

CUET Solved Paper - 2024

NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY

English

Time Allowed : 45 Mins.

Maximum Marks : 200

General Instructions:

1. The test is of 45 Minutes duration.
2. The test contains 50 questions out of which 40 question needs to be attempted.
3. Marking Scheme of the test:
 - a. Correct answer or the most appropriate answer: Five marks (+5).
 - b. Any incorrect option marked will be given minus one mark (-1).
 - c. Unanswered/Marked for Review will be given 100 marks (0).

1. Match the words in **List-I** with the meanings in **List-II** :

List - I (Word)		List - II (Meaning)	
(A)	Numismatist	(I)	One who journeys from place to place
(B)	Philatelist	(II)	One who collects coins
(C)	Itinerant	(III)	One who collects stamps
(D)	Cacographist	(IV)	One who is bad at spellings

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
- (2) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
- (3) (A)-(IV), (B)-(I), (C)-(III), (D)-(II)
- (4) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)

2. Choose the correct antonym for 'taciturn' from the options given below.

- (1) reserved (2) vehement
- (3) garrulous (4) ungraceful

3. Match the blanks in **List-I** with the verb forms in **List-II** :

List - I		List - II	
(A)	She with her dog every day.	(I)	played
(B)	She the violin at the concert beautifully.	(II)	had been playing

(C)	She badminton her whole life.	(III)	plays
(D)	She video games the whole of yesterday.	(IV)	has been playing

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)
- (2) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)
- (3) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
- (4) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)

4. Complete the sentences given in **List-I** with the appropriate prepositions given in **List-II** :

List - I		List - II	
(A)	I was delighted the present you gave me.	(I)	to
(B)	The letter I wrote was full mistakes.	(II)	in
(C)	A strange thing happened me a few days ago.	(III)	with
(D)	I hope you succeed getting the job you want.	(IV)	of

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
- (2) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
- (3) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (4) (A)-(III), (B)-(I), (C)-(IV), (D)-(II)

5. Identify the word opposite in meaning to the underlined word:

Allegations about the industrialist's involvement in financial irregularities were spurious.

- (A) false (B) unethical
(C) genuine (D) impulsive

6. Match the idioms in List-I with the meanings in List-II :

List - I		List - II	
(A)	to sit on the fence	(I)	to be in a god position
(B)	a sitting duck	(II)	to not take any action/remain in a place
(C)	sit pretty	(III)	delay in making a decision
(D)	sit tight	(IV)	an easy target for attack or criticism

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
(2) (A)-(I), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
(3) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
(4) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

The Green Blazer stood out prominently under the bright sun and blue sky. In all that jostling crowd one could not help noticing it. Villagers in shirts and turbans, townsmen in coats and caps, beggars bare-bodied and women in multi-coloured saris were thronging the narrow passage between the stalls and moving in great confused masses, but still the Green Blazer could not be missed. The jabber and babble of the marketplace was there, as people harangued, disputed prices, haggled or greeted each other; over it all boomed the voice of a Bible-preacher, and what he paused for breath, from another corner the loudspeaker of a health van amplified on malaria and tuberculosis. Over and above it all the Green Blazer seemed to cry out an invitation. Raju could not ignore it. It was not in his nature to ignore such a persistent invitation. He kept himself half-all of from the crowd; he could not afford to remain completely aloof nor keep himself in it too conspicuously. Wherever he might be, he was harrowed by the fear of being spotted by a policeman; today he wore a loin-cloth and was bare-bodied, and had wound an enormous turban over his head, which over-shadowed his face completely and he hoped that he would be taken for a peasant from a village.

He sat on a stack of cast-off banana stalks beside a shop awning and watched the crowd. When he watched a crowd, he did it with concentration. It

was his professional occupation. Constitutionally he was an idler and had just the amount of energy to watch in a crowd and put his hand into another person's pocket. It was a gamble, of course. Sometimes he got nothing out of a venture, counting himself lucky if he came out with his fingers intact.

7. Why did the Green Blazer draw Raju's attention ?

- (1) It was his favourite colour.
(2) It screamed to be followed.
(3) It merged well with the crowd.
(4) It was too conspicuous in that crowd.

8. Identify the activities going on in the bazaar :

- (A) People walking gently giving space to others
(B) People bargaining, greeting each other, pushing
(C) Bare stalls, people dressed in dull colours
(D) Loud sounds of preachers mixed with loudspeakers blaring

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (B) and (D) only
(2) (A), (B) and (C) only
(3) (B) and (D) only
(4) (B), (C) and (D) only

9. Raju is afraid of being spotted by the policemen because.

- (1) he didn't want to be out at the beginning of the game.
(2) he was not fond of policemen.
(3) he wanted to win this game.
(4) he didn't want to be caught before the kill.

10. What do you think is Raju's profession ?

- (A) an idler
(B) a pickpocket
(C) a gambler
(D) an artist

11. Match the words given in List-I with their meaning given in List-II :

List - I (Words)		List - II (Meanings)	
(A)	Harangued	(I)	an undertaking
(B)	Amplified	(II)	long aggressive speech
(C)	Conspicuous	(III)	noticeable
(D)	Venture	(IV)	to increase the intensity

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(III), (D)-(I)
(2) (A)-(I), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
(3) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
(4) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

- 12.** Match the phrasal verbs given in **List-I** with the meaning as used in the passage given in **List-II** :

List - I		List - II	
(A)	stood out	(I)	in place of
(B)	taken for	(II)	no longer wanted
(C)	cast off	(III)	demand
(D)	cry out	(IV)	noticeable

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(III), (D)-(IV)
 (2) (A)-(IV), (B)-(I), (C)-(II), (D)-(III)
 (3) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
 (4) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

As the weather changes, everyone is prone to colds and coughs. While we have all heard about the benefits of vitamin C for colds, few of us are aware of a secret solution – Zinc! Zinc is helpful as it can reduce the severity and duration of respiratory tract infections. It soothes sore throats with its anti-inflammatory properties. It plays a pivotal role in supporting various functions of the body like the immune system, wound healing and maintaining overall health. It prevents viruses from growing in the body. Zinc is also known to boost the immune system and fight infections.

Notably, Zinc is a vital mineral found in a variety of plant and animal foods. When consuming zinc-rich foods during a cough and cold, prioritise moderation and diversity in your diet. Include lean meats, poultry, sea food, dairy, nuts and seeds. Combine zinc-rich foods with vitamin C sources for enhanced immune support.

Phytates, a substance found in unprocessed whole grains hinder the absorption of zinc, thereby making it less available for the body to utilise. Hence, vegetarians should follow some cooking techniques such as soaking them for 5-6 hours to reduce the phytate content and increase the bioavailability of zinc. Organic acids in fermented foods aid in higher absorption, so always include foods in your diet like buttermilk and yogurt along with some zinc-rich vegetarian sources.

It is important to remember that higher dosage of zinc supplement inhibits the absorption of other minerals. Therefore, it is always good to check with the healthcare professionals while taking supplements. Stay hydrated, choose cooking methods that preserve zinc, and be aware of factors like phytates affecting absorption.

- 13.** What does the word 'solution' signify in 'a secret solution' ?

- (1) Remedy (2) Drink
 (3) Function (4) Food

- 14.** In the passage, which of the following is **not** a benefit connected to consuming zinc ?

- A. Strengthens immune system
 B. Anti-viral properties
 C. Anti-inflammatory agent
 D. Supports hair growth

- 15.** Choose the word that means the opposite of 'pivotal'.

- (1) Central (2) Important
 (3) Life-changing (4) Unimportant

- 16.** According to the passage, combining zinc-rich foods with vitamin C will result in.

- (1) reduced immunity. (2) increased immunity.
 (3) food allergy. (4) a sore throat.

- 17.** The passage encourages us to consume zinc in the form of :

- (1) zinc solution.
 (2) unprocessed food grains.
 (3) a variety of plant and animal foods.
 (4) non-vegetarian sources only.

- 18.** The passage reminds us to 'stay hydrated' which means that :

- (1) we should have plenty of water.
 (2) we should stay indoors.
 (3) we should have fermented foods like yogurt.
 (4) we should have zinc-rich foods with vitamin C.

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

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Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, birds and bats, are essential for the ecosystem, health and human food security. They facilitate plant reproduction by transferring pollen between flowers, enabling the production of seeds and fruits crucial for plant biodiversity and ecosystem stability.

This mutualistic relationship supports global food production, with approximately 75% of leading food crops relying on animal pollination. Pollinators contribute to the diversity and abundance of flowering plants in natural ecosystems, providing habitat and food resources for various organisms.

Despite their importance, pollinators face significant threats. Habitat loss due to urbanisation,, agriculture and deforestation reduces nesting sites and floral resources. Pesticide exposure, especially insecticides and climate change further endanger pollinator populations by poisoning them and disrupting their behaviour and reproductive patterns.

To safeguard pollinators and ecosystems, concerted action is necessary. This includes protecting and restoring pollinator habitats, adopting pollinator friendly agricultural practices, use and raising public awareness about the crucial role of pollinators.

By addressing these challenges, we can ensure the sustainability of ecosystems, biodiversity and food production systems, securing a healthier future for both nature and humanity.

19. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

Pollinators help in plant reproduction by

- (1) transferring pollen between flowers
- (2) securing human food
- (3) fighting climate change
- (4) providing food resources to various organisms

20. The 'mutualistic relationship' talked about in the passage is between

- (1) humans and pollinators
- (2) animals and pollinators
- (3) ecosystem and pollinators
- (4) pollinators and plants

21. Choose the most appropriate option.

Which of the following is *not* a reason for habitat loss faced by pollinators ?

- (1) Urbanization (2) Climate change
- (3) Pollination (4) Pesticide exposure

22. Climate change endangers pollinator population by

- (1) enabling the production of seeds and fruits
- (2) disrupting their behaviour and reproductive patterns
- (3) contributing to the abundance of flowering plants
- (4) poisoning them

23. Which of the following is *not* required to safeguard pollinators and ecosystems ?

- (1) protecting and restoring their habitats
- (2) adopting pollinator-friendly agricultural practices
- (3) Using technology to transfer pollen between flowers
- (4) Reducing pesticide use

24. Choose a word from the options given below to replace the underlined word. Deforestation reduces nesting sites.

- (1) building
- (2) sheltering
- (3) reproducing
- (4) protecting

Read the given passage and answer the six questions that follow.

The dictionary defines 'ego' as "your idea or opinion of yourself, especially your feelings of your self-importance and ability." In itself, nothing sounds problematic. In fact, this ability to know oneself is always an advantage — a reality check that is vital for our own contentment as well as for our relationships with others.

Then, only an ignorant person or a liar would claim to have no ego, for we all have one. It is a part of our psychological structure. The problem occurs when we allow this sense of self to start ballooning, into being an egotist — then it not only becomes a leadership derailer but also creates havoc in the personal and professional lives of those who have to work with such people. The more senior the leaders are, the more they are at the risk of stepping into the black hole area. The reason is that given our cultural deference (often fear) of hierarchy, employees further down the corporate ladder think it unsafe to tell their leaders what they need to be told — and prefer rather to tell them what they like to hear.

Leaders who take accountability for their success as well as that of their team and organization's have to learn to manage this powerful asset well — a skill that can help them multiply their impact manifold.

This has to be done with special focus on areas where the leader is not competent enough and for specific situations that fuel the dark side of their ego and bring out the worst in them. The former calls for building a regular practice of seeking feedback — and not the ceremonial annual theatre most leaders do. The latter, on the other hands calls for analysing our own intersections from an outside-in view to catch the emotional hijack points — flashes of temper, impatience, feelings of having outsmarted someone, etc., and setting goals to reduce those. Both these areas often call for professional help, blinded as we often are with our 'walls of denial'.

25. According to the passage, 'ego' means :

- (1) our view of the cognitive world.
- (2) an inflated view of ourselves.
- (3) our view of others.
- (4) a balanced view of oneself.

26. 'Knowing oneself' is important because :

- (1) it leads to stress.
- (2) it is a liability.
- (3) it is an asset.
- (4) it leads one to the black hole area.

27. 'To get start ballooning' means :

- (1) to deflate.
- (2) to inflate.
- (3) to lose importance.
- (4) to create havoc.

28. People with 'inflated' ego are :

- (1) popular (2) disliked
- (3) servile (4) naive

29. The passage does not refer to :

- (1) All human beings have an ego.
- (2) Inflated ego can prove detrimental.
- (3) Inflated ego can be counter productive.
- (4) Inflated ego has a win-win outcome.

30. Seeking frequent feedback leads to :

- (1) success as a leader.
- (2) havoc at the work front.
- (3) derailment.
- (4) reduced leader's clout.

31. Rearrange the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence :

- (A) to obesity have a lower risk of heart disease
- (B) people with a high BMI and a genetic predisposition
- (C) related to environmental and lifestyle factors alone
- (D) compared to people whose extra weight is

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (B), (C), (D) (2) (A), (C), (B), (D)
- (3) (B), (A), (D), (C) (4) (C), (B), (D), (A)

32. Rearrange the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence :

- (A) frozen, canned and dried fruits can be
- (B) despite the enduring belief that
- (C) just as nutritious as their fresh counterparts
- (D) 'fresh is best', research has found that

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (B), (C), (D) (2) (A), (C), (D), (B)
- (3) (B), (D), (A), (C) (4) (C), (B), (D), (A)

33. Choose the correct expression to complete the sentence :

How your name?

- (1) is it pronounced (2) you pronounce
- (3) do you pronounce (4) to pronounce

34. Choose the most appropriate verb to fill in the blank.

Abhijat's spirits when he learn that he had won the first prize in the Poetry Recitation Competition.

- A. Plunged B. soared
- C. zipped D. tore

35. Choose the correct synonym of the word 'effrontery'.

- (1) audacity (2) civility
- (3) impetuosity (4) affluence

36. Choose the correct antonym of the underlined word :

She is an astute observer of human behaviour.

- (A) sharp (B) brilliant
- (C) ingenuous (D) prudent

37. Rearrange the following parts of a sentence to form a meaningful sentence :

- (A) can be seen as an extension of citizenship, starting with
- (B) the factory Acts of the 1840s which protected

(C) the growing importance of social rights for children

(D) children from unrestricted exploitation at work

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (C), (A), (B), (D) (2) (B), (C), (A), (D)
- (3) (D), (A), (B), (C) (4) (C), (B), (D), (A)

38. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the options given below :

To give a book a reading is to skim it quickly without comprehending much.

- (1) cursory (2) cryptic
- (3) morose (4) munificent

39. Choose the correct antonym for 'veracity' from the options given below.

- (1) fallacy (2) arduous
- (3) diminutive (4) demure

40. Rearrange the parts of a sentence in the correct sequence to make a meaningful sentence :

(A) the largest known rodent have determined that

(B) bite was as strong as a tiger's

(C) the prehistoric herbivore's front

(D) scientists analysing the skull of

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (B), (C), (D) (2) (D), (C), (B), (A)
- (3) (B), (A), (D), (C) (4) (D), (A), (C), (B)

41. Fill in the blanks **List-I** with the Phrasal verbs in **List-II** :

List - I		List - II	
(A)	She is financially very smart and has got a few thousand rupees for her retirement.	(I)	puts up
(B)	He is clever, but his gruff exterior makes most people get by him.	(II)	put away
(C)	I wonder how she with his erratic behaviour.	(III)	puts in
(D)	Every day she ten to twelve hours of study; she will certainly crack the CAT exam.	(IV)	put off

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(II), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(III)
- (2) (A)-(I), (B)-(III), (C)-(II), (D)-(IV)
- (3) (A)-(I), (B)-(II), (C)-(IV), (D)-(III)
- (4) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

42. Choose the appropriate option to complete the following sentence :

Kalyani made her children chores on Sunday.

- (A) make some
(B) take some
(C) do some
(D) does some

43. Choose the word that is nearest in meaning to the underlined word :

I am not convinced of his duplicity in this matter.

- (A) deceit
(B) usefulness
(C) emotion
(D) wisdom

44. Rearrange the following parts to make a meaningful sentence :

- (A) provide opportunities and increase possibilities to
(B) telemedicine is one way
(C) effectively use available human and material resources
(D) of practising medicine which may

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (C), (A), (B), (D) (2) (B), (D), (A), (C)
(3) (B), (A), (D), (C) (4) (D), (A), (C), (B)

45. Match the blanks in **List-I** with appropriate Homonyms in **List-II** :

List - I (Sentences)		List - II (Homonyms)	
(A)	We waited with breath for the winner to be announced.	(I)	discrete
(B)	Moving quietly into position, she the trap and waited.	(II)	discreet
(C)	You ought to make a few enquiries before you sign anything.	(III)	bated

(D)	Organisms can be divided into categories.	(IV)	baited
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Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A)-(IV), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)
(2) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(II), (D)-(I)
(3) (A)-(II), (B)-(III), (C)-(I), (D)-(IV)
(4) (A)-(III), (B)-(IV), (C)-(I), (D)-(II)

46. The synonym of 'fastidious' is :

- (1) strong (2) finicky
(3) brave (4) weak

47. Rearrange the phrases to form a meaningful sentence :

- (1) BMI model is an obsolete method for calculating
(2) suggesting that the athlete gets a fat to muscle mass index scan done
(3) the fitness level of an individual
(4) the dietician said that the

Choose the **correct** answer from the options given below :

- (1) (A), (C), (B), (D) (2) (D), (A), (C), (B)
(3) (B), (D), (A), (C) (4) (C), (D), (B), (A)

48. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate words :

The British Raj regularly vernacular newspapers that printed articles advocating for Indian home rule.

- (1) prescribed (2) proscribed
(3) probated (4) popularised

49. Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the following sentence :

The alibi offered by the suspect in the Chain-snatching incident did not appear to be

- (1) credible (2) creditable
(3) credulous (4) considerable

50. Choose the correct synonym for the given word.

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- (1) Resentment (2) Ravage
(3) Calm (4) Docile

Solutions

1. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation: Numismatist means someone who studies or collects coins, paper money, or medals, Philatelist means someone who collects stamps, Itinerant means one who journeys from place to place and Cacographist means one who is bad at spellings.

2. Option (3) is correct.

Explanation: Taciturn means reserved or uncommunicative in speech. The opposite of which is garrulous which means one who is excessively talkative.

3. Option (2) is correct.

Explanation: The simple present tense talks about daily activities that happen at regular intervals. The simple past tense talks of completed past actions. The present perfect talks of actions that begun in the past and does not have a decided time of finish or has an impact on the present condition.

The past perfect continuous talks about past action that begun and was completed in the past.

4. Option (2) is correct.

Explanation: With (in "delighted with the present"): Indicates the cause of delight, showing the relationship between "delighted" and "the present."

Of (in "full of mistakes"): Specifies what the letter contained, indicating the contents or substance.

To (in "happened to me"): Indicates the direction of the action, showing who experienced the strange thing.

In (in "succeed in getting the job"): Connects the action of succeeding with the specific goal or activity, indicating the area of success.

5. Option (3) is correct.

Explanation: Spurious means false or fake. The opposite of it is genuine which means original or real.

6. Option (4) is correct.

Explanation: The idiom 'to sit on the fence' means delaying in taking a decision and the idiom 'a sitting duck' means an easy target to cheat on or to attack. 'Sit pretty' means to be in a good position and 'sit tight' means to not take any action/remain in place.

7. Option (4) is correct.

Explanation: 'Conspicuous' means something that easily attracts attention or is noticeable.

8. Option (3) is correct.

Explanation: The paragraph clearly specifies the above given two activities in line "People harangued, disputed prices.....tuberculosis".

9. Option (4) is correct.

Explanation: He was a pickpocket by occupation. He was fearful of being caught before completing his task of stealing the Green Blazer.

10. Option (2) is correct.

Explanation: The answer is clearly mentioned in the paragraph. A pickpocket is a thief who

surreptitiously steals money or valuables from the pockets of person or an individual.

11. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation: Harangued means a lengthy aggressive speech while amplified means to increase the intensity. Conspicuous means noticeable while venture means an undertaking.

12. Option (2) is correct.

Explanation: The phrasal verb 'stood out' means noticeable, 'taken for' means in place of, 'cast off' means no longer wanted while 'cry out' means demand.

13. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'solution' means remedy or a process of solving a problem.

14. Option (4) is correct.

Explanation: The paragraph has no mention of zinc helping in hair growth. Zinc is particularly known to boost the immune system and fight infections.

15. Option (4) is correct.

Explanation: The word 'pivotal' means important. Opposite of it is 'unimportant'.

16. Option (2) is correct.

Explanation: The last line of the second paragraph clearly specifies the answer to the question.

17. Option (3) is correct.

Explanation: The first line of the second paragraph clearly specifies the answer to the question.

18. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation: 'Stay hydrated' means to consume enough water to keep the body energised.

19. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation: The second sentence of paragraph one clearly specifies the answer to the question.

20. Option (4) is correct.

Explanation: The mutualistic relationship highlights the role of pollinators in the plant reproduction. They both need each other. The pollinators seek food while plants enable reproduction to keep ecosystem stable.

21. Option (3) is correct.

Explanation: Except pollination, all the given activities lead to the destruction of plants and pollinators in some way or the other as mentioned in the second paragraph.

22. Option (2) is correct.

Explanation: Last sentence of paragraph three clearly specifies the answer to the question.

23. Option (3) is correct.

Explanation: The third paragraph talks about the safeguarding of pollinators and the ecosystem which doesn't mention technology.

24. Option (1) is correct.

Explanation: 'Nest' is a shelter of birds. Here, nesting means building shelters.

- 25. Option (4) is correct.**
Explanation: The first line of the passage clearly specifies the answer.
- 26. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: An asset is a resource with value that will provide a future benefit.
- 27. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: 'To start ballooning' means to inflate as well as to create havoc. But, the use of the phrase in the paragraph is done to show inflation or increase in its size.
- 28. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: Inflated means 'too much' or in high quantity. People with high ego are not liked by anyone.
- 29. Option (4) is correct.**
Explanation: Too much ego leads to being disliked by other which is not a win-win situation.
- 30. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Seeking feedback is a positive attribute of a leader which obviously will have positive outcomes. Other than success, all the other three options are negative outcomes.
- 31. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence is 'People with a high BMI and a genetic predisposition to obesity have a lower risk of heart disease compared to people whose extra weight is related to environmental and lifestyle factors alone.'
- 32. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence is 'Despite the enduring belief that 'fresh is best', research has found that frozen, canned and dried fruits can be just as nutritious as their fresh counterparts.'
- 33. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence needs a helping verb (do) with the subject (you) and verb (pronounce) to give a complete meaning to the sentence.
- 34. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: 'Soared' means increase rapidly above the usual level.
- 35. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Effrontery means impertinent behaviour of shamelessness. Audacity means the same.
- 36. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: Astute means sharp, shrewd or clever. The opposite of it is ingenuous which means simple and innocent.
- 37. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence is 'The Factory Acts of the 1840s which protected the growing importance of social rights for children can be seen as an extension of citizenship, starting with children from unrestricted exploitation at work.'
- 38. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Cursory means not detailed and thorough. It means lacking in depth or solidity.
- 39. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Veracity means conformity with truth and fact. The opposite of it is fallacy which means faulty reasoning.
- 40. Option (4) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence is 'Scientists analysing the skull of the largest known rodent have determined that the prehistoric herbivore's front bite was as strong as a tiger's.'
- 41. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Put away: to save money for spending
Put off : to discourage or repel.
Put up : to accommodate or adjust often unwilingly
Put in : to spend time or effort doing something.
- 42. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: Chores is an activity which has to be done. Hence, the verb do is correct.
- 43. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Duplicity means contradictory doubleness of thought, speech, or action which is the same as deceit.
- 44. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence is 'Telemedicine is one way of practicing medicine which may provide opportunities and increase possibilities to effectively use available human and material resources.'
- 45. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: "Baited" is the past form of the verb bait, which means to tease, harass, or put food (or bait) in a trap. A hook, witness, or animal is baited (lured, enticed, tempted). The word baited is a clipped form of the past tense of the verb abate, which means to reduce or restrain. Bated is bated. Discreet means careful and prudent in one's actions while discrete means individually separate and distinct.
- 46. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: Fastidious means very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail which is same as finicky.
- 47. Option (3) is correct.**
Explanation: The sentence is 'Suggesting that the athlete get a fat to muscle mass index scan done, the dietician said that the BMI model is an obsolete method for calculating the fitness level of an individual.'
- 48. Option (2) is correct.**
Explanation: Proscribed means prohibited. British prohibited the vernacular (regional language) newspapers as they (newspapers) criticized the British policies.
- 49. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Credible means convincing. Alibi means proof.
- 50. Option (1) is correct.**
Explanation: Pique means a feeling of irritation or resentment.