

Answer all the questions.

1. What does the idiom “call it a day” mean?

A. To enjoy life
B. Give the benefit of the doubt
C. Stop working on something
D. To tell a secret

2. Select the incorrect match of the word with its synonym.

Word Synonym

A. Divulge – Silent
B. Contemplate – Ponder
C. Aghast – Shocked
D. Dilapidated – Old

3. “Poetry does not sell in this country”. Who among these Indian poets has said this?

A. Kamala Das
B. Sarojini Naidu
C. Amrita Pritam
D. Jhumpa Lahiri

4. Match the given words in column I with their meanings in column II and select the correct option.

Column I

Column II

(i) Sapling	(a) A small axe
(ii) Hatchet	(b) Untidily scattered
(iii) Strewn	(c) Very surprised
(iv) Astonished	(d) A young tree

A. (i) – (d), (ii) – (a), (iii) – (b), (iv) – (c)
B. (i) – (b), (ii) – (d), (iii) – (a), (iv) – (c)
C. (i) – (c), (ii) – (a), (iii) – (b), (iv) – (d)
D. (i) – (a), (ii) – (d), (iii) – (b), (iv) – (c)

5. Which of the following Indian Sanskrit scholars has authored the book titled “The birth-place of Kalidasa” in 1926?

A. Pandit K. Santharam
B. Lachmi Dhar Kalla
C. Sisir Kumar Das
D. Sri Harsha-deva

6. Who wrote the ancient Tamil Novel “Silappadikaram”, a tragic story of “Kannagi” and her husband “Kovalan”?

A. Ilango Adigal
B. Seethalai Saathanar

- C. None of these
D. Kalidasa
7. This author's first novel was "Train to Pakistan". The novel is based on the dark, bitter and barbaric truth of Indian Independence. The novel gives vivid accounts of the massacres of Hindus and Muslims. Who among these has written the novel "Train to Pakistan"?
- A. Khushwant Singh
B. Rohinton Mistry
C. Salman Rushdie
D. Kiran Desai
8. In the word "ambidextrous", the prefix "ambi" stands for _____
A. one B. both C. many D. half
9. Give one word for "a person with a prejudiced belief in the superiority of his or her own kind".
A. Sadist B. Bohemian C. Fastidious D. Chauvinist
10. This young writer wrote his first novel at the age of twelve. It was a loosely autobiographical novel that reached the New York Times best seller list. The novel is called "Just Jake". Name the author of this novel.
A. Jake Tremblay
B. Jake Martinez
C. Jake Brown
D. Jake Marcionette
11. DIRECTION Read the passage and answer the three questions.
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- The opposite of perseverance is procrastination. Perseverance means you never quit. Procrastination usually means you never get started, although the inability to finish something is also a form of procrastination. Ask people why they procrastinate and you'll often hear something like, "I'm a perfectionist. Everything has to be just right before I can get down to work. No distractions, not too much noise, no telephone calls interrupting me, and, of course, I have to be feeling well physically, too. I can't work when I have a headache."
- Perseverance is important for success because _____
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B. it is the engine of success
C. it gives you rest
D. it keeps you motivated
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What is perseverance?

- A. You never try
- B. You never stop trying
- C. You never win
- D. None of these

13. Homer's epic poems Iliad and Odyssey are the oldest known literary sources of _____ mythology.

A. Roman B. Latin C. Greek D. Anglo – Saxon

14. A few books are listed in the box.

Which of these books are written by R.K. Narayan?

- (i) The vendor of sweets
- (ii) Hungry stones
- (iii) The King of the Dark Chamber
- (iv) The Bachelor of Arts
- (v) The Financial Expert

- A. (i), (ii) and (iii) only
- B. (i) and (iv) only
- C. (ii) and (iii) only
- D. (i), (iv) and (v) only

15. The legendary American author Ernest Hemingway won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1954. Which of these is a famous novel by this eminent writer?

- A. The Grapes of Wrath
- B. The Great Gatsby
- C. Gone with the Wind
- D. The Old Man and the Sea

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What is the opposite of perseverance?

- A. All of these
 - B. Procrastination
 - C. Putting off
 - D. Postponement
17. Poet Makhanlal Chaturvedi was the first recipient of the Sahitya Akademi award in Hindi language for his work _____ in the year 1955.
- A. Him Kiritini
 - B. Yug Charan
 - C. Sahitya Devta
 - D. Him Tarangini
18. Complete the given word analogy.
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| Editorial | _____ | Biography | Life history |
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- A. Doctrine B. Censorship C. Synopsis D. Opinion
19. In the word “paradox” the prefix “para” stands for _____
- A. before B. again C. beside D. same
20. V.S. Naipaul is a famous writer who has won both Booker Prize and Nobel Prize in Literature. Which among these is not a literary work of V.S. Naipaul?
- A. River of Smoke
 - B. A Bend In the River
 - C. Half A Life
 - D. Magic Seeds
21. “A blank piece of paper is God's way of telling us how hard it is to be God.” This fabulous quote came from a renowned romantic suspense novelist's pen. Name him / her.
- A. Linda Howard
 - B. Sidney Sheldon
 - C. Jackie Collins
 - D. Dan Brown
22. These beautiful lines are taken from the poem “The Second Coming”. Who wrote this poem?

The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and
everywhere
The ceremony of innocence
is drowned
The best lack all conviction, while
the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

- A. Robert Frost B. W.H. Auden C. Lewis Carroll D. W.B. Yeats

23. Who among the following was the first Indian to win Pulitzer Prize?
- A. Gobind Behari Lal
 - B. Siddhartha Mukherjee
 - C. Jhumpa Lahiri
 - D. Geeta Anand
24. This highly regarded poet gained the greater degree of recognition and popularity after her death. One of her famous posthumous collection of poems is called “The Single Hound Poems of a lifetime”. Name this poet.
- A. Elizabeth Barrett Browning
 - B. Anne Saxton
 - C. Sara Teasdale
 - D. Emily Dickinson
25. Select the option that correctly matches the author with the book written by him / her.
- Khushwant Singh – India an Introduction
- I. Ruskin Bond – The Blue Umbrella
 - II. Vikram Seth – The Golden Gate
 - III. Shashi Tharoor – The Five Dollar Smile and Other Stories
- A. II and III only
 - B. I and IV only
 - C. I, II, III and IV
 - D. I and II only