) How does the author use imagery and description to create a sense of tension in the story?**

a) He uses detailed descriptions of the setting to create a mood of suspense.

b) He uses sensory details to create a vivid picture of the characters and their actions.

c) He employs metaphor and simile to suggest the danger and uncertainty of the situation.

d) All of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The author uses imagery and description in multiple ways to create a sense of tension in the story. He uses detailed descriptions of the setting to create a mood of suspense, sensory details to create a vivid picture of the characters and their actions, and employs metaphor and simile to suggest the danger and uncertainty of the situation.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q44) What lesson did Douglas learn from his experience of drowning learning to swim?**

a) Learnt swimming

b) Love for swimming

c) Swimming is not difficult

d) Face the fear

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The lesson that Douglas learned from his experience of drowning while trying to learn to swim is to face one's fears. He realized that he had to overcome his fear of drowning and deep water in order to learn how to swim. He also learned that it is important to have confidence in oneself and to not give up in the face of difficulties.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q45) How did the instructor make Douglas a good swimmer?**

a) Planning

b) With the help of ropes

c) By pushing him into the pool

d) With the help of ropes and belts

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The instructor made Douglas a good swimmer by using a combination of methods, including planning, ropes, and belts. The instructor had a well-thought-out plan for teaching Douglas how to swim. He first started by demonstrating the proper technique for swimming and then gradually introduced Douglas to the water, starting with shallow water and then gradually moving to deeper water. The instructor also made use of ropes and belts to help support Douglas and keep him afloat while he learned to swim.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q46) Why did Douglas’ mother recommend that he should learn swimming at the Y. M.C.A swimming pool?**

a) Because it was local

b) Because it was safe

c) Because it was shallow

d) Because it was shallow and safe

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Douglas' mother recommended that he learn swimming at the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool because it was safe. Douglas had nearly drowned in a nearby lake, and his mother was understandably worried about his safety in the water. She felt that the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool would be a safer environment for him to learn how to swim since it was a controlled and supervised setting.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q47) “I crossed to oblivion, and the curtain of life fell”. What does oblivion mean?**

a) Pavilion

b) Changing room

c) Unconsciousness

d) Death

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The sentence suggests that the speaker lost consciousness and then "the curtain of life fell", which implies that they may have died. Oblivion refers to a state of complete unawareness or unconsciousness, and it is often used to describe a state of being forgotten or ignored. In this context, it suggests that the speaker lost consciousness and was no longer aware of their surroundings, which could have led to their death.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q48) Why does the protagonist in "The Rattrap" stop at the ironworks and ask for shelter?**

a) He is cold, hungry, and tired.

b) He wants to steal from the ironworks.

c) He is lost and looking for directions.

d) He is searching for a job.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The protagonist stops at the ironworks and asks for shelter because he is cold, hungry, and tired. He is looking for a place to rest and warm up, as he has been walking for a long time without any food or shelter.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q49) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Who is the author of The Rattrap?**

a) Selma Lagerlof

b) Thomas B. Allen

c) Howard Phillips

d) Sudha Murthy

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Selma Lagerlof (1858-1940) was a Swedish author, teacher, and lecturer who is best known for her children's book "The Wonderful Adventures of Nils" (1906) and her novel "Gosta Berling's Saga" (1891). She was also the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1909, "in appreciation of the lofty idealism, vivid imagination, and spiritual perception that characterize her writings.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q50) How does the theme of deception and manipulation relate to the character of the peddler in "The Rattrap"?**

a) The peddler uses deception and manipulation to gain material possessions.

b) The peddler is a victim of deception and manipulation.

c) The theme of deception and manipulation is not relevant to the story.

d) Both a) and b).

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The theme of deception and manipulation is relevant to the character of the peddler in "The Rattrap" because he uses deception and manipulation to gain material possessions, but he is also a victim of deception and manipulation himself. He sees the world as a rattrap, where everyone is caught in a cycle of greed and deception.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q51) What is the significance of the rattrap in "The Rattrap"?**

a) It symbolizes the protagonist's fear and vulnerability.

b) It represents the deceptive and manipulative nature of society.

c) It serves as a tool for the peddler to earn money.

d) It is not significant to the story.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The rattrap is significant in "The Rattrap" because it represents the deceptive and manipulative nature of society. The protagonist sees himself as a rattrap, caught in a cycle of poverty and hopelessness, and he feels like society is the one trapping him in this situation. The peddler uses the rattrap as a tool to earn money, but he also sees it as a symbol of the human condition, where everyone is trapped in their own cycles of desire and greed.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q52) How does the use of symbols contribute to the overall theme of "The Rattrap"?**

a) The use of symbols helps to clarify the story's setting and characters.

b) The use of symbols creates a sense of mystery and ambiguity in the story.

c) The use of symbols reinforces the theme of human vulnerability and entrapment.

d) The use of symbols is not relevant to the story.

Correct Answer: Option (c).

Explanation: The use of symbols in "The Rattrap" reinforces the theme of human vulnerability and entrapment. The rattrap, for example, represents the protagonist's feeling of being trapped in poverty and hopelessness, while the ironworks symbolizes the oppressive nature of society and the struggle for survival.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**What is the message of the story?**

a) Love and kindness are powerful reformers.

b) Kindness is powerless

c) Kindness encourages thieves

d) Thieves need reprimand

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The message of the story "The Rattrap" by Selma Lagerlof is that love and kindness are powerful reformers, and they have the ability to transform individuals and bring about positive change in their lives. The story emphasizes the importance of treating others with kindness and empathy, even those who may seem undeserving or have made mistakes. It suggests that people can change and improve their lives if they are shown love and compassion.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q54) How does the protagonist's view of the world change throughout the story?**

a) The protagonist becomes more cynical and distrustful of others.

b) The protagonist becomes more optimistic and hopeful about his future.

c) The protagonist's view of the world remains unchanged throughout the story.

d) The protagonist becomes more confused and uncertain about his place in the world.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The protagonist's view of the world changes throughout the story as he becomes more cynical and distrustful of others. He initially sees the world as a place of opportunity and possibility, but he soon realizes that he is trapped by his circumstances and that others are only interested in using him for their own gain.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q55) Who offered shelter to the Peddler?**

a) A beggar

b) A friend

c) A milkman

d) An old Crofter

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The peddler, who was cold and hungry, knocked on the door of the crofter's cottage, seeking shelter for the night. The old crofter initially refused to let him in, but eventually relented and allowed him to stay in his cottage. The crofter's act of kindness towards the peddler played an important role in the peddler's eventual transformation and redemption.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q56) Q20- Why was the ironmaster so talkative and friendly with the Peddler?**

a) Because he knew him.

b) He was his friend

c) He was his neighbour

d) Because of his resemblance to one of his old friend

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The ironmaster mistook the peddler for an old friend named Edvarda, who he had not seen in many years. The peddler, seeing an opportunity to take advantage of the situation, pretended to be Edvarda and played along with the ironmaster's mistake. As the night wore on, the ironmaster became more and more talkative and friendly towards the peddler, believing that he was his old friend.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q57) How does the protagonist's encounter with the ironmaster change his perspective on life?**

a) It reinforces his belief in the goodness of people.

b) It causes him to become more cynical and distrustful of others.

c) It helps him to see the beauty in the world around him.

d) It has no significant impact on his perspective.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The protagonist's encounter with the ironmaster in "The Rattrap" reinforces his belief in the goodness of people. The ironmaster treats him kindly and with respect, despite his low social status, and this restores the protagonist's faith in humanity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q58) What is the significance of the title "The Rattrap"?**

a) It refers to the protagonist's past as a thief.

b) It symbolizes the protagonist's feeling of being trapped by society.

c) It represents the protagonist's hope for a better future.

d) It has no significant meaning in the story.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The title "The Rattrap" symbolizes the protagonist's feeling of being trapped by society, just like a rat is trapped in a rattrap. The protagonist sees himself as a victim of circumstances, caught in a cycle of poverty and struggle.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q59) What is the theme of "The Rattrap"?**

a) The struggle for survival in an oppressive society.

b) The importance of trust and kindness in human relationships.

c) The consequences of greed and selfishness.

d) The power of redemption and second chances.

Correct Answer: Option (a).

Explanation: The theme of "The Rattrap" is the struggle for survival in an oppressive society. The story explores the ways in which poverty and social inequality trap individuals and limit their opportunities, as well as the ways in which kindness and compassion can offer hope and redemption.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q60) Why did Elda bring the Peddler to her house for Christmas cheer?**

a) Because she knew him

b) He was very funny

c) He was good looking

d) Because of her kind-hearted nature.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Peddler had been wandering aimlessly in the cold and snow, with no place to go, when Elda offered him food and drink at her home. Elda's compassionate and generous nature compelled her to share the Christmas cheer with the Peddler, who had no one else to celebrate with.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q61) How does the protagonist's attitude towards the ironmaster change throughout the story?**

a) He becomes more distrustful and suspicious of the ironmaster.

b) He remains indifferent to the ironmaster's actions and beliefs.

c) He becomes grateful for the ironmaster's kindness and generosity.

d) He becomes resentful of the ironmaster's wealth and privilege.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The protagonist's attitude towards the ironmaster changes throughout the story from suspicion and fear to gratitude and appreciation. The ironmaster's kindness and generosity help the protagonist to see the good in people and to have hope for a better future.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q62) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**Why did the Peddler leave the stolen money in a Rattrap?**

a) Because of his plan

b) To deceive them

c) Because his heart was changed with Edla’s kindness

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: After spending time with Edla and her father, the Peddler's cynical and hardened heart began to soften. He felt remorseful for stealing the money and wanted to make things right. Therefore, he left the stolen money in a rattrap outside of the ironworks, hoping that the ironmaster would find it and return it to its rightful owner.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Why did Peddler sign himself as Captain Von Stahle?**

a) He didn’t want to hurt them

b) Because he forgets his name

c) Because he wants to meet Edla’s expectations of him being an armyman

d) None of these

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Edla had mistaken the Peddler for a former army captain named Von Stahle, and the Peddler had initially played along with the mistaken identity to gain her trust and hospitality. Later on, when the Peddler revealed his true identity and confessed to stealing the money, he signed his confession as "Captain Von Stahle," perhaps because he wanted to maintain the illusion that he was an honourable army man who had made a mistake, rather than a common thief.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q64) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the main conflict in the story "Indigo"?**

a) The conflict between the British and Indian cultures.

b) The conflict between the zamindar and the indigo farmers.

c) The conflict between the indigo planters and the British government.

d) The conflict between the indigo farmers and the British planters.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The main conflict is the conflict between the indigo farmers and the British planters. The story is set in Bengal during the colonial period when the British planters forced the Indian peasants to grow indigo instead of food crops. The Indian peasants were forced to sell their crops to the British planters at a very low price and were exploited by them. The Indian peasants revolted against this oppression and the conflict between the indigo farmers and the British planters forms the main conflict of the story.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q65) What is the significance of the indigo plant in the story "Indigo"?**

a) It symbolizes the oppressive nature of British colonialism.

b) It represents the Indian farmers' struggle for independence.

c) It highlights the economic exploitation of Indian peasants by British planters.

d) It has no significant meaning in the story.

Correct Answer: Option (c).

Explanation: The indigo plant in the story "Indigo" represents the economic exploitation of Indian peasants by British planters. The British were forcing the Indian farmers to grow indigo, which was more profitable for the planters, rather than food crops, which were necessary for the survival of the farmers and their families.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the role of Mahatma Gandhi in the story "Indigo"?**

a) He is a central character who drives the plot forward.

b) He is a historical figure who is referenced in passing.

c) He is a symbol of the Indian resistance to British colonialism.

d) He has no significant role in the story.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story "Indigo" by Louis Fischer, Mahatma Gandhi has a significant role as a symbol of the Indian resistance to British colonialism. Although Gandhi is not a central character who drives the plot forward, he is referenced in the story as one of the leaders of the Indian nationalist movement and a supporter of the Indian peasants who were exploited by the British planters. The story takes place during the early years of the Indian nationalist movement, and the actions of the indigo farmers are part of the larger movement towards independence. Therefore, Gandhi's role in the story is to represent the larger struggle of the Indian people against British colonialism.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q67) What is the attitude of the British planters towards the Indian peasants in the story "Indigo"?**

a) They are sympathetic towards their plight.

b) They are indifferent to their suffering.

c) They are actively hostile towards them.

d) They do not have any direct interaction with the peasants.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The British planters are depicted as being exploitative and concerned only with their own profits. They force the Indian peasants to grow indigo instead of food crops, pay them very low prices for their crops, and impose heavy fines on them if they do not meet their production targets. The British planters do not show any sympathy towards the plight of the Indian peasants and are shown to be completely indifferent to their suffering.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Who is the author of Indigo?**

a) Louis Fischer

b) Leo Tolstoy

c) Mark Twain

d) Charles Dickens

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: "Indigo" is a short story written by Louis Fischer, an American journalist and writer. The story is set in colonial India during the British Raj, and it depicts the struggle of Indian peasants against British colonialism and exploitation. The story is based on actual events that took place in Bengal in the 19th century when the British planters forced Indian peasants to grow indigo instead of food crops. Fischer's story explores the conflict between the Indian peasants and the British planters and the larger struggle of the Indian people against British colonialism.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Why did M.K. Gandhi fight in Champaran?**

a) To secure justice for the oppressed

b) To get popularity

c) To show power

d) To boast of his intelligence

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: M.K. Gandhi fought in Champaran to secure justice for the oppressed. In 1917, he was invited to Champaran, a district in Bihar, India, to investigate the plight of the indigo farmers who were being forced by the British planters to grow indigo instead of food crops. The British planters were exploiting the farmers by paying them very low wages and charging them high rents. Gandhi launched a campaign of civil disobedience and non-violent protest to support the indigo farmers and to force the British to take action to end their oppression. The Champaran movement was one of the first successful campaigns of the Indian independence movement led by Gandhi.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**How does the story "Indigo" criticize the British colonial system?**

a) By highlighting the economic exploitation of Indian peasants

b) By portraying the British planters as cruel and ruthless

c) By glorifying the Indian resistance to British rule

d) By providing a balanced perspective on colonialism

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The story "Indigo" criticizes the British colonial system by highlighting the economic exploitation of Indian peasants. The British were forcing the Indian farmers to grow indigo, which was more profitable for the planters, rather than food crops, which were necessary for the survival of the farmers and their families.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What problems were faced by the Champaran Indigo sharecroppers?**

a) Poverty

b) Were forced to grow Indigo

c) Unable to raise voice

d) All the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Champaran Indigo sharecroppers faced multiple problems, including poverty, being forced to grow indigo, inability to raise their voice, and exploitation by the British planters. The British planters forced the indigo farmers to grow indigo instead of food crops and paid them very low wages for their labour. The farmers were also charged high rents for the land they used, which left them in a state of perpetual poverty. The farmers were unable to raise their voices against the British planters due to fear of reprisals, and their illiteracy made it difficult for them to communicate their grievances to the authorities. These problems led to the Champaran movement, which was led by M.K. Gandhi, to secure justice for the oppressed indigo farmers.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q72) Why did Raj Kumar Shukla come to Lucknow at Annual Congress party session?**

a) To be rich

b) To be famous

c) To fight and get money

d) To complain against injustice of landlord system in Bihar

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Raj Kumar Shukla came to Lucknow at Annual Congress party session to complain against the injustice of the landlord system in Bihar. Raj Kumar Shukla was a farmer from Champaran in Bihar, India, who had been greatly affected by the oppressive landlord system and the forced cultivation of indigo. He met M.K. Gandhi in 1917 and convinced him to come to Bihar to support the indigo farmers' cause. However, when Gandhi was reluctant to go to Bihar, Raj Kumar Shukla followed him to Lucknow, where the Indian National Congress was holding its annual session. Raj Kumar Shukla appealed to Gandhi to come to Champaran and to see the situation for himself. Gandhi was moved by Shukla's passion and sincerity and agreed to go to Bihar, which led to the Champaran movement.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q73) Why was Satyagrah Movement launched in Champaran?**

a) For Gandhiji’s upliftment

b) For raising funds

c) For getting business

d) For the upliftment of the farmers

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Satyagraha Movement was launched in Champaran for the upliftment of the farmers who were oppressed by the British planters and the unjust landlord system. The farmers were forced to cultivate indigo instead of food crops, and the planters paid them very low wages. The farmers were also charged high rents for the land they used, which led to their impoverishment. The British planters used force and violence to suppress any attempt by the farmers to raise their voices against this injustice. Therefore, to secure justice for the oppressed farmers, M.K. Gandhi launched the Satyagraha Movement in Champaran.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q74) How does the character of the Collector in the story "Indigo" represent the British colonial power?**

a) By being sympathetic towards the Indian peasants.

b) By being cruel and ruthless towards the Indian peasants.

c) By trying to understand the Indian culture and customs.

d) By being impartial and objective in his dealings with the Indians.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The character of the Collector in the story "Indigo" represents the British colonial power by being impartial and objective in his dealings with the Indians. The Collector is shown as a fair and just administrator who tries to understand the plight of the Indian farmers.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q75) How does the story "Indigo" portray the relationship between the Indian peasants and the British colonial rulers?**

a) As a harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship.

b) As a relationship of exploitation and oppression.

c) As a relationship of indifference and neglect.

d) As a relationship of resistance and rebellion.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The story "Indigo" portrays the relationship between the Indian peasants and the British colonial rulers as a relationship of exploitation and oppression. The British were exploiting the Indian peasants by forcing them to grow indigo, which was more profitable for the planters, and ignoring the peasants' basic needs for food and shelter.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q76) What was the statement that Gandhiji read pleading himself guilty?**

a) That he was a law breaker

b) That he wanted to command respect

c) He was not a law breaker and came to render humanitarian and national service

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: During the trial in 1922, Mahatma Gandhi read a statement pleading himself guilty to the charges of promoting disaffection towards the government. In his statement, he clarified that he was not a lawbreaker, but he had come to render humanitarian and national service. He also explained his principles of non-violent resistance and civil disobedience, stating that these were not meant to overthrow the government, but rather to reform its unjust laws and policies. Gandhi's statement became famous as the "Declaration of the Purpose."

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q77) What is the central conflict in the story "Indigo"?**

a) The conflict between the Indian farmers and the British planters.

b) The conflict between the Indian peasants and the zamindars.

c) The conflict between the Indian peasants and the Indian government.

d) The conflict between the Indian peasants and the landowners.

Correct Answer: Option (a).

Explanation: The central conflict in the story "Indigo" is between the Indian farmers and the British planters. The British planters were exploiting the Indian farmers by forcing them to grow indigo instead of food crops.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q78) Why did the British want the peasant to pay compensation?**

a) Because they freed them

b) Because they got orders from the British headquarters

c) Because they were leaving India

d) They gave 15% of landholding and entire Indigo harvest

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: During the Indigo cultivation period in India, the British landlords forced the Indian peasants to cultivate indigo on 3/20 parts of their land, and surrender the entire indigo harvest as rent. When the peasants protested against this exploitative practice, the British landlords and planters demanded compensation from the peasants as a penalty for breaking the indigo contract. The British wanted the peasants to pay compensation to deter other peasants from protesting and to maintain their power and control over the indigo industry.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q79) What does the story "Indigo" suggest about the role of education in the Indian nationalist movement?**

a) It suggests that education played a key role in the Indian nationalist movement.

b) It suggests that education had little to no impact on the Indian nationalist movement.

c) It suggests that education was a hindrance to the Indian nationalist movement.

d) It suggests that education was irrelevant to the Indian nationalist movement.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The story "Indigo" suggests that education played a key role in the Indian nationalist movement. The educated Indians were the ones who led the nationalist movement against the British colonial rulers. Ramaiah, the leader of the Indian farmers in the story, was also an educated person who was able to fight against the exploitation of the Indian farmers.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q80) What was the “bright idea” that struck the narrator when he was in the canteen?**

a) To write a poem on film stars

b) To organize a short story contest

c) To start a literary magazine

d) To invite a famous English poet to Gemini Studios

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the short story "Poets and Pancakes" by Ashokamitran, the narrator is a young man who works at a magazine office where famous poets and writers come to work. The narrator in the canteen suddenly had the bright idea of inviting a famous English poet to Gemini Studios. The idea appealed to him, and he began to think of ways in which it could be implemented.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q81) What was the reaction of the editor to the narrator’s invitation to the poet?**

a) He was pleased and agreed to come

b) He was surprised but agreed to come

c) He was uninterested and declined the invitation

d) He was offended and refused to come

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the short story "Poets and Pancakes" by Ashokamitran, the narrator invites a famous English poet to visit the magazine office where he works. When the editor hears about the invitation, he becomes angry and scolds the narrator for taking such a bold step without his permission. He tells the narrator that the poet is a very important person and he cannot just invite him without proper authorization.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q82) How did the staff at Gemini Studios react to the poet’s visit?**

a) They were excited and eager to meet him

b) They were indifferent and did not care about him

c) They were confused and did not understand why he was there

d) They were hostile and unwelcoming towards him

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The staff at Gemini Studios was confused and did not understand why an English poet was visiting their studio. They were not familiar with his work and his accent made it difficult to understand him.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q83) Why did the narrator feel that prose-writing was not the pursuit of a genius?**

a) Because prose-writing required too much effort

b) Because only drudges with no creativity wrote prose

c) Because the rejection slips discouraged writers

d) Because genius was better suited for poetry

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The narrator felt that prose-writing was not the pursuit of a genius because it required a great deal of persistence and patience to overcome the many rejections that writers often faced. This made it a more suitable pursuit for those who were willing to endure the difficulties and not be discouraged by them.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q84) What did the narrator discover about the editor of the periodical, The Encounter?**

a) He was a famous poet

b) He was a British diplomat

c) He was a well-known critic

d) He was the same person who had visited Gemini Studios

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The narrator discovered that the editor of The Encounter was the same English poet who had visited Gemini Studios. This revelation made the book The God That Failed that much more significant to the narrator.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q85) What did the author do after he left the Gemini Studios?**

a) He went to the British Council Library.

b) He went to the Madras Mount Road Post Office.

c) He went to a bookstore.

d) He went home.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The narrator leaves the Gemini Studios after the incident where the editor scolds him for inviting a famous English poet without permission. After leaving the studios, the narrator goes to the Madras Mount Road Post Office to check if he has received any letters.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q86) What was the name of the periodical that announced a short story contest which caught the narrator's attention?**

a) The Times Literary Supplement

b) The London Review of Books

c) The New Yorker

d) The Encounter

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the chapter "Poets and Pancakes", the narrator mentions that he came across a tiny announcement in The Hindu about a short story contest organized by a British periodical called The Encounter, which caught his attention.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q87) Who was the English poet that visited the Gemini Studios and left the narrator and his colleagues baffled?**

a) T. S. Eliot

b) W. H. Auden

c) Stephen Spender

d) Philip Larkin

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The English poet who visits the Gemini Studios and leaves the narrator and his colleagues baffled is Stephen Spender. When Spender comes to the studios, he is not what the narrator and his colleagues expect. They are taken aback by his appearance and demeanour, which are very different from their preconceived notions of how a famous poet should look and act.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q88) What was the name of the book that the narrator found on the footpath in front of the Madras Mount Road Post Office?**

a) The God That Failed

b) Animal Farm

c) Nineteen Eighty-Four

d) Darkness at Noon

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the chapter "Poets and Pancakes", the narrator mentions that he found a pile of brand new books for fifty paise each on the footpath in front of the Madras Mount Road Post Office, and picked up a copy of The God That Failed, which was a collection of essays by six eminent men of letters, including Stephen Spender.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q89) What did the Boss of the Gemini Studios have in common with Stephen Spender, according to the narrator?**

a) They both had a deep interest in English poetry.

b) They were both disillusioned by communism.

c) They were both famous writers in their respective fields.

d) They both believed in the importance of freedom and democracy.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In the chapter "Poets and Pancakes", the narrator suggests that the Boss of the Gemini Studios may not have had much interest in Stephen Spender's poetry, but he may have been interested in his views on communism, which he shared with the editor of The God That Failed.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q90) Who were the six eminent men of letters who described their journeys into Communism and their disillusioned return in the book "The God That Failed"?**

a) Andre Gide, Richard Wright, Ignazio Silone, Arthur Koestler, Louis Fischer, and Stephen Spender

b) T.S. Eliot, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Joyce, and Virginia Woolf

c) John Keats, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Lord Byron, William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and William Blake

d) J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, J.K. Rowling, Stephen King, George R.R. Martin, and Neil Gaiman

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: "The God That Failed" is a book consisting of six separate essays in which six eminent men of letters describe their journeys into Communism and their disillusioned return. The six authors are Andre Gide, Richard Wright, Ignazio Silone, Arthur Koestler, Louis Fischer, and Stephen Spender.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q91) What did the protagonist discover after reading The God That Failed?**

a) The reason for Stephen Spender's visit to Gemini Studios.

b) The true identity of the Boss at Gemini Studios.

c) The true nature of Communism.

d) The whereabouts of his long lost brother.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The protagonist discovered that Stephen Spender's essay in The God That Failed explained the reason for his visit to Gemini Studios. The Boss at Gemini Studios had been interested in Spender's views on Communism, as Spender was known to be a critic of the Soviet regime.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q92) Which of the following best represents the views of Rudyard Kipling and his wife regarding interviews?**

a) They enjoyed interviews and considered them to be a welcome opportunity to connect with the public.

b) They disliked interviews and found them to be an invasion of their privacy, feeling uncomfortable with the expectation of having to perform for the interviewer.

c) They believed that interviews were an essential part of their profession and considered them to be a necessary evil.

d) They were indifferent to interviews and didn't care whether or not they participated in them.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Rudyard Kipling and his wife express that interviews are not good, as they can be intrusive and intimidating for the interviewee. They also suggest that interviews can be inaccurate in determining a person's true abilities and potential.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q93) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Why were the journalists and publishers surprised by the popularity of The Name of the Rose?**

a) Because it was a serious novel and they didn't expect readers to like it.

b) Because it was a historical novel, and readers usually prefer contemporary stories.

c) Because it was marketed poorly and didn't receive much publicity.

d) Because it was written by an unknown author with no prior success.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The Name of the Rose, written by Umberto Eco, is a complex and serious historical novel that explores philosophical and theological themes. When it was first published, journalists and publishers were surprised by its popularity because they didn't expect readers to be interested in such a serious and intellectual work. The novel's success challenged the idea that popular fiction had to be simplistic and escapist, and demonstrated that readers were willing to engage with complex and challenging works of literature.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q94) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What was Lewis Caroll's attitude towards giving interviews and signing autographs?**

a) He found it to be a wonderful experience.

b) He was terrified of giving interviews and signing autographs.

c) He found it to be a horrible experience.

d) He did not have any strong feelings towards it.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Lewis Caroll, the author of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", was known for his shyness and discomfort with public attention. He was reportedly terrified of giving interviews and signing autographs, often going to great lengths to avoid both. Despite his reluctance, he was frequently approached by fans seeking his signature or a few words, which only added to his anxiety. Caroll's discomfort with fame and attention is believed to have contributed to his decision to write under a pseudonym rather than his given name, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q95) What historical period is the focus of Umberto Eco's novels?**

a) Renaissance

b) Dark Ages

c) Modern Era

d) Medieval period

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Umberto Eco's novels often deal with the Medieval period of history, particularly in Europe. His most famous work, The Name of the Rose, is set in a monastery during the 14th century, and explores themes of religious and political power, knowledge and ignorance, and the tension between faith and reason. His other works, such as Baudolino and The Prague Cemetery, also take place in historical settings and explore similar themes.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q96) What motivated Umberto to begin writing novels?**

a) To take advantage of an opportunity

b) To gain fame and attention

c) To express his ideas and opinions

d) To fill his free time and make the best use of it.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: According to the passage, Umberto started writing novels to fill his free time and make the best use of it. He had a full-time job as a professor, but he also had a lot of free time in the summer when his university was closed. He used this time to write his first novel, "The Name of the Rose," which went on to become a bestseller.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q97) What information is conveyed about Umberto Eco's priorities and activities in the interview with Padamanabhan?**

a) He values his role as an academic and university professor above that of a novelist.

b) Writing novels is not his primary focus.

c) He writes novels in his free time.

d) All of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (d).

Explanation: In the interview with Padamanabhan, Umberto Eco conveys that he takes pride in being an academician and a university professor first, and that being a novelist is a secondary role for him. He also mentions that he writes novels in his free time and that he values the intellectual stimulation and challenge that academic work provides.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q98) What is the number of novels written by Umberto Eco?**

a) 10

b) 8

c) 15

d) 5

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Umberto Eco is known for being an academician first and a novelist second. Despite his fame as a novelist, he has written only five novels compared to his forty scholarly works of non-fiction. He often referred to himself as a university professor who writes novels on Sundays, emphasizing his commitment to academia.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q99) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What do Umberto Eco works for children speak about?**

a) His passion for children

b) Children are nuisance

c) Children love to be happy

d) Non-violence and peace

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Umberto Eco's works for children are known for their themes of non-violence and peace. They often convey important messages about understanding, empathy, and acceptance of others, and promote the values of tolerance and respect. Eco believed in using literature as a tool for educating children and encouraging them to become responsible and compassionate members of society. His works for children include "The Bomb and the General", "The Gnomes of Gnu", and "The Three Astronauts", among others.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q100) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Explain ‘Denis Brain’s statement “Almost everything of moment reaches us through one man asking questions of others.’**

a) The interviewer is Powerful

b) The interviewer has status

c) The interviewer can elicit the truth and has the power to influence

d) All of these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The statement by Denis Brain, "Almost everything of moment reaches us through one man asking questions of others," highlights the importance and power of the interviewer. The interviewer has the ability to elicit the truth and influence the narrative by asking the right questions. They can shape the way the story is told and what information is shared. Additionally, the interviewer often has a certain level of status or influence, as they are typically the one with the platform to share the information they gather.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q101) How is an interview a useful medium of communication?**

a) A means to spread rumours

b) A way to gain popularity

c) A tool for personal gain

d) A valuable means of interaction and self-reflection

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: An interview is a powerful and useful medium of communication that enables individuals to express their views and ideas to a broader audience. Through interviews, individuals can share their thoughts, experiences, and opinions on various topics and issues with others, which can lead to a better understanding of the subject matter. In addition, interviews allow for a two-way interaction between the interviewer and interviewee, allowing for a deeper exploration of the topic and the opportunity for self-reflection. The interviewer can ask questions that encourage the interviewee to reflect on their experiences and ideas, which can lead to greater insights and understanding. Overall, an interview can be a valuable tool for communication, providing a platform for individuals to express themselves, engage in meaningful dialogue, and gain new perspectives.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q102) What genre of writing satisfied Umberto Eco's taste for storytelling?**

a) Stories

b) Works for children

c) Interviews

d) Novels

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Umberto Eco was a renowned novelist and it was through writing novels that he was able to satisfy his taste for storytelling. Despite his prolific academic career, Eco always had a passion for storytelling and this was reflected in his works of fiction. He wrote five novels that are widely acclaimed for their intricate plots, rich historical detail, and philosophical themes. Some of his most famous novels include "The Name of the Rose" and "Foucault's Pendulum".

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q103) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What does the expression "Thumbprints on his windpipes" mean?**

a) Applying excessive pressure to the throat

b) Applying excessive pressure to the vocal cords

c) Causing excessive pressure and tension for someone

d) None of the above

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The expression "Thumbprints on his windpipes" is a metaphorical phrase used to describe someone who is experiencing intense stress or pressure. The phrase suggests a feeling of constriction or suffocation, as if the person's windpipes were being pressed on by someone's thumb. It conveys the idea of someone feeling overwhelmed and struggling to breathe, both physically and metaphorically, due to the pressure they are experiencing.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q104) What is a common reason for celebrities to feel embarrassed during interviews?**

a) Being subjected to challenging questions

b) Negative gestures from the interviewer

c) Displeasing appearance of the interviewer

d) None of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: During interviews, celebrities are often asked difficult or controversial questions that may make them feel uncomfortable or embarrassed. This can be especially true if they are not prepared to address the particular topic or if they feel that the question is inappropriate. However, it is important to note that not all celebrities feel this way, and some may even enjoy the challenge of answering challenging questions.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q105) How can the success of the novel "The Name of the Rose" be explained?**

a) Mystical elements

b) Use of metaphysics and medieval history

c) Combination of detective style and theology

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The success of Umberto Eco's novel "The Name of the Rose" can be attributed to a combination of factors, including its use of mystical elements, metaphysics, and medieval history. The novel also features a compelling detective-style plot and explores theological themes. Additionally, Eco's masterful writing and attention to detail, as well as his ability to seamlessly blend fact and fiction, helped make the book a literary sensation.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q106) In Umberto Eco's view, what would happen to the world if empty spaces were eliminated from the universe?**

a) The world would become more beautiful.

b) The world would be completely under our control.

c) The world would shrink and become as small as a fish.

d) The world would become round.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In Umberto Eco's view, eliminating empty spaces from the universe would lead to a world where everything is connected, and as a result, the world would become extremely small, almost as small as a fish. This idea reflects Eco's belief in the importance of emptiness and space, both in the physical world and in the world of ideas and communication. By eliminating empty spaces, we would lose the ability to understand and appreciate the importance of emptiness and space in our lives.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q107) How have interviews become a common feature of journalism?**

a) Due to their power, influence, and effectiveness as a medium of communication.

b) Due to their grandeur and extravagance.

c) Due to their glory and prestige.

d) Due to their rapport-building potential.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Interviews have become a common feature of journalism because they are an effective means of communication that allows for in-depth and personal interaction between the interviewer and interviewee. Through interviews, journalists can gain valuable insights and information from their subjects, and convey these to their audience in an engaging and informative way. Interviews also have the power to influence public opinion and shape narratives, making them a powerful tool for journalists to use in their reporting. As such, interviews have become an integral part of modern journalism, and are widely used across a variety of media platforms.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q108) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Who is the author of the story "Going Places"?**

a) William Shakespeare

b) A.R. Barton

c) Jane Austen

d) Charles Dickens

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: A.R. Barton is the author of the short story "Going Places." The story was first published in 1976 in the book "The Go-Away Bird and Other Stories." A.R. Barton was an Indian writer who is known for her short stories that depict the lives of ordinary people in India. Her stories often explore the themes of family relationships, social norms, and individual identity. "Going Places" is one of her most popular and widely anthologized stories.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q109) Where do Sophie and Jansie work?**

a) In a boutique shop

b) In a biscuit factory

c) In a football club

d) In a trainee mechanic shop

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Sophie and Jansie work in a biscuit factory. This is mentioned at the beginning of the story when the two teenage girls are on their way back from school and are discussing their future plans. They both talk about how they want to "go places" and not end up working in the biscuit factory like their parents.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q110) What does Sophie dream of becoming?**

a) A football player

b) A fashion designer

c) Boutique owner

d) A chef

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Sophie dreams of becoming a boutique owner and becoming famous like Mary Quaint, a fashion designer. She is lost in her imagination of owning her own boutique and becoming successful in the fashion industry.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q111) Why does Sophie feel choked in the house?**

a) Because of stove’s steam and dirtydishes

b) Because of foul smell

c) Because of smoke

d) Because of no air

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Sophie feels choked in the house because of the foul smell. The story describes Sophie's home as a small, cramped space with no proper ventilation. The kitchen is particularly unpleasant, with the stench of stale food and unwashed dishes lingering in the air. The odour makes Sophie feel suffocated and claustrophobic, and she longs to escape the confines of her home. Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q112) Why does Jansie discourage Sophie's dreams?**

a) Because she doesn't want Sophie to succeed

b) Because she thinks Sophie doesn't have the talent

c) Because it requires a lot of money, which they don't have

d) Because she thinks Sophie should become a football player instead

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Jansie discourages Sophie's dreams of owning a boutique shop because she believes it requires a lot of money, which their family doesn't have. Jansie is a practical and realistic person who thinks Sophie should focus on more attainable goals given their financial situation.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q113) What is Geoff's profession?**

a) He is a trainee mechanic

b) He is a football player

c) He is a fashion designer

d) He is a chef

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Geoff is Sophie's elder brother in the story "Going Places". He is a trainee mechanic and often keeps to himself. Sophie finds his profession interesting and wishes to be a part of it. She shares her secret about meeting Danny Casey with him but he doesn't believe her.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q114) Who does Sophie claim to have met in a boutique?**

a) Danny Casey, a famous footballer

b) Mary Quaint, a famous fashion designer

c) Geoff, her elder brother

d) Jansie, her friend from work

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Sophie claims to have met Danny Casey, a famous footballer, in a boutique. However, when she shares this news with her family, they do not believe her. Her elder brother, Geoff, gives her a chance to prove her story.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q115) What happens when Sophie and her family go to watch a football match?**

a) They get into a fight with the opposing team's fans

b) Their favourite team wins due to a goal made by Danny Casey

c) They get lost on their way to the stadium and miss the match

d) They realize they don't like football after all

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: When Sophie and her family go to watch a football match, they are thrilled to see Danny Casey play. Their favourite team eventually wins the match due to a goal made by Casey, which fills them with happiness and excitement. They celebrate their team's victory and the contribution of their hero, Casey.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q116) What does Sophie do when she goes to a secret place near a canal?**

a) She meets Danny Casey and they fall in love

b) She talks to her imaginary friend

c) She gets lost and can't find her way back

d) She waits for Danny Casey, but he doesn't show up

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: When Sophie goes to a secret place near a canal, she waits for Danny Casey, but he doesn't show up. She realizes that it was just her imagination and she feels sad. However, she still finds herself lost in his dreams when she comes across the Royce's boutique.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q117) What is the speaker's childhood fear?**

a) Flying in airplanes

b) Going through airport security

c) The old age and death of loved ones

d) Being away from home for too long

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The speaker mentions feeling "that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear" upon seeing his mother looking pale and wan, which suggests that his fear is related to the aging and mortality of his loved ones.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q118) In the poem, what does the speaker feel while looking at his/her mother's ashen face?**

a) Fear

b) Happiness

c) Anger

d) Confusion

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the poem, while looking at his/her mother's ashen face, the speaker feels a "familiar ache, my childhood’s fear." This suggests that the speaker is feeling afraid, possibly because he/she is reminded of his/her mother's mortality and the passage of time.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q119) What is the poet's childhood fear?**

a) The fear of aging

b) The fear of losing loved ones

c) The fear of death

d) The fear of flying

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In the poem "My Mother at Sixty-Six," the poet is driving with his mother to the airport and notices that she looks old and tired. He remembers the fear he had as a child of losing her, and the sight of her looking pale and wan brings back that fear. However, instead of expressing his fear, the poet simply smiles and says goodbye to his mother.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q120) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What does the phrase "late winter's moon" suggest?**

a) That the mother is like a moon that is about to disappear

b) That it is a full moon which illuminates the night sky

c) That it is a sign of bad luck

d) That it is a metaphor for the mother's face

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The phrase "late winter's moon" in the poem suggests that the mother's face is pale and wan like a moon that is about to disappear. It is a metaphor used to describe the mother's appearance, which reflects her age and fragility. The use of the word "late" also adds to the sense of melancholy and sadness in the poem, as it suggests that the end of something is near.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q121) What is the tone of the poem?**

a) Happy and joyous

b) Melancholic and nostalgic

c) Angry and bitter

d) Sarcastic and mocking

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The tone of the poem is melancholic and nostalgic. The poet is experiencing a mix of emotions - sadness, nostalgia, and fear - as he watches her mother age before her eyes. The imagery used in the poem, such as the comparison of the mother's face to that of a corpse and the description of her as wan and pale like a late winter's moon, evokes a sense of sadness and loss. The poet's childhood fear of losing his loved ones is also evident throughout the poem. Overall, the tone is one of reflection and melancholy.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**What is the significance of the title "My Mother at Sixty-Six"?**

a) It indicates that the mother is sixty-six years old

b) It implies that the mother is sick

c) It highlights the poet's emotional connection with his mother

d) It is an allusion to a popular Indian song

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The title "My Mother at Sixty-Six" is significant because it not only indicates the mother's age but also highlights the poet's emotional connection with her. The use of "my" in the title emphasizes the personal nature of the poem and suggests that the mother is someone very important to the poet. The title sets the stage for the themes of aging and mortality that are explored throughout the poem.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q123) What is the significance of the last line "all I did was smile and smile and smile"?**

a) It shows that the poet is faking his emotions

b) It highlights the mother's love for her child

c) It suggests that the poet is hiding his true feelings

d) It conveys the idea of the poet's acceptance of his mother's mortality

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The last line "all I did was smile and smile and smile" conveys the idea of the poet's acceptance of his mother's mortality. Despite feeling the old familiar ache and childhood fear upon seeing his mother's ashen face, the poet accepts the inevitability of aging and mortality, and chooses to cherish the moments he has with his mother. The repetition of "smile" suggests a sense of bittersweet acceptance and gratitude.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q124) What does the speaker compare the mother's face to in the poem "My Mother at Sixty-Six"?**

a) A corpse

b) A baby

c) A spring flower

d) A summer fruit

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the poem, the speaker describes her mother's face as "ashen like that of a corpse," emphasizing her frailty and mortality. This comparison highlights the sadness of seeing a loved one grow old and the inevitability of death.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q125) What is the speaker's tone towards the children in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum"?**

a) Hopeful

b) Despairing

c) Compassionate

d) Critical

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The speaker describes the children in a slum school with sympathy and empathy, portraying them as "rootless weeds" who are weighed down by poverty and misfortune. The language used to describe the children is vivid and emotive, highlighting their physical and emotional struggles. The speaker's tone throughout the poem is one of compassion and concern for the children's welfare and future.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q126) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What does the image of the "squirrel's game" in the last line of the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum" suggest?**

a) The child is distracted and unfocused

b) The child has a vivid imagination

c) The child is disconnected from reality

d) The child is happy and carefree

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The image of the squirrel's game suggests that the child's mind is active and engaged in creative play, even in the drab and dreary classroom setting. The child is able to find joy and beauty in the natural world, despite the difficult circumstances of his life. The image is a contrast to the bleakness and despair of the classroom and underscores the resilience and imagination of children in the face of adversity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q127) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What is the effect of the repetition of the phrase "rootless weeds" in the first line of the poem?**

a) It creates a sense of sympathy for the children

b) It suggests that the children are unimportant

c) It highlights the beauty of the natural world

d) It implies that the children are lazy and unmotivated

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The phrase "rootless weeds" suggests that the children are neglected and have no strong foundation or support in their lives. This evokes a feeling of sympathy and compassion for the children and their difficult circumstances. The repetition of the phrase emphasizes the pervasive sense of hopelessness and despair in the slum environment, and underscores the urgent need for change and improvement.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q128) What is the significance of the "tall girl with her weighed-down head" in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum"?**

a) She represents the emotional burden of poverty

b) She is a symbol of physical deformity

c) She is a model student who is focused and attentive

d) She is an insignificant character who is not important to the poem

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The description of the tall girl with her weighed-down head suggests that she is burdened by the difficulties of her life, including poverty and lack of opportunity. The image of her head being weighed down suggests a sense of hopelessness and despair. This character is significant because she represents the emotional struggles of the children in the slum environment and highlights the urgent need for social change and improvement.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q129) What is the meaning of the phrase "twisted bones" in the line "The stunted, unlucky heir / Of twisted bones"?**

a) The child has a physical disability

b) The child comes from a wealthy family

c) The child is a victim of abuse

d) The child is malnourished and has poor health

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The phrase "twisted bones" suggests that the child has a physical deformity or disability that has contributed to their stunted growth. This description emphasizes the physical challenges faced by children in the slum environment and highlights the urgent need for access to medical care and support.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the significance of the "sour cream walls" in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum" by Stephen Spender?**

a) They represent the richness and prosperity of the school.

b) They suggest the unclean and neglected condition of the classroom.

c) They symbolize the cultural and artistic achievements of humanity.

d) They are a metaphor for the sweetness and purity of childhood innocence.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The phrase "sour cream" evokes a sense of decay and sourness, suggesting that the walls are unclean and neglected. This imagery contrasts with the grandeur and sophistication of the other images in the stanza, such as Shakespeare's head and the open-handed map. By contrasting these images, the stanza highlights the contrast between the rich and the poor, and the limited opportunities available to children growing up in poverty.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q130) What is the significance of the phrase "a lead sky" in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum" by Stephen Spender?**

a) It represents the limitless possibilities of the future.

b) It suggests the weight of poverty and hopelessness.

c) It symbolizes the power of imagination and creativity.

d) It reflects the beauty and majesty of nature.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The phrase "a lead sky" suggests a heavy and oppressive atmosphere, which reflects the difficult conditions in which the children in the slum live. The narrow street and the foggy future also suggest a lack of opportunity and a sense of confinement. This imagery highlights the contrast between the world represented by the open-handed map and the limited opportunities available to these children.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q132) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the speaker's attitude towards the depiction of the world in literature and maps in the poem "An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum" by Stephen Spender?**

a) The speaker sees literature and maps as a positive influence on children's lives.

b) The speaker sees literature and maps as a negative influence on children's lives.

c) The speaker is ambivalent about the influence of literature and maps on children's lives.

d) The speaker does not express an opinion about the influence of literature and maps on children's lives.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The phrase "Surely, Shakespeare is wicked, the map a bad example" suggests that the speaker believes that literature and maps can be harmful to the children in the slum. The ships and sun and love depicted on the map may tempt the children to steal and dream of lives that are impossible for them to attain. The speaker's suggestion to "blot their maps with slums as big as doom" implies that he believes that literature and maps should accurately reflect the reality of the children's lives and not present a false or idealized view of the world.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q133) What is the poet's intention behind the lines "let's not speak in any language"?**

a) To create a moment of silence and stillness

b) To exclude certain languages

c) To promote the use of a universal language

d) To challenge the idea of language itself

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The lines "let's not speak in any language" suggest that the poet wants to challenge the idea of language itself. By calling for a moment of silence and stillness where no language is spoken, the poet is inviting us to question the role that language plays in our lives and in our understanding of the world. The poet may be suggesting that language, while a powerful tool, can also be a barrier to true understanding and connection between people.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q134) What is the poet's purpose behind counting to twelve and keeping still?**

a) To show the importance of physical stillness

b) To encourage people to speak in different languages

c) To promote global peace and understanding

d) To observe a moment of silence and reflection

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the given stanza, the poet Pablo Neruda suggests that we should all count to twelve and keep still for a moment, without speaking in any language or moving our arms too much. The purpose of this exercise is to observe a moment of silence and reflection, to stop the usual chaos and noise of our daily lives, and to take a moment to appreciate the present moment.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q135) What is the speaker suggesting in the lines "Fishermen in the cold sea/ would not harm whales"?**

a) That fishermen should stop hunting whales for food or sport

b) That the cold sea is not a suitable environment for hunting whales

c) That whales are not found in the cold sea

d) That fishermen in the cold sea would only hunt smaller fish, not whales

Correct answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The speaker is suggesting that in this "exotic moment" where everyone stops and there are no engines running, even the fishermen in the cold sea would refrain from harming the whales. This implies that the speaker believes that the harm caused to whales is unnecessary and that people should stop hunting them.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q136) What does the speaker NOT want in the poem “Keeping Quiet”?**

a) Total inactivity

b) Victory with no survivors

c) To be confused with death

d) To walk about with brothers in the shade doing nothing

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The speaker clearly states that they do not want victory with no survivors, which is a reference to wars with gas and fire. The speaker also clarifies that they do not want total inactivity, as life is what it is about. The speaker wants to distance themselves from death, indicating a desire to live and be active. Finally, the speaker mentions walking about with brothers, but clarifies that it is not for doing nothing.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q137) According to the poem, what could happen if we were not so single-minded?**

a) We could achieve complete understanding of ourselves

b) We could interrupt our sadness

c) We could stop threatening ourselves with death

d) Both b) and c)

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The poem suggests that our constant focus on keeping our lives moving and our single-mindedness is the cause of our sadness and fear of death. The speaker proposes that a huge silence could interrupt this sadness and fear, leading to a moment of understanding and acceptance of life as it is. In this moment, we could interrupt our sadness and stop threatening ourselves with death.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q138) What is the speaker suggesting in the lines "Perhaps the Earth can teach us / as when everything seems dead / and later proves to be alive"?**

a) That we can learn from the Earth's resilience

b) That the Earth is unpredictable and dangerous

c) That the Earth is a lifeless and barren planet

d) That the speaker is pessimistic about the future of the Earth

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The speaker is suggesting that the Earth's ability to appear dead and then later come back to life can teach us something. This implies that the Earth is resilient and can bounce back from difficult times, and that we can learn from its example.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q139) The poet asks us to keep quiet in order to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

a) Understand ourselves better

b) Experience a moment of exoticism

c) Learn from the Earth

d) Interrupt the sadness of our lives

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the poem, the speaker urges the reader to stop their busy lives and be still for a moment. The purpose of this is to interrupt the constant sadness and confusion that plagues our lives. The speaker believes that a moment of stillness and silence can allow us to experience a different perspective and perhaps even learn from the Earth.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q140) The speaker is suggesting that people should \_\_\_\_.**

a) Stop being so focused on their daily lives

b) Embrace death as a natural part of life

c) Speak out more often to prevent sadness

d) Seek help from others to understand themselves

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The speaker is suggesting that people are too single-minded in their focus on keeping their lives moving and should instead allow for moments of silence and reflection. The sadness mentioned in the poem stems from a lack of understanding of oneself and a fear of death, which could potentially be addressed by interrupting the constant motion of daily life.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q141) What is the poem about?**

a) A dream about a beautiful place

b) The permanence of beauty and its positive effects on humans

c) The fleeting nature of joy and beauty

d) The importance of sleep and dreams in maintaining health

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The poem celebrates the permanence of beauty and its ability to bring joy and positive effects on human life. It suggests that beauty creates a peaceful and restful environment that promotes good health and sweet dreams.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q142) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the poet describing as "a thing of beauty"?**

a) A person

b) A painting

c) A beautiful object

d) Anything that brings joy and happiness

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The phrase "a thing of beauty" is being used in a general sense, to describe anything that is beautiful and brings joy to people. The following lines further explain that such beauty will never fade away and will provide a peaceful and restful haven for those who appreciate it. The poem is not specifically referring to any particular object, person or artwork.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q143) What is the speaker referring to when they say "A flowery band to bind us to the earth" in the poem?**

a) The beauty of nature that connects us to the earth

b) A physical band made of flowers

c) The band of life that connects all living things

d) The band of human emotion and experience

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The phrase "A flowery band to bind us to the earth" refers to the beauty of nature and how it connects us to the earth, despite the difficult and dark times we may face. The speaker is emphasizing the importance of finding beauty in the world around us, even in the midst of despair and hardship.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q144) What is the effect of "some shape of beauty" according to the poem?**

a) It reinforces feelings of sadness and despair

b) It brings light to the darkness and uplifts our spirits

c) It reminds us of the fleeting nature of life

d) It emphasizes the cruelty of the world

Correct answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The poem suggests that despite the challenges and hardships of life, there is still beauty to be found that can alleviate the darkness in our spirits. The phrase "Some shape of beauty moves away the pall / From our dark spirits" implies that beauty has a transformative power that can bring light and joy to our lives, even in the bleakest of circumstances.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q145) What is the main idea of the passage?**

a) The earth is bound by a flowery band.

b) Beauty can alleviate the darkness in our spirits.

c) Noble natures are rare in our world.

d) The world is filled with unhealthy and gloomy days.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The passage describes how despite the despondence and darkness in our world, beauty has the power to move away the darkness and lift our spirits. The flowery band mentioned in the first line is a metaphor for beauty, which binds us to the earth and helps us find meaning and purpose in life.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q146) What is being described in this passage?**

a) The beauty of nature

b) The harshness of the seasons

c) The life cycle of trees and plants

d) The behaviour of simple sheep

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The passage describes various elements of nature, such as the sun, moon, trees, daffodils, and clear rills. The language used in the passage is vivid and descriptive, painting a picture of a world full of beauty and wonder. The sheep are mentioned only briefly and in passing, as beneficiaries of the shade provided by the trees.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q147) What is the function of the trees in this passage?**

a) To provide shade for the sheep

b) To produce oxygen for the environment

c) To create a habitat for birds and other animals

d) To serve as a source of wood for human use

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The passage describes how trees sprout a "shady boon" for "simple sheep", which means they provide shade for the animals. While trees do have many other functions, such as producing oxygen, creating habitats for animals, and serving as a source of wood, these functions are not mentioned in the passage.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q148) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the function of the words "sprouting a shady boon" in the passage?**

a) To describe the growth of trees

b) To create a pleasant image of nature

c) To emphasize the importance of shade for sheep

d) To contrast the young and old trees

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The phrase "sprouting a shady boon" refers to the trees providing shade for the sheep. The word "boon" means a benefit or advantage, and in this case, it refers to the shade being a benefit to the sheep. The passage describes how nature provides for the needs of even the simplest creatures, such as the sheep.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q149) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What is the author's attitude towards the idea of "the grandeur of the dooms we have imagined for the mighty dead"?**

a) Cynical

b) Reverential

c) Dismissive

d) Indifferent

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The phrase "the grandeur of the dooms we have imagined for the mighty dead" suggests a sense of awe or respect for the ways in which humans have imagined and depicted the afterlife. The use of words such as "grandeur" and "mighty" implies a sense of reverence or admiration for these ideas. The author is not dismissive or indifferent towards this concept, but rather expresses a sense of respect for it.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q150) Where did the poet and Endymion live?**

a) in a hut

b) on a hill

c) in a tree house

d) on mount Latmos

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: According to Greek mythology and the poem "Endymion" by John Keats, Endymion was a mortal shepherd and the lover of the moon goddess Selene. It is said that Endymion lived on Mount Latmos in ancient Greece, where he was granted eternal youth and eternal sleep by Selene so that she could visit and gaze upon him every night.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q151) What is the main message conveyed by the poem “A thing of Beauty”?**

a) The beauty of nature can provide comfort and solace in difficult times.

b) The beauty of nature is only superficial and cannot truly heal our spirits.

c) The beauty of nature is overrated and often exaggerated.

d) The beauty of nature is irrelevant to our emotional well-being.

Correct Answer: Option (a).

Explanation: The passage emphasizes the idea that the beauty of nature can provide comfort and solace in difficult times, despite the despondence, inhumanity, and gloom that we may face. The passage mentions various natural elements such as trees, daffodils, clear rills, and musk-rose blooms that bring beauty and respite to our lives. Additionally, the passage mentions "lovely tales" and "an endless fountain of immortal drink" as sources of beauty that inspire and uplift us.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q152) What is the poet's main message in “A Roadside stand”?**

a) The little old house and the new shed are a beautiful addition to the roadside scenery.

b) The roadside stand is a testament to the struggles of small businesses.

c) The passing traffic is indifferent to the plight of the roadside stand.

d) The author is critical of the roadside stand and its appearance.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The passage describes a little old house with a new shed and a roadside stand that appears to be struggling. The author notes that while the passing traffic may momentarily take notice of the stand, they quickly move on without offering any assistance. The passage suggests that the flow of money supports the larger cities and is not directed towards supporting small businesses like the roadside stand. The author's message seems to be critical of the indifference of the passing traffic towards the struggles of small businesses.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q153) What does the author mean when they say "the flower of cities"?**

9a) The natural beauty of the countryside

b) The busy traffic on the roads

c) The bustling economy and culture of urban areas

d) The decay and deterioration of urban areas

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the passage, the author refers to "the flower of cities" as something that is supported by the flow of money from the passing traffic. This phrase is used to describe the thriving culture and economy of urban areas.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q154) What is the tone of the poem ”A Roadside stand”?**

a) Sympathetic

b) Critical

c) Sarcastic

d) Indifferent

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Throughout the passage, the author uses negative adjectives such as "pathetically," "artless," and "marred" to describe the little old house and shed by the roadside stand. The author also suggests that the passing traffic does not pay much attention to the stand and is only concerned with getting to their destination quickly. This critical tone suggests that the author does not have a positive view of the subject matter.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q155) What is the purpose of the little new shed in front of the little old house?**

a) To attract customers to the roadside stand

b) To provide shelter for the flowers and plants

c) To store tools and equipment

d) To provide additional living space

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The passage states that the little new shed is located in front of the little old house by the roadside stand where the traffic sped. The passage also suggests that the roadside stand is there to attract customers and to sell their products in exchange for money. Therefore, the purpose of the little new shed is to attract customers to the roadside stand.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q156) What is the purpose of the roadside stand?**

a) To sell flowers

b) To provide shelter

c) To ask for donations

d) To sell goods and earn money

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The passage mentions that the roadside stand "pathetically pled" for some of the money whose flow supports the cities. This implies that the purpose of the stand is to sell goods and earn money.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q157) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the speaker's opinion on buying goods from the roadside stand?**

a) The speaker thinks that buying goods from the roadside stand is a waste of money.

b) The speaker thinks that buying goods from the roadside stand is a great way to support the local economy.

c) The speaker thinks that buying goods from the roadside stand is harmful to the natural landscape.

d) The speaker has no opinion on buying goods from the roadside stand.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The speaker thinks that buying goods from the roadside stand is a great way to support the local economy. The passage suggests that the speaker believes it is better to use one's money to support the local economy by buying goods from the roadside stand, rather than withholding it out of meanness. The phrase "Or beauty rest in a beautiful mountain scene, You have the money" suggests that the speaker thinks it is worth spending money on goods that are being sold at the roadside stand. The line "Why keep your money (this crossly) and go along" further emphasizes the speaker's belief that buying goods from the roadside stand is a positive thing.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q158) What is being sold at the roadside stand?**

a) Baked goods

b) Handmade crafts

c) Fruits and vegetables

d) Clothing

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The passage mentions "wild berries in wooden quarts" and "crook-necked golden squash with silver warts," which suggests that the roadside stand is selling fresh produce. The phrase "Or beauty rest in a beautiful mountain scene" does not refer to a product being sold, but rather to a visual image that is being described. The passage does not mention baked goods, handmade crafts, or clothing being sold at the roadside stand.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q159) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What does the phrase "N turned wrong and S turned wrong" mean in this passage?**

a) The signs at the roadside stand are poorly made and difficult to read.

b) The signs at the roadside stand are intentionally turned in the wrong direction to confuse potential customers.

c) The signs at the roadside stand are turned in the wrong direction because the stand is difficult to find.

d) The phrase has no significance in the passage.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The phrase "N turned wrong and S turned wrong" suggests that the signs indicating the location of the roadside stand are turned in the wrong direction, making it difficult for potential customers to find the stand. The speaker is essentially saying that despite the difficulty in finding the stand, it is worth making the effort to buy the goods being sold. The passage does not suggest that the signs are poorly made, intentionally misleading, or insignificant.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q160) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What does the speaker hope to achieve by asking for city money at their roadside stand?**

a) To buy more produce to sell at the stand

b) To expand their personal wealth

c) To experience a richer and more fulfilling life

d) To finance their political campaign

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The passage suggests that the speaker believes that having money from the city will allow them to experience a better life, one that is promised by the "moving-pictures." The line "To try if it will not make our being expand" suggests that the speaker believes that having money will allow them to grow and experience more of what life has to offer. The mention of the party in power suggests that the speaker believes that the government has the power to provide people with the means to live a fulfilling life, and that the roadside stand is a way for them to access this power. The passage does not suggest that the speaker is interested in buying more produce, expanding their personal wealth, or financing a political campaign.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q161) What is the significance of the phrase "moving-pictures" in this passage?**

a) It refers to the beauty of the scenery surrounding the roadside stand.

b) It suggests that the roadside stand is located near a movie theatre.

c) It refers to the promises of a better life that are advertised in films.

d) It suggests that the speaker enjoys watching movies.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: "moving-pictures" was commonly used in the early 20th century to refer to films, and in this passage, it is used to suggest that the speaker believes that the promises of a better life shown in films are being kept from them by the party in power. The line "And give us the life of the moving-pictures’ promise" suggests that the speaker is seeking to experience the same kind of excitement, adventure, and prosperity that is depicted in movies. The phrase does not refer to the scenery, the location of the stand, or the speaker's personal enjoyment of movies.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q162) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

**What is the speaker's attitude toward the idea of pitiful kin being gathered into villages?**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the speaker's attitude toward the idea of pitiful kin being gathered into villages?**

a) Enthusiastic

b) Sympathetic

c) Cynical

d) Pessimistic

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The speaker is critical of the idea that pitiful kin will be bought out and gathered into villages where they won't have to think for themselves anymore. The use of the words "mercifully" and "pitiful" suggests that the speaker believes that this idea is patronizing and demeaning to the pitiful kin. The phrase "greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey" further emphasizes the speaker's skepticism about the intentions of those promoting this idea. Finally, the line "And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day, destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way" underscores the speaker's negative opinion of the idea.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).  
Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q163) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What is the speaker's opinion of the "benefits" being enforced on the pitiful kin?**

a) They are necessary for the pitiful kin's well-being.

b) They are helpful but perhaps too controlling.

c) They are pointless and ineffective.

d) They are harmful and destructive.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The phrase "beneficent beasts of prey" suggests that the speaker views those enforcing the benefits as predators who are taking advantage of the pitiful kin. The phrase "calculated to soothe them out of their wits" implies that the benefits are not truly helpful, but rather a form of manipulation that makes the pitiful kin complacent and dependent on those who are enforcing them. Finally, the line "Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way" emphasizes the negative consequences of the benefits, which are disrupting the pitiful kin's natural rhythms and way of life.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q164) What is the poets' opinion towards the passing cars?**

a) They are an annoyance and a source of sadness.

b) They represent hope and possibility.

c) They are a necessary part of life in the countryside.

d) They are a welcome distraction from the speaker's sadness.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The passage describes the poets' longing for a car to stop and inquire about the seller prices, but notes that despite the many cars that pass by, only one stopped, and that was only to turn around. The line "Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass" suggests that the speaker views the cars as self-centred and unconcerned with the needs of those living in the countryside. The line "The sadness that lurks near the open window there" further emphasizes the speaker's feelings of melancholy, which are heightened by the passing cars that do not stop or acknowledge their presence.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q165) What is the sadness that lurks near the open window?**

a) The sound of a stopping car

b) The thought of childish longing in vain

c) The squeal of brakes

d) The passing of selfish cars

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The line "Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear The thought of so much childish longing in vain, The sadness that lurks near the open window there" suggests that the sadness is related to the unfulfilled longing of the speaker, rather than the sounds of passing cars.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q166) What is the main idea or theme of the poem "A Roadside Stand"?**

a) The benefits of living in rural areas

b) The beauty of nature and the countryside

c) The struggle of rural life and the impact of modernization

d) The importance of community and social interaction

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Throughout the poem, the speaker depicts a rural community that is struggling to make a living and maintain their way of life. They are facing the impact of modernization, which includes being bought out and forced to move to villages, as well as being subjected to the control of outside forces that seek to enforce supposed benefits upon them.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q167) What is the main theme of "Aunt Jennifer's Tiger"?**

a) The oppression of women

b) The beauty of art

c) The power of nature

d) The importance of family

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The poem "Aunt Jennifer's Tiger" by Adrienne Rich is a commentary on the oppression of women in a patriarchal society. Aunt Jennifer is depicted as a woman who is struggling with the constraints placed on her by society, and her needlework represents her attempt to escape from this oppression. The tiger is a symbol of the kind of freedom and boldness that she is unable to experience in her own life. The poem highlights the idea that women are often limited in their abilities and opportunities by the societal norms that govern their lives.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q168) What is the primary purpose of Aunt Jennifer's needlework?**

a) To serve as a decorative item in her home

b) To express her artistic talent and creativity

c) To provide her with a sense of control and strength

d) To create a valuable heirloom for her family

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The poem suggests that Aunt Jennifer's needlework serves as a form of escapism and empowerment for her, allowing her to create something strong and enduring in contrast to her own perceived weakness and powerlessness in the face of patriarchal society. The line "The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band / Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand" implies that she feels trapped and confined by the expectations placed on her as a married woman, and her needlework is a means of coping with that oppression.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q169) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**What is the "massive weight" that Jennifer is struggling with?**

a) Her fear of marriage and societal expectations

b) Her fear of tigers

c) Her fear of aging

d) Her fear of financial instability

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The poem explores the themes of gender roles, societal expectations, and personal struggle. Aunt Jennifer is portrayed as a meek and submissive woman who is struggling to find her own identity and voice in a patriarchal society. She expresses her artistic and creative spirit through her needlework, specifically her tapestry of the tiger, which represents her inner strength and freedom. The poem suggests that Aunt Jennifer is confined and oppressed by her marriage, symbolized by the weight of her wedding band. Her fear of the male-dominated world and the expectations placed on her as a wife and woman are palpable, making her needlework a means of escape and empowerment. The tiger in the tapestry symbolizes what Aunt Jennifer longs for but is unable to attain – freedom, power, and fearlessness.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q170) What is the significance of Aunt Jennifer's wedding band?**

a) It symbolizes her love for her husband

b) It represents the oppression she feels in her marriage

c) It is a family heirloom

d) It is a reminder of her youth

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: It symbolizes her love for her husband. The poem states, "The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand." This indicates that Aunt Jennifer is married and wears her wedding band as a symbol of her love for her husband.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q171) What is the meaning of the tigers in Aunt Jennifer's embroidery?**

a) They represent her ideal of a strong, independent woman

b) They are a tribute to her deceased husband who loved tigers

c) They are a symbol of the patriarchal society that oppresses her

d) They are simply a decorative motif with no deeper meaning

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: They represent her ideal of a strong, independent woman. In the poem, Aunt Jennifer is depicted as being weak and oppressed, while the tigers are described as "proud and unafraid". The tigers represent Aunt Jennifer's desire to be strong and independent, and her embroidery is a way for her to express this desire.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q172) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the title of the story "The third Level" referring to?**

a) The third level of a building

b) The third level of a train station

c) The third level of consciousness

d) The third level of a game

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: "The third level" in the title of the story refers to the third level of the Grand Central Station in New York City. This level was a real-life train platform where the commuter trains heading to the suburbs of New York City would depart. However, in the story, the third level takes on a metaphorical significance, as it becomes a symbol of a different reality, a place of escape from the mundane and ordinary world of the protagonist, Charley.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q173) Who is the Charley of the story?**

a) Mr. Galloway

b) Dr. Freud

c) Charley

d) Jack Finney

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Narrator is the Charley of the story "The Third Level". "The Third Level" is a short story by Jack Finney, set in the Grand Central Station in New York City. It tells the story of Charley, an accountant who discovers a third level in the station that takes him to a different reality. The story explores the themes of the illusion of reality, the power of imagination, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q174) What is Charley's profession?**

a) Psychologist

b) Accountant

c) Lawyer

d) Writer

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Charley's profession is that of an accountant. The story mentions that he worked for a firm located in the Chrysler Building in New York City, and he often commuted to work from his home in Westchester County.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q175) What is the significance of the third level according to Charley?**

a) It's a portal to another world

b) It's a place where one can escape reality

c) It's a place where time stands still

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: According to Charley, the third level is significant in multiple ways. It is a portal to another world, a place where one can escape reality, and a place where time stands still. For Charley, the third level represents a possibility of a different life, one that is more exciting and fulfilling than his current one. The story suggests that the third level is a symbol of the human desire for adventure, the pursuit of happiness, and the yearning for a life that is different from the one we lead.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q176) What does Charley find in his pocket after returning from the third level?**

a) A train ticket

b) A coin from a different era

c) A note from his future self

d) A message from Dr. Freud

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: After returning from the third level, Charley finds a 1894 copper penny in his pocket. The penny is a tangible evidence of Charley's journey to the past, suggesting that his experience in the third level was not just a figment of his imagination but a real, tangible experience. The penny serves as a symbol of hope, that there is more to life than what meets the eye and that there is a possibility of a better future.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q177) What is the mood of the story "The third Level"?**

a) Romantic

b) Mysterious

c) Humorous

d) Tragic

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The mood of the story "The Third Level" is mysterious. The story revolves around the discovery of a hidden and mysterious third level in the Grand Central Station. The story raises questions about the nature of reality, time, and identity. The story's tone is often eerie and mysterious, especially when Charley explores the third level and discovers its secrets. The story's mysterious mood adds to its overall sense of adventure and wonder.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q178) Where is the third level located?**

a) In a basement

b) In the attic

c) In the station

d) In a museum

Correct Answer: option (c)

Explanation: The third level is located in the Grand Central Station in New York City. It is a hidden and mysterious level that few people know about, and it is accessed through a set of stairs that lead up from the main concourse.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q179) Who is the author of the story "The third Level"?**

a) Edgar Allan Poe

b) William Faulkner

c) John Steinbeck

d) Jack Finney

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The author of the story "The Third Level" is Jack Finney. He was an American author known for his science fiction and fantasy novels and short stories. "The Third Level" is one of his most famous short stories and has been widely anthologized and adapted for television and film.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What is the theme of the story "The third Level"?**

a) The illusion of reality

b) The power of imagination

c) The pursuit of happiness

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: "The Third Level" has multiple themes, including the illusion of reality, the power of imagination, and the pursuit of happiness. The story suggests that reality is not always what it seems and that there may be hidden levels of existence that we are unaware of. It also explores the idea that imagination can be a powerful tool for coping with reality and that it can open up new possibilities for happiness and fulfilment. Finally, the story suggests that the pursuit of happiness is a universal human desire and that we are all searching for a life that is more fulfilling and rewarding.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q181) What did the Charley do after discovering the third level?**

a) He went to see a psychiatrist

b) He told his wife

c) He kept it a secret

d) He wrote a book about it

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the story, Charley, the main character, discovers a third level in the Grand Central Terminal that appears to transport him to a different time period. After discovering this level, Charley becomes obsessed with it and eventually seeks the help of a psychiatrist to deal with his belief that he has travelled back in time.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q182) According to the psychiatrist, what does the third level represent?**

a) A place of danger

b) A place of adventure

c) A waking dream wish fulfilment

d) A place of horror

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The psychiatrist suggests to Charley that the third level represents a "waking dream wish fulfilment." The psychiatrist explains that Charley has become so disillusioned with his own time period that he has created a fantasy in which he can escape to a simpler, happier time. The third level represents Charley's desire to escape from his own reality and live in a different time period.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q183) Why does the Charley's wife become upset when the psychiatrist says he is unhappy?**

a) She thinks he is lying

b) She thinks he is depressed

c) She thinks the psychiatrist is wrong

d) She thinks the protagonist should be happy

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Charley's wife becomes upset when the psychiatrist suggests that Charley is unhappy with his own time period. She believes that Charley is happy with his life and that the psychiatrist is wrong to suggest otherwise. Charley's wife does not believe that he is disillusioned with his own time period or that he has created a fantasy about a third level that transports him to a different time.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q184) What does the protagonist believe about his desire to escape?**

a) He is the only one who wants to escape

b) Everyone he knows wants to escape

c) No one wants to escape

d) His desire to escape is a sign of mental illness

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Charley believes that everyone he knows wants to escape from their own reality. He thinks that people are unhappy with their own time period and that they long for a simpler, happier time. Charley's desire to escape is not a sign of mental illness to him, but rather a natural human longing for something better.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q185) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What did the Charley want to buy at the ticket window?**

a) Two tickets to New York City

b) Two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois

c) Two tickets to a random destination

d) Two first-class tickets to Europe

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Charley walks up to the ticket windows at Grand Central and asks for two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois. He then mentions how he had enough money for two coach tickets, but when he counts out the money, the clerk stares at him and tells him that his money is not acceptable. The narrator mentions that the bills he has are old-style bills, which are different from the ones used in the current time. So, he turns away quickly from the ticket window and leaves, as he does not want to get into any trouble.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q186) What was the Charley's impression of Galesburg, Illinois in 1894?**

a) It was a terrible place with no charm

b) It was a crowded city with a lot of pollution

c) It was a beautiful town with big old houses, large lawns, and huge trees

d) It was a boring place with nothing to do

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Galesburg, Illinois was a "wonderful town still, with big old frame houses, huge lawns, and tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets." The author seems to have a positive impression of the town.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q187) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**Why did the ticket clerk stare at the Charley when he counted out the money?**

a) Because the Charley was wearing a fancy hatband

b) Because the Charley wanted to buy tickets for a strange destination

c) Because the Charley's money was different-looking

d) Because the Charley was acting suspiciously

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The Charley counted out the fare for the train tickets in old-style bills that were larger and different-looking than the bills in circulation in the present day. The ticket clerk was not familiar with this type of money, which is why he stared at the Charley when he counted out the bills. The clerk suspected that the Charley might be trying to cheat him, but the Charley quickly realized that the clerk would not accept his old-style money and left before any trouble could arise.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q188) What was the Maharaja's vow?**

a) To kill 100 tigers.

b) To become the best hunter in the kingdom.

c) To capture a live tiger.

d) To protect the tigers in his kingdom.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The passage states that the Maharaja had made a vow to kill 100 tigers, and he had already killed 99 of them. This was the reason he was out hunting for his hundredth tiger when he encountered the tiger that would ultimately lead to his downfall.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q189) How did the hunters react when they realized the tiger was not dead?**

a) They reported the truth to the Maharaja.

b) They decided to shoot the tiger again.

c) They left the tiger alone and fled the area.

d) They left the decision to the Maharaja.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The hunters realized that the tiger was not dead after taking a closer look at it, and decided to shoot the tiger again to make sure it was dead. They did not want the Maharaja to find out that he had missed his target, which could have put their jobs at risk.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q190) What did the Maharaja give his son on his third birthday?**

a) A wooden tiger.

b) A real tiger.

c) A toy elephant.

d) A toy car.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: On the third birthday of his son, the Maharaja gave him a wooden tiger, which he had purchased from a toy shop in Pratibandapuram. The wooden tiger was rough and poorly crafted by an unskilled carpenter, but the Maharaja considered it a perfect gift for his son. The toy was inexpensive, costing only two annas and a quarter, but the shopkeeper tried to overcharge the Maharaja by quoting an extremely high price of three hundred rupees.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q191) Why did the shopkeeper quote a high price for the wooden tiger?**

a) He knew it was a rare and valuable toy.

b) He wanted to trick the Maharaja into overpaying.

c) He was afraid of being punished under the rules of the Emergency.

d) He didn't want to sell the toy at such a low price.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The shopkeeper quoted a high price for the wooden tiger because he knew that if he quoted a low price to the Maharaja, he could be punished under the rules of the Emergency. The Maharaja was a powerful figure, and the Emergency likely gave him even more authority to punish those who violated the law. So, the shopkeeper inflated the price to avoid any potential repercussions.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q192) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What happened to the Maharaja's hand after playing with the wooden tiger?**

a) He cut it on a sharp edge of the toy.

b) He was bitten by a real tiger.

c) A sliver of wood pierced his hand.

d) He contracted an infection from the toy.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: After searching for a suitable gift for his son's birthday, the Maharaja bought a wooden tiger from a toy shop. During their playtime, a sliver of wood from the toy pierced the Maharaja's right hand. Although he removed it with his left hand, his hand became infected, and within four days, it developed into a suppurating sore that spread all over his arm. Despite the efforts of three famous surgeons brought in from Madras, the Maharaja died due to the infection caused by the splinter of wood.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q193) What was the outcome of the operation performed on the Maharaja's hand?**

a) He made a full recovery.

b) He died during the operation.

c) His hand had to be amputated.

d) The surgeons were unable to perform the operation.

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The outcome of the operation performed on the Maharaja's hand was that he died during the operation. The infection in his hand had spread and become so severe that the surgeons were unable to save him. When the surgeons came out of the theatre, they announced that the operation was successful, but the Maharaja had died. This was a tragic end to the story, as the Tiger King had met his demise at the hands of a wooden toy tiger that he had given to his son as a gift.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q194) What did the Maharaja do with the dead tiger?**

a) He had it buried in a tomb.

b) He left it in the forest for other animals to eat.

c) He had it stuffed and mounted on a wall.

d) He donated it to a local zoo.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: After the Tiger King killed the tiger, he had it stuffed and mounted on a wall in his palace as a trophy. The narrator describes it as a "magnificent tiger skin" that was displayed in the palace. This further shows the Tiger King's obsession with hunting and his desire to display his conquests as a symbol of power and prestige.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q195) Q1- Who is the author of The Tiger King?**

a) Ramaswamy Aiyer Krishnamurthy

b) Charles Dickens

c) Kamala Das

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: "The Tiger King" is one of his famous short stories, which is included in his collection of short stories called "Ponniyin Selvan" (The Son of Ponni). Krishnamurthy was a well-known Tamil writer and journalist who lived from 1899 to 1954. He was a prolific writer who authored more than 120 books, including novels, short stories, and essays, and was a pioneer of modern Tamil literature. Krishnamurthy used his writings to criticize social and political issues prevalent in his time and to promote nationalism. His works have had a significant impact on Tamil literature and continue to be widely read and appreciated today.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q196) Why did the Maharaja go to the shopping centre in Pratibandapuram?**

a) To buy a gift for his son’s birthday

b) To buy a new car

c) To find a new hunting ground

d) To meet with his advisor

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The Maharaja went to the shopping centre in Pratibandapuram to buy a gift for his son's third birthday. He had promised his son a real tiger as a gift and wanted to find one for him. However, when he couldn't find a real tiger, he bought a wooden toy tiger instead.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q197) What did the astrologer state would happen if the king killed his 100th tiger?**

a) The king would become very wealthy

b) The king would become very powerful

c) The king would die

d) The king would become famous

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The astrologer had predicted that if the Maharaja killed 100 tigers, he would die soon after. This prediction is what prompted the Maharaja to take a vow to capture a live tiger instead of killing one.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q198) Which of the following shows the false ego and arrogance of the king in the story "The Tiger King"?**

a) The Maharaja's vow to kill 100 tigers to prove his hunting prowess

b) The Maharaja's decision to name his son "Prince of Tigers"

c) The Maharaja's refusal to believe that the tiger he shot was not dead

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the story "The Tiger King", the false ego and arrogance of the king are shown in several ways. One example is how he insists on killing 100 tigers, despite the astrologer's warning that he would die if he did so. The king also believes that he is the greatest hunter in the world and even orders his hunters to shoot a tiger that is already dead to make it look like he killed it. Additionally, the king's obsession with tigers and his desire to possess a live tiger as a gift for his son's third birthday demonstrate his arrogance and disregard for the welfare of animals. Overall, the story highlights the negative consequences of unchecked power and pride.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q199) Why did the king gift a ring to the British officer's wife in the story "The Tiger King"?**

a) To impress the British officer

b) As a token of gratitude for the officer's help in hunting tigers

c) To seek the officer's favour and support

d) To showcase his wealth and power to the British

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story "The Tiger King", the Maharaja gifted a ring to the British officer's wife to please her and win her support for his hunting expeditions. The Maharaja believed that winning the support of the British would give him more power and influence in his kingdom. Additionally, he was trying to impress the British officers and showcase his wealth and generosity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q200) Why was the king so anxious to kill his 100th tiger?**

a) To prove his bravery and skill as a hunter

b) To protect the people of his kingdom from the tiger population

c) To gain favour with the British authorities

d) To fulfil the prediction of the astrologer

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The king was anxious to kill his 100th tiger because the astrologer had predicted that the king would die after killing 100 tigers. However, the king believed that he could prove the astrologer wrong and avoid his own death by killing his 100th tiger. The king's ego and desire for fame and glory also played a role in his obsession with killing the 100th tiger.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q201) The theme of the story "The Tiger King" by Kalki is:**

a) The dangers of pride and arrogance

b) The importance of hunting for sport

c) The role of superstition in society

d) The benefits of wildlife conservation

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The theme of the story "The Tiger King" includes the dangers of pride and arrogance, the consequences of blindly following tradition and superstition, and the corrupting influence of power. It also highlights the importance of self-reflection and questioning the beliefs and values one inherits from their culture and society.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q202) When did the separation of Gondwana into countries begin?**

a) When humans first arrived on the global scene

b) During the age of the dinosaurs

c) During the age of the mammals

d) During the age of the reptiles

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Gondwana was a supercontinent that existed in the Southern Hemisphere and began to break apart around 180 million years ago during the Jurassic period, which was part of the age of the dinosaurs. The separation process continued into the Cretaceous period and was completed around 80 million years ago.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q203) How did the separation of Gondwana shape the globe?**

a) It had no significant impact on the globe's shape

b) It created the world's oceans

c) It caused the Earth's landmasses to drift apart

d) It caused the extinction of many species

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The author mentions that the separation of Gondwana into countries shaped the globe much as we know it today by causing the landmasses to drift apart and so separation didn’t show any impact.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q204) Why is the Antarctica the right place to understand the past, present and future?**

a) Because half million-year-old carbon records are trapped in its layers of ice.

b) Because of layers of ice

c) Because of cold

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Antarctica is considered an important place to understand the past, present, and future due to the ice sheets that cover much of the continent. These ice sheets have accumulated over hundreds of thousands of years and contain records of the Earth's climate and atmosphere, including carbon records that are up to half a million years old. Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q205) What was the main feeling of wonder that the author experienced upon arriving in Antarctica?**

a) Wonder at its immensity

b) Wonder at its isolation

c) Wonder at its former climate and biodiversity

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The author mentions feeling wonder at the immensity and isolation of Antarctica, as well as how there could have ever been a time when India and Antarctica were part of the same landmass. They also express wonder at the former climate and biodiversity of the continent.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q206) What is the author's main message in “Journey to the end of the Earth”**

a) Antarctica is a fascinating place to visit because of its geological history and unique ecosystem.

b) Climate change is a serious issue that could have catastrophic effects on the planet.

c) The Students on Ice program is an important educational opportunity for young people.

d) Humans have had a negative impact on the environment and need to take action to address this.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The author discusses the geological history and unique ecosystem of Antarctica, but the main message of the passage is that humans have had a negative impact on the environment and need to take action to address this. The author notes that human civilizations have been around for a relatively short time, but have managed to create environmental problems through population growth and burning of fossil fuels. The author also discusses the potential impacts of climate change, and notes that Antarctica is an important place to study the Earth's past, present, and future. Finally, the author discusses the Students on Ice program as a way to educate young people about the importance of protecting the environment.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q207) Which of the following is NOT a reason why visiting Antarctica is significant?**

a) To understand the significance of Cordilleran folds and pre-Cambrian granite shields

b) To grasp where we’ve come from and where we could possibly be heading

c) To experience the warm and sunny weather of the austral summer

d) To learn about topics such as ozone and carbon, evolution and extinction

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Antarctica is significant in the context of Earth's geological history because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped in its layers of ice, making it the place to study and examine the Earth's past, present and future. It is the only place in the world which has never sustained a human population and therefore remains relatively 'pristine' in this respect. Additionally, visiting Antarctica allows one to understand the significance of Cordilleran folds and pre-Cambrian granite shields; ozone and carbon; evolution and extinction.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q208) What is the significance of studying the ecosystem in Antarctica?**

a) To learn about the warm and sunny weather

b) To understand the significance of geological formations

c) To study the impact of small changes on the environment

d) To observe the rich biodiversity of the region

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Antarctica's ecosystem is an important area of study because it provides insights into how the environment responds to small changes, which can have a significant impact on the planet as a whole. Understanding the ecosystem of Antarctica can help researchers better comprehend the ecological balance of the Earth, and how it is affected by changes such as global warming and human activity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q209) What is the significance of phytoplankton in the Southern Ocean?**

a) They provide food for marine animals and birds

b) They are responsible for the depletion of the ozone layer

c) They are a threat to the global carbon cycle

d) They are an indicator of global warming

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Phytoplankton are important organisms in the Southern Ocean because they serve as a primary food source for many marine animals and birds. They are also responsible for producing up to 50% of the oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere. Monitoring phytoplankton populations in the Southern Ocean can help researchers understand changes in the marine ecosystem and how it may be impacted by factors such as climate change.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q210) What is the author's perspective on the importance of taking care of small things?**

a) It has no relevance to the bigger picture

b) It is essential for the balance of the planet

c) It is a waste of time and resources

d) It has no impact on the environment

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The author believes that taking care of small things is essential for the balance of the planet. Small changes in the environment can have significant impacts on the entire ecosystem, so it is important to pay attention to the details and take steps to mitigate negative impacts. This can include things like reducing plastic waste, supporting sustainable practices, and protecting biodiversity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q211) What is the author's main concern about the future of Antarctica?**

a) The potential loss of biodiversity

b) The return of warm weather to the region

c) The depletion of the ozone layer

d) The extinction of human life

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The author's main concern about the future of Antarctica is the return of warm weather to the region. As the Earth's climate changes, Antarctica may become warmer and more hospitable to human activity. This could lead to increased tourism, resource extraction, and other activities that could have negative impacts on the environment. The author believes that it is important to protect Antarctica's unique ecosystem and prevent human activity from causing irreparable harm.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q212) Who is the narrator of "The Enemy"?**

a) Dr. Sadao

b) Hana

c) Mrs. Nakamura

d) Captain

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In "The Enemy," the narrator is Dr. Sadao Hoki, a Japanese doctor who lives with his family in a house overlooking the sea. He is the one who discovers the wounded American soldier on the beach and decides to help him, despite the fact that Japan and the United States are at war with each other. The story is told from Dr. Sadao's point of view, as he grapples with the ethical dilemma of helping an enemy soldier while also trying to protect himself and his family from potential repercussions.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q213) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**TYPE: Audio**

**What did Dr. Sadao discover on the beach?**

a) A dead body

b) A wounded soldier

c) A treasure chest

d) A message in a bottle

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In "The Enemy," Dr. Sadao is taking a walk on the beach early in the morning when he notices something moving in the water. He goes closer and realizes that it is a wounded American soldier who had washed ashore. Dr. Sadao is initially shocked and afraid, but he quickly realizes that he has a duty to help the wounded soldier, regardless of the fact that he is an enemy. Dr. Sadao brings the soldier to his house and, with the help of his wife and his assistant, begins to treat his injuries.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q214) What did Dr. Sadao decide to do with the wounded soldier?**

a) Turn him over to the authorities

b) Leave him on the beach to die

c) Help him and treat his wounds

d) Give him food and water and leave him to fend for himself

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In "The Enemy," Dr. Sadao decides to help the wounded soldier and treat his wounds. Despite the fact that Japan and the United States are at war with each other and that the soldier is an enemy, Dr. Sadao feels that he has a moral obligation to help someone who is in need of medical attention. He brings the soldier to his house and, with the help of his wife and his assistant, provides medical treatment for the soldier. Dr. Sadao knows that there could be serious consequences if he is caught harboring an enemy soldier, but he decides that he cannot turn his back on someone who is in need of help, regardless of his nationality.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q215) Who helps Dr. Sadao in treating the wounded soldier?**

a) Hana

b) Mrs. Nakamura

c) The Captain

d) His assistant

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: His assistant. In "The Enemy," Dr. Sadao's assistant helps him in treating the wounded soldier. Hana is Dr. Sadao's wife and she is also involved in taking care of the soldier, but she does not have medical expertise.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q216) What does the wounded soldier reveal about himself to Dr. Sadao?**

a) He is an American soldier

b) He is a Japanese soldier

c) He is a spy

d) He is a civilian caught in the war

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In "The Enemy," the wounded soldier who is discovered by Dr. Sadao is an American soldier. After he is brought to Dr. Sadao's house and treated for his injuries, the soldier reveals his identity to Dr. Sadao. He explains that he was on a mission to gather information about Japanese troop movements when he was shot down and washed ashore.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q217) Why does Dr. Sadao want to help the wounded soldier?**

a) Because it is his duty as a doctor to save lives

b) Because he believes in humanity and compassion

c) Because he wants to prove his loyalty to his country

d) Because he wants to earn money by selling information to the enemy

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Dr. Sadao wants to help the wounded soldier in "The Enemy" because he believes in humanity and compassion. Despite the fact that the soldier is an enemy of Japan and that helping him could put Dr. Sadao and his family in danger, Dr. Sadao cannot turn his back on someone who is in need of medical attention. As a doctor, Dr. Sadao has taken an oath to save lives and alleviate suffering, regardless of who the patient is.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q218) How does Dr. Sadao plan to get rid of the wounded soldier without alerting the authorities?**

a) By sneaking him out of the house at night

b) By giving him false papers and helping him escape

c) By pretending to kill him and disposing of his body

d) By letting him stay in the house until he recovers fully

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: After treating the soldier, Dr. Sadao realizes that he cannot keep him in his house indefinitely and that he must find a way to get him out of the country without alerting the authorities. Dr. Sadao decides to give the soldier false papers and help him escape to a neutral country, where he can be safe.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q219) What is the reaction of Dr. Sadao's servant when she finds out about the wounded soldier?**

a) She is shocked and angry

b) She is scared and wants to leave

c) She is sympathetic and agrees to help

d) She is indifferent and doesn't care

Correct Answer: option (b)

Explanation: In "The Enemy," Dr. Sadao plans to get rid of the wounded soldier without alerting the authorities by giving him false papers and helping him escape. Dr. Sadao knows that if the authorities find out that he is harbouring an enemy soldier, both he and the soldier could be in serious trouble.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q220) What does the wounded soldier do when he realizes that he is being helped by a Japanese doctor?**

a) He expresses his gratitude and thanks Dr. Sadao

b) He tries to escape and get back to his army

c) He becomes violent and attacks Dr. Sadao

d) He pretends to be unconscious and doesn't speak

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: When the wounded soldier realizes that he is being helped by a Japanese doctor in "The Enemy," he tries to escape and get back to his army. At first, the soldier is hesitant to reveal his true identity to Dr. Sadao, as he knows that he is an enemy soldier and that being captured could mean death. However, once he does reveal his identity to Dr. Sadao, the soldier becomes anxious and restless, as he knows that he needs to get back to his own army as soon as possible. He tries to escape from Dr. Sadao's house several times and even makes a makeshift weapon to defend himself. However, Dr. Sadao and his family manage to calm him down and convince him to stay until his wounds have fully healed.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q221) What is the main theme of "The Enemy"?**

a) The horrors of war

b) The importance of patriotism

c) The power of compassion and humanity

d) The need for revenge

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: "The Enemy" is a story that highlights the power of compassion and humanity. It explores the relationship between Dr. Sadao, a Japanese doctor, and a wounded American soldier whom he finds on the beach. Dr. Sadao's decision to help the soldier, despite his nationality and the potential danger he poses, reflects his belief in the importance of compassion and humanity above national loyalty or military duty. The story contrasts Dr. Sadao's compassion with the harsh realities of war and nationalism, showing that even in times of conflict, we can choose to act with kindness and empathy, and that these qualities have the power to transform ourselves and the world around us.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q222) What is the tradition that Jack had been following with his daughter Jo?**

a) Watching movies every evening before going to bed

b) Reading books every evening before going to bed

c) Telling stories every evening before going to bed and on Saturday afternoons during Jo’s nap time

d) Playing games every evening before going to bed

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The tradition that Jack had been following with his daughter Jo was telling stories every evening before going to bed and on Saturday afternoons during Jo’s nap time. This tradition involves spending quality time with his daughter, engaging her imagination and creativity, and creating a routine that provides comfort and consistency for Jo. By telling stories, Jack not only entertains Jo but also helps her develop important language and listening skills. Additionally, this tradition helps strengthen their bond and create cherished memories that they will both treasure for years to come.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q223) What was the basic plot of the stories that Jack used to tell Jo?**

a) They used to revolve around a character named Roger who used to have a problem and seek help from the wizard

b) They used to revolve around a character named Skunk who used to have a problem and seek help from the wizard

c) They used to revolve around a character named Owl who used to have a problem and seek help from the wizard

d) They used to revolve around a character named Wizard who used to have a problem and seek help from the animals

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The basic plot of the stories that Jack used to tell Jo was that they revolved around a character named Roger who used to have a problem and seek help from the wizard. In each story, Roger would encounter a problem or challenge, and the wizard would provide him with a magical solution to overcome it. These stories were likely designed to teach Jo important lessons about problem-solving, resourcefulness, and the power of imagination. They may have also helped Jo develop her own problem-solving skills and encourage her to think creatively when faced with challenges in her own life.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q224) What did the skunk want to smell like after seeking help from the wizard?**

a) Cheese

b) Chocolate

c) Roses

d) Perfume

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story, Jack tells his daughter Jo a story about Roger skunk who was a very stinky animal and none of his friends liked to play with him because of his smell. When Roger went to the wise owl to seek help, he was sent to the wizard. The wizard then asked Roger how he wanted to smell after helping him to solve his problem. Roger replied that he wanted to smell like roses. With the wizard’s magic, he started smelling like roses. This suggests that Roger the skunk wanted to have a pleasant fragrance like that of roses instead of his natural stinky smell.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q225) What did Jo want to happen in the next story her father would tell her?**

a) The wizard should hit mommy back and refuse to change the skunk’s smell

b) The skunk should run away from home

c) Roger should become a wizard

d) The owl should have a problem and seek help from the skunk

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy?", Jo expresses her displeasure with the way Roger Skunk's mother forced him to smell foul again after the wizard had magically made him smell like roses. She tells her father that she wants the wizard to hit mommy back and refuse to change the skunk's smell again. So, option a) is the correct answer.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q226) - Who is the author of the lesson “Should wizard hit mommy”?**

a) John Updike

b) John Donne

c) William Blake

d) John Williams

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The author of the lesson is John Updike. "Should Wizard Hit Mommy?" is a short story written by him that explores the theme of family relationships and the tensions that can arise within a family. The story follows a father named Jack who tells his daughter Jo a story every day before bed. However, Jack has run out of ideas and is struggling to come up with new stories. Jo asks for a story about a skunk, and Jack tells a story in which a wizard changes the skunk's smell. However, Jo does not like the way the story ends, and she asks if the wizard could hit the mommy instead of changing the skunk's smell back.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q227) - What is this story about?**

a) Worldview of a little girl and her curious questions to her father

b) Worldview of children

c) World of wizards

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The story is about a father and daughter's daily routine of storytelling and their interactions, specifically about a particular story the father tells his daughter about Roger skunk, which she requests during her nap time. While the story revolves around Roger skunk and his adventures, it also touches upon themes of self-acceptance, parental love, and marital issues.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q228) Which of the following options describes how the wizard helped Roger Skunk in the story told by Jack to his daughter Jo?**

a) by using magic wand

b) by chanting

c) by helping him get rid of foul smell

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story, Roger Skunk had a problem that none of his friends liked to play with him because of his foul smell. So, he went to the wise owl who directed him to the wizard for help. The wizard used his magic to help Roger Skunk get rid of his foul smell and make him smell like roses, which solved his problem. However, he asked Roger Skunk to pay him more pennies than he had, and instructed him to go to the magic well to fetch the required pennies. So, the wizard did not directly help him with a magic wand or by chanting, but rather by providing a solution to his problem and using his magic to change his smell.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q229) What question did the Wizard ask Roger Skunk?**

a) What did he desire?

b) What did he hunger for?

c) What scent did he wish to emit?

d) None of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story, the Wizard asked Roger Skunk what scent he wanted to emit as he had the power to change Roger's odour. Roger Skunk had earlier expressed his desire to smell like a rose, and so the Wizard used his magic to grant his wish and change his scent to that of a rose.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c)

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q230- According to Jo, what was the advantage of Roger Skunk having a new smell?**

a) Why was Jo now able to tolerate Roger Skunk?

b) Why was Jo now able to spend time with Roger Skunk?

c) Why did people want to be friends with Roger Skunk now?

d) All of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story, Jo expresses that the advantage of Roger Skunk having a new smell was that people wanted to be friends with him now. Previously, his foul smell had made him an outcast among his animal friends, but now that he smelled like roses, they were willing to spend time with him. This suggests that appearance or smell can play a significant role in social interactions and relationships.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q231) What is the reason behind Roger's mother not wanting him to smell like a rose according to the story?**

a) Because of her personal preference

b) Because of her allergy to the scent

c) Because she believes that being a skunk, he should have a bad odour

d) None of the above

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: In the story "The Story of Little Black Sambo," Roger Skunk's mother is a skunk and believes that skunks are supposed to have a bad odour. She does not want her son to smell like a rose because it goes against their natural skunk odour.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q232) Answer the following question with reference to the audio.**

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**Who is the author of the story "On the Face of It"?**

a) R.K. Narayan

b) Rudyard Kipling

c) Susan Hill

d) Susan Sontag

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: "On the Face of It" is a short story by the British author Susan Hill, who is known for her works of fiction, non-fiction, and children's literature. The story was first published in 1971 and is often studied in schools as part of the English literature curriculum.

The story revolves around the unlikely friendship between two characters, Derry, a young boy who is disfigured due to an accident, and Mr. Lamb, an elderly man who is also physically disabled. The story explores the themes of loneliness, friendship, and the importance of looking beyond appearances.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q233) What is the name of the boy who is the main character in the story?**

a) Derry

b) Mr. Lamb

c) Andy

d) Timothyexplain

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The boy who is the main character in the story "On the Face of It" is named Derry. He is a young boy who has a disfigured face due to an accident. He lives in a village and is often isolated from other children because of his appearance. The story follows his encounter with an old man named Mr. Lamb, who helps him see himself and his situation in a different light. Through their conversation, Derry learns about acceptance and how to find happiness in life, despite his physical differences.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q234) What does the boy see when he looks in the mirror?**

a) A scar

b) A birthmark

c) A black eye

d) A missing tooth

Correct Answer: Option (a).

Explanation: In the story "On the Face of It," the main character, a boy named Derry, sees a scar on his face when he looks in the mirror. The scar is a visible reminder of the injury he sustained that left half of his face disfigured. The scar serves as a constant reminder of the incident and the way that people react to him because of his appearance. It also affects his own self-image and how he sees himself. The scar is a symbol of the emotional and psychological wounds that Derry carries with him, as well as the physical ones.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q235) Who is Mr. Lamb?**

a) a young man

b) a middleaged man

c) an old man

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (c).

Explanation: Mr. Lamb is a middle-aged man who is described as "a solitary and rather grim person" in the story "On the Face of It." He is a gardener who spends most of his time tending to his garden, and he lives alone in a cottage on the outskirts of the village. When the boy enters Mr. Lamb's garden, Mr. Lamb is initially cautious and suspicious, but he eventually develops a close bond with the boy and becomes an important figure in his life.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q236) What were Derry and Mr. Lamb victims of?**

a) vision impairment

b) Physical impairment

c) war

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: There is no mention in the story "On the Face of It" that either Derry or Mr. Lamb were victims of vision impairment or war. They both had physical impairments - Derry had a facial disfigurement and Mr. Lamb had a missing leg.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q237) How does Mr. Lamb keep himself busy?**

a) by reading books

b) by chatting with people

c) by pulling down the ripe crab apples of his garden

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Mr. Lamb keeps himself busy by engaging in these activities. He is a voracious reader and spends a lot of his time reading books. He also enjoys talking to people and engaging in conversations. In addition, he spends time in his garden, picking the ripe crab apples and tending to his plants.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q238) Why did children call Mr. Lamb Lamey Lamb?**

a) because he stopped them from taking apples

b) he is rude

c) they didn’t like him

d) because of his broken leg in a bomb explosion

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the story "On the Face of It", Mr. Lamb's leg was injured in a bomb explosion during World War II. As a result of the injury, he walks with a limp and is often in pain. The children in the neighbourhood make fun of him by calling him "Lamey Lamb" because of his disability. This shows how people can be insensitive and cruel towards those who are different from them. Despite the children's teasing, Mr. Lamb continues to live his life with dignity and kindness, as seen in his interactions with Derry.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q239) Why didn’t Mr. Lamb feel hurt by chidren’s comments?**

a) because he thought that it suits him

b) he loves children

c) he enjoys

d) he want them to play in his garden

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Mr. Lamb didn't feel hurt by children's comments because he had accepted his physical disability and had a positive attitude towards it. He felt that being called "Lamey Lamb" was a suitable nickname for him, given his physical impairment. He didn't take the children's comments as an insult and instead chose to embrace his identity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q240) Why did Derry’s mother stop him to stay with Mr. Lamb?**

a) because he was not well

b) because he would scold him

c) because he talked too much

d) because she didn’t want him to stay with a stranger

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Derry's mother was concerned about her son staying with a stranger whom she did not know well. She wanted to ensure his safety and well-being, so she hesitated to let him stay with Mr. Lamb. It is common for parents to be cautious about their children staying with strangers, particularly when they are young and vulnerable.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q241) Why did Derry share his fear with Mr. Lamb?**

a) because he had a garden

b) because he was old

c) because he understood him and was friendly

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Derry shared his fear of being different and getting bullied with Mr. Lamb because he felt that Mr. Lamb could understand him and was a friendly person who would listen to him.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q242) How did Mr. Lamb help Derry?**

a) by giving him apples

b) by talking to him

c) by helping his mother

d) by giving him a positive outlook towards life

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Mr. Lamb helped Derry by giving him a positive outlook towards life. Derry was insecure about his physical appearance, and he was afraid that he would never make any friends because of it. Mr. Lamb understood Derry's fears and insecurities and tried to make him see that there was more to life than just physical appearance. He encouraged Derry to focus on his strengths and not to worry about what others might think of him. Mr. Lamb also shared his own experiences and wisdom with Derry, which helped him gain confidence and self-esteem. Additionally, Mr. Lamb's kindness and friendship helped Derry feel less alone and more connected to the world around him.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q243) Why did Mr. Lamb call Derry blessed?**

a) because except a burnt face he had a perfectly healthy body

b) because he had a mother

c) because he had friends

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Mr. Lamb called Derry blessed because despite his disfigurement, he had a perfectly healthy body, a loving mother, and friends who cared for him. Mr. Lamb recognized that Derry had much to be grateful for in his life and encouraged him to focus on his blessings rather than his hardships.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q244) Which story did Mr. Lamb narrate to Derry?**

a) Cindrella

b) The snowman

c) The Dwarfman

d) the beauty of the beast

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Mr. Lamb and Derry discuss the concept of beauty and how it is related to other aspects of life. Derry initially comments that the other things mentioned by Mr. Lamb were non-living, and Mr. Lamb responds by saying that all things are related to each other. He gives an example of how beauty is related to ugliness, just like the story of the beauty and the beast.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q245) Why even inspite of physical disability Mr. Lamb did not feel lonely?**

a) because he was busy

b) because he had a garden

c) he had servants

d) because he never let himself to be alone and keep himself busy

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The reason why Mr. Lamb did not feel lonely even with a physical disability was not because he was busy or had servants, but because he never let himself be alone and kept himself busy. He found happiness in the beauty of the world around him, such as his garden, and appreciated the small moments of joy in his daily life. He also enjoyed talking to Derry and sharing his stories and wisdom with him. Mr. Lamb believed that life was full of beauty and wonder, and he chose to focus on those things rather than his physical limitations.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q246) Why did Evan decide to take the O level exam?**

a) to keep his hat on his head

b) to study

c) to add to his academics

d) to plan an escape from the prison

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Evan decided to take the O level exam to plan an escape from the prison. He had been sentenced to 20 years in prison for a robbery that he claimed he did not commit. Evan was a skilled safecracker and he came up with a plan to escape from prison. He discovered that the exam hall was located near a window and he realized that he could use this opportunity to his advantage. He learned that if he could score high enough in the O level exam, he would be transferred to a lower-security prison, which would increase his chances of escape.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q247) Why was Evans called ‘Evans the break?**

a) because of his pleasing personality

b) because he keeps hat on his head

c) for escaping from prison thrice

d) All of these

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Evans was called 'Evans the break' because he had escaped from prison three times before. He was known for his ability to plan and execute successful escapes from prison. Despite being caught and brought back to prison each time, he never gave up on his attempts to escape. His reputation for being an escape artist earned him the nickname 'Evans the break'.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).  
Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q248) Why did Evans drape a blanket around his shoulder?**

a) to conceal his efforts of changing dress to look like MCleery

b) because he was feeling cold

c) to hide himself from the police

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Evans draped a blanket around his shoulder to conceal his efforts of changing his clothes and looking like McCleery. He was trying to create a disguise for himself so that he could escape from the prison by impersonating McCleery. The blanket would hide the changes he made to his clothes, such as cutting off the trouser legs and sewing up the bottom of the shirt. He hoped that the blanket would also hide his face from the guards as he made his way out of the prison.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q249) What two purposes did the correction slip serve?**

a) to give correct name of hotel to Evans and exact date and time of exam to Evans

b) to help Evan escape

c) to inform Evan Gang his plan of escape

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The correction slip was sent by the Oxford Examining Board to inform Evans of the correct details of his O-level examination, which he was planning to take under the assumed identity of a fellow prisoner, James McLeery. The slip provided Evans with the correct name of the hotel where the examination would be held, as well as the exact date and time of the exam.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q250) How did Evan escape from the jail?**

a) by jumping the wall

b) by befooling the watchman

c) his friend Prison officer released him

d) all

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Evan is a prisoner who is given the opportunity to take an O-level exam in order to gain early release. He devises a plan to escape from prison during the exam.

Evan's plan involves a combination of options a) and b). He jumps over the wall of the prison using a rope ladder that has been smuggled into his cell. He then befools the watchman by leaving a mannequin dressed in his prison uniform in his bed to make it appear as if he is still there.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q251) What is Norman Colin Dexter known for?**

a) for his writings

b) for his poems

c) for his plays

d) for his Inspector Morse series of novels

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Norman Colin Dexter was an English crime writer known for his Inspector Morse series of novels. His first novel, "Last Bus to Woodstock," was published in 1975, and he went on to write 13 more Inspector Morse novels. The series was adapted into a popular television series starring John Thaw as Morse. Dexter's writing style was characterized by intricate plots, attention to detail, and a focus on character development.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q252) Why couldn’t Stephens identify Evans’ trick?**

a) because he was not trained

b) he was a new recruit

c) he was not experienced

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Stephens was a new recruit and had only been working in the prison for a few weeks. He had not been trained to recognize the prisoners or their tricks, which is why he could not identify Evan's trick of impersonating McLeery to escape from the prison.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q253) Whom did Stephen actually catch?**

a) Mcleerey

b) Evans

c) a thief

d) All

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Stephen actually caught Evans, who was pretending to be McLeery. Evans had changed his appearance to look like McLeery by cutting his hair and using a blanket to disguise himself as an injured man. Stephen was not able to recognize Evans as he was a new recruit and lacked experience. Evans was able to fool everyone including the guards, prison officers, and Stephen by carrying out a well-planned and executed escape plan.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q254) How was the governor able to locate Evans?**

a) by putting together 6 figures

b) by decoding

c) with the help of Ordnance survey map of oxfordshire

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Governor received a coded message from Evans asking for help, and he was able to decipher the message by putting together six figures that were included in the message. Once he decoded the message, the Governor used an Ordnance Survey map of Oxfordshire to determine Evans's location, which was a prison called HMP Blackwell. The Governor then devised a plan to help Evans escape from the prison.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q255) From where did they find the name of the hotel where Evan was staying?**

a) from the police

b) from the people

c) secret agent

d) from the correction slip

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The name of the hotel where Evan was staying was found from the correction slip. When Evans was initially arrested, he had a correction slip in his pocket that had the name of the hotel where he was staying. The slip was discovered during a search by the prison authorities, and it helped the Governor and his team locate Evans and plan his escape.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q256) Why did Evans clip his hair short?**

a) to aid his escape plan and to pass off as Mc Leery later

b) he was feeling hot

c) to give modern look

d) to give a young look

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Evans clipped his hair short to aid his escape plan and to pass off as McLeery later. He wanted to create a disguise that would help him blend in with the prison staff, so he cut his hair short and dyed it grey to make himself look older. By doing so, he was able to impersonate the prison's education officer, McLeery, and gain access to the governor's office, which helped him in his escape plan.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q257) How did the first call mislead the governor?**

a) by demanding prison van for a remand case where as it was needed for Evan’s escape

b) by giving wrong information

c) by calling him to CM office

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The first phone call was made by Evans to the governor's office. In this call, Evans pretended to be a police officer and requested a prison van for a "remand case." This misled the governor into thinking that a prisoner was being transferred to another location for legal reasons. However, in reality, Evans had planned to use the van for his own escape. This misdirection helped Evans to conceal his true intentions and avoid arousing suspicion from the governor.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q258) What was there in the small brown suitcase that Mcleery carried?**

a) sealed question papers

b) yellow invigilation form

c) special authentication card

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the chapter "Evan Tries O-Level" by Colin Dexter, the small brown suitcase that McLeery carried contained sealed question papers and a yellow invigilation form. These documents were necessary for the upcoming exam that was being held for the prisoners. The special authentication card was not mentioned in the story.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q259) What information did the governor receive from the detective Superintendent?**

a) Mcleery had spotted Evan

b) Ean was seen near Elsfield way

c) chased Evan but lost him

d) All these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The information that the governor received from the detective Superintendent was that McLeery had spotted Evan near the prison chapel, and that he had also been seen near Elsfield Way. The detective Superintendent had chased Evan but had lost him. This information was critical for the governor, as it helped him to piece together the details of Evan's escape and gave him a better chance of catching him.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q260) What did the Governor tell the Secretary of the examination Board?**

a) Evan is a pleasing person

b) can imitate stars and was star of Christmas concert

c) was kleptomaniac

d) both b) and c)

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Governor did not tell the Secretary of the examination Board that Evan was a kleptomaniac. Instead, he told the Secretary that Evan was a pleasing person who had a talent for imitating stars and had been the star of the Christmas concert. The Governor's purpose in telling the Secretary these details was to give him a better sense of Evan's character and help him to understand why he might have attempted to escape. This information was also useful in helping the Secretary to identify Evan if he was caught or spotted outside the prison.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q261) How can we say that Evan could not get through the O Level German examination?**

a) he is unable to understand even simple expression like Gutten Gluck

b) he didn’t study

c) didn’t attend any class

d) was behind the bars

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: We can say that Evan could not get through the O Level German examination because he was unable to understand even simple expressions like "Gutten Gluck". This is evident from the fact that when the real McLeery, who was a German teacher, began speaking to Evan in German, Evan was unable to understand him and tried to bluff his way through the conversation. This suggests that Evan had not studied German and did not have the knowledge necessary to pass the examination. Additionally, Evan's situation of being behind bars and not being able to attend classes would have also made it difficult for him to prepare for the examination.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q262) Who is the author of the lesson Memories of childhood?**

a) Zitkala-Sa and Bama

b) Emily Brontë

c) Charles Dickens

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Zitkala-Sa is the author of the lesson "Memories of Childhood." She was a Native American writer, musician, and activist of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She was born in 1876 in South Dakota, in the Yankton Sioux Reservation. In "Memories of Childhood," Zitkala-Sa recounts her experiences of growing up on the reservation, attending a government boarding school, and the cultural clashes she faced as a Native American trying to assimilate into white American society. The lesson is a powerful autobiographical account that sheds light on the cultural and social challenges faced by Native Americans during this time period.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q263) What does the story present?**

a) An autobiography of the author

b) An autobiography of a man

c) An autobiographical episode from the lives of two women

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The story "Memories of Childhood" presents an autobiographical episode from the life of the author, Zitkala-Sa. It portrays her experiences as a Native American child attending a government-run boarding school, where she had to face cultural suppression and assimilation attempts. The story also highlights the struggle of Native American children who were forced to leave their families and were subjected to harsh conditions at such schools.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Easy

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q264) What are the names of the two women?**

a) Zitkala Sa a Native American and Bama Tamilian Dalit

b) Zitkala and Sa

c) Ba and Ma

d) Annan and Bama

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The lesson "Memories of Childhood" is an autobiographical account of Zitkala Sa, a Native American woman who was taken to a boarding school as a child, where she was taught to assimilate into American culture.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Remember

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**Q265) What advice did Annan give to Bama?**

a) to go away from the place

b) to leave the house

c) to study hard and progress to rise above all shackels of indignity

d) All

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: Annan advises Bama to study hard and rise above all shackles of indignity. He encourages her to pursue her studies and excel in academics to make a better life for herself. He tells her that education is the key to success and that she should never give up on her dreams, no matter how difficult the circumstances may be.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q266) What did Zitkala Sa find?**

a) discrimination against native American culture and women

b) her dignity was in danger

c) women were in danger

d) all these

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Zitkala Sa found discrimination against Native American culture and women in the boarding school she attended. The school was designed to assimilate Native American children into white American culture, and part of that process involved suppressing Native American culture and forcing the children to adopt white American values and ways of living. This included cutting their hair, which had great cultural significance for many Native American tribes, as well as forcing them to wear tight, immodest clothing. Zitkala Sa felt that this suppression of her culture and forced assimilation was a violation of her dignity as a Native American woman.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q267) What did the cutting of long hair of Zitkala Sa symbolise in the lesson?**

a) subjection to the rulers

b) her wish to dominate

c) her wish to get justice

d) her wish to look modern

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The cutting of Zitkala Sa's long hair symbolizes her subjection to the rulers and the assimilationist policies of the boarding school. The school authorities believed that the Native American students needed to abandon their traditional ways and adopt the ways of the dominant white culture. Cutting off her hair was a way to symbolize the forced abandonment of her Native American identity and culture.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q268) What is the meaning of childhood memories?**

a) memories with a child

b) memories of the times spent with a child

c) memories of olden times

d) memories formed during childhood period

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: "Childhood memories" refers to memories or experiences that a person has from their childhood. These memories are often considered significant and influential in shaping a person's identity and personality. Childhood memories may include a wide range of experiences such as family traditions, special occasions, personal achievements, or hardships faced. These memories may be positive or negative, and can have a lasting impact on a person's life. Writing about childhood memories can be a way for individuals to reflect on their past and gain insight into who they are today.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q269) What did Zitkala Sa feel when her long hair was cut?**

a) oppression and victimization

b) happy and delidhted

c) relaxed

d) None

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Zitkala Sa felt oppressed and victimized when her long hair was cut. She saw her long hair as an important symbol of her Native American identity and culture, and the cutting of her hair was a symbol of the forced assimilation of Native American children into white American culture. This experience was traumatic for her and she describes feeling humiliated and depressed afterwards.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q270) What was Bama victim of?**

a) gender prejudice

b) violence

c) child abuse

d) caste system

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Bama was a victim of the caste system. She belonged to a lower caste and faced discrimination and oppression because of her caste. She and her family were denied basic human rights and were forced to live in extreme poverty. Her experiences of caste-based discrimination and oppression are a central theme of her autobiographical work "Karukku." Through her work, Bama sheds light on the deep-seated caste-based discrimination and oppression that still exists in Indian society.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q271) What did Annan tell Bama?**

a) Education is the only way to break the chains of caste system

b) running away is the only way out to solve the problem

c) keeping quiet is the only way to solve the issue

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Annan told Bama that education is the only way to break the chains of caste system. He encouraged her to study hard and progress in life so that she could rise above all the shackles of indignity and discrimination associated with her lower caste status.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q272) What did Zitkala mean by Eating By Formula?**

a) Set pattern of sitting

b) set pattern of standing in lines

c) set pattern of rules

d) set pattern of eating decorum

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: "Eating By Formula" refers to the strict and structured rules of behaviour that were enforced at the boarding school Zitkala Sa attended, including the way in which students were required to eat. The students were expected to adhere to a particular pattern of behaviour, rather than being allowed to eat in a more natural or intuitive way.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q273) Why did Zitkala not like her hair cut?**

a) because her mother told her that mourners and cowards keep such hair.

b) she liked long hair

c) she wanted different style

d) she didn’t like anyone to touch her hair

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Zitkala did not like her hair cut because she associated the cutting of her hair with mourning and cowardice, as her mother had told her that only mourners and cowards keep such short hair. The cutting of her hair was also a symbol of her subjugation to the American culture and its rules, which sought to erase her Native American identity and replace it with an American one. Furthermore, her hair was an important part of her identity and cutting it off without her consent was a violation of her autonomy and dignity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q274) Who told Bama that untouchability is a crime?**

a) her mother

b) Zitkala and Sa

c) her sister

d) Her brother Annan

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the lesson "My Brother", Annan talks to Bama about the injustice of untouchability and how education is the key to breaking the cycle of discrimination. He tells her that untouchability is a crime and that everyone should be treated equally regardless of their caste or social status.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q275) What comic incident did Bama mention to her brother?**

a) a man bringing vadas for his landlord by holding the vada packet by a string.

b) a man bringing vadas in a basket

c) a man bringing vadas in a tiffin

d) all these

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In the lesson "We Too Are Human Beings", Bama mentions a comic incident to her brother Annan. She narrated the incident in which a man was bringing vadas (a type of Indian snack) to his landlord by holding the vada packet by a string. Bama found this incident funny and comical.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q276) Why did Zitkala find Eating by formula a hard trial?**

a) because of her inability to follow the bell taps

b) because of too many rules

c) because of restrictions

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Zitkala found Eating by formula a hard trial because of too many rules. The system was very strict, and it didn't allow any deviation from the established pattern. For example, students were required to sit in a certain way, follow a certain dress code, and eat according to a strict timetable, among other things. The bell taps were used to signal different parts of the meal, and students were expected to follow them precisely. This made it difficult for Zitkala, who was used to a more relaxed and natural way of eating.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q277) What attracted Bama in the street?**

a) monkeys

b) the cyclist

c) Pongal offerings

d) all these

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the lesson, Bama mentions that she was attracted to the sights and sounds of the street when she went out to run errands. She was fascinated by the monkeys she saw on the roadside, the cyclist who was carrying a huge pile of things on his bike, and the Pongal offerings being sold on the street. She also saw people of different castes and communities interacting with each other, which made her feel a sense of belonging and unity. The street offered her a sense of freedom and adventure, which she didn't experience in her restricted life at home.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q278) Why did Zitkala feel oppressed in her new establishment?**

a) because of indignities shown to her

b) because she didn’t like the place

c) she wanted to be with her mother

d) none

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Zitkala Sa felt oppressed in her new establishment because of the indignities shown to her. She was forced to conform to the rules and regulations of the boarding school, which went against her cultural beliefs and traditions. She was also subjected to harsh punishment and discipline for not following the rules, which made her feel like she was being oppressed. Furthermore, she was separated from her family and was not allowed to speak her native language or practice her cultural traditions, which made her feel like she was losing her identity.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q279) "I felt like sinking to the floors" why did Zitkala feel so?**

a) because her blanket was stripped off from her shoulders and she felt uncomfortable

b) because she didn’t like her short hair

c) because she didn’t like her dress

d) because she felt cold

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The statement "I felt like sinking to the floors" refers to Zitkala's feeling of humiliation and helplessness when her long hair was cut off against her will as per the boarding school's rules. This event symbolized the school's attempt to assimilate Native American students into the dominant American culture and strip them of their identity, culture, and traditions. Zitkala's long hair held cultural significance, and its cutting was a symbol of subjugation and forced assimilation, which made her feel powerless and defeated.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q280) Why did the Landlord’s man ask Bama’s brother on which street did they live?**

a) to know his class

b) to know his background

c) to know his work

d) to know his caste

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: In the caste system prevalent in India, people from the lower castes were often considered untouchable, and their presence or proximity to people from higher castes was seen as impure. The landlord's man may have been trying to ascertain Bama's brother's caste based on his address.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q281) How did Bama earn respect of the people of higher class?**

a) by shopping

b) by spending money

c) by studying hard and earning first position in her class

d) all these

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: Bama earned the respect of people of higher class by excelling in her studies and becoming the first in her class. This made them realize that she was capable of achieving great things and that her caste did not define her abilities or intelligence.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c)

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Analyze

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**Q282) Read the passage and answer.**

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system, located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Australia. It is home to thousands of species of marine life, including fish, turtles, and sharks, and is a popular destination for scuba divers and snorkelers. However, the reef is currently facing many threats, including rising ocean temperatures, pollution, and damage from boats and fishing.

Q: Where is the Great Barrier Reef located?

a) Pacific Ocean

b) Atlantic Ocean

c) Indian Ocean

d) Coral Sea (off the coast of Australia)

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Great Barrier Reef is located in the Coral Sea, off the coast of Australia, which makes option d) the correct answer. It is the world's largest coral reef system, spanning over 2,300 kilometres (1,400 miles) along the north-eastern coast of Australia, and is a unique and important ecosystem that supports a diverse range of marine.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q283) Read the passage and answer.**

The internet has revolutionized the way people communicate and access information. With just a few clicks, one can connect with friends and family on the other side of the world, watch live events, and learn about any topic imaginable. However, the internet also poses many risks, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, and exposure to inappropriate content.

Q: What is one benefit of the internet?

a) It poses many risks and dangers

b) It has revolutionized the way people access information

c) It is only accessible in certain parts of the world

d) It is primarily used for business purposes

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The passage highlights how the internet has changed the way people communicate and access information, making it easier to connect with others and learn about various topics. This implies that one of the benefits of the internet is its ability to provide easy access to information, which was not possible before its invention. The other options are incorrect, as the passage explicitly mentions the risks and dangers associated with the internet, and that it is accessible globally and not just in certain parts of the world. Additionally, while the internet is used for business purposes, that is not the primary focus of the passage.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- Hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q284) Read the passage and answer.**

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice

MCQ:

What is the main idea expressed in this passage?

a) Single men with money are arrogant and difficult to please

b) Single men with money are desirable and sought after by women

c) Single men with money are often unhappy and in need of companionship

d) Single men with money are viewed with suspicion and envy by others

Answer:

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In this famous opening sentence from Jane Austen's novel, the narrator presents a widely held belief about the desirability of wealthy bachelors in the society of the time. The main idea of the passage is that single men who are financially well off are viewed as highly eligible partners by many women, who are often seeking to secure their own financial and social futures through marriage. The passage also suggests that this view is held not just by women, but by society as a whole, and that it is seen as a natural and inevitable aspect of the social order.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q285) Read the passage and answer.**

The human brain is a complex organ responsible for regulating many bodily functions and behaviours. It is divided into several regions, each with specific functions. The frontal lobe, for example, is responsible for decision-making and problem-solving, while the temporal lobe is involved in memory and language processing. The brain is also responsible for producing thoughts, emotions, and perceptions, and is the seat of consciousness.

Q: What is the function of the frontal lobe?

a) Memory and language processing

b) Regulating bodily functions

c) Decision-making and problem-solving

d) Producing thoughts, emotions, and perceptions

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The frontal lobe is one of the four main regions of the cerebral cortex, and it is located at the front of the brain. It is responsible for a variety of functions related to cognition and behaviour, including executive functioning, attention, motivation, and social behaviour.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c)

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q286) Read the passage and answer.**

"In the beginning the Universe was created.

This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move."

**What is the main idea expressed in this passage?**

a) The creation of the universe was a cause for celebration and wonder

b) The creation of the universe was a catastrophic event that angered many people

c) The creation of the universe is a mystery that humans will never fully understand

d) The creation of the universe is a scientific fact that can be explained through observation and experimentation

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In this humorous passage from Douglas Adams' classic novel, the narrator suggests that the creation of the universe was not universally celebrated, but rather caused a lot of anger and frustration among those affected by it. The passage is meant to be a satirical commentary on human attitudes towards the unknown and the unexpected, and pokes fun at our tendency to react negatively to events that we cannot control or understand. The main idea of the passage is that the creation of the universe, like many other events in life, can be both awe-inspiring and terrifying at the same time.Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q287) Read the passage and answer.**

"Cry, the beloved country, for the unborn child that is the inheritor of our fear. Let him not love the earth too deeply. Let him not laugh too gladly when the water runs through his fingers, nor stand too silent when the setting sun makes red the veld with fire. Let him not be too moved when the birds of his land are singing, nor give too much of his heart to a mountain or a valley. For fear will rob him if he gives too much."

**What is the narrator's message about fear in this passage?**

a) Fear should be ignored and overcome in order to fully experience life

b) Fear should be embraced and celebrated as a natural part of life

c) Fear should be acknowledged and respected in order to protect oneself from harm

d) Fear should be avoided at all costs in order to live a happy and fulfilling life

Correct Answer: Option (c).

Explanation: In this passage, Jane Austen is describing the character of Mr. Darcy, specifically his reserved and haughty demeanour. She uses the metaphor of a nobleman to describe him, suggesting that he carries himself like someone who is of high social standing and importance. She also notes that he has a tendency to be judgmental and dismissive of others, particularly those who he deems to be beneath him in social status. Overall, the passage paints a picture of a proud and aloof man who is not particularly approachable or friendly. Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q288) Read the passage and answer.**

The Higgs boson, also known as the "God particle," is a subatomic particle that was first proposed in the 1960s by physicist Peter Higgs. It is believed to be responsible for giving particles mass and is a crucial part of the Standard Model of particle physics. The Higgs boson was finally discovered in 2012 at the Large Hadron Collider (LHc) in Switzerland, after decades of searching.

**Multiple Choice Question:**

**What is the Higgs boson?**

a) A subatomic particle that was first discovered in the 1960s by physicist Peter Higgs.

b) A particle that is responsible for giving particles their mass.

c) A crucial part of the Standard Model of particle physics.

d) All of the above.

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The Higgs boson is a subatomic particle that was first proposed in the 1960s by physicist Peter Higgs. It is believed to be responsible for giving particles mass and is a crucial part of the Standard Model of particle physics. The Higgs boson was finally discovered in 2012 at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) in Switzerland, after decades of searching.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- Medium

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q289) Read the passage and answer.**

Black holes are regions of space-time where gravity is so strong that nothing, not even light, can escape. They are formed by the collapse of massive stars, and their existence was first predicted by Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity. Despite being invisible, black holes can be detected by observing their effects on nearby matter, such as stars and gas.

**How are black holes detected?**

a) By observing their effects on nearby matter, such as stars and gas.

b) By using advanced telescopes to capture images of the black hole itself.

c) By measuring the gravitational waves they emit.

d) By detecting the radiation they emit as they consume nearby matter.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Since black holes are invisible, it is not possible to directly observe them with telescopes or other instruments. However, their powerful gravitational fields can affect the behavior of nearby matter, causing stars and gas to orbit them in a characteristic way. By observing these effects, scientists can infer the presence of a black hole and study its properties. While advanced telescopes and techniques such as gravitational wave detection have been used to study black holes indirectly, these methods still rely on observing their effects on nearby matter rather than directly detecting the black hole itself.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q290) Read the passage and answer.**

Quantum entanglement is a phenomenon in quantum mechanics where two particles become linked in such a way that the properties of one particle are correlated with the properties of the other particle, even when they are separated by large distances. This means that if the properties of one particle are measured, it can instantaneously affect the properties of the other particle, regardless of the distance between them. This effect has been confirmed by numerous experiments and is a fundamental part of quantum mechanics.

**What is quantum entanglement?**

a) A phenomenon in classical mechanics where two particles become linked in such a way that the properties of one particle are correlated with the properties of the other particle, even when they are separated by large distances.

b) A phenomenon in quantum mechanics where two particles become linked in such a way that the properties of one particle are correlated with the properties of the other particle, even when they are separated by large distances.

c) A theory that explains how particles interact with each other at the quantum level.

d) An effect caused by the interaction of particles with the Higgs field.

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: Quantum entanglement is a unique and puzzling phenomenon in quantum mechanics that allows particles to become "entangled" in such a way that their properties become correlated, even when they are separated by large distances. This effect has been observed and confirmed by numerous experiments and is a fundamental part of quantum mechanics.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q291) Read the passage and answer.**

"I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o'er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd,

A host, of golden daffodils;

Beside the lake, beneath the trees,

Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

**What is the main idea expressed in this passage?**

a) The speaker is lost and alone in a desolate landscape

b) The speaker is delighted by the beauty of nature and the unexpected sight of a field of daffodils

c) The speaker is troubled by the fleeting nature of happiness and the impermanence of life

d) The speaker is in a reflective mood and contemplating the mysteries of the universe

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In this famous poem by William Wordsworth, the speaker describes a moment of sudden and unexpected joy when he comes across a field of daffodils while out walking. The main idea of the passage is that the speaker is moved by the beauty of nature and the experience of seeing something unexpected and delightful. The imagery of the daffodils "fluttering and dancing in the breeze" creates a sense of movement and energy that adds to the sense of wonder and joy in the scene. The passage reflects Wordsworth's belief in the power of nature to uplift the human spirit and inspire feelings of happiness and wonder.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q292) Read the passage and answer.**

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife."

**What is the main idea expressed in this passage?**

a) Single men with money are arrogant and difficult to please

b) Single men with money are desirable and sought after by women

c) Single men with money are often unhappy and in need of companionship

d) Single men with money are viewed with suspicion and envy by others

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In this famous opening sentence from Jane Austen's novel, the narrator presents a widely held belief about the desirability of wealthy bachelors in the society of the time. The main idea of the passage is that single men who are financially well off are viewed as highly eligible partners by many women, who are often seeking to secure their own financial and social futures through marriage. The passage also suggests that this view is held not just by women, but by society as a whole, and that it is seen as a natural and inevitable aspect of the social order.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b)

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q293) Read the passage and answer.**

"Two households, both alike in dignity,

In fair Verona, where we lay our scene,

From ancient grudge break to new mutiny,

Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean.

From forth the fatal loins of these two foes

A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life,

Whose misadventured piteous overthrows

Doth with their death bury their parents' strife."

**What is the cause of the feud between the two families?**

a) A dispute over land ownership

b) A disagreement over religious beliefs

c) An ancient grudge

d) A political power struggle

Correct Answer: Option (c)

Explanation: The cause of the feud between the two families mentioned in the passage is "An ancient grudge." This is explicitly mentioned in the first line of the passage: "Two households, both alike in dignity, In fair Verona, where we lay our scene, From ancient grudge break to new mutiny." The passage is from William Shakespeare's play "Romeo and Juliet," and the feud between the Montague and Capulet families is a central theme of the play.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q294) Read the passage and answer.**

"The fearful passage of their death-marked love,

And the continuance of their parents' rage,

Which, but their children's end, naught could remove,

Is now the two hours' traffic of our stage;

The which if you with patient ears attend,

What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend."

**What does Shakespeare urge the audience to do in the final lines of the passage?**

a) Pay close attention to the story of Romeo and Juliet

b) Leave the theatre if they find the story too tragic

c) Disregard any inaccuracies in the performance

d) Applaud loudly at the end of the play

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The final lines of the passage are: "The which if you with patient ears attend, What here shall miss, our toil shall strive to mend." Shakespeare is urging the audience to pay close attention to the story of Romeo and Juliet. He wants them to listen carefully, with "patient ears," so that they do not miss anything important. He also promises that if they do miss something, the actors will do their best to make up for it ("our toil shall strive to mend"). In this way, Shakespeare is asking the audience to actively engage with the play, and to be open to its message.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q295) Read the passage and answer.**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way."

**What are some of the contrasting ideas presented in this passage?**

a) Wisdom and ignorance

b) Hope and despair

c) Light and darkness

d) All of the above

Correct Answer: Option (d)

Explanation: The passage begins with the contrasting phrases "the best of times" and "the worst of times," and goes on to present a series of other dichotomies, including wisdom and foolishness, belief and incredulity, and light and darkness. The final two pairs of opposing ideas are "the spring of hope" and "the winter of despair," and "we had everything before us" and "we had nothing before us." By presenting these contrasting ideas, Dickens highlights the complexity and contradictions of life during the French Revolution, and suggests that this tumultuous time was characterized by both moments of great optimism and moments of deep despair.

Thus, the correct answer is option (d).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q296) Read the passage and answer.**

"Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show."

**What is the narrator's uncertainty about in this passage?**

a) Whether he will be a hero in his own life

b) Whether he will be a villain in his own life

c) Whether he will be a bystander in his own life

d) Whether he will have any impact on his own life

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: In this passage, the narrator is expressing uncertainty about whether he will be the hero of his own life or whether that role will be filled by someone else. The phrase "these pages must show" implies that the answer to this question will be revealed through the events that the narrator goes on to describe in his memoir. This passage comes from the opening lines of Charles Dickens' novel David Copperfield, and it sets the stage for the novel's exploration of identity, self-discovery, and personal agency. The narrator's uncertainty about his own role in his life suggests that he is searching for meaning and purpose, and that he recognizes the importance of taking control of his own destiny.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q297) Read the passage and answer.**

"I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will, which I now exert to leave you."

**What does the speaker assert about herself in this passage?**

a) She is a bird who has been caught in a net

b) She is a human being with an independent will

c) She is a slave who is seeking freedom

d) She is a victim of circumstance and cannot control her own fate

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: The speaker is asserting her own agency and independence. By saying "I am no bird; and no net ensnares me," she is rejecting the idea that she can be trapped or controlled by anyone else. Instead, she asserts that she is a "free human being with an independent will" and that she is using that will to leave her current situation.

Thus, the correct answer is option (c)

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q298) Read the passage and answer.**

"I could not help it: the restlessness was in my nature; it agitated me to pain sometimes."

Charlotte Bronte, Jane Eyre

**What is the speaker's attitude towards her restlessness in this passage?**

a) She sees it as a positive trait that helps her to achieve her goals

b) She sees it as a negative trait that causes her pain

c) She is indifferent to it and does not give it much thought

d) She believes that it is something that she can control with effort

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: In this passage from Charlotte Bronte's novel Jane Eyre, the speaker is reflecting on her own restless nature and how it sometimes causes her pain. The use of the word "agitated" suggests that this restlessness is not a positive or productive trait, but rather something that disturbs her peace of mind and causes her discomfort. The phrase "I could not help it" implies that this restlessness is something that she cannot control or suppress, further emphasizing the negative aspect of the trait. Overall, the passage suggests that the speaker has a somewhat ambivalent attitude towards her own restlessness, recognizing it as an inherent part of her nature but also acknowledging the difficulties it can cause.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q299) Read the passage and answer.**

"Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."

**What does the author mean when he says "every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way"?**

a) Unhappy families are all alike in their misery

b) Unhappy families have unique problems and conflicts that make them unhappy

c) All families are unhappy in some way or another

d) Happiness is impossible to achieve in any family

Correct Answer: Option (b)

Explanation: Tolstoy suggests that happy families tend to have similar characteristics, while unhappy families are more complex and unique in their problems and conflicts. This idea is developed throughout the novel as the various characters struggle with personal and interpersonal issues that impact their happiness and relationships.

Thus, the correct answer is option (b).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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**Q300) Read the passage and answer.**

"It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife. However little known the feelings or views of such a man may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding families, that he is considered as the rightful property of someone or other of their daughters."

**What is the "truth" that is universally acknowledged in this passage?**

a) A single man with a good fortune must be in want of a wife

b) A single woman with a good fortune must be in want of a husband

c) Wealthy people are always happy and contented

d) Poor people are always unhappy and desperate

Correct Answer: Option (a)

Explanation: The opening lines of Pride and Prejudice satirize the social conventions of Austen's time, where marriage and wealth were closely intertwined. The narrator humorously asserts that single men with good fortunes are always in want of a wife, regardless of their actual desires or intentions, because this is the prevailing expectation of the society they live in.

Thus, the correct answer is option (a).

Difficulty Level- very hard

Bloom’s Taxonomy- Understand

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